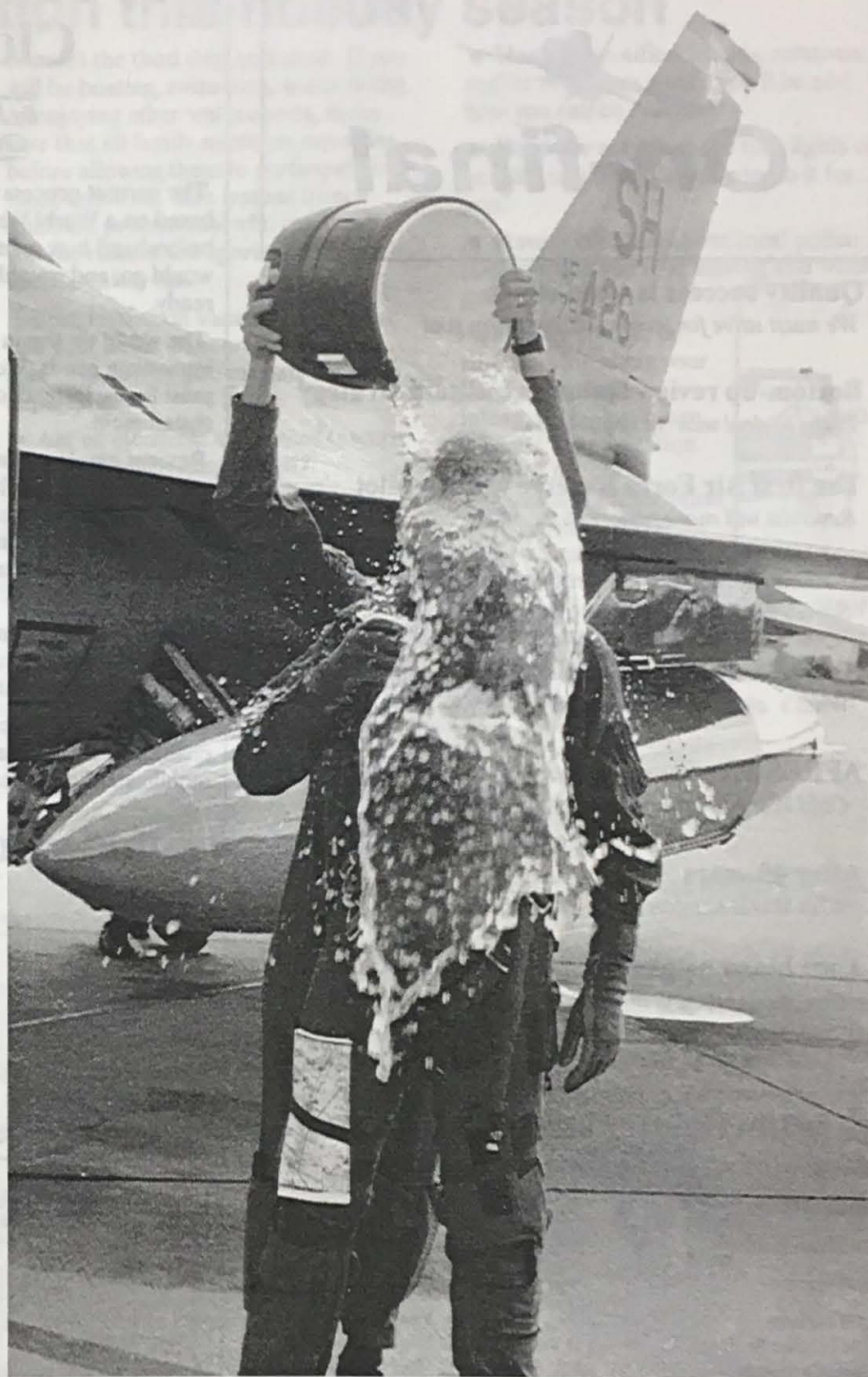


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Splashdown at the 507th is always fun!



A special "cascade" project?

Although normally reserved for a pilot's last flight, Lt. Col. Frank Hale, 72nd Aerial Port Squadron commander got caught with a sneak attack after receiving an orientation flight recently. The shower of icy water was arranged by Operations Group Commander Lt. Col. "Bugs" Forsythe, who flew Hale on the mission, and ceremoniously executed by Maj. Al Hoover of the 465th Fighter Squadron. Photo by SSgt. Larry Wilson.



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Closner Sends

*By Maj. Gen. John J. Closner
Chief of Air Force Reserve*

The current process by which Reservists are mobilized is based on a World War III scenario in which we knew beforehand how many people would be needed, where they would go, and roughly how much time we would have to get ready.

The world we live in today requires immediate reaction to immediate needs. We no longer have the luxury of time, but must focus, instead, on quick and flexible response rather than sustainment.

Reserve employer and family issues notwithstanding, instinct tells me that we will be called on more often, with less warning than ever before. We offer our leaders flexibility, but it can be cumbersome for them to utilize our full potential. The Department of Defense is looking at ways to adjust current laws and regulations to allow quick access to all we offer.

In an effort to streamline the process, the Secretary of Defense established a working group to review both peacetime and wartime accessibility of Reservists.

Once their work is complete, I believe we will see significant changes in the current system of Presidential recall and mobilization of all reserve forces.

**No Parking!
507th Fire Lane
Violators will be
toed!**



"Hey! Look how they spelled 'towed'."

This includes you!

Enjoy your vacation this holiday season

*By SSgt. Wayne Smith
507th Safety Office*

You've earned your vacation, and you should enjoy it. Even though you'll be taking some time off from work, remember not to take "time off" from safety. Playing it safe while you're on vacation can help you and your family avoid accidents and injury while getting the rest and recreation you deserve. Playing it safe means preparing for your activities ahead of time, securing your home if you'll be away, and using common safety sense.

Prepare for your vacation by thinking ahead to where you'll be going and what you'll be doing. If you're planning a vacation in a warm climate, be sure to pack sunscreen, loose-fitting, lightweight clothing, sun hats, sunglasses, and a cooler or jug for carrying cool liquids. Build up your sun exposure gradually--15 minutes the first day, 20 minutes the second day, 25

minutes the third day, and so on. If you will be boating, swimming, water skiing, or enjoying other water sports, make sure that all family members can swim before allowing them to participate in those activities. Take lessons from a qualified professional who can teach you the rules of the sport as well as specific safety tips.

Before leaving on vacation, make sure that your home is secured. Here are some tips to help you prepare for your departure:

- Are all electrical appliances (except your refrigerator) unplugged?
- Are gas pilots and water faucets turned off?
- Are windows and doors securely locked?
- Have you arranged for someone to pick up your mail?
- Did you cancel your newspaper subscription?

- Have you notified friends, relatives, and/or neighbors where you'll be and how you can be reached?
- Have you set a timer to turn lights on and off, or asked someone to do it for you?
- Have you notified your local police station when you'll be leaving and when you will return?

