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Tinker AFB, OK



A bird's-eye view of the 507th ramp area shows the amount of space needing work. The \$8.6 million construction upgrade will take approximately 18 months to put a 12-inch overlay on

the roughly 869,000 square foot area. Unit aircraft shown have been relocated across base for the duration. (Photo by TSgt. Mitch Chandran)

507th's aircraft temporarily relocated

*By TSgt. Mitchell B. Chandran
507th Public Affairs*

Upgrade of the 507th's ramp has caused the temporary relocation of unit aircraft to other areas on Tinker AFB for approximately the next year and a half.

The objective of this construction is to reinforce the concrete to accommodate the unit's heavier aircraft and add an aircraft fuel storage and pumping system.

Last month, the unit's aircraft were relocated and are now at the Air Freight Terminal, and Romeo Ramp, located in the AWACS Alert Facility.

A 12-inch overlay will be placed upon the existing concrete providing reinforcement to hold the heavier KC-135s. Engineers state this will eliminate any possibility of ramp structural damage due to the heavier aircraft the 507th now flies.

To put this into perspective, one F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft with a full complement of fuel and weapons could weigh as much as 37,500 pounds. Twenty-six of these aircraft renders a total distributed weight of 975,000 pounds on the ramp, not counting other associated equipment.

One KC-135 parked on the ramp can weigh as much as 320,000 pounds completely fueled. Multiply that by the current ten aircraft and the distributed weight could reach as high as 3,200,000 pounds, or about 85 fully loaded F-16s, again not counting any other equipment. Plans call for the unit to lose some aircraft in the future.

In addition to the extra 12-inch overlay, a fuel hydrant system will be added consisting of two main fuel tanks built next to the ramp area with pumping connections to six, in-ground, refueling hydrants built into the concrete.

In all, the overlay involves covering an approximate 869,000 square-foot surface area or 19.95 acres, excluding the taxiways. In addition, plans are to include curbing and asphalt shoulders to the ramp area.

"This upgrade is a military construction (MILCON) project we were able to execute within two years versus the normal 4-5 years to bring a MILCON in," said Lt. Col. Gary Mixon, commander for the 507th Support Group. Mixon said another benefit with this upgrade is eliminating the need for requesting the bases's aircraft fuel trucks when the unit needs to fuel and defuel aircraft on the ramp.

McIntosh sends

*By Maj. Gen. Robert McIntosh
Commander, Air Force Reserve*

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all Air Force reservists and their families a happy and safe holiday season.

This year was an extremely busy and productive one for the Air Force Reserve, and we've been successful due to your hard work and sacrifices. The year was also a time of change and turbulence for us. I know change is difficult, but your positive attitude and dedication are truly appreciated. You've all shown time and again that we have the best people of any reserve force anywhere. I thank you for all you've done to make us truly a team within the team.

I look forward to 1996 and good times ahead. Again, Susie and I wish you and yours all the best for the new year.



Command notes

*By Col. Martin M. Mazick
507th ARW Commander*

As the holiday season approaches it is a natural time for reflection on what has taken place as this year has unfolded.

For my family and I, it has meant a PCS, finding a new home, locating new schools and daycare, making new friends and acquaintances, and starting a new working relationship with all of you. For you as an organization, it included supporting the return of U.S. forces from Somalia, supporting Deny Flight in France, attaining Initial Operational Capability in your brand new mission, saying good bye to your old boss and getting used to a new boss.

In our short time together we have fought to keep the tankers, been rewarded with an opportunity to grow in a new mission, completed a mobility exercise, participated fully in USSTRATCOM Bulwark Bronze exercise, endured the hardship of a furlough due to the lack of a budget and started the process of getting to know each other. It has been quite a year, but we do have a lot to be thankful for in our private as well as professional lives.

Where do we go from here? Calendar year 1996 will be the year we begin to stand up the AWACS mission and drawdown two of our tankers. More importantly it will be the year we hone our warfighting skills. We will exercise the aviation package on the January and February UTA's. We will deploy to Italy in support of Deny Flight in April, and in May, for the first time, we will employ both our conventional mobility and Single Integrated Operations Plan (SIOP) missions in one 9-day exercise deployment. We can expect a Fourth Air Force Readiness Assistance Visit (RAV) in the November or December time frame to close out the year.

Our number one priority and our only reason for existence is to be mission ready. We will do this by taking care of our number one resource, you, the men and women of the 507th. It is imperative that you receive the best training, that the environment you work in is one that allows you to perform to your fullest capabilities and that we practice our warfighting skills together in order to be able to operate as one team. We each bring individual skills and experience to the table and we are each responsible for insuring that our skills are the best they can be.

The few months that I have been here have gone very fast and a lot has happened. As your leader, I want to tell you that I am pleased with our continued growth and have thoroughly enjoyed meeting and working with you. I have not gotten to meet all of you yet, I apologize for that, and will work on it in 1996.

I am happy to be here and am proud to be working for you. On behalf of myself, my wife Mary Jo and our sons Marty and Matthew I want to wish all of you and your families the happiest of holiday seasons and the very best for the new year.

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Happy Holidays from
the 507th Public
Affairs Office

Preparation plans continue for Wing's ORI

*By Lt. Col. Rich Jones
Air Force Advisor*

"What exercise?" While this question reassures me no one is nosing around my office, it also indicates important information is not getting out. Let me share some secrets about the Wing's plan to prepare for an Operation Readiness Inspection (ORI) in the spring of '97.

Following our successful Single Integrated Operating Plan (SIOP) exercise during the November UTA, we will practice a conventional deployment during the January and February UTA's.

In January, we will respond to a tasking by simulating a deployment to a Forward Operating Location (FOL) by generating airplanes, mobilizing about 500 personnel and required equipment to support our jets at a bare base.

In February, we will pick up the exercise as a deployment force, employ our forces for one day and practice redeployment and Ability to Survive and Operate (ATSO) actions. The primary goal during these two UTA's is to prepare for an actual deployment and perform our Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) in May.

Our May ORE will simulate the most difficult ORI scenario. After deploying to an FOL and employing our forces for 3-4 days, we will be tasked to redeploy to Tinker and generate to a SIOP alert. The Field Training Exercise (FTX) portion of this exercise is 4 May - 12 May.

Since some of our jets and personnel will return from Deny Flight within a few

days of our deployment, additional style points will be earned.

In November, '96, the Wing expects to deploy for a 4AF Readiness Assistance Visit so the UTA's between May and November will be spent correcting any deficiencies and training new folks. It's been at least two years since many of our war-fighting skills have been tested, so we face a challenging year. The primary focus of all of us has to be preparing for an actual deployment to a bare base and the ORI. Many of you will be tasked to participate as part of the Exercise Evaluation Team (EET). As such you will

help build the exercise scenarios to maximize training and evaluate various workcenters for strengths and weaknesses.

Preparing for the ORI while supporting real world deployments and standing up an AWACS associate unit will certainly keep us busy. No one should feel left out. As you are learning, those folks not fortunate enough to deploy will be busy packing and shipping people and parts, keeping the unit running while we're gone and smoothly processing returning material and personnel. If you feel you have no role during an exercise you're not looking for a way to help the unit.

Are you ready to go?

