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507th Mission: Recruit, train, equip and retain personnel for deployment and support of DOD peacetime and wartime taskings.

Reserve gets dental plan

Starting Oct. 1, reservists will have the option of using a government-sponsored program designed to maintain good dental health and keep war planners smiling.

Some 889,000 members of the Armed Forces Selected Reserve, including about 72,000 reservists in Air Force Reserve Command, can sign up for the voluntary program. Family members are not eligible for the dental plan.

The new program will cost-share premiums, with reservists paying less than \$25 per month for services. Unit AFRC reservists will have premiums deducted from their Unit Training Assembly pay.

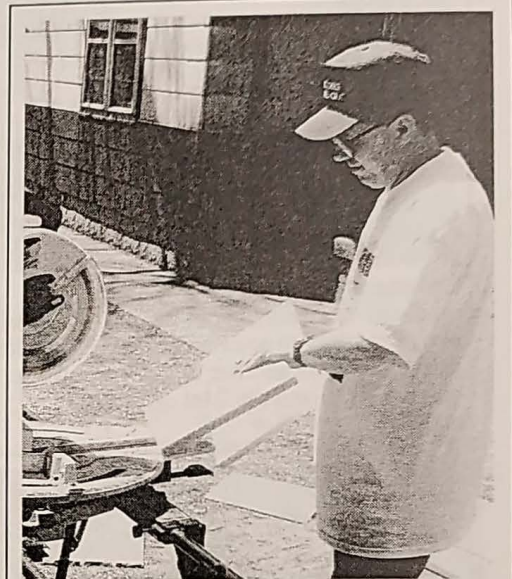
Services will include basic care and treatment; diagnostic, preventative and restorative services; and emergency oral examinations. Treatment will have a \$1,000 annual cap.

During the Persian Gulf War, many reservists were unfit for mobilization

because of poor dental health, which delayed deployment of needed troops. As a result, in the 1996 Defense Authorization Act, Congress directed the Department of Defense to set up a low-cost dental plan for reservists.

The government expects to select by early July a contractor that will provide a network of dentists. Eligible reservists should hear from the contractor by Sept. 1. They should ensure their address is correct in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System because the contractor will use addresses in the DEERS database to notify them.

Under proposed rules, if patients use a dentist within the dental network, the dentist cannot bill them for any charges not paid by the contractor. Patients who use dentists outside the network could see charges in excess of the maximum amount allowed by the contractor. (AFRC News Service)



CMSgt. Keith Crall, from the 507th CLSS, brought his personal tools to help refurbish a local home during the "Christmas in April" program. See story on page 3.

507th hosts first 4th AF Tanker Summit

*By Capt. Mike Keel
507th Operations Group*

The 507th Operations Group hosted the first 4th Air Force Tanker Summit here on base June 24-26.

Sponsored by 4th Air Force headquarters, the summit was the first such gathering of operations group, logistics and plans representatives from all Air Force Reserve Command KC-135 units.

As the recent reorganization of reserve airlift and tanker assets resulted in the assignment of all tanker units solely to 4th Air Force, Brig. Gen. Wallace Whaley, commander of 4th Air Force, and his staff recognized a perfect opportunity to bring together all reserve KC-135 units in a "lean forward" initiative to discuss issues relative to the KC-135 community and allow for the exchange of ideas and viewpoints between the participants. The 41 delegates to the summit attended a general session each morning, then separated into their respective functional areas for the afternoon sessions.

Lt. Col. Dean Despinoy, commander for the 507th Operations Group, hosted the summit and termed it "a great success."

"I'm also excited about the fact that reserve KC-135 units are now united under a single numbered air force within the Air Force Reserve Command. It will give us a greater voice in articulating our desires and concerns to higher levels of command," he said.

With the Air Reserve Component possessing 51% of the operational air refueling capability for the Air Force, 4th Air Force now plays a major role in providing a critical element of air operations world-wide.

Represented at the summit were delegates from Air Mobility Command, United States Air Force Europe, Air Force Reserve Command, 4th Air Force, 434th Air Refueling Wing, Grissom ARB, Ind.; 452nd Air Mobility Wing, March ARB, Calif.; 916th Air Refueling Wing, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.; 927th Air Refueling Wing, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.; 931st Air Refueling Group, McConnell AFB, Kans., and the 940th Air Refueling Wing, McClellan AFB, Calif.