Wherever you go, be sure to bring along your family's medical information--insurance ID card, immunization records, history of diseases and prescription medications-- in the event one of you should become ill. In addition to these tips, your most important tool for having a safe vacation is your own common safety sense. Enjoy your vacation!



Quality success can only come from a team effort

*By SSgt. Michael Grady
507th Maintenance Squadron*

John Case, an author specializing in business writing, published an article in the Fall issue of *Audacity Magazine* entitled "Perfect Union". The article details how the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) voted to dismantle DuPont Corporation's seven employee safety boards. They reasoned that the safety boards violated the Wagner Act of 1935 which prohibits company unions.

This is just a continuation of the attitude that pervades businesses as far as employee relations is concerned. Mr Case relates that during the time that unions were forming, some companies tried to diffuse the anger and alienation by seeking a common ground between employer and employee.

One of the companies he mentioned was NCR (National Cash Register Company). John Patterson, the founder of NCR, moved his desk out of the office to the floor of the factory. A dialogue between Mr. Patterson and his employees led to great improvements and working conditions, which in turn led to greater productivity. I believe this was an early attempt to initiate Total Quality Management into an organization, and it worked.

I say all this in an effort to give my support to the TQM process. TQM will work if two things happen.. First, dialogue between management and employees must continue to increase, and all

suggestions made by employees must be taken seriously in light of the TQM process.

Secondly, the attitude of employees expressed by an "us against them" stance must be laid aside. TQM will work if we work, as a unit, to promote teamwork and a common goal to make the unit the best that it can be. That places the burden of successful implementation equally on management and labor alike.

Yes, TQM will work, but only if we make it work. I am confident that our commander, Colonel Lytle, is determined to see TQM become reality in the inner workings of the 507th FG.

I also believe that many of those in middle management are sold on the program and desire to see it work.

I believe, too, that many of us in the lower echelon want it to work. However, as much as we may want it to work, it can't be fully implemented without you.

Will you do your part?



DOD recommends tougher, leaner force

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- Secretary of Defense Les Aspin announced the outcome of his bottom-up review of the defense structure Sept. 1, saying it will result in a tougher, leaner, more capable military force.

The purpose of the review was to define the strategy, force structure, modernization, industrial base and infrastructure necessary to meet new threats to U.S. national security. The review did not recommend a radical

change in philosophy on how reserve forces are used during a conflict.

The bottom-up review calls for paring the Air Force's 16 active-duty and 12 Air Reserve Component fighter wings to a total of 20 fighter wing equivalents between 1995 and 1999. The suggested mix is 13 in the active duty and seven in the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve. Details of the ANG/AFRES ratio will be released later.

In other actions affecting AFRES, the review recommends canceling F-16 Fighting Falcon purchases after Sept. 30, 1994, and cutting 115 civilians from across the Department of Defense work force.

The Bottom Up Review also calls for a thorough study of the C-17 Globemaster III program by the Defense Acquisition Board. (AFRESNS)

Bottom-up review to reshape military strategy

by TSgt. David P. Masko
Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON -- While the Pentagon's bottom-up review did not predict the administration's current policy in Somalia or Haiti, it did identify force structure required to maintain and win two nearly simultaneous regional conflicts.

Defense Secretary Les Aspin said this capability is important because the Pentagon does not want a potential aggressor in one region to be tempted to take advantage if the United States is already engaged in halting aggression in another region.

"There is still in the world today a handful of bad guys who, while they cannot threaten the continental United States in a meaningful way, they can threaten American interests or American allies or American friends," said Aspin in unveiling the review Sept. 1.

"The goal is to reshape the defense establishment so it will be able to deal with the regional bullies and the regional threats."

--Les Aspin, Secretary of Defense

Another intention of the bottom-up review was to assess what America's defense requirements would be in a new world order, and from there determine what force levels and structure would best meet those needs.

The final report on the review -- released by the Pentagon Oct. 15 -- provides the direction for shifting America's focus away from a strategy designed to meet a global Soviet threat to one oriented toward the new dangers of the post-Cold War era, Aspin said.

Thus, even with a smaller military, the United States would be ready against any would-be aggressor in future combat. It would also be prepared to have a stabilizing presence in world hot spots where the United Nations is involved.

For example, while the bottom-up review does not specifically mention the current U.S. policy in Somalia or Haiti, it does give some insight as to how the armed forces will continue to support U.N. peacekeeping operations and fight aggression by regional powers.

According to the review, the Pentagon's objectives are to:

- Deter and, if necessary, defeat major aggression in regions important to the United States.
- Be capable of fighting and winning two major regional conflicts nearly simultaneously.
- Prepare U.S. forces to participate effectively in multilateral peace enforcement and unilateral intervention operations.
- Continue to adapt existing alliances and build new ones to enhance regional and global security.



Defense officials said assertive actions in support of such things as democratic reform will continue because the post-Cold War trend toward democracy is favorable for the security of the United States.

However, these actions may include supporting American allies by deploying U.S. troops abroad, officials said.

"We are not going to withdraw from our involvement around the world," Aspin said in the foreword to the formal bottom-up review report.

"While we no longer need to prepare for global war, the new dangers to our interests are global. Our review spelled out what military forces and capabilities will be needed to meet the new dangers."

507th FG scheduled to receive the first Reserve woman fighter pilot next spring

First Lt. Leslie DeAnn Crosby has moved a step closer to becoming the Air Force Reserve's first woman fighter pilot.

Crosby has just graduated from "Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals" this month and now heads to Tucson, Ariz., for training in the F-16 Fighting Falcon. Upon completion, she will be assigned to the 507th Fighter Group's 465th Fighter Squadron here.

Crosby, a Desert Shield and Desert Storm veteran, is the fourth woman fighter pilot candidate to complete the IFF program.

Crosby is a 1983 graduate of Palomar College at San Marcos, Calif., where she received an associate of arts degree in commercial aviation. She earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration from San Diego State University, San Diego, Calif., in 1985. She graduated Summa Cum Laude and with Distinction in the Major.

She was commissioned a second lieutenant in March 1989 following completion of Officer Training School at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Crosby completed Undergraduate Pilot Training in April 1990 at Williams Air Force Base, Ariz., as an honor graduate and was assigned to the 79th Air Refueling Squadron (Air Force Reserve) at March Air Force Base, Calif., as a KC-10 pilot. In 1992, she became a KC-10 aircraft commander.

Beginning in July 1990, Crosby participated in several operational missions including Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Desert Calm and Southern Watch, earning the Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Southwest Asia Service Medal with two Bronze stars.

Crosby has flown more than 39 types of aircraft, both military and civilian, logging more than 1,700 hours of military and 700 hours of civilian aircraft flight time. She is an aerobatics pilot and flies antique and veteran military aircraft. She holds several civilian aviation ratings, including an airline transport pilot certificate, a commercial pilot certificate, ground instructor certificate and has instrument and multi-engine ratings.