The 507th will have a mobility exercise in January. If you are notified you will be participating, here are the items you need for your personal clothing bag to successfully complete mobility processing:

Bag, Duffel 1 each
Shirt, Camouflage (BDU) 3 each
Trousers, Camouflage (BDU) 3 each
Field Jacket with
liner 1 each
Cap, woodland,
camouflage pattern 1
each
Boots, combat,
black 1 pair
Socks (Black) (White socks will not be
visible) 4 pair
Belt with black tip and buckle 1 each
Undergarments (pants) 4 each
Undergarments (undershirt, brown) 4 each
Bra (female) 4 each
Gloves (w/liners or lined) 1 pair



Towel, bath 2 each
Hygiene kit 1 each
Civilian clothing as directed

• Optional items

Laundry soap 1 box
Shampoo 1 bottle
Toilet paper 1 roll
Flashlight w/batteries 1 each
Washcloth 2 each
Soap 1 each

• Male Personal toiletry kit for 30 days includes one can shaving cream, 3 disposable razor, deodorant stick, 4 bars of soap (4" size), Toothbrush w/container, toothpaste, comb, 2 tubes shampoo.

• Female Personal toiletry kit for 30 days includes 2 oz. tube hand & body lotion, deodorant stick, 4 bars of soap (4" size) toothbrush w/container, toothpaste, comb or brush, 1 box sanitary napkins, 10 packages of cleansing tissue, 2 tubes of shampoo.

Exercise tests unit ability to go on alert and deploy

*By Capt. Rich Curry
507th Public Affairs*

The 507th tested its ability last month to operate with U.S. Strategic Command forces during Bulwark Bronze '95.

The exercise, which ran from Nov. 2 through 11, was designed to test the USSTRATCOM's capabilities to deter a major attack against the United States or its allies and if deterrence fails, to employ forces.

Bulwark Bronze tasked the 507th to demonstrate its ability to place forces on alert and employ forces as directed.

According to Lt. Col. Rich Jones, 507th Air Force Advisor, "This exercise tested the unit's ability to stand up to its single integrated operating plan, or SIOP, mission. This was the 507th's second exercise of its SIOP mission. We saw a lot of improvement, especially in Command and Control."

Jones said primary 507th participants in the exercise consisted of the units Strategic Aircraft Recovery Team or SART. The SART team is composed of approximately 130 members from the Operations, Maintenance, Civil Engineer, and Medical

Squadrons as well as the Command Post. "A SART team can be best described as the minimum number of people and critical skills essential to support a deployable aviation package."

"Our Command Post team received excellent training from this exercise," said TSgt. Tony Russell, Command Post Air Reserve technician. "It brought us much closer to getting our members certified on operations under SIOP conditions."

Capt. Jayne Jackson, 507th Logistics Plan Officer, said the exercise also tested the SART team's ability to deploy through local mobility processing and pallet buildup.

One aspect of the exercise tested the unit's ability to operate as a Priority B resource. "Operating in a Priority B status places our aircraft, ready to respond, to an actual wartime mission tasking. It meant much stricter access and security procedures were established on our ramp. Everyone had to be preannounced through the Base Central Security Control and we had armed guards patrolling the ramp area. For all intents and purposes, we were on alert," Jones said.

"The 507th has a proven capability to generate its aircraft and crews which will aid us during our upcoming exercises in January and May," Jones said.



Capt. Matt O'Donnell simulates a parachute landing during a recently held combat survival training course at the Glenwood area. (Photo by TSgt. Gary Bristol)

Evasion is goal of survival course

***By Capt. Rich Curry
507th Public Affairs***

Stop...as ninja warriors might blend into the surroundings, invisible to searching eyes, the aircrew team froze in their tracks.

Look...the team scans their surroundings, looking for movement, signs of the enemy.

Listen...birds taking flight, muffled voices, rustling leaves, a twig snap. All these may signal danger.

Stop, Look, Listen. These words are preached by the 507th Life Support team instructing aircrew members during a recently held Combat Survival Training course.

The objective of the survival training course is to provide aircrew members the confidence and training needed to demonstrate survival, evasion and rescue skills, using life support equipment in field conditions. "SSgt. Randy DeWitt built the program from scratch, creating all the maps and coordinating it. He worked on it for months," said SSgt. Tracy House, 507th Life Support instructor.

House said the all-day course provides training for 7-8 aircrew at a time, beginning with 1 1/2 hours of briefings which encompass the gamut of survival tactics and recovery procedures. After the briefing, the aircrew are transported to the rugged backwoods of the Glenwood area for hands-on training.

"First they practice a parachute landing, gather up their equipment and move to an initial concealment site, eventually moving to the initial hold-up site. They practice going through all the steps they need to survive and avoid being captured...just like they really were behind enemy lines," House said.

Aircrew members put on camouflage, get out their maps, initiate radio contact, conduct medical self-assessments, drink water and prep flares among other things. Split into 2-man teams, the reservists use their map reading and evasion skills to traverse the rugged 1/2 to 3/4 miles to reach their individual recovery area.

"We do have 'agressors' roving around the area," House said. "So if people don't take their evasion training seriously, its back to the starting point." In spite of the fact that Glenwood addition was formerly a residential housing area off base, traveling the backwoods there is no stroll in the lane. "The underbrush is very thick and there are 'critters' to watch out for," House said.

"Most can complete the travel in 45 minutes to around 2 hours. It's important to remember, avoiding capture is more important than covering a lot of ground. Survival School instructors have stated that, depending on the situation, it can sometimes take two days to cover 500 feet. We tell our folks it's better to spend the two days in the wild than years in captivity," House said.

Once the team members reach their recovery area they radio to their helicopter, one of two OH-58 "Scouts", provided and flown courtesy of the Oklahoma National Guard for the exercise. Aircrew members are then picked up and flown back to the 507th, completing their training.



SSgt. Tracy House, 507th Life Support instructor, checks in with the other instructors. (Photo by TSgt. Mitch Chandran)



LEFT: Aircrew members gather at the concealment site to check their equipment and apply camouflage.

TOP: From the holdup site, Capt. Holly Nagie starts to move across the grass toward the recovery site. (Photos by TSgt. Gary Bristol)



An aircrew member sets off a signal smoke canister for the recovery helicopter to spot. (Photo by TSgt. Stan Paregien)

An aircrew member boards the rescue helicopter at the recovery site for the ride back to the 507th. (Photo by TSgt. Gary Bristol)



CMSgt. Ray Deutsch retires after 33 years

By Maj. Donald Klinko
507th Public Affairs

Chief Master Sergeant Raymond G. Deutsch will retire from the Air Force Reserve after 33 years of service this month. CMSgt. Robert Kellington will replace him as the Wing Senior enlisted Advisor.

Chief Deutsch joined the Air Force in December 1962, completing basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas. He then attended supply technician's school at Amarillo AFB, Texas. Following that, he reported for duty to an overseas installation familiar to many longtime 507th members--Cigli AB, Turkey--where he served as a supply technician from June 1963 through December 1964. The chief returned from Turkey to serve as a supply technician at Richards-Gebaur AFB, Missouri. He left extended active duty in December 1966.