"Readiness Is Our Number One Priority"

McIntosh Sends

By Maj. Gen. Robert McIntosh
Air Force Reserve Commander

The Air Force is transitioning from an air and space force to a space and air force. To remain a viable and credible part of the total force, we will transition as well. We have been flying satellites for several years now and are in the process of assuming new missions and standing up a space operations group in the near future. I believe more units and missions will follow.

Last December, we conducted a space summit to explore options which will allow Air Force Reserve Command to execute the missions of tomorrow. In the months ahead, you will hear more about new space activities in AFRC. This new and exciting mission area is another opportunity for AFRC to be on the cutting edge into the 21st century.



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In-line skating creates safety concerns

By MSgt. Wayne Smith
507th Wing Safety Office

We have all seen them, children and adults alike use the now popular in-line skates for recreation, exercise and as a means of travel.

But for children, moreso than adults, using in-line skates can cause serious injury, especially if proper safety equipment and instructions are not supplied to the child.

Although this sport is a lot of fun, it also accounts for many injuries to children ages 14 and younger. In 1995, hospital emergency rooms across the country treated about 56,000 children ages 14 and younger for in-line skate related injuries and more than 16,000 children for skateboard related injuries.

Most in-line skate related injuries are caused by lack of protective gear, lack of skill or instruction, and risky behavior. Lack of protective gear, poor skateboard maintenance, improper riding surfaces, and inexperience are main factors for skateboard related injuries. Also, many young children have not developed the necessary balance, coordination and reaction time that skateboard riding requires. To keep in-line skating and skate boarding safe and fun, the Oklahoma Safe Kids Coalition, a program of Children's Hospital of Oklahoma recommends that children follow these safety guidelines:

- * Always wear protective gear: a helmet, elbow pads, wrist guards, and knee pads.
 - * Take lessons from professional instructors or other knowledgeable adults.
 - * Skate or ride responsibly and carefully, always following the "rules of the road."
 - * Always control speed and turns, and learn how to brake and stop quickly.
 - * Do not skate or ride in the street.
 - * Skate or ride on smooth, paved surfaces. Do not skate or ride on uneven or broken pavement, water, oil, sand, gravel or dirt.
 - * Stay on the right side of sidewalks, paths, and trails. Pass pedestrians, cyclists, and others on the left.
 - * Avoid skating or riding at night.
 - * Do not wear headphones or anything else that may interfere with hearing or vision.
 - * Stay alert.
- Enjoy the summer months, and help to keep your children safe by giving them the guidance they need.



Buckle up for your safety



Members of the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron and 552nd Computer Systems Group pose in partnership

in front of a home they refurbished during this year's "Christmas in April" program.

507th CLSS brings "Christmas in April" to area elderly

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

From fixing jet fighter aircraft to refurbishing homes in their communities, 12 members of the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron (CLSS) apply their talent and training from the Air Force Reserve to give something back to the community through the "Christmas in April" program.

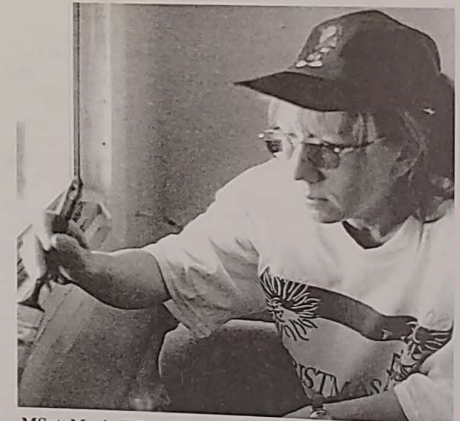
This year, the 507th CLSS teamed up with the 552nd Computer Systems Group. Members rolled up their sleeves during their off-duty time to serve the community. They assisted an elderly, low-income couple by restoring their home and quality of life.

Reservists restored just about every part of the house from the inside to the outside. Such repairs included fixing a leaky roof, mending old plumbing, correcting electrical wiring, and tearing down old sheet rock and replacing it. Other repairs included laying down new carpet and painting both the exterior and interior of the house.

"Our unit got involved in one house this year," said MSgt. Julia Cherry, who works in logistics plans and programs for the 507th CLSS. "We put new siding on the outside that was donated by area merchants, tore down the bathroom, completely gutting and rebuilding it."