Her current flight training course into the F-16 Fighting Falcon will continue until approximately mid-May 1994. She is expected to officially arrive at the 507th Fighter Group in May or June.

According to Lt. Col. Robert E. Lytle, commander of the 507th, "We're proud to be on the cutting edge of this initiative to bring women fighter pilots into the Air Force Reserve."

Lytle said the unit's 465th Fighter Squadron took the initiative to pursue recruiting Lt. Crosby into their Reserve unit.

"Lt. Crosby is extremely qualified for this assignment. She has been doing very well in her training and we are looking forward to her arrival into the 465th Fighter Squadron."



Lt. Crosby has flown a myriad of planes, but now she is training to fly the F-16 and will arrive at the 507th in late May to fly with the "Okies".

Doctor defends cycle ergometry program

By TSgt. Valerie A. McGovern
ACC News Service

LANGLEY AFB, Va., -- The biggest challenge surrounding the cycle ergometry test is that it's showing some people they're just not as fit as they think they are, according to Dr. Loren Myhre, creator of the Air Force program.

Myhre, research physiologist at the Armstrong Laboratory, Brooks AFB, Texas, spoke out recently to educate people about cycle ergometry.

He also re-evaluated people who believed they were wronged by the test. He found the retest results fell in line with others he's conducted.

"All the people we retested have circumstances that show this test is doing exactly what it should," Myhre said. "There are good reasons why they're not scoring well. The biggest reason is they have a misunderstanding of what fitness really is."

According to Myhre, most people who believe they should score better, are exercising, but they're exercising to be healthy -- not to promote fitness.

"There's a difference between health and fitness," Myhre explained.

"For example, walking is a very healthy exercise. It's good for the cardiovascular system, but it does not go far enough to promote true fitness. People usually don't understand the intensity of exercise that's necessary for them to stay fit. We need to educate them."

"The most dramatic outcries are from people who don't pass the test, because traditionally they have never had any trouble passing the mile and a half run," Myhre said. "Now people are taking a test that really measures fitness, and

they're not passing. They blame the cycle test first. They should realize the other test was invalid. Now they're getting the truth about their fitness."

According to Myhre, complaints about the cycle ergometry program at Andrews AFB, Md., prompted the base leadership to conduct fitness interviews. They found more than 60 percent of the active duty military members interviewed admitted they did no physical exercise beyond their daily work.

People aren't exercising regularly.

"There were probably more that didn't dare admit it," Myhre said. "This means if 60 percent of the Air Force does not engage in any regular physical activity, there's no way they should look fit on a fitness test, because fitness is developed by activity."

"We're finding 30 percent are testing below category three on the cycle," Myhre said. "This is absolutely what it should be. Why are these people testing below standard? They admit they do no physical activity. You can't get a fit score if you don't do physical activity."

Myhre acknowledges there are occasions when fit people may not test as well as they should, but he believes it won't happen often.

The example he gives is the lean marathon runner. According to Myhre, a lightweight runner has a very strong heart, but sometimes doesn't have much leg muscle. Since the marathon runner's heart rate tends to stay low, the computer thinks the work load should be increased. Eventually the work load is increased so much that the test taker can't even turn the cycle wheel.

"These people can be underestimated," Myhre said. "We're going to come out with something very quickly to help these people, but there just aren't that many of these types of runners who would qualify."

We can simply increase the speed, but lower the workload; so they can ride at a faster speed with a lower tension and have the same energy requirement to get a valid test. It should be pointed out we have tested many of the Air Force's very best athletes and they consistently score extremely well."

Although the cycle ergometry test isn't intended to diagnose disease or health problems, Myhre said cardiovascular problems could be another reason for low scores from a seemingly fit person.

"If a truly fit person always comes in with a very high resting heart rate and scores in the low category two or three times, the cycle test may be telling us to stop and take a closer look at this person. There's no way someone with a cardiovascular anomaly can score well on the test. So maybe the test is worthwhile in the medical avenue as well as fitness testing."

There are also those few people who can score well on the test without ever exercising.

"Some people have the gift of a strong heart to begin with," Myhre said. "A smoker may have been born with a very strong cardiovascular genetic make-up, so they score well."

"Some people are world-class athletes because they have better genetics, not because they trained. It seems unfair, but this is why an out-of-shape smoker may sometimes out-score people who are working hard to stay fit."

Given the few people who fall outside the test norms, Myhre still believes the cycle ergometry program is very dependable.

"For the majority of people, cycle ergometry is a very, very sound program based on good statistics," Myhre said.

"If this program stays in affect it will certainly get the attention of the people who need it most, the people who are really unfit. When they get above standard, it will be a tremendous achievement -- the greatest pay-off in preventive medicine."



November Schedule of Events

Training

Planner

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Meetings, Etc</u>	<u>Location</u>
Fri, 12 Nov 1400	Pre-UTA 1st Sgt Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
Sat, 13 Nov As designated by unit	Sign-in	As designated by unit
0730-0800	Sign-in for Physical Exams	Base Hospital
0730-0930	Newcomers In-processing	Bldg 1030, DW Classroom
0900-1015	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 1030, DW Classroom
1015	Escorts Pick up Newcomers	Bldg 1030, DW Classroom
1030	First Sergeants Meeting	Dining Hall, Sun Rm
1300-1400	IG Complaint Period w/LtCol Walker	Bldg 1030, CC Office
1300-1400	Immunizations	Bldg 1030, Break Rm
As designated by unit	Sign-Out	As designated by unit
Sun, 14 Nov As designated by unit	Sign-in	As designated by unit
0800-1130	Newcomers Ancillary Tng-Phase I	Bldg 201, Rm 11
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
0900	HAZCOM Training	Bldg 1030, Comm Flt Tng
1300-1530	Newcomers Ancillary Tng-Phase II	Bldg 201, Rm 11
1300	CDC Course Exam Testing	Bldg 460, Rm 213
1500-1630	CBPO Closed for ORE	Bldg 1043, CBPO
As designated by unit	Sign-out	As designated by unit

NOTEBOOK...

Subject: Vacancy Lists & Retraining Questions

If you have questions concerning Unit Vacancies or Retraining, contact your **UNIT Training Manager** for information and guidance.

507 LSS/MS/465 FS/AMU - TSgt Sharon Godfrey, 45508; MSgt Russell, 47430

507 SPF - SSgt Miller, 47849

72 APS - TSgt Hays, 92081

403 CLSS - SSgt Fullingim, 95375

507 MSS - Vacant, contact your First Sergeant, 47638

507 CES - MSgt Ginzl, 47428

507 Med Sq - MSgt Hamblin, 43151

507 CF - MSgt Fry, 47567

If you are in one of the other smaller squadrons without a training manager contact the nearest geographically located **UNIT Training Manager**.

November-December '93

Looking Ahead..