There never was any question in the chief's mind about whether he should continue his Air Force membership. He left active duty on a Friday, took a weekend off, and reported for duty the following Monday as an Air Reserve Technician (ART) supply specialist at the Air Force Reserve's 442nd Military Airlift Wing, also at Richards-Gebaur AFB. He took time out to marry the former Alice Vanderlinde in 1968.

A civilian job with Headquarters Air Force Communications Command (HQ AFCC), also then located at Richards-Gebaur AFB, lured him away from the ART position in 1971, but he remained a reservist with the 442nd. In fact, even after HQ AFCC and his civilian job moved to Scott AFB, Illinois, in 1977, he remained a reservist in the 442nd.

Chief Deutsch first came to Tinker AFB in 1981, when his civilian job brought him to what was then Headquarters Southern Communications Command. He retained his reserve assignment with the 442nd MAW for eighteen months, but when he was offered the position of NCOIC of Materiel Control at the 507th Tactical Fighter Group, he took it. In late 1984, Chief Deutsch became the First Sergeant of the 507th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, remaining so until his December 1992 appointment as Senior Enlisted Advisor.

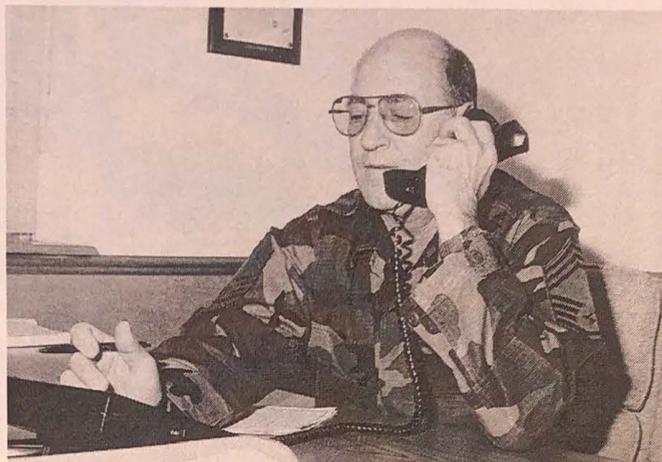
During his more than three decades in the Air Force, Chief Deutsch changed jobs several times. He's justly proud that the Air Force thought he mastered them all. He has attained a nine skill level in no less than five career fields. After working as a supply technician, he acquired AFSCs in

jet engine maintenance, maintenance control, job control, materiel control, and, of course, became a first sergeant.

Does the prospect of retirement after such a long and committed career give

the newcomer than to try to correct a negative first impression," he said.

"It doesn't end with the first term, either," cautioned Chief Deutsch. He firmly believes that career NCOs need



CMSgt. Ray Deutsch

pause for reflection? "After thirty-three years, I imagine it will be quite a change not to even be getting ready for the monthly UTA. But I've thoroughly enjoyed my Air Force career. I can't think of one job I've had that I didn't like. The most rewarding of them was my seven years as the First Sergeant. A close second is my present job as the wing's Senior Enlisted Advisor."

Given his broad exposure to the technical aspects of Air Force supply and maintenance, and just as importantly his combined ten years' experience as a First Sergeant and wing Senior Enlisted Advisor, Chief Deutsch has some definite ideas about supervisors' responsibilities.

"First of all, supervisors should take better care of newcomers, especially non-prior service airmen. About ninety percent of newcomers to the 507th are never assigned a sponsor or even contacted while at tech school. If you're a supervisor, as soon as you're notified of a newcomer training for assignment to your shop, you need to get into contact with him or her. Our training office upstairs in the wing headquarters building can tell you where the school is located. Every base that has a tech school has an Air Reserve Component Liaison Office which can put you in contact with your newcomer airman.

"Remember that your contact with the airman during their tech school is his or her first impression of the 507th, and first impressions are almost everlasting. It takes a whole lot less time and energy to make a positive first impression by showing that you care enough to contact

encouragement too.

"About a month ago, I was talking with a newly promoted master sergeant. He said he'd been a technical sergeant for six years. He had an outstanding performance record, and he could have been promoted long before he was if he hadn't neglected his CDC for upgrade. He'd enrolled a couple of times, but got disenrolled for not making any progress. Very soon after finally completing the CDC, he got promoted.

"The moral here is to get your training completed as soon as possible. Sure, it's the trainee's career, and mid-grade NCOs should know they have to complete the training to get promoted. It makes a world of difference in the subordinate's morale and motivation, though, when a supervisor shows some interest in whether the training gets done," he said.

What about his personal perspective on retirement? Chief Deutsch has no regrets about his service with the Okies and only a few pangs about retiring.

"I want to thank everyone here at the 507th for making the last 14 years of my career the best of all. Both the times and the people were great, and I'm going to miss being out here. I retired from my civilian job a few months back, and retirement from the military will allow my wife and I to do some traveling. I also plan to catch up on some things at home that I've been putting off for the past few years," he said.

Remember, Chief Deutsch, "Once a Sierra Hotel Okie, always a Sierra Hotel Okie." You've always got a place at the 507th.

Training Planner

December Schedule of Events

| Date/Time | Meetings, Etc. | Location |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Fri, 08 Dec | | |
| 1300 | Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg | Bldg 1043 ConfRm |
| 1415 | Pre-UTA First Sgt Mtg | Bldg 1043 ConfRm |
| Sat, 09 Dec | | |
| As Designated by Unit | Sign In | As designated by Unit |
| 0730-1000 | Newcomers In-Processing | Bldg 1043, Rm 201C |
| 0900-1000 | 3AOX1 Training | Bldg 1043, ConfRm |
| 0900-1100 | OJT Documentation Workshop | Bldg 1030, New Classrooms |
| 1000-1030 | Newcomers Orientation | Bldg 1043, TNET Rm |
| 1000 | Mobility Rep Meeting | Bldg 1043, ConfRm |
| 1015 | Escorts Pick Up Newcomers | Bldg 1043, TNET Rm |
| 1030 | First Sgts Meeting | Dining Hall, Sun Room |
| 1200-1600 | Instructor SABC Class | Med Sq Trng Room |
| 1300-1500 | OJT Workshop | Bldg 1030, New Classrooms |
| 1300-1400 | IG period w/LtCol Despinoy | Bldg 1067, Gp CC office |
| 1400-1500 | Mandatory EST Managers Tng | Bldg 1043, ConfRm |
| 1600 | Commander's OJT Orientation (All Commanders) | Bldg 1043, ConfRm |
| As designated by Unit | Sign Out | As designated by Unit |
| Sun, 10 Dec | | |
| As Designated by Unit | Sign In | As Designated by Unit |
| 0745-1500 | Initial Disaster Prep Tng | Bldg 1115, Prime Beef |
| 0830-0930 | Enlisted Advisory Council | Bldg 1043, ConfRm |
| 0900-1000 | Supervisor Safety Trng (SST) | Bldg 1030, LG ConfRm |
| 0900-1100 | Human Relations/Drug & Alcohol | Bldg 3333, South Entrance |
| 0930-1200 | OJT Walk-In Clinic | Bldg 1030, New Classrooms |
| 1000-1100 | Unit Career Advisors Mtg | Bldg 1043, ConfRm |
| 1300 | CDC/PME Course Exams | Bldg 460, Rm 213 |
| 1400-1500 | 3AOX1 Training | Bldg 1043, ConfRm |
| 1500-1630 | MPF Closed for In-House Tng | Bldg 1043 |
| As designated by Unit | Sign Out | As Designated by Unit |

