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Tinker AFB, OK



Members arriving in Gulfport, Miss. are ready to put their skills to the test. The 507th had seven out of ten aircraft at Gulfport for the Operational Readiness Exercise. (Photo by TSgt. Stan Paregien)

Exercise takes unit members to task behind the lines

*Story and Photos by
TSgt. Stan Paregien
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Helicopters droned overhead as an Air Force Reserve security policeman stood guarding the gate to the 507th compound in Gulfport, Miss. The guard watched as the helicopter faded from sight. On the other side of the compound, gunshots rang out. Smoke rose off the tarmac where aggressors tried to attack. Security forces and augmentees with rifles responded in a firefight that stopped the enemy cold.

The 1996 Operational Readiness Exercise war games officially kicked off May 13 with the 507th Wing deploying 374 personnel to a simulated deployment location on an island just off South Korea (Gulfport). The scenario indicated a saber-rattling hostile posture by an aggressor nation. The 507th was tasked to support friendly forces in that region of the world.

Troops were constantly in a state of heightened alert. Guards were posted throughout the compound and at the entrances to buildings. "Condition Black, MOPP Level 4" was called at various times throughout the week. The 507th responded quickly by donning their chemical warfare gear and then checked each other using "Buddy Care".

Several weary warriors confirmed losing more than a few pounds and a few hours of sleep during this exercise in Mississippi. As in actual combat, the war went on 24 hours a day. The inspection team made sure that the 507th was on its toes, even at night. Some attacks came at 2 or 3 a.m.

Firefighters rushed to put out simulated fires on the runway. Security police continued to stop intruders who sometimes went so far as climbing barbed wire fences in an attempt to break in.

Communication between troops and the command post was critical at all times during the exercise. There were times when the phone lines were out between the command and the mayor's tent in the containment area. Then, portable radios and runners became necessary. Messages were sometimes interrupted by the enemy jamming radios, so alternate means of relay had to be found.

"We started out without a phone and we used a radio in place of it. We never received a secure line, so we had to send runners. Everyone coming through the mayor's tent was cooperative and understanding. They helped our personnel get all the required information in order and they understood when delays were encountered," said Maj. Tim Forrest, mayor of the 507th "barrack city."

"We also found that we needed to do a security walk around the camp during the night to check up on the area and any folks who

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Commander's Corner

By Col. Martin M. Mazick
507th Wing Commander

Where do we go from here?

We have begun! Our trip to Gulfport, Miss. was well worth the time, money and effort. We have taken our show on the road and I think we have learned where we are and where we need to go. I hope for most of you our practice ORE was a learning experience. I consider this trip a success. We met all of our objectives and know where we stand. For many of you, it was a first attempt to put "book knowledge" to use and you found that practical experience in the field is a most valuable tool. For others it was time to dust off the cobwebs and once again hone those war fighting or "war surviving" skills. If I have one regret, it is that I should have taken more of you for the exposure and practice. Those that went worked very hard and long hours and we short-changed ourselves in personnel.

This week, our senior leadership will visit with the Air Mobility Command IG and hope to gain more insight into the

ORI process. With what we learned at Gulfport and this visit we will continue on the road to prepare us for March 1997.

Some things have already begun. We are already working to refine our "get-out-of-town" process. Services is working on being able to feed 24 hours a day when deployed, and the security police began working with the security augmentees from maintenance and civil engineers last UTA. Squadrons must work on what I call unit actions: mobility folders up to speed, shot records up to date, etc. You can work on your individual actions such as donning and doffing your chemical gear. Notify your mobility officer/NCO if your training gear is unserviceable. Make sure your equipment is ready to go.

Over the next few months, we will be identifying and training all the personnel needed for sweep teams and shelter managers. We still need to train folks on pallet build up. These folks will be our "stay-at-home" team and be intimately involved in the reception plan when our "go team" returns. Speaking of reception team, I wish to thank all of you who manned the lines when we returned from Gulfport. It was great.

This is what it is all about. We are building a team. The threat is on the horizon. Remember, we are not as strong as one of us, instead, we are as strong as all of us.

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The Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (Capt.) Michael Shirley

It seems like yesterday that many of us were moving about the air base at Gulfport dressed in MOPP 2 hearing those immortal words, "attention in the compound".

I have no doubt that many lessons were learned through the last deployment. One of the most important lessons was that of the importance of teamwork. It is amazing what can be accomplished when people work together.

This same lesson is valid when it comes to our faith. Many people try to emphasize the differences they have with others. They simply want to take care of themselves. Their point of view is the only acceptable way.

Obviously, a person's religion is a very personal issue. It should be. We feel strongly about our spiritual convictions and we should. However, the unifying thread of all matters of faith is the ability to love and care unconditionally for our fellow human being.

I saw that care and concern for fellow unit members at Gulfport. Long hours and difficult conditions took their toll physically, but everyone seemed to want help each other in whatever way they could. Isn't this what faith demands from us?

It is my hope that many of us will have learned this very lesson. Everyone needs to help, encourage, and support each other. This is the way of love, this is the way of faith. The Scriptures put it this way, "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason with your neighbor,....you shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19: 17-18, RSV).

With God's help you can do it! You have already demonstrated this truth in Gulfport.

Capt. Mittuch joins 513th ACG family

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

Capt. Steve Mittuch, chief of operations training for the 513th Air Control Group, is one of the latest members of the newly formed associate AWACS program here.

Mittuch will fly as an air surveillance officer for the group.

During a recent interview, Mittuch talked about his role as chief of training for the 513th. He said he would be publishing initial training goals and laying out training processes to bring people on board and ensuring they have complied with flying prerequisites relative to life support, altitude chamber among other projects.

"Getting their [513th members] training established and starting it up with the active-duty wing" will be part of the job, Mittuch said. "With other recurring requirements, we're looking at flying approximately two to three days a month.

Born and raised in a military environment, Mittuch had a very good idea what military life is all about prior to



Capt. Steve Mittuch

joining the Air Force. His father, a retired chief master sergeant, was stationed at numerous bases prior to retiring outside of Robins AFB, Ga. "Puerto Rico was very

exiting as a young teen-ager," Mittuch said. "The island environment, beaches and fishing were very attractive to me," he said. "As an adult, one of the most challenging assignments I've had was serving in the U.S. Peace Corps for two years after I graduated from college," Mittuch said.