"Christmas in April" is nothing new for the 507th CLSS. Squadron members have been involved with this program for the past several years. The group's efforts are also in response to the

Air Force Reserve Command's "Giving Back to America" initiative to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Air Force. "This year," Cherry said, "there was so much work that needed to be done to this house that one of our members, SMSgt. Leon Walker, of the 507th CLSS transportation support branch, did some preliminary work days prior to the rest of us coming out. We started at the crack of dawn and didn't leave until we were finished. This house was dilapidated before we arrived and after we left, it looked like a new home."



MSgt. Marie Filbin, career advisor for the 507th CLSS, applies paint to a window sill.

Combat intelligence goes INTERNET

By TSgt. Ty Yoshida
507th Wing Public Affairs

Cyberspace is a dimension of bytes and bits, processing and connectivity. It is a universe of computers, fiber optics, and signals bouncing off satellites. And it is through the World Wide Web that the general public can swim in cyberspace. By "surfing" the net, one can connect with, and obtain almost unlimited information from personal, commercial, government or military home pages.

But within this cyberspace there co-exists a parallel web of real world intrigue and limited access — a web not accessible by the general public. This web exists to serve the combat intelligence needs of U.S. forces worldwide.

"In essence, the combat intelligence system we currently use is a classified LAN (local area network)," said Maj. Mark S. Rowland, 507th Wing intelligence officer. "With it, we have access to a lot of information that we can share with members of the wing. This is a capability that wasn't here six months ago."

"The currency of the information now available is the biggest advantage of this system," said Rowland. "This allows us to produce a better product (briefing) more efficiently — whether for an aircrew preflight or for the daily standup." Rowland emphasized that pertinent, current, and accurate intelligence information helps the war fighters make better decisions.

"That's the neat thing about this system. If you wanted to look up intelligence information before, like DIA (Defense Intelligence Agency) country studies, they were all hard copies (paper) which means they were usually dated. But now country studies are near real time — with subjects like the current assessment of the food shortages in North Korea."

"Through the AMC (Air Mobility Command) home page," continued the major, "we can get the daily AMC intel briefing, the latest updates to in-country threat assessments, disposition of forces, or orders of battle. We can even request satellite imagery from one provider," added Major Rowland. "There's a lot of information out there."

"Our system soon will be the major conduit through which classified information will flow to support our war fighters here," said the major. "In the old days, most classified information flowed through the base message center."

Continual upgrading of the system architecture, hardware, and software is a fact of life in cyberspace, and according to MSgt. Bob Gaspar, 507th intelligence technicians. "The next step is SIPRNET (Secret Internet Protocol Router Network)."

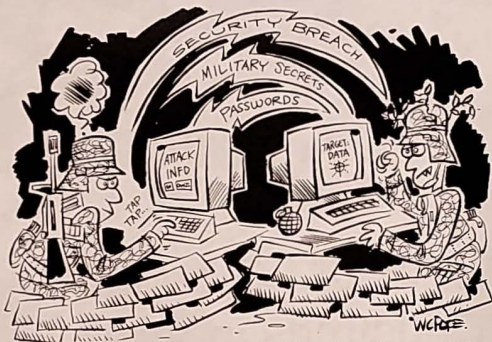
"SIPRNET will be a classified LAN system providing direct LAN feed," said Sergeant Gaspar. "We will no longer need to use a modem. It will be a dedicated secure link to AMC that will provide instantaneous access to AMC's classified home page."

According to the transition plan, SIPRNET will be available to every AMC-gained active, guard, and reserve unit, providing the capability to access time-sensitive, theater-specific, intelligence from intelligence production centers worldwide.

According to the sergeant, all of the armed services, the FBI, and other government intelligence agencies are connected. "Of course we can't access everything on the web because some sites are password protected," said Sergeant Gaspar.

"Now that we're past the ORI," said Rowland, "I want to let members of the wing know that this capability exists and that we are available to provide intelligence briefings for unit members. The threat out there is real and changes every minute. We can provide good information so unit commanders and members can make good decisions, and not get caught walking into a situation with their eyes closed."

Surf's up for anyone with a need to know.



Artwork courtesy of "Patriot," 439th Airlift Wing, Westover ARB, Mass.

Enlisted Advisory Council

Your representative voice

The 507th Wing Enlisted Advisory Council meets monthly to discuss issues and problems affecting 507th reservists. Appointed by their commanders, they represent enlisted issues to the 507th Wing commander.

If you encounter problems affecting your reserve career, contact your squadron representative.