HOT TOPICS

-  **FLU SHOTS - Given at normal time & place**
-  **TRAINING AUDIT - See page A4**
-  **OJT Documentation Wkshop & Walk-In Clinic-Pg A3**
-  **Commander's OJT Orientation For All CC's 1600**

Long Range Schedule

December

- 09 Unit Christmas Parties
(Evenings only)
UTA 09-10
Exercise Evaluation Team Training (EET)
- 09 Commander's Call/Retirement Ceremony Chief Deutsch 1500
- 09 Functional Area visit
AFRES/SG (Col M. Uddin)

January

- 20 UTA 20-21
Local ORE (Conventional)
Generate & Deploy

February

- 10 UTA 10-11
Aviation UTC Mobility Exercise
Local ORE (Conventional-ATSO)
Employ & Redeploy
- 11 Top 3 Meeting

March

- 09 UTA 09-10 EET Training
- 09 Officer's Call

January Schedule of Events

| Date/Time | Meetings, Etc. | Location |
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| Fri, 19 Jan | | |
| 1300 | Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg | Bldg 1043 Conf Rm |
| 1415 | Pre-UTA First Sgt Mtg | Bldg 1043 Conf Rm |
| Sat, 20 Jan | | |
| As Designated by Unit | Sign In | As designated by Unit |
| 0730-1000 | Newcomers In-Processing | Bldg 1043, Rm 201C |
| 0900-1000 | 3AOX1 Training | Bldg 1043, Conf Rm |
| 1000-1030 | Newcomers Orientation | Bldg 1043, TNET Rm |
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| 1015 | Escorts Pick Up Newcomers | Bldg 1043, TNET Rm |
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| 1400-1500 | Mandatory EST Managers Tng | Bldg 1043, Conf Rm |
| As designated by Unit | Sign Out | As designated by Unit |
| Sun, 21 Jan | | |
| As Designated by Unit | Sign In | As Designated by Unit |
| 0745-1500 | Initial Disaster Prep Tng | Bldg 1115, Prime Beef |
| 0830-0930 | Enlisted Advisory Council | Bldg 1043, Conf Rm |
| 0900-1000 | Addl Duty Safety Rep Mtg | Bldg 1030, LG Conf Rm |
| 1000-1100 | Unit Career Advisors Mtg | Bldg 1043, Conf Rm |
| 1300 | CDC/PME Course Exams | Bldg 460, Rm 213 |
| 1400-1500 | 3AOX1 Training | Bldg 1043, Conf Rm |
| 1500-1630 | MPF Closed for In-House Tng | Bldg 1043 |
| As designated by Unit | Sign Out | As Designated by Unit |

Disaster Preparedness

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 they will be reported as "no-shows." Ensure all personnel bring their Go-Bags with them to all classes.

Supervisors may schedule Chem War training throughout the year by calling DW office at 45249, NLT one UTA prior to class requested. Units must report names of personnel requiring training when scheduling.

In order to utilize the go-to-war MCU-2A/P protective masks for training, TQT, OREs, and deployments; notify 507 LSS at 45871. Two weeks prior to your need, let them know how many masks of each size you need and when they will be returned to Base Supply. Personnel retrieving masks will sign an AF Form 1297 (hand receipt) for all masks received. 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.

Ancillary Training

Newcomers Ancillary Training

Newcomers Ancillary Training is conducted the first month of each quarter (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct). Unit training managers are responsible for ensuring their new personnel are scheduled to attend the within 90 days. If you have any questions, contact the Education and Training Flight at x47075.

UCMJ Briefing

All enlisted personnel are required to have the UCMJ briefing within two UTAs of reenlistment. This briefing is held during Phase II of the quarterly newcomers Ancillary Training at 1315 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 3333.

Ethics Briefing

All reserve personnel are required to have the DOD Ethics Briefing within 90 days of reporting for duty. This briefing is held during Phase II of the Quarterly Newcomers Training at 1230 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 3333.

What, Where, When.....

OJT Documentation & Responsibilities Workshop

Saturday, 09 Dec, Bldg 1030, 2nd Floor Flightlines Side, New Classrooms
 To help in the Training Audit, The E & T Flight will be hosting a workshop for all Training Managers/Monitors. This workshop will encompass documentation required, responsibilities of Supervisors, Trainers, Certifiers, and US, how to document OJT Records and developing Master Task Listings. During the 1300-1500 Session Supervisors, Trainers, Certifiers, and any other interested parties may attend.

Sunday, 10 Dec, 0930-1200, Same Location

The E&T Flight will host a Walk-In "Clinic" during this time and will be assisting anyone who walks in needing help with OJT Record Documentation. We will also do on-the-spot validation of OJT Records brought over for the Audit.

During these times, there will only be ONE PERSON in the TRAINING OFFICE for Education/GI Bill Services. So, we ask you to bear with us as we try to service you in another necessary training area. It may take a few moments longer for your service and we apologize if this causes anyone any inconvenience.

Medical Services

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| Immunizations & Flu Shots | Sat, 9 Dec | 1300-1430 | Bldg 1030 |
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Flu Shots as well as routine immunizations will be given during these hours. Times will return to normal after Dec UTA. Remember to bring your shot record.

NCO LDP Information

The NCO Leadership Development Program is a great way for SRAs (who have completed course 0001) through TSgts to continue their professional development in a classroom environment. Just as technology and philosophies continue to change, so must leadership skills. Even when it seems that computers and machines will someday replace humans in the work place, they will never be able to replace our need to relate to each other. This fast-paced, information-packed two week course is provided in two one-week phases. This makes it optimum for reservists to attend classroom instruction hopefully without too much conflict with their civilian schedules.

And Hey! If this isn't enough to encourage you to attend, you get two college credit hours in Management for attending. This can be applied to your CCAF or civilian degree.

Interested yet? If so, see your Training Manager to sign up. Here is the schedule:

Class 96A (phase I): 15-19 Jan 96 (phase II): 05-09 Feb 96
 Class 96B (phase I): 08-12 Apr 96 (phase II): 13-17 May 96

NCO Academy In-Residence

Listed below are the FY 96 NCO Academy class dates. SSgts with 8 years satisfactory service, and TSgts are eligible to attend. Each squadron may submit only one(1) nomination to DPMAT. Nominations must be endorsed by Unit CCs.

| Class dates: | Nominations due: |
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| 16 Apr 96- 23 May 96 | 21 Jan 96 |
| 03 Jun 96- 11 Jul 96 | 10 Mar 96 |
| 05 Aug 96- 12 Sep 96 | 19 May 96 |
| 23 Sep 96- 31 Oct 96 | 14 Jul 96 |

Military Pay

File for Receive Direct pay by: Deposit by:

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| 04 Dec | 13 Dec |
| 06 Dec | 15 Dec |
| 11 Dec | 20 Dec |
| 13 Dec | 22 Dec |
| 18 Dec | 27 Dec |
| 20 Dec | 29 Dec |
| 26 Dec | 04 Jan |
| 28 Dec | 05 Jan |

BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If your SSAN ends with a 3 or 8, you have until 31 Dec 95 to recertify your BAQ or have it terminated. Please see your Unit BAQ monitor to complete the AF Form 987. 507th Military Pay sends the list to Unit BAQ Monitors who must return the list complete with all recertifications to the Military Pay. NOTE: If you don't have dependents, you don't need to recertify.