Mittuch is a 1984 graduate of the University of Georgia. He went to Officer Training School for his commission in 1988. Stationed at Hill AFB, Utah, for his first tour, Mittuch was assigned to the 729th Tactical Control Squadron as a weapons controller for three years.

From there he went to Osan AB, Korea, for a one year remote tour as a command and control officer. Mittuch last served with the 963rd Airborne Air Control Squadron as an air surveillance officer. Mittuch joined the 513th in March 1996.

Mittuch is married to the former Cinde Meadows.

Change eases participation rescheduling

Air Force reservists assigned to units are now allowed more freedom to reschedule their unit training assemblies and make up for missed training opportunities.

These changes are part of new procedures included in Air Force Manual 36-8001, which went into effect March 1.

Procedures in Air Force Regulation 35-41, Volume 2, and Air Force Reserve/Air Reserve Personnel Center Regulation 3541, Volume 2, governing participation and training procedures, were superseded or combined into the new manual.

"For the most part, the changes are good for reservists," said Master Sgt. Lori D. Albrecht, unit orderly room clerk for the 952nd Reserve Support Squadron at Robins. "The new changes allow them to reschedule a missed UTA for anytime during the same fiscal year, instead of having to make it up within what we call the 60-day window -- 30 days on each side of the scheduled UTA.

"Reservists will have more latitude and flexibility in adjusting their civilian work schedules to permit them to perform their annual training and meet mandatory requirements," Albrecht said. "Lifting the time restrictions for rescheduling UTAs and equivalent training is a definite plus for unit reservists and their civilian employers," she said.

Albrecht pointed out that changes in participation and training procedures also prohibits the use of duty days to travel. "These adjustments will ensure people don't misuse training time to get to and from assignments," she said.

Unit reservists are normally required to perform one weekend per month (24 days) and an additional 15-day annual tour assignment to get credit for a good year. Some reservists, such as aircrew members, serve as much as three times the minimum requirement.

Unit orderly rooms have more details on how these changes affect reservists. (AFRES News Service)

Giving blood is a way to show you care

by Dave Mugg
507th Executive Officer

I've talked before about what the Oklahoma Blood Institute does for the community. I've also talked about the benefits that we in the 507th get from donating. But I've never mentioned the unique role that the Tinker population, as a whole, performs. When the OKC bomb went off last April 19, there were over 1,000 units available within three hours from the OBI centers at five other centers in Oklahoma. There probably isn't another city

in the world the size of Oklahoma City that could have met this emergency out of existing stocks.

Part of this is because of the giving from Tinker people. We give between 8-9 percent of the total contribution to OBI.

In tribute, and to say "Thanks," a contribution at an OBI drive ON BASE this summer will get you a special T-Shirt. This will be given at one designated drive for each unit. Our time is the June UTA (8 June).

For your information, I have other on-base drives and dates where this T-shirt is given. It will NOT be given at the centers, even though you give in the unit name.

Exercise takes unit members to task behind the lines



When a simulated fire took out the command section, troops evacuated to a backup location to resume operations during the "war". (Photo by TSgt. Stan Paregien)

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might need help. We learned about things we can do better next time and what is expected or needed for next time," Forrest added.

Many people went out of their way, and out of their job "box" to help other team members when the war started wearing down the troops. Some people were "killed" and taken to the casualty collection point. This put more pressure on remaining personnel to get the job done, no matter what.

"It was a great feeling to see the lower ranking personnel support and offer each other additional help beyond their expected duties," said TSgt. Debora Tilschner from the 507th XP office.

Many unseen faces stepped up to ensure the job got done."

One area that was critical to keeping the troops going was the food service. Personnel from the chaplain's office, public affairs and the plans and programs shops assisted food workers in getting food prepared and served hot to the troops at various hours of the day and night.

"We want to thank all the folks who helped us for all the wonderful support they provided throughout the week," said TSgt. Debrah Kidd of Colony, OK.

The steamy heat of Mississippi added to each reservist's tension and fatigue level, but it is this type of realistic training that helps



MSgt. Terry Tunender takes a water break at Gulfport.

(Photo by TSgt. Stan Paregien)

everyone prepare themselves mentally and physically for a real war.

"We went through a grueling exercise at Gulfport. Many lessons were learned and the exercise pointed to the fact that we have a long way to go in preparation for the ORI in March of 1997. From the Wing Plans Division we want to pass on some of the information we gained from the deployment," said Major Greg Phillips.

"I encourage each member of the 507th to review unit plans in order to make themselves more knowledgeable in their part of the "Big Picture," Phillips said.

"First, despite the way it looked, we do have written guidance for all units in the way we do things. I encourage all commanders to review the Wing Omnibus, the Wing Mobility Plan 10-402, and the Wing Deployment Plan 10-403. You have been given copies of these plans and we expect you to get the information out to the lowest levels of your organization. We have gone to great lengths to make these plans usable and a source for how to do business in the 507th.

Phillips said, "It does no good if you fail to share the information and if you do not insist that all levels of your organization review and change the plan to make it work for them."

Overall, unit officials praised the 507th effort stating the 507th knows how to get the job done.



Aircrew members go through the decontamination line before returning home.

(Photo by TSgt. Stan Paregien)

The "Enemy" is written in the script

*Story and Photos by
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The success of 507th's March 1997 Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) depends on people, their skills and readiness to respond to a variety of situations. Another factor for its success is the team that scripts and executes the plays for field personnel to react to during the Operational Readiness Exercises (ORE).

The Combat Training Team (CTT) plays a key role in the success of training the men and women of the 507th Wing during the ORE.

The CTT at Gulfport, Miss. was lead by Lt. Col. Rich Jones, advisor to the commander, and tasked with building an exercise scenario package that would be realistic, yet challenging enough to provide depth of training and cover all situations the unit would face if tasked to perform its mission at another base or country during a war.

The true test of any military unit is its ability to operate, fight and survive during times of war. This test is first given in a controlled scenario with Wing leadership playing an active roll; then eventually given in the form of a formal inspection (ORI) for a final determination of a unit's mission readiness.

During the ORE in Gulfport, the CTT Headquarters, Exercise Control Center (ECC), was located across the street from the main entrance point to the "play area." Members of the CTT worked around the clock pulling 12 hours shifts. The CTT command post acts as a higher headquarters, host nation support, lateral support (simulated local military bases), or any other agency not physically under the control of the deployed unit commander.