November 93

13-14 Primary UTA (Proposed ORE)

December 93

10 PEP Info/RIPS to Units

11 Amn/NCO Qtr Due 1400

11-12 Primary UTA

12 Group Family X-Mas Dinner

15 CBPO Open House

January 93

2-15 WSEP Missile Shoot-Tyndall, FL

8-9 Primary UTA

FY 94 UTA Schedule

8-9 JAN 4-5 JUN

12-13 FEB 16-17 JUL

12-13 MAR 20-21 AUG

9-10 APR 17-18 SEP

14-15 MAY

FY 94 Deployments/Exercises

2-15 Jan: WSEP-Tyndall AFB, FL

12-13 Feb: ORE/Mobility (?)

14-28 May: Maple Flag, Canada

2-11 Jul: Volkfield ORE, Alpena MI

BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If your Social Security Number ends with either a 2 or a 7, you have until **Sunday** of the **Nov** UTA to recertify your BAQ or have it terminated.

Please complete AF Form 987 located at your unit. Your unit BAQ recertification monitor will annotate rosters and forward your forms to the finance office.

December Schedule of Events

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Meetings, Etc</u>	<u>Location</u>
Fri, 10 Dec 1400	Pre-UTA 1st Sgt Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
Sat, 11 Dec		
As designated by unit	Sign-In	As designated by unit
0730-0800	Sign-in for Physical Exams	Base Hospital
0730-0930	Newcomers In-processing	Bldg 1030, DW Classroom
0800-0900	Enlisted Advisory Council Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
0900-1000	702X0 Training	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
0900-1015	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 1030, DW Classroom
1000	Mobility Rep Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1015	Escorts Pick up Newcomers	Bldg 201, Rm 11
1030	First Sergeants Meeting	Dining Hall, Sun Rm
1200-1300	PCIII Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1300-1400	EST Manager Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1300-1400	IG Complaint Period w/Lt Col Walker	Bldg 1030, CC Office
1300-1400	Immunizations	Bldg 1030, Break Rm
1400-1500	Ancillary Training Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1500-1600	Unit Career Advisor Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
As designated by unit	Sign-Out	As designated by unit
Sun, 12 DEC		
As designated by unit	Sign-in	As designated by unit
0800-1030	Newcomers Ancillary Tng-Phase I	Bldg 201, Rm 11
0800-1000	Refresher Chemical Warfare Tng	Bldg 1115, Prime Beef
1100-1300	Christmas Dinner	Bldg 1030, Hanger Flr
1300-1530	Newcomers Ancillary Tng-Phase II	Bldg 201, Rm 11
1300	CDC Course Exam testing	Bldg 460, Rm 213
1500-1630	CBPO Closed for In-House tng	Bldg 1043, CBPO

CDC and PME Course Exam Testing

UTA Sunday, 1300, Bldg 460, Rm 213

Wednesday, 1300, Bldg 1043, Rm 206

These are the **only** times course exams will be administered. Names of personnel with tests on file are published in the "CDC COURSE EXAM LISTING" distributed each month to all Unit Training Managers prior to the UTA.

Trainees enrolled in mandatory CDCs will have a Test No Later Than Date of two UTAs of receipt of exam. Voluntary exams must be taken within 90 days of receipt. Course exams not taken within the time allowed will be destroyed.

The exceptions to this rule are 6E, 8E, and SOS course exams.

If a you are unable to test within the allotted time frame, contact your Unit Training Manager immediately.

Your Unit Training Manager will submit an AF Form 1095 to MSMPT. This form could prevent your course exam from being destroyed if extenuating circumstances prevented you from taking the exam on or before the Test No Later Than Date

Contact **MSMPT**, 47075, to schedule testing on Wednesdays.

Ancillary Training Information

Disaster Preparedness Information

All personnel who normally wear contact lenses, attending Chemical Warfare training, will not wear them during training. Bring your New Mask, and spectacles if you have them. Personnel are to be on time for all classes, or be reported as "No Shows". **Ensure all personnel bring their Go-Bags with them to all classes.**

Supervisors may schedule Chemical Warfare training thru-out the year by calling the DW office at x45249, NLT 2 weeks prior to class requested. Units must report the names of personnel requiring training when scheduling training.

In order to utilize the go-to-war MCU-2A/P protective masks for training, TQT, ORE's and deployment; notify 507 LSS at extension 45335. Let them know **Two Weeks Prior** to your need for masks, the quantity of each size your organization requires. Specify when they will be returned to Base Supply. Personnel retrieving masks will sign an AF Form 1297 (Hand Receipt) for all of the masks you receive.

An MCU-2A/P guidebook will be provided to everyone signing for masks. The guidebook will cover the fitting, donning, cleaning, sanitizing, and inspection of the masks.

UCMJ/ETHICS Briefing

All first and second term enlisted personnel are required to have the UCMJ briefing. Second term enlisted personnel are due the UCMJ briefing within two UTAs of reenlistment. UCMJ briefing time is 1400-1530, Bldg 201, Sunday of UTA.

More What, When, Where

CBPO Customer Service

Hours of Operation

Primary UTA Weekends

Saturday 0730-1630

Sunday 0730-1500

Closed Sunday for In-House Training
from 1500-1630

Weekdays

Monday-Friday

0730-1130

1230-1630

Closed Thursdays for In-House Training
from 0730-1230

Phone Numbers

MSM/MSMA/MSME/MSMD/MSMP

CBPO Management, 47491

MSMAC...Customer Service,47492

MSMPU...Personnel Utilization, 47493

MSMAQ...Quality Force, 47494

MSMPT...Training & Education, 47075

TDY & Reassignment Out-Processing

Personnel Utilization (MSMPU) is
standing-by to help with relocation
processing, but they need your help.

TDY to school or reassignment out-
processing can only be initiated through
MSMPU during the times listed below:

Monday thru

Friday: 0730-1030 and 1230-1530

UTA Saturday: 0800-1530

The schedule is for your convenience;
times noted assure your access to
agencies with processing responsibilities.
Your cooperation in complying with this
schedule is greatly appreciated. if you
have any questions, please call MSMPU,
x47493.

Chapel Service Information

Devine service held Saturday at 1515,
Hospital Pharmacy. Sunday service held
at 0730, Disaster Preparedness, Bldg
1030, flightline side.

Catholic Mass: Sat, 1700, Sun, 0940,
1220.

Tips for Faster CBPO Service

*ARTS, or Reservists on Mandays or
annual tour* can conduct personnel
business any week day and avoid
contributing to UTA congestion.

Avoid Saturday morning unless you have
an appointment. Due to In-Processing
activities, the Customer Service section is
short handed until about noon on
Saturday. *Call ahead*, find out how long
the wait may be. *Be sure* you bring any
required documents with you and avoid
the need for a second trip to finish your
business.

DD Form 93

Record of Emergency Data

This is the single most important source
of information within your personnel
record for dependent data and next of kin
information.

If data is incomplete or incorrect, the Air
Force cannot extend dependent benefits,
nor can notification be made in the event
you become injured, seriously ill or die
while on duty.