Will It Stand Up in Court?

What generates an Air Force investigation? Certainly accidents involving a plane crash or other incidents resulting in death or serious injury would. So would a security compromise....Picture an on-the-job incident in your career field that could lead to an investigation...

★ A member dies but the Servicemans Group Life Insurance paperwork was never properly processed and filed by a personnel technician. Where does that leave the dependents?

★ The Wing commander never receives a message critical to the mission. Was it misrouted? Improperly addressed? Just not transmitted in time because the only person left on duty couldn't figure out how to get the message equipment or software running?

★ Items on the equipment listing can't be located. Were items listed on the wrong account and are actually located in another shop? Were they ordered and paid for but never received? Then again, maybe someone simply stole them from an area that was not properly secured.

★ The security police are conducting weapons training... BANG! A live round hits a coworker.

★ A CDC course exam can not be accounted for. Was it stolen? Or, was a single test logged in twice? Was the test destroyed as required but the destruction wasn't properly noted on the inventory?

What role would training play in these circumstances?

If you are responsible for training at any level, ask yourself these questions:

? Am I planning and delivering all the training necessary to meet mission requirements and fully qualify trainees for their assigned duties?

? Do I maintain OJT records that...

3 identify all tasks a trainee must be able to perform to be fully qualified in his or her current duty position,

3 reflect proper certification for the tasks a trainee can perform without assistance or supervision,

3 accurately indicate status of training progression...i.e. training started but not completed, interruptions such as UTA absences, status of CDC completion, and remarks reflecting areas of strengths, weaknesses, or failures to progress satisfactorily.

The American people pay Air Force Reservists to train for the defense of the United States. What if a group of taxpayers (or their elected representatives) walked in and said, "We want to see what we've been paying for. Show us documentation of the training you have accomplished during all these weekends." Can you produce it? If an incident occurred which resulted in an investigation, will your training programs and documentation "stand up in court?"

So, about this Training Audit...

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What directives cover OJT now? Seems all the regulations have new numbers and I don't know where to look anymore.

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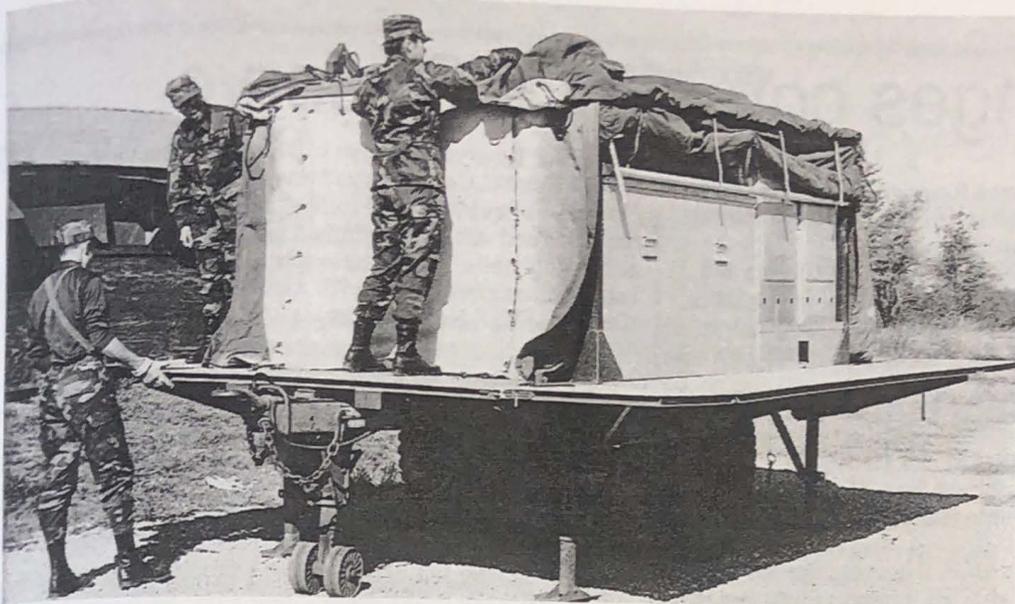
AFR 50-23. Enlisted Specialty Training was superseded by AFI 36-2201, Developing, Managing, and Conducting Training, 25 July 1994.

On-the-job Training responsibilities are addressed in Chapter 3.

See Attachment 3 of this AFI for a list of other references pertinent to Air Force training.

Read paragraph 3.11. to brush up on Supervisor responsibilities and guidelines for planning and documenting training.

Look at paragraph 3.4. which discusses Air Force Career Field Manager (AFCFM) responsibilities and note that there may be OJT documentation deviations established for your career field.



Preparing to field-test their mobile kitchen, these services members begin setting up the equipment. (Photo by TSgt. Mitch Chandran)

Prime RIBS delivers beef with mobile kitchen

By TSgt. Mitchell B. Chandran
507th Public Affairs

A Mobility Kitchen Trailer (MKT) field test was conducted by 507th Mission Support Squadron's Prime RIBS during October's bivouac exercise at Glenwood, proving one ingredient for a full course meal is perseverance.

Prime RIBS (Readiness In Base Services) defines the support squadron's mission for a war-time tasking.

The MKT was acquired from Ogden Air Logistic Center's Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) at Hill AFB, Utah, after a long world-wide search by MSS folks. Transported here and refurbished by 507th sheetmetal technicians, the savings over purchasing a new MKT adds up to approximately \$15,000 for the 507th.

Borrowing MKTs from different units in past years to support exercises, MSS members decided it was time to get one themselves. This was no easy task. Perseverance in making a lot of phone calls finally paid off when the Support Group commander received a return call from Ogden City DRMO.

"We started calling around a year ago to see if we could find one that wasn't being used," said Lt. Col. Gary Mixon, 507th Support Group Commander. "Finally, Ogden's DRMO said they had one that was in fairly good shape," he said.

"SSgt. Perry Monholland, from our squadron, volunteered to go to Hill AFB to see what shape it really was in before we accepted it," said MSgt. Terry Tunender, services superintendent for the 507th MSS. "He determined it needed a little sheetmetal work but was basically in good enough shape to be effectively used. He picked it up and transported it to the 419th FW, a reserve unit at Hill AFB, where it sat in storage until HQ AFRES made arrangements to transport it here through military airlift," he said.

With the help of Lt. Col. Ken Settle, former 507th CLSS Commander, now serving at AFRES Headquarters, the MKT was transported from Hill AFB to Tinker by the Reserve Airlift Support Program (RAS). "The RAS is kind of like the Federal

Express for the Reserves and what we do is broker the customer's requirements, the 507th in this case, to the C-130 unit that has responsibility for the RAS for that particular week. Then all that's left is loading, transporting and unloading to the customer," Settle said.

Once here, the sheetmetal shop took over and welded broken base structures and roof supports, then fabricated corner ramp supports to bring the unit back to full serviceability, "Later we will replace the roof vents with two new ones we got from the Dobbins ARB Prime RIBS training site," Tunender said.