Staffed with specialists from various career fields in the unit, the CTT's job is to initiate scenarios, evaluate the reactions of the players in the field and offer on-the-spot suggestions to the players for improvement.

"This is not a negative situation," Jones said, "but an environment to find and correct mistakes before the ORI, or a real-world deployment when the response really counts."

A well-written script is a key element for any play or movie to be successful. For the ORE to be successful, the script must be arranged with samplings of what a unit would face during times of war. A well-written script will allow the strengths and

weaknesses of a unit to surface at a time when they can be noted/corrected prior to the formal inspection.

The script is called the Master Simulated Events List (MSEL). Writing the script is half the challenge, the other half is coordinating the events, executing and staying with the itinerary of the script with little or no ad-lib.

"Our job, as specialists in our fields," said MSgt. Denise Weeks, management assistant of 507th Civil Engineer Squadron, "is to

provide a realistic simulation for the men and women practicing in the field."

This required the input of all members on the CTT who have ownership of their respective inputs of the script and coordinating them with other member's inputs to produce an effective, well-rounded scenario package that would provide samples of situations that unit members would encounter if actually deployed in a real-world conflict. The script is coordinated, then written in 12 hour blocks.

"It was a great learning experience for us as well and allowed us to see the big picture," Weeks said

"My overall impression of the wing's performance was good," Jones said. "I think they did a great job and showed improvement in all areas we've practiced they got better at all the new things by improving their processes throughout the exercise," he said.



Lt. Col. Rich Jones works on the "script" to continue the war.



The "enemy" plans out the list of events that will give the unit samples of what they would encounter in a real-world situation and the ORI.

Reservists bring Christmas in April

*Story and Photos by
2nd Lt. Walter Jacques
507 CLSS Unit Public Affairs
Representative*

On April 20 several members of the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron and the 552nd Air Control Wing



CMSgt. Keith Crall preparing molding.

combined forces in a joint exercise of sorts. The mission was not a military mission, but one of community service. In cooperation with **Christmas in April OKC**, the Air Force personnel spent the day completely refurbishing the home of an elderly widow in Southwest Oklahoma City.

Actual planning and work on the project began weeks in advance, with SMSgt. Stan Walker of the CLSS doing most of the coordinating of the project with Cheryl Stefanel of **Christmas in April OKC**. Lists of items to be accomplished were matched with specialists, and the logistics for the day's many activities were all mapped out well ahead of time. Some advance work and prepping, such as removal of the old siding, scraping, surveying of various damage and needs, etc., were done the day before the entire group assembled to ensure that everything would be ready to start on time.

Then the big day started. It was amazing to see over 30 people setting out together with the single goal of making the project a huge success. The level of activity was intense, a blur of teams scurrying about their assigned task with diligence.

The day began at 7:30 a.m. with teams forming up and creating game plans.

Teams had been designated ahead of time to perform numerous specific tasks: indoor painting, outdoor painting, hanging siding, door repair, moving furniture out of and back into rooms, mowing the lawn, and more. There were people sawing the wooden siding and moulding strips, hanging the siding, scraping, painting, caulking, with teams following each others progress around the house.

Thanks to Air Force training and civilian skills that many of the reservists already possessed, many jobs that a homeowner would normally need to have a contractor do were done by qualified personnel. CMSgt. Keith Crall of the CLSS owns a construction firm in private life. He provided the bulk of the carpentry skills and tools without which the project probably wouldn't have succeeded.

SMSgt. Larry Jobe provided quality craftsmanship in hanging doors perfectly and installing locks, and intricately chiseling out the notches for the hinges and other door hardware. Maj. Tom Solinski, an engineer, made some incredibly complex angled cuts on 2x4s and 4x4s to make a new front porch and railing that fit together like a fine puzzle.

Other members hung a brand new garage door, not a job that every homeowner would want to tackle. Some other construction workers repaired the badly damaged concrete sidewalk. (Twice, actually, because in the excitement, somebody stepped in the newly poured concrete.) And many used leadership and decision-making skills to ensure that the mission was accomplished without a

hitch. This was a day when numerous skills were obviously handy.

It's important to note, however, that not all of the jobs needed to be filled by skilled personnel. The project was open to any able-bodied participant. The lawn was mowed, old awnings were washed, and EVERYTHING was painted. None of it required a 9-level or resident schooling. In fact, all that was needed for most of the work was a sense of community and the willingness to help. And willing they were. Most of the personnel on the job put in a 12-hour day, not leaving until after sundown. The last of the locks were installed on the front door after 9 p.m., and the rental van that carried supplies from the Christmas in April warehouse was finally returned at about 9:30. And the job really was done. All of it.

There was no reward other than the smiling face of the homeowner, who couldn't have gotten her home repaired any other way, and the satisfaction of having made the community just a little better off: a little safer, a little warmer, and with a little bit more of a sense of community. But, somehow that's enough.



SMSgt. Joe Tytanic



CMSgt. Keith Crall, SMSgt. Stan Walker, MSgt. Julia Cherry, MSgt. Alan King, SMSgt. Larry Jobe, 2Lt. Walter Jacques and Capt. Bryan Runion proudly pose in front of the refurbished house.

June Schedule of Events

Date/Time	Meetings, Etc.	Location
Fri, 07 June		
1300	Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg	Bldg 1043 Conf Rm
1415	Pre-UTA First Sgt Mtg	Bldg 1043 TBA

Sat, 08 June

As Designated by Unit	Sign In	As designated by Unit
0730-0930	Newcomers In-Processing	Bldg 1043, Rm 201C
0800-1600	Ed&Tng Open/Walk-in Service	Bldg 1043, Rm 206
0900-1000	3AOX1 Training	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1000-1030	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
1000	Mobility Rep Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1015	Escorts Pick Up Newcomers	Bldg 1030, Class room 1
1030	First Sgts Meeting	Dining Hall, Sun Room
1230-1600	AF Trainers Course - Day 1	Bldg 1030, Classroom 3
1300-1400	IG period w/LtCol Despinoy	Bldg 1067, Gp CC office
1400-1500	Mandatory EST Managers Tng	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
As designated by Unit	Sign Out	As designated by Unit