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July 1997

July Schedule of Events

Date/Time	Meetings, Etc.	Location
Fri, 11 Jul		
1300	Pre-UTA Cmdr Staff Mtg	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1400	Pre-UTA First Sgt Mtg	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
1430	Quarterly Training Mtg	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
Sat, 12 Jul		
As Designated	Sign In	As Designated by Unit
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	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
1000-1500	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
1000	Mobility Rep Meeting	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
1100	First Sgts Meeting	Dining Hall, Sun Rm
1300-1400	IG period w/Col Pillar	Bldg 1043, Rm B6, Basement
1400-1500	Training Improvement Council Mtg	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1500-1630	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph I	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
As Designated		
by Unit		

Sun, 13 Jul

As Designated	Sign In	As Designated by Unit
by Unit		
0730-0800	Protestant Chapel Service	Bldg 1030, Classroom 2
0730-0800	Catholic Chapel Service	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
0730-0930	Ed&Tng Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043, Rm 206
0730-0930	MPF Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043
0730-1200	Newcomers Ancillary Tng Ph II	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
0815-1130	CDC/PME Course Exams	Bldg 460, Rm 213
0815-1115	HAZCOM Tng	Bldg 1030, Classroom 2
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
0900-1000	3A0X1 Info Mgmt Tng	Bldg 1066, OG Conf Rm
0930-1330	Ed&Tng Open by Appt x47075	Bldg 1043, Rm 206
1000-1200	Human Resources Dev Council	Bldg 1043, TNET Room
1230-1630	EO 2000 Training	Bldg 1030, Classroom 1
1300	SORTS Mass Briefing	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1300-1400	507th Silver Anniversary Mtg	Bldg 1043, TNET Rm
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HOT TOPICS.....

- ✓ **STATS TOURS HOTLINE:** 1-800-525-0102 EXT 204
E-MAIL: hotline@arpcmail.den.disa.mil
- ✓ **Applications being accepted NOW for SNCOA classes 98A, 98B, 98C DEALINE: Complete packages to DPMAT 31 July 97.**
(see pg A4)
- ✓ **CDC/PME Course Exams are scheduled for 0815 on Sundays of the UTAs.**
Exams will also be scheduled for 0815 on each Wednesday.
- ✓ **If you are taking a Course Exam RETAKE on a Mandatory CDC? (Not PME) Bring your Training Record and the Commander's Eval letter to testing room or you will not be permitted to test! UTM's please help us with informing all personnel testing.**
- ✓ **This is your very Last chance for the NCOA Course.**
See your UTM to sign up. Time has run out for FY 97!

Training Planner

..... Long Range Schedule

July	
12-13	465 ARS Water Survival
12-13	507 CES Bivouac
12-26	AT-KC 135 A & B Teams (Mildenhall)
13	513 ACG Anniversary/Picnic
19-01 Aug	AT-72 APS (Travis AFB)
26-27	Off Station UTA Eng 2 Crews 2,3,4,5 (Ft. Smith)
28-01 Aug	NCOLDP 97B Phase II
Aug	
01	NCOLDP Graduation
02-03	Off Station UTA B-1 ABDR, Eng 1 Crew 1 (McConnell)
03-08	Comm Fit AT, Cannon AFB, NM
04-14	513 ACG SouthCom Support
09-10	Off-station UTA Eng 2 Crews 3-5 (Tulsa OK ANG)
Sept	
06-07	Combat Survival Trng (465 ARS)
13	Wing Anniversary
14	Base MOBEX
22-30	465 ARS Geilenkirchen AB, Ge
Oct	
04-05	UTA
04	Blood drive
13	Columbus Day
25-26	Quality Awareness Trng
Nov	
01-02	UTA
08-09	HQ AFMC ORI
11	Veterans Day
15-16	Annual Planning
27	Turkey Day
28	Tinker Energy Day
Dec	
01-03 Jan	507th Piza Rotation
13-14	UTA
13	Blood Drive
25	CHRISTMAS Day
26	Tinker Energy Day

See PG A4 for FY 98 UTA Schedule
02-03 Aug 97 13-14 Sep 97
as of: 16 June 97

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0815-1115	Additional Duty Saftey Reps	Bldg 1030, Classroom 2
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Ancillary Training

Newcomers Ancillary Training

Newcomers Ancillary Training Phase I & II are conducted **monthly** 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.