According to Tunender, the MKT used to belong to the Army. Measuring 30 feet long, 15 feet wide and 11 feet high, it is towed with an M-35, two-and-a-half ton truck. The MKT is portable enough to be deployed anywhere in the world yet large enough to feed approximately 250 troops per meal.

During the bivouac, services fed more than 160 folks a dinner meal Saturday evening. "Cooking times are a little longer with this portable unit because it's not completely enclosed but still it will feed a large amount of people with minimal preparation time. This type of kitchen is used by all services. This is an older model, but an effective one with everything from utensils to mosquito netting," Tunender said.

Once transported to a location, approximately four people can get the MKT up and running within 30 minutes. During the bivouac, Services did their meal preparation for the evening's meal by tenderizing and marinating steaks, then grilling them on the MKT's four foot grill. Also served were wrapped potatoes that were cooked in the 4 foot by 30 inch stove. Other preparations that evening included corn on the cob, tossed salad, dinner rolls, coffee and cold drinks.

The ranges and burners are powered by M-2 burners which operate off of two-gallons of pressurized gas. The MKT is equipped with an ice chest, storage compartments for silverware, pots, pans and dishes, and has six locations for burners.

"I've always enjoyed the meals Services folks have provided," said MSgt. Denise Weeks, assistant manager for the 507th CES. Weeks, along with more than 100 CE personnel at Glenwood, practiced setting up essentials in support of their mobility commitment for bare base deployments. "It's nice to have a hot meal while deployed somewhere without facilities. Services have always supported us every time we go out and we really appreciate their support and professionalism," she said.

"We'll use this MKT to augment our M-1948 kitchen tent, Tunender said, which has a capability of feeding 275 people. Whenever the Wing deploys for an exercise we'll be capable of feeding more than 500 people. We'll also be making use of the MKT during our ORE in May," he said.

More changes coming for Reserve

In less than two years the Air Force Reserve will take on two new non-flying missions, transfer one numbered air force staff to another location and inactivate two flying units.

These actions are the result of 1995 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission recommendations and Air Force force structure decisions. Reserve officials announced the dates of these actions Nov. 1. Decisions of the 1995 BRAC became law Sept. 28.

As a result of BRAC, the 924th Fighter Wing and its subordinate units at Bergstrom Air Reserve Station, Texas, will start drawing down support activities March 31, 1996, and will inactivate when the base officially closes Sept. 30, 1996. The wing's F-16 fighter aircraft transfer to Homestead Air Reserve Base, Fla., to replace older aircraft.

Headquarters 10th Air Force, its 610th Regional Support Group, 610th Services Flight, 810th Civil Engineer Flight and the 610th Security Police Squadron will transfer from Bergstrom to Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Texas.

In other BRAC-driven actions, the 928th Airlift Wing and its subordinate units at O'Hare International Airport Air Reserve Station, Ill., will start drawing down support activities March 31, 1997, and will inactivate June 30, 1997. The wing's C-130s will be transferred to other Reserve units.

In the spring of 1997, the 940th Air Refueling Wing will move from McClellan Air Force Base to Beale Air Force Base, Calif.

March Air Reserve Base also will host two new Reserve units -- the 4th Combat Camera Squadron and the 701st Combat Operations Squadron. The combat camera unit picks up many of the video and still camera duties currently provided by active-duty units. The operations squadron will provide wartime battle staff augmentation to 7th Air Force at Osan Air Base, South Korea. (AFRES News Service)

Per diem rate has changed

Starting last month, government travelers may now see a change in the amount of money they receive for per diem.

Under a revised federal government policy, people will receive 75 percent of the per diem rate on their first and last days of travel, regardless of when they start travel.

Travelers are currently paid according to their travel times. For example, if they leave home before 6 a.m. or arrive back home after 6 p.m., they receive 100 percent of the per diem entitlement for that day. If they leave home between noon and 6 p.m. or arrive back home between 6 a.m. and noon, they receive 50 percent of the per diem.

The new rule does not affect interim travel days from one temporary duty location to another TDY location. Military finance offices have more details about the new policy. (AFRES News Service)

Technology whittles publications down to readable byte size

Forget the bookcases, forget the binders, forget the mountains of paper. Air Force Reserve civilian employees and reservists can now call up their standard publications on a computer screen.

The new electronic publishing systems, available on the Reserve's wide area network, is the result of a five-year project to make publications retrieval easier and paper disappear from the workplace.

"We wanted to consolidate all standard, unclassified Air Force, AFRES and applicable gaining command publications into one InfoBase, and eliminate the need to continually post them," said Bill Jones, chief of publications in the Headquarters AFRES Directorate of Information Management.

"By placing the publications on a network computer server, we can retrieve them with relative ease and view all applicable publications at the same time. This is a tremendous improvement over the procedures we were using previously," Jones said.

In the past, Jones' directorate maintained binders in a master library containing most Air Force unclassified

publications. Additionally, binders were kept with command publications, applicable and non-applicable supplements, message changes and pamphlets along with selected Department of Defense directives.

"When you wanted information from a publication that wasn't maintained in your desk set or functional library, you had to make a trip to a master library," said Capt. Dale J. Long, AFRES management information systems advisor. "Depending on where that was, it could take an hour or more to retrieve a few paragraphs of information after searching through dozens of binders. Now, you can get the same information from any publication in the electronic library within a few minutes without leaving your desk."

Electronic publishing procedures eliminate the need for paper copies of publications and the job of the publications custodians in various offices to maintain them because new or revised publications are posted electronically as they are completed.

"We will save the Reserve more than \$8 million annually in costs associated with posting publications and maintaining

binders in functional areas and master libraries," said Lee Bice, assistant chief of the directorate's publications management division. "Just look at the inconveniences we've eliminated for the common user of our publications. Not only are the publications people require immediately available at the computer console, they can manipulate that information to meet their needs, including printing only the portion of the material they need."

The Reserve's electronic publishing system is called the Air Force Reserve Electronic Publications Library or just InfoBase. It is maintained on computer network servers at each major unit location. Reservists and civilian employees, wherever they are in the world, can access the system either by modem or hard-wire connections.

The InfoBase is also available on CD-ROM published monthly for those on deployment. The only drawback to using the CD-ROM, Bice said, is that the user won't be able to take advantage of daily updates. The LAN-based system, however, can be updated daily, if necessary. (AFRES News Service)

Safety Corner

By Lt. Col. Leonard Kight
507th Safety Office

Spread Pretty Thin

A couple of UTAs ago I talked about the pressure being off now that things had settled down from the AWACS situation and we're keeping our planes. Well, not so fast. Now the ramp construction is underway and we're spread all over the base trying to do the same and more than we were doing before.

I just want to take a minute to encourage everyone to be ever vigilant in the pursuit of excellence in your job. We in the 507th have an excellent record of accomplishments and an excellent safety record to go along with it.

Now that we're scattered all over the base, our personnel and supervision are spread really thin. It takes longer to get to the aircraft for maintenance and for ops. It takes longer to respond to critical situations because of distances, and it takes planning ahead to ensure you have all you need when you get there because, you can't just walk back to the shop or ops to get that checklist you laid down or that bag of fasteners you needed to pick up. Time and distance can seem like enemies right now, so plan ahead, start a bit earlier and follow the tech data and procedures diligently.