Sun, 09 June

As Designated by Unit	Sign In	As Designated by Unit
0730-0930	Ed&Tng Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043, Rm 206
0745-1500	Initial Disaster Prep Tng	Bldg 1115, Prime Beef
0800-1100	Newcomer's Ancil Trng Ph I	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
0800-1600	AF Trainers Course - Day 2	Bldg 1030, Classroom 3
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
0900-1000	Supervisor Safety Training	Bldg 1030, LG Conf Rm
0930-1630	Ed&Tng Open by Apt x47075	Bldg 1043, Rm 206
1000-1100	Unit Career Advisors Mtg	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1200-1600	Newcomer's Ancil Trng Ph II	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
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
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HOT TOPICS

- ✓ **Slim, trim, and ready for weigh-in?**
This weekend, your unit will tell you where and when!
- ✓ **Sun. Protestant Service 0730 has changed location from Bldg 1030, LG Conf Room to Bldg 1030, Classroom 2**
Everyone is invited!
- ✓ **Newcomers Orientation and Newcomers Ancillary Training**
have been moved to Bldg 1030, Rm 217/Classroom 1

Training Planner

Long Range Schedule

June

02-08	507 CF AT (Cannon AFB)
03-06	Spring ACC CC Conf.
08	UTA 08-09; Blood Drive WING CC CALL
08-16	SPS Patriot Express
08-22	CLSS B-52 AT/Barksdale
08-22	CLSS ENG AT/Nellis (B-1B)
10-14	AFRES SP Conference (Robins AFB)
15-29	CLSS B-1 AT/Ellsworth
21-29	US TRANSCON Rodeo
22-28	SPS AT/Camp Gruber, OK
29-30	SPS Off UTA
29	KC-135 AT/Hickam (29 Jun-13 Jul)

July

12	NCOLDP Graduation
12-15	SE Program Evaluation
13	UTA 13-14
13-27	CLSS AT (S&T) Mildenhall, England
20	72 APS AT 20 Jul-03 Aug Kadena AB, JA
27	CLSS AT (S&T) 27 Jul-10 Aug
31	Change of Command- Navy Wing

Aug

04-10	CF AT (Cannon AFB)
10	UTA 10-11 Med Sq AT 10-23 (Sheppard AFB, TX)
31	72 APS AT until 14 Sept (Travis AFB, CA)

Sept

14	UTA 14-15 Wing family day
14	CLSS Dining-Out
26-27	Joint Civil Leader Flight (Langley AFB, VA)

July Schedule of Events

Date/Time	Meetings, Etc.	Location
Fri, 12 Jul		
1300	Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg	Bldg 1043 ConfRm
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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 through out 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.

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 monthly Newcomers Ancillary Training, at 1315 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 201 SE.

Ancillary Training

Newcomers Ancillary Training

Newcomers Ancillary Training Phase I are conducted **monthly** on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1030, Classroom 1 (Room 217). Unit training managers are responsible for ensuring their new personnel are scheduled to attend within 90 days of their first UTA. If you have any questions, contact the Education and Training Flight at x47075.

Time	Subject	OPR
0800-1000	EO 2000/Drug & Alcohol	SL
1000-1030	Base Populace	CEX
1030-1100	Local Conditions-Traffic	SE
1100-1200	Lunch Break	
1200-1300	Laws of Armed Conflict	JA
1300-1400	UCMJ/Ethics	JA
1400-1500	Counter Intel & Local Threats	SP
1500-1530	Security Awareness (SATE)	507 CF

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 monthly Newcomers Ancillary Training at 1230 on Sunday of the UTA.

Did You Know?

You probably already know you can take CLEP and DANTES credit-by-examination tests at no charge. In fact, as one of your reserve benefits, you have access to the resources of active duty Education Centers in addition to the services provided by the 507th Education and Training Flight. For instance, you are fully eligible to take classes offered on military installations by civilian colleges and universities.

Even if you can't attend traditional college classes, there are "external degree programs" offered by many accredited

institutions, which require you to take few, if any courses actually on their campus. Instead, you can complete degree requirements through attending local colleges, taking credit-by-examination tests, completing independent study courses, and via various methods of distance learning formats. If you are eligible for the G.I. Bill, there are lots of courses taught through non-traditional means for which you can receive financial assistance.

Want to learn more about educational opportunities and benefits available to you? Call or come by the 507th Education & Training Flight. To find out how to reach us, read the bottom of this page!

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If your SSAN ends with a 5 or 0, you have until 30 June 96 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.

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Q. What if a trainee exceeds the CDC volume completion time limit established by the supervisor?

A. Supervisor talks to trainee to determine reason for exceeding schedule, determines appropriate actions. For example:

- Ensures trainee knows the schedule
- Schedules time to help trainee who is having difficulty understanding the subject
- Ensures trainee understands importance of timely completion and consequences of failing to stay on schedule, which may include:
 - Early sign-in or delayed sign-out in order to do remedial review training with trainer or supervisor
 - Being redlined for unsatisfactory participation due to failure to successfully complete training requirements
 - Disciplinary action if appropriate
- Document counseling on AF Form 623a, including as a minimum:
 - Trainee's Strengths
 - Areas Needing Improvement
 - Attitude
 - Ways to Improve

Q. What if a trainee fails their CDC Course Examination on the first try?

A. A commander's evaluation must be conducted and documented to include the same areas listed in the answer to the previous question. Also, the supervisor must conduct review training and help trainee prepare to re-test.

Q. What if a trainee fails their CDC Course Examination on the second attempt?

A. Another commander's evaluation must be conducted and documented. In addition, the unit commander must initiate the following actions:

- Remove the trainee from training for failure to progress (enter into Training Status Code "T" via AF Form 2096) and initiate action to:
 - Request a waiver of the CDC (through Training channels), or
 - Initiate action to separate the trainee, or
 - Request involuntary retraining into a less technical AFSC, or
 - Request trainee be returned to a previously held AFSC.

If you have further questions on these issues, contact your Unit Training Manager.