Phase I	Time	Subject	OPR
Saturday	1500-1600	Human Relations	SA
Saturday	1600-1630	Local Conditions-Traffic	SE
Phase II			
Sunday	0730-0800	Base Populace	CEX
Sunday	0800-0900	Drug and Alcohol	SG
Sunday	0900-1030	UCMJ/Ethics	JA
Sunday	1030-1130	Counter Intel/Protection from Terrorism	SP
Sunday	1130-1200	Security Awareness (C4 SATE)	CF

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perfection!*

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

UCMJ Briefing

All enlisted personnel are required to have the UCMJ briefing within two UTAs of their first reenlistment. This briefing is held during Phase II of the monthly Newcomers Ancillary Training at 0900 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1030, Classroom 1.

Ethics Briefing

All reserve personnel are required to have the DOD Ethics Briefing within 90 days of reporting for duty. This briefing is held in conjunction with the UCMJ briefing during Phase II of the monthly Newcomers Ancillary Training at 0900 on Sunday of the UTA in Bldg 1030, Classroom 1.

Disaster Preparedness

Units may schedule Chemical Warfare training, by-name, throughout the year by calling the DW office at x45249, NLT one UTA prior to requested class date. Ensure all personnel bring their "go-bag," including gas mask and chemical warfare ensemble to all classes. It is imperative that classes start on time. Anyone arriving late will be reported as a no-show.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Bring gas mask eyeglass inserts if you have them. In addition, please be aware that contact lenses can not be worn during this training.

YO _ _ _ E THE KEY TO SUCCESSFUL CDC COMPLETION

What's missing? Of course, U R!!!!!!!

*Supervisors this means you.. Trainees this especially means you!!
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Checklist for Administering Mandatory Career Development Courses

- Unit Training Manager issues CDC material to supervisor and trainee, and briefs them on CDC policies and procedures.
- Supervisor and trainee inventory CDC package.
- Trainee instructed to post all changes. Supervisor briefed to verify corrections were accomplished.
- Supervisor determines schedule and sequence of volume completion and issues first volume.
- Trainee is expected to complete one volume and Volume Review Exercise per UTA unless supervisor specifically establishes a different completion schedule. If a trainee misses a UTA, he/she should be prepared to submit two Volume Review Exercises the next UTA. Supervisor will notify Unit Training Manager of any adjustments to completion schedule.
- Trainee informed that he/she should be prepared to take the final Course Examination within two UTAs after final VRE is turned in unless supervisor specifically establishes a different final test schedule. Supervisor will notify Unit Training Manager of any adjustments to final test schedule.
- Supervisor and trainee will coordinate with the Unit Training Manager each month to score completed VRE. Supervisor will conduct review training on areas missed and complete the bottom of ECI Form 34 (VRE Answer Sheet) to certify completion of review training.
- Supervisor will annotate AF Form 623a as necessary and file ECI Forms 34 in the trainee's training record until course completion.
- If trainee exceeds established volume completion time limits, the supervisor will determine the reason for slow progress, conduct counseling and document on AF Form 623a. Counseling must cover strengths, areas needing improvement, attitude, and ways to improve. If necessary, supervisor will place the trainee in supervised study.
- Supervisor will notify Unit Training Manager to request ordering of Course Examination, and if necessary, CDC enrollment extensions.
- Supervisor will review the entire CDC with trainee to prepare for course examination.
- Course examination results (ECI Form 9) will be filed in the training record until the trainee completes upgrade training.
- Passing score is 65%. If a trainee fails the course examination on the first attempt, a Commanders Evaluation will be conducted to determine the cause and necessary action. One retake is permitted. A second failure may result in withdrawal from training and possible separation.
- The trainee is responsible for actively participating in the learning process and budgeting time to complete assigned training tasks including CDC and self-training requirements.

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ME!*

BAQ Recertification Deadlines

If your SSAN ends with a 1 or 6 you have until 31 Aug 1997 to recertify your BAQ or have it terminated. Please see your Unit BAQ monitor to complete the AF Form 987. 507th Pay sends the list to Unit BAQ Monitors who must return the list complete with all recertifications to the Military Pay Section. **NOTE: If you don't have dependents, you do not need to recertify.**

Military Pay

File pay by:	Receive Direct Deposit by:
10 Jul	18 Jul
15 Jul	23 Jul
17 Jul	25 Jul
22 Jul	30 Jul
24 Jul	01 Aug
29 Jul	06 Aug
31 Jul	08 Aug
05 Aug	13 Aug

Apply Now for the SNCOA

Applications are now being accepted for the SNCOA classes 98A (03 Nov-17 Dec97), 98B (21 Jan-04 Mar98, 98C (19 Mar-29 Apr 98) Completed packages have to be at HQ AFRC/DPTS NLT 12 Aug 97. This means that you need to have packages to 507 MSS/DPMAT NLT 31 July 97 (No exceptions). The board will meet the week of 18 Aug 97. Continue to use the AFRES Form 129. Every applicant must have Part IV of the application completed. Left blank or N/A is not acceptable and the package will not go before the board if you have one. The package requires a current records review RIP signed by the applicant and a full length photo (3/4 turn pose) and no decorations on shirt. Tie/Tab optional. All eligible are encouraged to apply.