If something doesn't seem right, it probably isn't. When you have a question or get that nagging feeling that things aren't going as smoothly as they should be, take a minute to assess the situation and surroundings. The worst that could happen is you lose a minute or two double checking. The best is a prevented accident or injury to yourself or someone else who might be in harm's way.

For the support and administrative organizations, understand the time and distances involved. Some folks can't just run over and take care of things quickly now. This too takes advance planning, so go that extra mile in setting up appointments and ensuring that paperwork is done. Try not to get frustrated when it takes more than one or two calls to get a message to someone. We're all in this together, and hopefully for the long haul.

Be Safe. Have a Happy Holiday and a Merry Christmas.

Enlisted Advisory Council Reps

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| 72nd APS | SSgt. McConnell, SSgt. Cooper |
| 465th ARS | MSgt. Russell |
| 507th AGS | (vacant) |
| 507th ARW | TSgt. Robinson |
| 507th CLSS | (vacant)* |
| 507th CES | SrA Williams, TSgt. Enriquez |
| 507th CF | SSgt. Adams |
| 507th LSS | (vacant)* |
| 507th MEDS | SSgt. Jenkins |
| 507th MS | (vacant)* |
| 507th MSS | MSgt. Cain |
| 507th OSF | SSgt. Nelson |
| 507th SPS | SSgt. Serrano, SSgt. Flanders |

* Squadrons need to designate at least one EAC Representative.

A look at year-end safety

By Maj. Gen. Robert McIntosh
Commander, Air Force Reserve

AFRES has experienced another "Banner Year" in safety for fiscal year 1995. Ground safety recorded a significant decrease in injuries and zero deaths for the year. Flight safety, for the second consecutive year, experienced no class B flight mishaps and only one class A flight mishap, with an overall rate of .76 mishaps per 100,000 flying hours. This rate compares very favorably to the USAF overall rate of 1.44 indicating that we are truly contributing to the Total Force effort and doing so very safely.

Teamwork and discipline are primary ingredients to any successful achievement and most assuredly were in this endeavor. Commanders took responsibility, front line supervisors demanded procedure compliance, and individuals adhered to the highest standards expected of a quality work force. I want to express my thanks and appreciation to each of you for a job well done and ask you to benchmark this year's success for continued improvement into the future.

Although this year's efforts were successful overall, we tragically lost five valued airmen in our one class A mishap. Their loss serves as a clear reminder that we must be ever vigilant for factors that can lead to a mishap loss and take actions to provide our personnel the safest work environment possible. Continued improvement requires us to identify problem areas and take steps to correct them. During the July 1995 Senior Leaders Conference, complacency was identified as one of the greatest threats to flight/ground safety within AFRES. Complacency is hard to observe but the behaviors associated with it are all too often listed in mishap reports. I challenge each of you to watch for behaviors that stem from complacency and systematically eliminate them. We can do so by ensuring that all members are part of our team processes and use their input for the value that it offers us.

The trust and confidence placed in us by the American people rests on our ability to perform our mission safely and effectively. Through the diligent efforts of our assigned personnel, I am confident that FY96 will be another "Banner Year" for which we can all stand proud as a service and as a nation.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Shirley

This holiday season is in full swing now. People scurry about to find gifts for their loved ones. Churches, temples, and other buildings are filled with decorations to celebrate the season.

Life seems to be so busy. After all, there are so many parties to attend, preparations for families that will meet together, and many other wonderful things to do. However, the one part of our lives that must not be neglected is our worship.

We must never forget the reasons for the season. Our God has made this a special time of the year. This holiday season should not pass without a few moments being set aside for worship and reflection. One special thought comes to my mind. This is an excerpt from the Jewish Prayer Book. It is part of a prayer for Hanukkah. "But, You were at their side in time of trouble. You gave them strength to struggle and to triumph, that they might serve in freedom."

God does deserve our worship this holiday season. Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah. Enjoy your worship of Him.

Voice on the street

What do you think about gaining the AWACS mission?

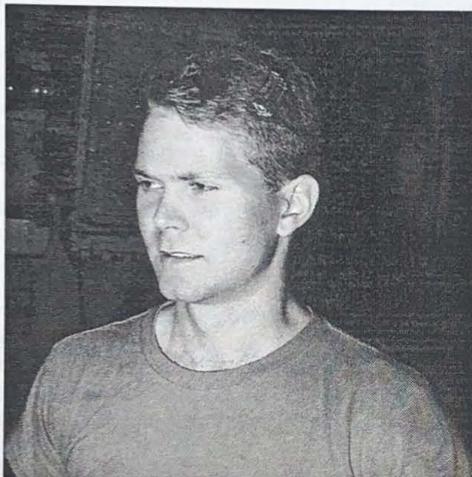


SSgt. Gary Paulden, "We're not sure when we will move. I think the move is necessary. The future of the 507th demands it. AGS and Phase Dock are moving."

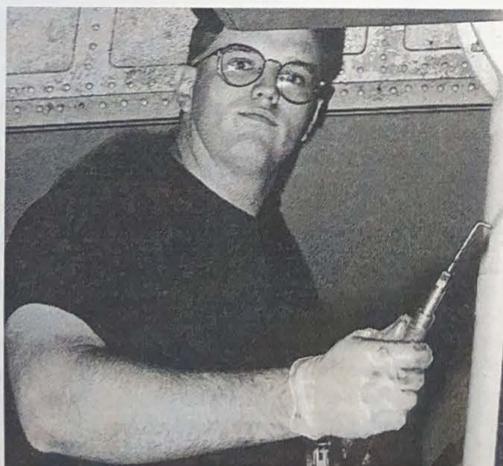
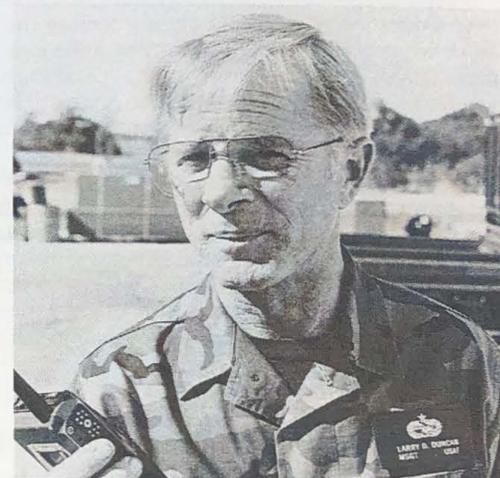


SSgt. Tanya Avery, "It is a positive thing. Eventually we will probably be doing both KC-135 and AWACS maintenance. Our ramp will be under repair for about two years for resurfacing and new pits added for fuel."

SSgt. Brian Eddy, "If we are downsizing, I think it is good timing to keep our mechanics working."



MSgt. Larry Duncan, "It is great. This big move over to AWACS will give us more positions and keep our people from having to go to units outside the state. It will increase programs and capabilities."



SrA. Daniel Drennen, "It doesn't matter to me. It is going to keep more jobs here."



Sgt. Denny Graham, "I don't know too much about it. I changed jobs to COMNAV and I'll have to wait and see how the staffing comes down to see if I'll still be doing this or if I will crosstrain."