Unit bids farewell to Lt. Col. Charlie Sublett

*By Maj. Don Klinko
507th Wing Public Affairs*

In a ceremony held on Saturday of the April UTA, one of the 507th Wing original Air Force Reserve fighter pilots—the last of the “Thud Drivers”—retired from active service. Lt. Col. Charles M. Sublett had completed over 23 years of Reserve and extended active-duty in the U.S. Air Force. He had served the 507th, since shortly after its activation at Tinker AFB in 1972, as a pilot, flight commander, Operational Support Flight commander, and squadron commander of the 465th during its radical mission conversion from an F-16 fighter squadron to a KC-135R air refueling squadron. His last assignment was that of vice wing commander. As always, Sublett felt the need to distill all that experience and extract its essence. “Actually, what all this means is that I served as general advisor, legal counsel, therapist and problem solver. And I did, on occasion, win a Top Gun award over the years,” Sublett said.

Among the special guests at Colonel Sublett’s retirement ceremony were:

Senator James Inhofe (personal friend and staunch supporter of the 507th)

Colonel John Russell (retired longtime 507th member)

Lt. Col. Byron Kimball (retired longtime 507th member)

Ann Sublett (wife) and two daughters

Lt Col Sublett’s mother

Sublett, known to the Okies as Arlo, was born in Edmond, Okla., but spent most of his childhood in Tulsa. He graduated from Tulsa’s Kelly High School in 1964. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Brown University in 1968. Upon graduation, the colonel was commissioned a second lieutenant through Brown University’s Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps detachment.

He returned to Oklahoma’s Vance AFB for undergraduate pilot training, from which he graduated in September 1969. Following upgrade training in the F-100 “Super Saber” at Luke AFB, Ariz., Sublett went where most fighter pilots went at that time—Southeast Asia. He served a 17-month combat tour with the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing, then based at Phan Rang Air Base,

Republic of Vietnam. During his tour there, Sublett flew 288 combat missions in the F-100 aircraft at the height of the Southeast Asia air war. The missions included interdiction and close air support in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, and they included combat strikes flown in support of the 1970 Sanctuary Offensive against Viet Cong strongholds in Cambodia’s “Parrot’s Beak” region.

It was during his tour in Vietnam that Sublett picked up the nickname of Arlo. It stemmed from his being the only man in the Phan Rang squadron from Oklahoma, and the fact that he liked to listen to Country & Western music. Arlo Guthrie was very

popular at the time, and sort of a Country & Western/folk rock crossover artist with some Oklahoma connections. Every pilot had to have a nickname, and Sublett was dubbed Arlo.

Following his return to the United States in 1971, Sublett flew T-29 navigator training aircraft at Mather AFB, Calif., for about six months. While he had decided he wanted to become a lawyer, he also knew he wanted to stay with the Air Force and flying. The Palace Chase program, which allowed him early separation from extended active duty on the condition that he join a Reserve unit, enabled him to do both.

Sublett came to the just-activated 507th Tactical Fighter Group in May 1972, then commanded by Lt. Col. (later Brigadier General) Jim Wade. His first squadron commander was Major (later Major General) Roger Scheer. Sublett recalled his earliest experiences with the 507th:

“I was supposed to go almost immediately to F-105 school at McConnell AFB, Kan., but they slipped the date as the program was being turned over to the Air National Guard. They finally scheduled me in for August 1972, but that’s when my law school started. I couldn’t miss the first 10 weeks of a semester. So I talked it over with Maj. Roger Scheer, and he decided I’d had enough fighter time so we could do the transition training with local check rides. We didn’t have two-place trainer F-105s,

so we flew separate aircraft with Scheer flying off my tail as an instructor pilot. Everything went fine, and we got the job done right with minimal fuss—just like the Okies always do.”

General Wade remembered the episode too, although from a different view point.

“I hired him all right,” Wade recalled, “But the first time I saw him walking toward an F-105 in a flight suit, I wanted to know why we were letting some kid playing hooky from junior high school fly a fighter. When I saw he had a mustache, I figured most seventh-graders couldn’t grow one, so it was probably all right. Sublett soon proved he was the best of the best.”

And he went on proving that until the day he retired.

Best of luck Charlie, we don’t need to tell you you’re always welcome at the 507th. We do need to tell you you’ll always be the model of a 507th “Sierra Hotel” Okie.



Lt. Col. Charlie Sublett

What's expected of Air Force people

By Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman
Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force

Lately, there's been a lot of discussion about the renewed emphasis on standards and accountability within our Air Force, to include the concern that we're fast becoming a one-mistake Air Force.

I want to help set the record straight on these issues by providing you my perspective on what we expect of Air Force people.

Let me say at the outset that the senior leadership realizes that our people are the strength of the Air Force. It's the outstanding active duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian members of our team who make us the most respected air and space force in the world. You are the foundation of the combat capability that we provide the nation and its theater commanders to defend America's security interests around the world.

As a group, you are the best educated, most motivated, most innovative people we've ever had in uniform.

Many have stayed with us through the turmoil of demobilization, restructure, base closures, and mission realignments. We're fortunate to have all of you on our team.

I'm particularly proud of how you've stepped up to the increased pace of contingency operations driven by the unstable post-Cold War environment. When our nation has called, you've responded magnificently -- to relieve human suffering, to demonstrate American resolve, to compel rogue regimes to comply with United Nations mandates, to force warring parties to cease hostilities and to enforce tenuous peace accords. In doing so, you've earned the praise and respect of theater commanders and national leaders alike.

On the other hand, we've seen a number of indications that in all the Services, we have accessed people who don't understand the unique requirements of our military profession.

In my view, it is critical that all Air Force members know and understand these requirements. The fact of the matter is that the Air Force exists to fight and win America's wars. We are entrusted with the security of our great nation in a

still-dangerous world. The tools of our trade are lethal. We engage in operations that involve risk to human life and national treasure. And we all have voluntarily taken an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States.

Now, because of what we do, our standards must be higher than those that prevail in society at large. The American people expect this of us, and properly so. In the end, our behavior must continue to merit their trust, their respect, and their support.

So, it's imperative that Air Force commanders and supervisors ensure their troops understand the requirements of our military profession -- and measure up to them. Together, we must insist on disciplined and principled behavior by our troops. When an individual fails to meet the higher standards expected of military professionals, then we must hold him or her accountable, and document the offense in their records.

We must also be consistent in our disciplinary and personnel actions concerning such individuals. If an officer receives a letter of reprimand, then I would not expect to see a fire-walled Officer Performance Report covering the time frame when the LOR was administered. Nor would I expect a decoration or choice assignment to immediately follow that LOR.