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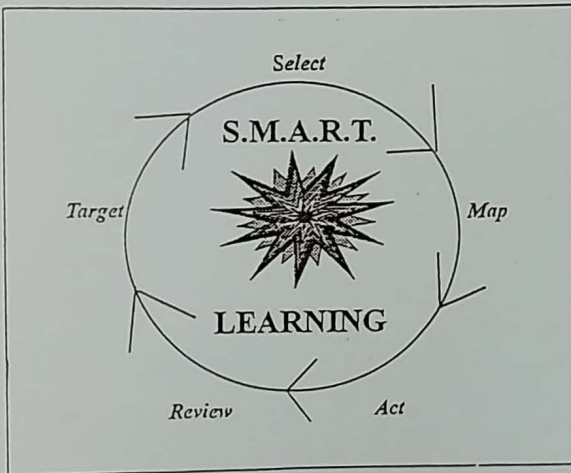


Figure 3. The get S.M.A.R.T. learning cycle involves five interlocking steps (Source: Calhoun W. Wick & Lu Stanton Leon, The Learning Edge, Wick & Co., Wilimington, De., 1993) 47, Figure 3-1

QUALITY doesn't have to be this complicated, undefined, incomprehensible enigma. Quality is simple. Quality is visual. Quality is people like you and me making IT happen the best, fastest, most efficient way we can. We do this at home and at play, everyday. Try being S. M. A. R. T. (er) about IT! You'll like IT better. So what is IT? Anything you do!

04-05 OCT 97	11-12 APR 98
01-02 NOV 97	02-03 MAY 98
13-14 DEC 97	06-07 JUN 98
10-11 JAN 98	11-12 JUL 98
07-08 FEB 98	01-02 AUG 98
14-15 MAR 98	12-13 SEP 98

Top enlisted performers selected

SrA Thanh H. Hoang, SSgt Stacey Y. Binkley, and MSgt. Philip W. Paz were recently recognized as the 507th Wing Airman, NCO, and Senior NCO of the Quarter for January through March 1997 period. The awards cover this year's first quarter and are presented to recognize outstanding unit members in the 507th.

Senior Airman of the Quarter

SrA Thanh H. Hoang is assigned to the 507th Combat Logistics Support Squadron. A fully-qualified, five-level structural repair specialist he continues to demonstrate overall knowledge of his career field. Hoang motivates others working around him with his energetic approach to job challenges. Hoang graduated from San Jose State University, Calif., with a bachelor degree in aviation maintenance. He has been awarded a Federal Aviation Agency Airframe & Powerplant license. Hoang's spirit to further his education doesn't stop there. Besides working toward his 7-level, he has completed courses here in corrosion control, aircraft painting, shop safety and hazardous communication and is currently enrolled in Course One.

NCO of the Quarter

SSgt. Stacey Y. Binkley is assigned to the 507th Civil Engineer Squadron where she develops blueprints and designs on various projects for the 507th Wing. One project she was directly involved in was the gazebo between Buildings 1043 and 1048. Binkley graduated from Northwestern Oklahoma State University with a bachelor of science degree. She is currently attending Rose State College to fulfill requirements for the Community College of the Air Force degree in her career field. Her abilities with using the Computer Automated Drafting (CAD) program have been recognized by Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) personnel. Binkley volunteered for temporary duty in Korea to train active duty Red Horse and Civil Engineering teams on the use of the CAD program. At AFRC's request, Binkley returned to Korea to lead a design team in the development of new facilities for the Air Force. It is estimated her second trip to Korea saved the Air Force \$50,000 in contracting funds which would have been spent if a civilian architectural team was hired. Some of Binkley's other accomplishments include being a member of the 507th Wing Campus Development Study Team and the Requirements and Management Planning Team for the 507th Wing conversion. She has been selected for *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*. She has received the Outstanding Senior Award from Northwest Oklahoma State University and is an active member of the Tinker Management Association's Employee Enhancement Program.