Nutrition critical in search for fitness

*By Jay Anderson
Fitness West Manager*

Proper nutrition is an extremely important component of a sound training regime. When mapping out a workout schedule for the week, nutrition should be included. A sound nutritional base enhances the capability to perform and benefit from exercise activity.

The terms "proper", "good", and "balanced" nutrition are often used, but what do these descriptions really mean as far as a training diet? Simply put, a diet should consist of nutrients from the 4 basic food groups:

- Meat and high protein group
- Milk and dairy product group
- Cereals and grain group
- Fruit and vegetable group

Foods are classified into a particular group because of their vitamin and mineral content, as well as their carbohydrate, protein and fat. Eating the recommended servings from the four food groups will ensure that all the essential vitamins and minerals an individual needs are supplied in adequate quantities. Caloric requirements on the other hand, depend upon specific individual variables differing from person to person.

The meat and high protein group supplies protein, niacin, iron, zinc and thiamine. These nutrients are important for the maintenance of muscles, bones, red blood cells and healthy skin. Many beans and nuts are included with meat due to their protein value.

Cheese, yogurt, cottage cheese, ice cream and milk are all included in the milk and dairy product group. These foods are not only excellent sources of protein, but also provide a rich source of vitamins and especially calcium. Calcium plays a vital

role in the growth and maintenance of bones and teeth throughout life.

The cereal and grain group is an excellent source of carbohydrates, both complex and simple. It is also a good source of proteins, vitamins and minerals-particularly thiamin (B1), iron (due to fortification), and niacin. Foods made from oats, flour or corn meal also fall into this food group.

The fruit and vegetable group provides many important vitamins and minerals. The composition of nutrients in different fruits and vegetables is extremely varied. In general, this food group is an excellent source of the key vitamins A and C and also provides a good general supply of most other vitamins and minerals. Some fruits and vegetables that are particularly healthy choices are broccoli, spinach, carrots, bananas and oranges.

Generally speaking for most people, 6-11 servings of the cereal and grain group are recommended daily; 3-5 servings of vegetables; 2-4 servings of fruit; 2-3 servings from both the milk and dairy group and meat group; and fats, oils and sweets used only sparingly. If training and exercising regularly, approximately 60-70% of one's diet should be high in carbohydrates; 20-30% of protein and 10-20% fat.

A future pro

Matt Clark, 12, was recently selected for the Olympic Development Program Team. Matt was one of 30 boys selected from his birth year to attend a training camp which aims to develop youth soccer skills, making them eligible for scholarships and future professional play. Matt is the son of Lee Clark, 507th Information Management Office.



New fees system at Fitness Center West

*By Jay Anderson
Fitness West Manager*

Services Division has announced that its non-appropriated funds (NAF) "in-house" charge system will be eliminated as of Jan. 1 for all services activities, including Fitness West.

The in-house charge system, consisting of a monthly fees billing mailed to each customer, was costly to administrators and not as customer oriented as the new system.

The new system simply allows patrons, who wish to take advantage of the reduced monthly fee structure, to use

their Mastercard, Visa or Tinker club card. The monthly fee is then processed as any other credit card charge. This eliminates the monthly mailing of account charges to patrons; the check writing, mailing back the payment, late charges, etc., which created confusion under the NAF in-house system.

Patrons of Fitness West who are under the in-house system have already been mailed a simple transition form along with their monthly statement. If this includes you and you have not already returned the form to Services Division to transition you account, you can easily do so by stopping by Fitness West and complete the process there. For those

who may elect not to transition their in-house account the payment of a daily use fee will be required whenever using the facility.

For those of you who have not had the opportunity to pay a visit to Fitness West, it's time to do so. The winter months are already upon us limiting outside activities. Fitness West provides aerobic machines, Nautilus and free-weight equipment in a wonderful workout environment. The staff will even design an exercise routine for you if needed. Don't forget, your family members, 14 years or older, can also use the facility. For more information about Fitness West call the facility at 734-2227.

Reserve News

More state taxes being withheld from Reserve paychecks

*By Mark Scoles
507th Budget Officer*

A systems change was made the end of September 1995 to more accurately withhold state income taxes for Reserve and Guard members.

Under the old system, the Air Force Reserve was not using the number of days involved in the pay period when computing taxes.

In short, the previous tax computation tables used resulted in some members not having enough money withheld.

Also, prior to this systems change, we were unable to tax one-time payments (bonuses, etc.) at the one-time rate for the state involved.

The systems change will use the number of days involved in the pay period in the calculation of state taxes for regular types of pay. By using the number of days, the tax withheld will be more accurate. Finally, one time payments will be taxed at the applicable one time rate.

These changes should result in a more accurate withholding of state taxes for most members.

Refer a friend for a career future!

There are still positions available within the 507th. Help out unit recruiters by providing them a name or contact one of the following recruiters:

Tinker AFB - TSgt. Brasher
405-734-5331

Midwest City - MSgt. Vickers
TSgt. Stanley
405-733-9403

Lawton - MSgt. Wright
405-357-2784

McConnell AFB, KS - MSgt. Shaw
TSgt. Tubbs
316-652-3766

Last blood donor drive for '95

*By Dave Mugg
507th Executive Officer*

We will have our last blood donor drive for '95 on Saturday, Dec. 9. The hours will be 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2:15 p.m.

We had a great turnout in October and would like December to be the same. Col. Mazick has authorized a two-hour early signout, at the discretion of your commander, on Sunday, Dec. 10 for any member who donates blood during the

October UTA or will do so in December. I will provide all sections a list of their donors from October.

Past records show that just before Christmas people are reluctant to give blood during the hustle and bustle of the holidays. At the same time, we experience more accidents than normal so the need for blood products rises sharply. This Christmas why not give someone a present they really need? Give someone the gift of life with your blood.

Base firefighters prepare for worst

*By 2nd Lt. Dan Moore
507th Aircraft Generation Sq.*

A 507th tanker and crew were the center of attention during a recent base IG exercise aimed at evaluating emergency response at Tinker AFB.

The base exercise involved crews from the fire dept., security police, hospital, base operations, safety, and the disaster control group. An aircraft and nine personnel from the 507th Aerial Refueling, Aircraft Generation, and Maintenance squadrons were supplied to take part in the mock accident.

The October 26th exercise scenario involved an aircraft which had experienced severe air turbulence, subsequently resulting in both major and minor injuries to several crew members and one fatality. The scenario also included a brake fire due to heavy braking on the ground roll.

The base IG and accident response players expressed their comments on how well the 507th personnel added realism to the exercise by the way they acted on the scene.



The recent emergency exercise tested Tinker firefighter's skills in preparation for the real thing. Here, TSgt. Gordon Walters, 507th crew chief, simulates being injured for a base fireman. (Photo by MSgt. Ken Coffey)

Facts on demand coming soon

The Air Force fax-on-demand is now available to customers worldwide. The service allows customers to obtain biographies, fact sheets and other documents directly from their facsimile machines.

Public Affairs office has been advised to publish the following numbers for your information:

1-800-422-USAF, (703) 614-6031 and DSN 224-6031. The system is one of more than three dozen Technology Working Group initiatives outlined in this year's strategic plan. Comments: E-Mail- bowmant@saf3.hq.af.mil.