In the end, ours is not a "have it your way" kind of air force. Service members cannot be allowed to pick and choose which aspects of Air Force standards, Air Force Instructions, Department of Defense directives, or the Uniform Code of Military Justice they will comply with. That would undermine the good order and discipline that's so crucial to any fighting outfit.

I will tell you straight out that if you are unwilling to comply with Air Force standards, to embrace the values of our profession, to meet the unique requirements of military service or to accept the resulting limits on individual behavior, then you need to get out of the Air Force.

Our responsibility for safeguarding America is far too important -- it's just too critical -- for us to allow it to be jeopardized by those who are unwilling to measure up to the profession of arms. I'm convinced, though, that those individuals in our service who fall into this category are few in number.

Instead, the vast majority of Air Force people are dedicated professionals who strive to live up to our service's core values.

They understand that integrity is essential in a military organization where we count on fellow members to do their part, and that honesty is the glue that binds the members of an outfit into a cohesive team. Air Force professionals realize that the purpose of our profession is too important for its practitioners to violate tech data, to pencil-whip training requirements or to falsify documents. They readily take responsibility for their actions, and exhibit the courage to do the "right" thing. In the end, they always exhibit the utmost in principled behavior, off-duty as well as on.

Air Force professionals place service before self. They willingly do good of their unit, the Air Force, and the nation.

They also embrace what Gen. Sir John Hackett has called the "unlimited liability clause" associated with our military profession. That is, if called upon to do so, they are willing to risk their lives in defense of our nation, its democratic values, and its citizens.

Furthermore, professionals in our service strive to excel in all that they do. They understand that our responsibility for America's security carries with it the moral imperative to seek excellence in all our military activities. So, they work hard to develop their skills, and seek to become the very best at what they do. They routinely give their all to each and every task -- no matter how small or seemingly insignificant -- because that's the way of the professional.

It's not a "one-mistake" Air Force.

In recent months, there has been growing concern over the perceived development of a "one-mistake Air Force." I will tell you that those individuals who strive to do it right; who seek to be dedicated Air Force professionals -- day in and day out -- need

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Parents vital in keeping kids off drugs

By Bo Joyner

A long-time combatant in the war on drugs, the Air Force Reserve is taking the battle to a new front by offering parents drug prevention training at the unit level.

"There are really two sides to the war on drugs -- the supply side and the prevention side," said Col. Fred Stovel, former chief of the Counterdrug Support Division at Headquarters AFRES here. "This latest initiative is just another way of hitting the prevention side."

Before changing jobs within the headquarters' directorate of operations recently, Stovel played a vital role in getting the Reserve involved in prevention training for parents.

"We realize that a reservist who finds out his 14-year old daughter is having problems with drugs is going to have a hard time concentrating at work. His mind's going to be somewhere else," Stovel said.

Bill Oliver knows first-hand how devastating it can be for a father to learn that his child is using drugs.

"My daughter got into trouble with drugs in 1978, and we almost lost her," he said. "I remember thinking at the time that I had had some kind of training for everything I had done in my life up to that point, but I hadn't had any kind of training to help me deal with this."

That's why Oliver developed the Parent to Parent Prevention Program, one of two training systems being used by the Reserve to train parents at the unit level. The other is called Preparing for the Drug-Free Years.

"America's war on drugs will be won or lost on millions of tiny battlefields ... the homes of America," Oliver said. "Arming" parents to fight this war is what Parent to Parent and Preparing for the Drug-Free Years are all about. Thirty-five volunteers from Reserve units throughout the country recently attended the first Preparing for the Drug Free Years training at McChord AFB,

Wash., and 12 reservists attended the initial Parent to Parent training session at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.

"I participated in this seminar because I care about what happens to the children of America," said Tech. Sgt. Norma P. Foster, an information manager from the 507th Wing, Tinker AFB, Okla., who attended Preparing for the Drug-Free Years at McChord. "I am now better prepared to effectively instruct parents on using the necessary skills to help their children be the best."

"We want the volunteers who go through the training to spread the word to anybody who is interested when they get back to their unit," said Capt. Phyllis Bynum, demand reduction coordinator for the Reserve.

Oliver said it's critical now more than ever for parents to learn the skills to combat drug use by their children.

"Teen drug use is way up. Federal funding for drug prevention programs is way down," he said. "Parents are the only realistic solution to the rising drug use crisis."

"Of all the adults who interact with teens each day, parents have, by far, the most time with their teens as individuals. Parents need to know how to use that time meaningfully."

Oliver went on to say that teens most frequently use drugs during times when parents are in charge, weeknights and weekends, not during school hours.

"Parents need to know how to make rules and set family standards for their teens," he

said. "Parents also need help learning how to communicate with their teens. Statistics show that parents who talk with their teens dramatically increase the chances for their drug-free passage into adulthood."

While firm dates haven't been established, Bynum said more training classes will be offered later this year. People interested in attending may call her at (912) 3271194 or DSN 497-1194. (AFRES News Service from Citizen Airman magazine)



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not be concerned about a "one-mistake Air Force," because it doesn't exist for them.

Air Force leaders understand that their people will make honest mistakes in the course of their military endeavors. These mistakes are a normal part of our people gaining experience as they grow and progress in their careers. When they commit honest mistakes, our troops must acknowledge them, take the necessary corrective action and then press on.

On the other hand, when an individual exhibits personal negligence, misbehavior or disobedience, that is not a mistake—it's a crime. And crimes are matters of serious

concern for superiors. Thus, if a service member willfully ignores Air Force standards, falsifies reports, disobeys a superior, engages in inappropriate off-duty behavior or the like, then we must immediately take the appropriate disciplinary action. For such an individual, our Service may well become a "one-offense Air Force."

I count on commanders to do the right thing.

In the end, it's the responsibility of our commanders and supervisors in the field to sort all this out. They must deal with

individuals on a case by case basis. A commander's loyalty to an individual, who does not demonstrate loyalty to the Air Force as an institution, is misplaced and is wrong.

As we approach the dawn of the 21st century, I am convinced it will be the century of aerospace power. It will be an exciting time for our Air Force as the air and space capabilities we provide the nation grow in importance. I am confident that our dedicated professionals will continue to provide the American people the kind of Air Force they deserve -- a ready, innovative, and disciplined force with a set of values and standards that make us all proud to serve.