Senior NCO of the Quarter

MSgt. Philip W. Paz is assigned to the 507th Security Forces Squadron. Paz assisted in the development of an Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) Base Defense Plan and Security Force deployment. Some of Paz's other accomplishments were recognized during his participation of the wing's recent ORI. During one ORI bomb

threat scenario, he assumed control of Security Police Response Forces resulting in containment of the incident and integrity of base resources. Paz is currently employed full time with the Oklahoma City Police Department, assigned to the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team. Paz was recognized by the department when he responded to an armed robbery. When the robbers fled, he engaged in a high speed traffic and subsequent foot pursuit resulting in the capture of two armed robbers, earning him a civilian commendation. Paz is currently pursuing a bachelor degree in law enforcement.

EAC Council meets

Members of the 507th Wing Enlisted Advisory Council met last month. EAC Chairman, CMSgt. Robert Kellington, expressed disappointment due to the poor showing of several unit organizations. In attendance at the meeting were representatives from the following squadrons: 465th Air Refueling Squadron, Wing Headquarters, Operations Support Flight, Logistics Support Squadron, Logistics Group, and the Security Forces Squadron. Among the old business items discussed was establishing reserved parking signs for Senior NCO, NCO, and Airman of the Quarter winners and making sure the EAC takes biographies of the winners to Public Affairs after the meeting during which nominees are selected. The new business items were then discussed. CMSgt. Kellington stated he has obtained formats for Induction into NCO ranks, Top 3 Induction, and Chief Certificates. These will be printed and given to squadrons to present to those promoted to these ranks. EAC suggested the group commander, squadron commander, and Senior Enlisted Advisor might want to attend the certificate presentations. The 507th Wing Silver Anniversary Ball will be held at the Clarion on September 13, 1997. Members have until July 20, to RSVP. The cost is \$25 per person. Uniform of the evening will be as follows: all officers will be in mess-dress; enlisted who have mess-dress may wear it, but the new blues will be appropriate also. (White shirt.) Anniversary fund raisers for this event include the following: * Silver Anniversary coins are now on sale for \$6.00 each. See Chief Kellington to order one. So far, 53 have been ordered. Sign up now. * Yard Sale - The unit held a yard sale during the June UTA and profited \$56. The yard sale will continue this UTA at Memorial Hall. All are encouraged to bring at least one item to be included in the sale. * Car Wash - July 26, in the Airman Leadership School parking lot. Volunteers are needed to work shifts. All 507th members can participate. If you can't work, cash is still accepted. POC - TSgt. Nolan at Med Squadron, ext. 42487. In other items, the lodging issue was discussed. The EAC reported that the newly renovated rooms on base are excellent facilities.

"All in the family"

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Serving in the Air Force Reserve can bring many adventures, rewards, and — sometimes — an unexpected surprise. But for one 507th Wing reservist, a surprise came from another reservist which led to the discovery of a lost sister, then finding out it didn't stop there.

TSgt. Roy G. Pederson, an aircraft mechanic for the 507th Wing, has been an Air Force Reservist since 1979 when the unit maintained and flew F-105

"Thunderchief" jet fighter aircraft. Performing his seventeenth annual tour, Pederson did not realize a discussion with another reservist would change the scope of his life.

Pederson was working on the aircraft parking ramp preparing for the return of one of the unit's KC-135 "Stratotanker" aircraft when he saw two other reservists talking in the distance. With equipment prepared for the arriving aircraft and a few minutes to spare, he walked over to them.

"The way this discussion started," Pederson said, "we were at the ramp area where we park our KC-135 aircraft. When I walked up to them, they were talking about American Indian history. I happened to make the comment that I have four grandkids that have Indian blood. One of the two [Sergeant Calvert] asked me what tribe I belonged to. At that time, I said I didn't know, I was adopted when I was young."

For Pederson, the conversation did not mean very much at the time, and he did not realize the person he was talking with would have a profound effect on his life.

MSgt. Jerald Calvert, a jet engine mechanic for the 507th, has been a member of the Air Force Reserve, like Pederson, since 1979.