You are the only one who can update
this record. Remember there are no
minor errors on a DD Form 93. Data
accuracy is critical. You may be one of
the lucky ones and escape injury or
illness, but can you risk the alternative?

Check the form in your mobility folder,
if it is wrong, come by CBPO Customer
Service and get it updated.

Hours of Operation for...

Pass & ID

Located in Bldg 590, is open on UTA
Saturday, 1200-1600, for ID cards,
fingerprints, vehicle registration and base
decal.

Individual Equipment Issue (IEU)

Located in Bldg 469, is open on UTA
Saturday, 0800-1530. Enter door #36 on
the south side of the building. Check
with your Unit Orderly room before you
attempt equipment issue or exchange.

Medical Services Information

Immunization Monitors

All shot records that are mutilated and or
have no space left need to be brought to
the immunization clinic located in the
Hospital between 1000-1200 on Sunday
of the UTA for new records to be made
up and issued. Point of contact is Capt
Livengood, x42487.

Physical Examinations

The 507th Medical Squadron is presently
trying to catch up on the backlog of
physicals. Therefore, the physical
schedule is extremely tight. If you will
be unable to meet an appointment, you
must call TSgt Davis, x43151 and
reschedule in advance of the UTA.

Random Drug Testing

Drug Testing is conducted at 0900 on
UTA Saturdays. The names of those
randomly selected for testing are released
by Social Actions to Unit Commanders
immediately after sign-in on Saturday. If
selected, you should consume as much
liquid as possible prior to reporting to the
lab. You cannot be released until the
required sample amount has been
obtained. if you have questions about the
Random Drug testing program contact
Social Actions, x45019.

Military Pay

File for pay on or before: **Receive Direct Deposit by:**

14 Nov.....	24 Nov
16 Nov.....	30 Nov
21 Nov.....	01 Dec
23 Nov.....	03 Dec
28 Nov.....	08 Dec
30 Nov.....	10 Dec
05 Dec.....	15 Dec
07 Dec.....	17 Dec
12 Dec.....	22 Dec

Dining Facility

Meal times are shorter, lines are longer:
Plan ahead!

Breakfast	0600-0900
Lunch	1100-1300
Dinner	1530-1800

Education Information

CLEP Score Reporting

Effective 1 July 1993, CLEP General scores will be rounded off to the nearest zero AND subscores will no longer be reported. For example, a score of 433 would be rounded off to 430; 438 to 440. According to ETS, all future CLEP General transcripts will:

*not indicate CLEP General subscores even if the testing occurred before 1 Jul 93.

*indicate the actual three digit score (not rounded off) for tests taken before 1 Jul 93.

*indicate the revised American Council on Education recommended minimum passing score of 420.

Awards

Unit and Organization awards are easy to miss, both for Reserve and active duty members. Many leave a duty station without ever hearing that the unit received an award for the period of time the member was assigned there.

Customer Assistance, if made aware of the award, will update the member's record if the record shows the member was assigned to the unit receiving the award during that period.

The best way to insure these awards are properly credited to those who deserve them is for YOU to take an active role in helping us manage your records.

The Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award and the Joint Meritorious Unit Award are examples of ribbons we can share with our active duty counterparts.

Bring in a copy of the special order and the OPR/EPR or assignment orders to us. This will give us what we need to document the award in your records and confirm the entitlement.

Awards cont'd...

The key is to know which award was authorized and be able to prove you were assigned to the unit receiving it.

We here at Customer Assistance and your counterpart active duty Personal Affairs will be glad to help, but the initiative lies with YOU.

Point of contact is TSgt Fuqua and Mr. Hauther, extension 47492.

NCO Academy Class Dates for FY 94

Listed below are the FY 94 NCO Academy class dates. SSgts with 8 years satisfactory service, and TSgts are eligible to attend. Each squadron may submit 1 and only 1 nomination to MSMPT. Nominations must be endorsed by Unit Commanders. Selections are made on Saturday of the UTA at the First Sergeants meeting.

Class Dates NCOA	Nominations Due MSMPT
1 Mar 94-7 Apr 94	9 Jan 94
6 Jun 94-14 Jul 94	10 Apr 94
1 Aug 94-8 Sep 94	5 Jun 94
19 Sep 94-27 Oct 94	17 Jul 94

Contact MSMPT, x47075 if additional information is required.

Application Information for Senior NCO Academy

There will be two boards held FY 94 at HQ AFRES/DPTS for those applying for the Senior NCO Academy (SNCOA).

Applications for the remaining classes in FY 94 are due to MSMPT No Later Than 12 Dec 93, to meet HQ AFRES/DPTS suspense of 17 Dec 93. A selection board will be conducted at the end of Dec 93 for the following classes:

- Class 94C, 24 Mar - 11 May 94
- Class 94D, 1 Jun - 20 Jul 94
- Class 94E, 30 Aug - 19 Oct 94

Application packages received at HQ AFRES/DPTS not processed through the MSMPT office will be returned without action. Telefax application packages will not be considered for selection.

Contact MSMPT, x47075 for In Residence Application Procedures for SNCOA.

Vice commander discusses Reserve issues

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- The Air Force Reserve must balance Department of Defense requirements with unit capabilities, according to Maj. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, AFRES vice commander.

The general shared his thoughts on shifts in force structure and new roles for the Reserve.

Top priority: "We must continue to focus on the needs DOD lays out for us while keeping turbulence at the unit level as low as possible. We expect to see greater emphasis on using reserve forces but must be cautious not to overburden our people with too many requirements. There's a fine line between reservists' availability, employers' support ability and the needs of the Air Force. We must be able to clearly distinguish where it lies."

Unit reorganizations: "General Closner (Maj. Gen. John J. Closner, chief of Air Force Reserve) is strongly committed to taking care of our displaced people the best we can through various programming actions, either to place them in another position or continue to provide transition benefits. People are our most important asset. Without them, we are a lost cause."

Force structure size: "So far, the numbers of reservists affected by downsizing have been few. DOD's recently announced Bottom Up Review will most certainly impact our program. We must now focus on the planned changes and see how they affect the Air Force Reserve."

Greatest concern: "We must always consider what's going to happen out there that we don't know about. Can we respond in time? What's the right force to meet the needs?"

"The end of the Cold War brought about greater world stability, but there are a lot of brush fires out there. Brush fires require people, interest and focus, and some of these fires are not small in terms of importance and national interest. Our ability to react in a timely and proper fashion is most important."

Community assistance: "There is certainly more interest in helping communities in our own country. However, there are some legislative constraints that will have to be changed first."

The Air National Guard and the Army National Guard are able to do some of those things easier than other reserve components because of their state affiliation.