Engineers spearhead Bosnia support missions

*By SSgt. Shawn Sones
507th Civil Engineer Squadron
Unit Public Affairs Representative*

Recently, several members of the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron, working with and through HQ AFRES and other 507th Wing units, led the coordinated effort of deploying 28 Air Force Reserve personnel to Taszar, Hungary as part of Operation Joint Endeavor.

Taszar (pronounced Tay-zahr) Air Base, Hungary, located 175 miles south of Budapest, was the home for MIG-21 fighter planes before the fall of the Iron Curtain. Due to neglect caused by severe defense and budget cuts since the breakup of the former Soviet Union, the tiny base has become dilapidated and rundown, although still potentially usable. In spite of these conditions and harsh weather, Taszar was the primary

staging point for the bulk of the U.S. Army troops on their way to Bosnia-Herzegovina. It is also the major supply base for that theatre of operations.

HQ AFRES sent down the tasking for a 28 member team, made up of Civil Engineer and Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel from throughout the Air Force Reserve, to deploy for a 135-day tour of duty; the 507 CES volunteered and was chosen to organize, and the 507th Wing was designated as the staging point for the mission. At first, there wasn't even available airlift, tools, or equipment, nor were there specific requirements or guidelines, but CE immediately leapt into action. First, airlift had to be arranged, not only to get the team there but to return them in August, as well. This was secured through the 465th Air Refueling Squadron, primarily Lt. Col. Michael Tucker, Maj. James Jackson, TSgt. Gary Bristol, and TSgt. Steve Switzer.

Next, schedules and itineraries, checklists, orders, records, and other documentation had to be prepared and processed; Capt. Timothy Collins, SMSgt. Charlotte Epps, MSgt. Cynthia Bischoff, SSgt. Kenneth Sarsycki, and Mr. Jake Hauther from the Mission Support Squadron/Military Personnel Flight, stepped up to make sure all the details were worked out, including any last-minute discrepancies that might (and did) arise were corrected before deployment.

Financial Management Officer Mark Scoles made sure all team members had received adequate advance pay, and MSgt. Sachiko Keene of the Medical Squadron processed and cleared their immunization and medical records. All of

these actions were initiated and coordinated by CE personnel: Maj. Renee Lane (CE Commander), SMSgt. John Cameron, MSgt. Denise Weeks, MSgt. Vincent Molzahn, and TSgt. Mike McCarty.

TSgt. Andy May, CE Supply/Material Control, assembled a team equipment tool kit and load lists, and delivered these to the aircraft. This was by no means a small task, organizing and building a set for personnel in four separate AFSCs, including special bunker gear and self-contained breathing apparatus for fire fighters.

In addition to all of this, transportation had to be procured and provided, as well as billeting, for the team members; again, this was handled by CE, with TSgt. John Lawson and SSgt. Stacey Binkley transporting personnel to various locations for outprocessing.

Originally, the 507th CES was also asked to supply five volunteers from the four different career fields. When this was announced at the February UTA formation, there were several ready and eager volunteers. Due to the very short notice of this tasking, however, only two individuals were selected and designated for actual deployment. SSgt. Bradford Phillips and SSgt. Michael Lewis, both Fire Protection Specialists, departed with the team. They performed fire protection, as well as crash rescue training duties, ensuring continued successful base operation.

This outstanding team effort is another example of the dedication and professionalism of all the men and women of the 507th Wing.

Silver Flag revisited by engineers

*By SSgt. Shawn Sones
507th Civil Engineer Squadron
Unit Public Affairs Representative*

Forty-five members of the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron deployed to Tyndall AFB, Florida, from March 2 to March 8, for Silver Flag training.

Silver Flag provides Air Force Civil Engineer personnel specific, hands-on familiarization and training on contingency

equipment that is generally not available at their home station. Personnel must certify on each piece of equipment, and the training is specifically structured to accomplish this with no distractions.

In the past, this training was called Base Recovery After Attack Training (BRAAT). Personnel would spend a day-and-a-half in around-the-clock training on one or two pieces of equipment with periods in chemical gear, simulated airfield attacks, etc. This often hindered training opportunities and effectiveness.

This was the second deployment of the 507th CES to Silver Flag, the first being in May 1994. On that deployment, the Equipment Section broke the active-duty record in the Rapid Runway Repair (RRR) exercise scenario.

Personnel trained and certified on field and contingency equipment such as field boilers and heaters, field air conditioner and refrigeration units, portable generators and lighting equipment, field and portable shelters and storage facilities, field water purification and decontamination units, and other contingency equipment items that most units (especially Reserve) don't normally have.

It was another highly successful and beneficial deployment for CE.

Air Force Reserve commemorates Operation Sixteen Ton

By Kenneth C. Kan
AFRES Office of History

June 22 marks the 40th anniversary of the first time the Air Force Reserve

decisively demonstrated its ability to carry out sustained operational missions as a by-product of peacetime training.

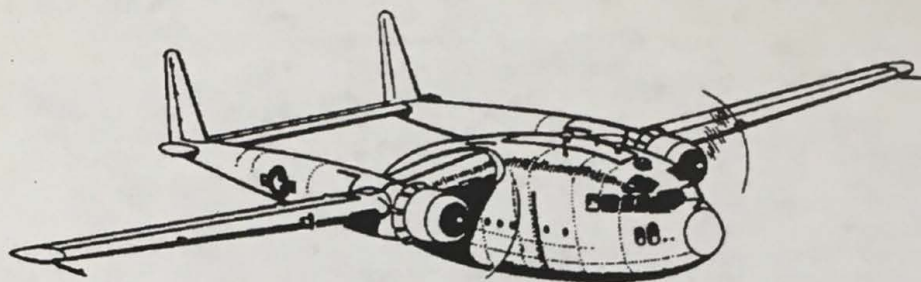
Called Operation Sixteen Ton, the mission lasted through Sept. 15, 1956, and ended with Reserve aircrews flying 164 sorties and airlifting 856,715 pounds of cargo. Back then, that was a huge undertaking for the Reserve. Today, one C-5 transport could complete the task in four trips.

In 1956, the U.S. Coast Guard undertook the responsibility of establishing a series of long range navigation stations in the Caribbean to aid aircraft and surface vessel movements. The Coast Guard requested Air Force airlift support.