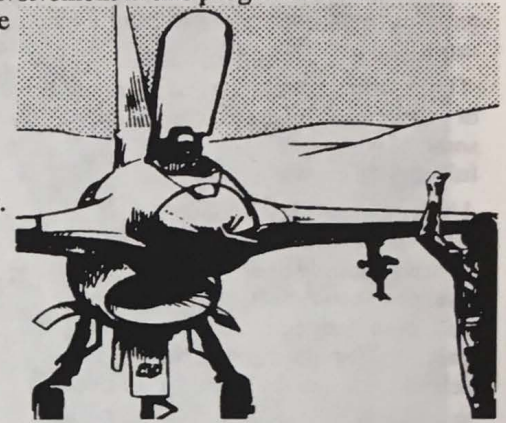
"There's no question that after having talked with Ms. (Deborah) Lee (assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs) that we will be more involved in supporting our nation's infrastructure. It's important to do this for our nation and for our children."

Counterdrug efforts: "As in the past, the requirements for the national counterdrug program are driven by the Administration to the Defense Department and to us. We will continue an active involvement in this program because there is no doubt about the importance of countering drugs in this country."

Family readiness: "Family readiness is another key concern. This program was certainly lacking during the Persian Gulf crisis, and we are aggressively working to establish a strong, viable program. It will offer us tremendous capabilities to meet the needs of our reservists."

"Our challenges are unique and unlike most active-duty units where families live on or near their bases; we have families who are 100 to 150 miles from the unit. They still have the same needs as those living near an active-duty or Reserve base."

"We will meet those needs, but it will be a real challenge for all of us. But knowing the caliber of individuals we have as Air Force Reserve members, I am confident that we can and will meet the demands of the future." (AFRESNS)



Unit civil engineers giving a helping hand

*by SSgt. Morgan Gardiner
507th CES Public Affairs Representative*

In August 1993, the 507th Civil Engineering Unit sent some people to Dover AFB to lend a helping hand. These individuals: TSgt. Gary Brown (Equipment and pavements), TSgt. Cliff Demers (equipment and pavements), SRA Wes Williams (structures), and MSgt. Elmer Sheely (utilities) assisted other personnel in several jobs.

SRA Wes Williams was at Dover for 21 days and in that time with 3 other individuals framed and sheeted a 2 story, 500 square foot self-help store and

office building inside of an existing warehouse.

MSgt. Elmer Sheely was at Dover for 11 days and along with 3 other people gutted the entire first floor of the Wing Commander's office building. Rebuilding the walls and installing all new computer lines, telephone lines, and electrical lines.

TSgt. Gary Brown and TSgt. Cliff Demers were at Dover for 20 days and in that time they did a variety of jobs.

This included spending 6 days repairing 600 feet of taxiway for C-5's using about 60 tons of asphalt on roadway repairs over the entire base, ripping out and replacing approximately 75 feet of

sidewalk at the base chapel and installing 20 feet of sidewalk in front of Base Headquarters. They also put up 2500 feet of snow fence for a rock tour.

In their civilian lives, these individuals use the talents that they so readily show in their military service.

Wes Williams is a residential frame carpenter.

Elmer Sheely is a manager of field maintenance operations in charge of 325 maintenance offices in Oklahoma for the U.S. Postal Service.

Gary Brown is a self-employed mechanic.

Cliff Demers is an industrial equipment mechanic.

Two-level maintenance to reduce war overhead

by SMSgt. Art Futch

HICKAM AFB, Hawaii (AFNS) -- Two-level maintenance will ax tons from a commander's logistics requirements and shrink his warfighting footprint, said the Air Force Materiel Command commander.

Gen. Ronald W. Yates spoke to PACAF News Service on the last stop of a 13-day trip to PACAF and the Pacific Rim that gave him a chance to talk with the end users of AFMC's services.

The two-level maintenance program is of particular concern to commanders, some of whom feel they've lost full-service capability.

Under the two-level concept, off-aircraft trouble shooting, repair and return to supply lines shift from base level shops to AFMC depots. Simply said, if an item can't be fixed on the aircraft, it's pulled and replaced. The defective part is then sent to the depot.

For a wing commander, that means he can cut back on a lot of the equipment and people he would take to a war.

"Sixty-three percent of all the people we sent to the Gulf War were support people and logisticians. That's far too big a logistics footprint," Yates said.

Reducing the number of logisticians also means taking fewer support people and their equipment, Yates said.

"What this two-level maintenance does in an F-16 squadron, for instance, is cut the logistics requirement from 137 tons to 37 tons.

This is a big deal and a big deal for that wing commander. In other words, he gets the same support. He flies just as many sorties and his mission capable rates remain the same."

Yates said the wing commander shouldn't suffer because of the switch to two-level maintenance.

"He gives up autonomy, but it should be a win-win situation for him. It simplifies his combat logistics."

The general said the results of the test program have exceeded expectations, especially in the F-16 avionics program called Coronet Deuce.

"It's exceeded all our expectations, both in Materiel Command and the warfighting commands," Yates said.

Other two-level programs include older avionics in the B-52s and KC-135s, with the latest test program started on F-100 engines. Although the tests are going well, Yates said there's a long way to go yet.

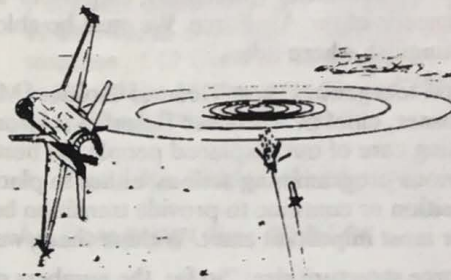
"Just the matter of scale is a challenge. In other words, if we can do it for 400 airplanes is one thing, but can we do it for 1,400 or more? If you could do it for F-16s, that's one thing, but can you do it across the whole Air Force for all airplanes?"

Another challenge is inserting updated technology into older weapons systems to get them to the point where two-level maintenance is feasible.

"There are a lot of systems on our older weapons systems -- components and

avionics -- that just aren't ready for two-level maintenance because they do not have the fundamental reliability.

"So, before you can put those into the program, you've got to make some investments, and redesign and improve the reliability and maintainability ... and then you have to move to two-level maintenance," Yates said.



In-transit visibility is also an area that needs work, he said.

"To do two-level maintenance, we have to know where the parts are by serial number, what the status of them is, what the performance is -- it demands a lot more visibility than we currently have."

Given these challenges, Yates said two-level maintenance is still the way to go. "I'd say this is a great idea. The test programs are very favorable, and we're not afraid to stick our toe in the water, so to speak.

"But there's a lot of work to do before we completely jump in the swimming pool." (Futch is assigned to PACAF Headquarters at Hickam. Courtesy PACAFNS)

Policy helps Reserve stay close to manpower ceiling

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- Air Force Reserve wing and group commanders have more flexibility in manning their units this fiscal year.

Under the command's manning policy, commanders have the option to fill their units to 110 percent, an increase from the 105 percent during fiscal year 1993.

Last fiscal year was turbulent for the Reserve. Changes in requirements for some weapons systems and specialties challenged retention and recruitment efforts. During the first half of the year, some commanders feared a lack of training dollars and wanted only "fully qualified" applicants.

At one point in the year, unit manning document requirements shifted by more than 1,800, causing the Reserve

unit strength to dip below the desired 99 percent troop strength. The command finished the fiscal year at 97.6 percent.

On the flip side, the command started the new fiscal year at 99.4 percent manned because its congressionally mandated ceiling for FY '94 is 69,106 -- a drop of 800 authorizations from FY '93.

Reserve officials said the command's FY '94 manning policy is to continue to fill requirements with participating reservists in the grade and skill called for by manpower authorization.

They emphasized the need to eliminate overages and overgrades, and to fill positions through recruitment,

After 49-year wait

Original 507th members awarded for WWII efforts



At last!

Left: More than 80 Unit Citation ribbons were presented to WWII members of the 507th during award ceremonies held last month.

Below: A member of the original 507th looks, for the first time, at WWII campaign streamers on the 507th's unit flag.

After waiting for 49 years, 60 members of the original WWII 507th Fighter Group finally received their Unit Citation awards.

The 507th Fighter Group Associates WWII met last month in Oklahoma City for its 18th bi-annual reunion.

The reunion marked the 49th anniversary of the founding of the original 507th in October 1944, at Bruning Army Air Base, Bruning, Neb.

Between July 1 and Aug. 14, 1945, when the war ended, the group served in combat at Ie Shima, off the west shore of Okinawa. Flying the P-47N aircraft, the group flew more than 1,492 combat sorties, 8,700 combat hours and destroyed 38 enemy aircraft.

They received a Unit Citation from General Timberlake, commander of the Eighth Air Force for a round trip of 1,580 miles flown to Korea, by 48 of the aircraft on August 13, 1945.

The mission required eight hours in the air and was successful in destroying 20 enemy aircraft shot down and three more on the ground.

Because of the war's rapid end and the group disbanding, the members of the 507th were never officially presented their awards.

As part of their reunion, the members and their spouses received a tour of the 507th facilities and aircraft.



Not forgotten

507th members line up to be presented with their Unit Citation decoration earned during air campaigns in the Pacific. As part of the group's weekend reunion, members and their spouses visited the 507th to tour facilities and look at unit aircraft. (Photos by Capt. Rich Curry)

Reservist enjoys working with Civil Air Patrol

If you see MSgt. Tommy Clapper of the 507th Civil Engineering Squadron wearing a silver braided flight cap and some unusual looking 2nd Lieutenant bars on his epaulets, you don't have to salute. That is because besides being first sergeant of the 507th Civil Engineering Squadron, Tommy Clapper was recently promoted as a senior member 2nd Lieutenant in the Civil Air Patrol, an Auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force.

While he actively drills with the unit on UTA weekends and during annual tour, on other weekends and Tuesday evenings he attends meetings at the Civil Air Patrol's Cleveland County Composite Squadron.

According to Clapper, there are three major misconceptions about the Civil Air Patrol. The first is that the CAP is for cadets only.

"While there are all-cadet squadrons, they always have senior leadership. I'm a member of the Cleveland County Composite Squadron which is composed of both senior and cadet members," he said.

"I am assigned an administrative position and really don't do much cadet training," Clapper said. "For those who want to work with cadets, the opportunity is usually there, but if one wants to concentrate on flying or other activities, you're free to pursue these goals." There are also other squadrons that are for seniors only and do not have any cadets, he said.

Clapper explained the second false idea about CAP is that members of the active duty Air Force, Air Force Reserve and National Guard cannot be members of the Civil Air Patrol.

"When I joined, I was surprised to find members from the AWACS unit across base as well as from the National Guard," Clapper said. The big attraction is training. The Civil Air Patrol accepts all the CDCs, ECI courses, etc., service members have accomplished during active or reserve duty.

The advantage for an active duty person or reservist is getting training that is either unavailable through active duty or reserves or is available sooner than it would be if taken through the normal channels.

According to Clapper, there are active duty and national guard members of his Civil Air Patrol unit who are taking advantage of the early and additional training.

It helps that the Air Force and Air Force Reserve recognize Civil Air Patrol training as well.

"It's reciprocal. It helps to know that your training is accepted and you get credit for it outside the Reserve," said Clapper. "It's encouraging to know my reserve training is being put to good use by the Civil Air Patrol and I'm receiving training that will benefit the reserve."

The third misconception, he said, has to do with flying. Clapper explained a common folk-tale or myth is that the Civil Air Patrol is only for rated personnel or that one has to own an aircraft to be a member.

"When they discovered my qualifications, they were eager to recruit

me. The CAP is just like the reserve; there are plenty of folks on the ground providing support for those in the air," he commented.

The biggest change for Clapper involved finances.

"In the CAP, we pay to do the activities that we get paid to do in the reserve. Instead of the Air Force paying me to perform, I pay them for the opportunity to do so," said Clapper. Another major change is having to explain the mission to those who do not understand it.

"At our last major training conference, one senior member commented that we are a secret, para-military organization, and he was right because our mission is not well-known to the general public," Clapper said.

The Civil Air Patrol uniform is similar to the Air Force uniform and members of the Civil Air Patrol are often mistaken for Air Force personnel. This confusion is natural enough and doesn't cause any difficulty, Clapper noted.

Members of the CAP conform to AFR 35-10 while in uniform although there is some slight difference in badges, name tags, and rank insignia.

For more information about the Civil Air Patrol, please call 734-3883.



Civil Air Patrol Motto
Always Vigilant

Commitment without contract is costly

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- Military personnel and civilian employees who obligate the U.S. government to receive goods or services without a contract may find themselves liable for the bill, disciplinary action or both.

People unfamiliar with procedures should seek assistance from their base contracting office, according to Kay Leaphart, a contract specialist at Headquarters Air Force Reserve. If a contract is not issued, the major command director of logistics must either ratify or disapprove a closing action.



Even if a ratification is accomplished, the responsible person still faces possible disciplinary action.

"In one case, a civilian employee was placed on two weeks leave without pay," Ms. Leaphart said. "That's a small penalty compared to having to repay the government for tens of thousands of dollars."

During the past three years, AFRES headquarters officials have ratified nearly \$250,000 in goods and services. In one case a bill for \$1,447 was not ratified.

Action is still pending for four instances of services costing close to \$72,000. One service is valued at more than \$57,000; that's roughly equal to the annual pay of a GM-14, Step 2, or the annual base pay of an 18-year colonel on active duty. (AFRESNS)

CCAF = Educational advantages

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, Ala.-- Do you see the need for educational recognition for your present job experience, technical training and professional military education?

That is exactly what an associate degree from the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) can do for you.

Education is a tool that empowers people to be better performers, communicators, supervisors, managers...citizens. In other words, putting your educational achievements into a recognizable, usable form increases your present and future personal value.

CCAF is recognized by other educational institutions for producing quality graduates who are clearly proven to be technically competent. Inside or outside of the Air Force, a CCAF degree is a recognized personal asset.