Once the Air Force agreed to the proposal, it assigned the mission to the Air

Force Reserve which fell under the operational control of the Continental Air Command. Reserve airlift units from CONAC's 1st, 10th and 14th Air Forces participated.

Ultimately, 12 of the 13 Reserve C-46



C-119

and C-119 airlift wings were involved. The sole exception was 403rd Troop Carrier Wing, Portland Ore., because the unit's distance from the operation's staging location, New York Naval Air Station, Floyd Bennett Field, Brooklyn.

On a daily basis, one to four aircraft departed New York NAS for Miami International Airport, Fla. where the 2585th Air Reserve Flying Center operated the traffic control center. From

Miami, the planes went to either San Juan, Puerto Rico, or San Salvador Air Force Base, Bahamas.

Weather posed the biggest problem as eight flights were canceled due to Hurricane Betsy. The aircraft didn't

encounter any major flying operational or safety problems. Only one mission was canceled.

Operation Sixteen Ton received a great deal of publicity. In addition to individual unit coverage, a film crew from the 1365th Photographic Squadron, Orlando Air Force Base,

Fla., and an NBC mobile radio team, covered the event.

Today, it's commonplace for Air Force reservists to perform operational activities throughout the world. They support United Nations and North Atlantic Treaty Organization-sponsored peacekeeping operations and perform a variety of nation building and humanitarian missions. (AFRES News Service)

Policy makes ART officer extensions more consistent

A new policy for air reserve technician officers makes requesting an extension to their mandatory separation date more consistent for those under different retirement systems.

Under the new policy, ART officers covered by Federal Employees Retirement System may request an extension to the earlier of the following: their 55th birthday with 25 years of creditable service or their minimum retirement age of 57 with 20 years of creditable service. Previously they could request extensions only to their minimum retirement age with 20 years of creditable service.

ART officers covered by the Civil Service Retirement System may request an extension of their mandatory separation date to their 55th birthday with at least 20 years of creditable service.

The new policy was proposed at the ART Career Management Board March 28. The policy is in effect now and will be incorporated in Air Force Reserve Instruction 36-201, ART Officer Extensions to MSDs. (AFRES News Service)

Promote!

Congratulations to the following personnel on their 1 May 96 promotion:

To SRA:

Christopher Converse, APS
Durk Smith, APS
Tanya Rich, CES
James Simmons, CES
Debra Barrett, MED
Erik Strawn, MS

To SSgt:

Stacey Binkley, CES
Marc Halliburton, CES
Robert Darrow, CES
John McElreath, CF
Lowell McKenzie, LSS

To TSgt:

Robert Hammons, CES
Jodie Love, CES
Ronnie Messick, CES

William Morris, CES
Jason Yocum, MSS

To MSgt:

Julia Cherry, CLSS
Barry Shisler, CES



Reserve News

Delinquent bills reported

A program began in April to notify American Express Government (AMEX) card holders with delinquent payments that their accounts will be turned over to credit bureaus for collection.

According to government officials, AMEX has always had the right under the GSA contract to turn delinquent accounts over for collections, but has not been doing this.

From now on, officials state, government card holders with a balance of 90 days past due will first be notified in writing. The letter will state if they allow their account to reach 120 days delinquency status the information will be reported to the credit bureau for collection. Card holders who currently have a balance of 120 days past due will receive a letter first telling them they have 45 days to pay before their information is reported to the credit bureau.

Accounts which are current or delinquent less than 120 days will not be reported to any credit bureaus. If you have extenuating circumstances, contact your AMEX representative or the Government Cardholder Assistance Center at 1-800-492-4922.

Rodeo fund-raiser held

A fund-raiser to support the 507th's AMC Rodeo team will be held this month featuring a raffle for a KC-135 model. Funds raised will help support unit participants of Rodeo 1996 in the purchase of team T-shirts and hats.

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 - MSgt. Garza
405-734-5331

Midwest City - TSgt. Stanley
405-733-9403

Lawton - MSgt. Wright
405-357-2784

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

The KC-135 model was built and donated to the fund-raiser by SSgt. Earl Absher of the Avionics shop. A traditional reservist, Absher said he started working on the model just after the pre-rodeo cookout held May 10, spending a week working on it before going to the unit's May deployment. This year's Rodeo will be held June 22-29 at McChord AFB, Wash. The drawing will be held on June 9, during the weekend drill. Tickets are available for \$1 apiece or six tickets for \$5. To support the Rodeo team, contact your first sergeant or TSgt. Kathy Lowman at Ext. 4-3817.

Sunday services change

The Chaplain's office has announced they are holding short services every unit training activity (UTA) at 7:30 a.m. on Sundays in classroom 2 (flightline side) Building 1030. Services are held at the 72nd APS immediately following the 72nd commander's call each UTA Sunday at approximately 8:30 a.m. This is a new location for services and becomes permanent, effective this month. The Chaplain's staff invites all unit members to attend either service.

Dates set for chevrons wear

The new mandatory wear date for the new style enlisted chevrons is Oct. 1, 1997. When the old style chevrons go away, all E-4s -- senior airmen and sergeants -- will wear the new senior

airman chevrons. Air Force officials said the new mandatory wear date will give suppliers time to stock up, allow people enough time to make the change, and ensure everyone will wear the same chevrons when the Air Force's 50th year starts.

Don't ask base hospital for gas mask inserts

Officials from the 507th Medical Squadron have received complaints from the base hospital Optometry Clinic about reservists coming there to pick-up their gas mask inserts. Officials state reservists should pick up their inserts at the Optometry Clinic only on drill weekends. During the week, the inserts are maintained in the 507th Medical Squadron Records Office and may be picked up there.

In related news, a new contract for purchasing inserts has resulted in a shorter turn-around time for inserts and glasses. Reservists can now expect to receive their inserts in 1 to 2 weeks after ordering, as compared to the previous delay of 6 to 8 weeks.

Security Police selects Merle as new first sergeant

Congratulations to SSgt. (TSgt. select) Bertram Merle for his selection as 507th Security Police Squadron First Sergeant.

Show your Rodeo support

Capt. Jeff Maceligit, 507th Maintenance team OIC for this AMC Rodeo Competition shows off a KC-135 model to be used this weekend as part of local fund-raising activities. The model was made by SSgt. Earl Absher of the Avionics shop to help in the fund-raising effort. See related story on this page. (Photo by TSgt. Stan Paregien)