CCAF offers 69 programs in five broad areas that relate to Air Force enlisted occupations -- aircraft and missile maintenance; allied health; electronics and telecommunications; logistics and resources; and public and support services.

"The enlisted persons college" is the largest community college in the nation. The April 1993 class received 5,956 degrees and was comprised of Air Force people around the world. Since the college began in 1972,

more than 116,800 occupationally related degrees have been awarded to Air Force enlisted students, including Air Force Reserve members.

The reasons why people should seek to complete their CCAF include enhanced readiness, personal growth, better promotion possibilities, citizenship and improved self-image.

Civilian clothing wear now permitted on Space A flights

Scott AFB, Ill. (AFNS)-- Service members can now wear civilian clothes when traveling in a duty or space-available charters, air mobility command officials said. Clothing for these Category B Flight should be neat, clean and appropriate for the occasion and customs of overseas locations, officials said. They offered the following guidelines.

- Wear clothes that will not endanger the passenger. For example, passengers wearing opened-toed shoes or sandals run the risk of injuring their toes or feet.
- Wear clothing warm enough for in-flight conditions.
- Clothing designed to be worn as undergarments should not be worn as outer garments.
- Gym clothing or clothing designed for sports, such as bike shorts and tank tops, should be avoided
- Clothing with offensive or obscene phrases or designs should never be worn.
- Clothing which may be offensive to other passengers, such as see-through blouses, tight-fitting or extremely short skirts and all shorts, are unacceptable.

Officials recommend that passengers traveling to foreign countries be aware of host-nation sensitivities and avoid clothing which may offend the country or embarrass the United States and the military.

Unit blood helps bring business to Oklahoma

*By Capt. Rich Curry
507th Public Affairs*

Past articles in the On-final have cited the advantages of donating blood during unit blood drives -- They can help ensure blood is there for fellow reservists and family members and donors receive a battery of free blood tests as a health check.

But, according to Mr. Dave Mugg, 507th executive officer and unit blood drive coordinator, unit support of Oklahoma's blood supply also helps the Oklahoma economy.

"Several years ago, members of the Oklahoma medical profession wanted to establish a safe blood supply and an area for advanced medical blood research," Mugg said. "They set out to establish a first class operation here in the state."

That desire, as well as local advances made in blood testing, has made Oklahoma blood a highly sought commodity and the Oklahoma Blood Institute, a world leader in blood research, he said.

"Our state blood supply is probably the best in the world, and is bringing medical operations to Oklahoma, simply to be near the best blood supply," Mugg said.

Mugg cited that after the September Blood Drive, there were three liver transplants, normally performed in Pennsylvania, conducted at local hospitals. A liver transplant requires about 600 units of blood, Mugg said. Statistically, similar operations done elsewhere would mean that out of 600 units, at least two would be contaminated.

"Only two accusations have ever been brought up saying the OBI was provided

contaminated blood. But because of their quality control, and keeping samples of each blood batch, they were able to show it wasn't them," Mugg said.

"Because of their testing procedures and control restrictions, if you're allowed to be a repeat donor, it's an honor," he said. He added that having a high quality supply is attracting more and more medical business to the state. "Doctors will come to where they feel it's safest for their patients. They're bringing their operations and patients to Oklahoma because of the safe blood supply. This could mean Oklahoma may become the center for more types medical procedures," he said.

The next unit blood drive is scheduled for Dec. 11 UTA from 8:30 to 1:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m.

Reserve News

ROA to visit vets

On Nov. 13, at 5 p.m., the Reserve Officer's Association will meet at the VA hospital in Oklahoma City to let the veteran patients know that they are not forgotten and that they are appreciated as veterans of our country.

All ROA Chapter 66 members will wear the uniform that they wore that day to visit with the vets.

Fitness policy weighs in

Changes in the Air Force weight and fitness program will require members to lose less body fat per month and give women more time after pregnancy to meet standards. The changes also affect Air Force Reserve members.

Women and men identified in the weight management program will need to lose one percent body fat per month during a determined number of months.

The change means people in the program who haven't lost their body fat by the designated weigh-in date will be considered making unsatisfactory progress and discharge paperwork begins. Women won't have to meet weight and fitness standards until six months after their pregnancy.

One good splash down deserves another

Lt. Col. "Bugs" Forsythe, received a good dousing himself last month after flying his last mission with the 465th Fighter Squadron.

Forsythe is currently the 507th Operations Group Commander.

After 24 years in the military, Forsythe says he is looking forward to retirement or an IMA position in the near future.

Although only the final weigh-in is required by the new regulation, the 507th will continue to provide courtesy weigh-ins monthly to help members keep track of their progress.

Specialty badges redesigned

The elimination of some old specialty badges and the creation of a few new ones will result in a badge for all servicemembers, regardless of career field. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Merrill McPeak directed a review of existing specialty badges to standardize badge wear for all servicemembers. New badges will be available in about a year. People will then have a four-year transition period from the old to the new badges.

Specialty codes change

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas (AFNS) -- Air Force members received new Air Force specialty codes Oct. 31 now that Air Force has overhauled its classification system.

The new system provides better career path visibility, reduces the number of AFSCs, and is better aligned with the restructured Air Force, Air Force Military Personnel Center officials said.

Officers and enlisted members in the same career fields will have similar AFSCs since Air Force re-grouped skills that had become fragmented over the years, officials said.

Previously, there were 216 officer and 203 enlisted AFSCs. Those figures dropped to 120 and 180, respectively, under the new system.

Officials said having fewer AFSCs will allow members to become skilled in a wider variety of duties, making them more widely assignable throughout the Air Force.

While minor changes to the classification system have been made in the past, this is the first major overhaul since 1952, officials said.

Shalikhshvili sworn in

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Gen. John M. Shalikhshvili was sworn in as the 13th chairman of the Joints Chiefs of Staff Oct. 25.

Defense Secretary Les Aspin conducted the swearing-in ceremony at his office in the Pentagon. The general's wife, Joan, attended the 7:30 a.m. ceremony, along with Deputy Secretary of Defense William Perry and his wife, Lee.

Shalikhshvili succeeds Gen. Colin Powell, who retired in September. Previously, he was assigned as the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe and U.S. European Command commander in chief at Stuttgart, Germany.

Shalikhshvili will be officially welcomed Nov. 9 during a ceremony at the River parade field in Washington, weather permitting, according to a Department of Defense news release.

Travel card program changes

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AFNS) -- American Express will take over the government travel card program when the General Services Administration contract with Diners Club expires Nov. 29.

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service Headquarters, GSA, and the two credit card companies are working to ensure a smooth transition between contracts, defense finance officials said.

Implementation information will be released as it is received from the GSA.

Officials said all activities should continue to use the current government travel charge card in the interim.

As with Diners Club, the American Express card will cover virtually all transportation, lodging, car rental and meal expenses while on official travel, reducing the need for substantial cash advances.