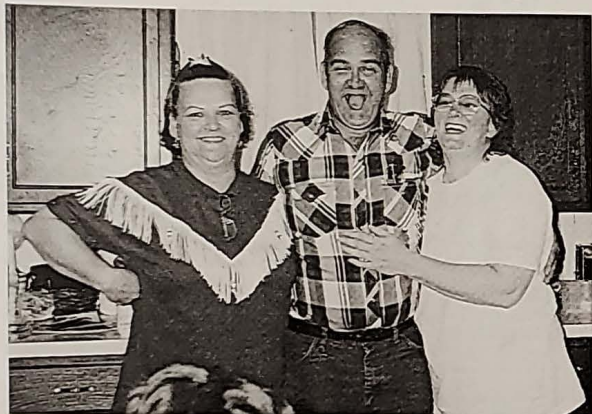
"We never really worked together particularly," Calvert said. "Because both our jobs involve maintaining the unit's aircraft, we would cross paths every now and then throughout the years and say 'hi' to each other. What happened this time, we just happened to be in the same place. While waiting for this aircraft to land, I just came out and asked him if he ever had any brothers and sisters."

"I said something to Sergeant Pederson to the effect that 'if I didn't know better, I'd swear you belong to a family that I've known for a long time,'" Calvert said.

Calvert told Pederson how remarkable his resemblance is to a person he knows named Evelyn living in Elk City, Okla.

At the time, Pederson passed it off as a coincidence. He told Calvert that before his adoption, his last name was Musick and she probably isn't any relation.

"I didn't think too much about it," Pederson said. "But I told Sergeant Calvert to ask Evelyn about it the next time he saw her."



Evelyn, Roy and Pam Pederson enjoy each other's company after 28 years of separation.

A week after their reserve duty was finished, Calvert drove to Elk City to visit Evelyn. Arriving at her business, Calvert walked in and asked her if she happened to know a person named Roy Gene Pederson.

"He [Calvert] walked into my store and asked me if I knew where all my brothers were," said Evelyn Herndon, a business woman in Elk City. "Calvert said he was talking to this guy in his reserve unit and if I knew anyone by the name of Roy Gene Pederson. It just went right through me. It was wonderful, and I said it was my brother. I was hysterical. Probably a good ten minutes I was jumping

up and down," she said.

"She just broke down crying," Calvert said. "She told me she has been trying to find Roy since their mother had passed away about three or four years ago. I got her phone number, then later called Roy at work and told him to call his big sister," Calvert said. "He was so excited to know he had found one of his sisters again."

"Sergeant Calvert called me at work about a week after our reserve duty had finished," Pederson said. "He told me 'Yeah, these are relatives of yours' and gave me the phone number and address and everything. I called Evelyn that night and got her answering machine and left my name saying I'd call back. The next day, during a break from work, I went to the pay telephone and called again," Pederson said. "Evelyn answered the phone this time."

"What does a person say when calling a lost sister for the first time in more than 28 years?"

"We found you!," were Evelyn's first words over the phone to her brother.

Both Roy and Evelyn had many questions to ask each other during their first conversation in more than 28 years. Realizing

they would have many opportunities to see one another on a regular basis, Roy and Evelyn quickly turned the conversation to when they could meet.

"We talked on how we had found each other and when we could get together," Evelyn said.

"We were excited," Pederson said, "asking each other a bunch of questions when all of a sudden, this other woman grabbed the phone from her and started talking to me. This time, one of my half sisters, Pam, who was visiting from Indiana, was talking to me and we were both excited to talk to each other."

"There was a lot going through our minds," he said, "like, 'Wow! No joke? You're my sister?' It was exciting. There were a lot of questions like, 'What was our mother like? What was our dad like? Are they alive? If they are alive, where are they?'"

During the conversation, Pederson and Evelyn made plans to visit each other. A short time later, when they met in person, Pederson soon learned that some of his other half sisters and brothers were living in Oklahoma.

Sometimes it takes someone from outside of the family to bring a family together again. Calvert never realized he would be the catalyst to bring these brothers and sisters, who have spent years wondering and trying to locate each other, back together again. "I now realize that I know 12 of the 39 children," Calvert said. "I grew up with two of them and I've known the family for years, but did not know their relationship to Roy."

Pederson said he is now learning about his family's history, he has since found out his birth parents divorced while all the children were in the Baptist Children's Home (BCH). Later, his birth mother remarried and gave birth to four more children. His father has since remarried five times, fathering 28 more children.

According to Pederson, the way he now understands it, in 1956, he and the other five siblings were placed at BCH in Oklahoma City. Pederson was adopted in 1959 by Larry and Jean Pederson at age eight, leaving two of his siblings to be adopted later by other families. The remaining three remained at the BCH until his birth mother was able to securely provide for them again.

Like so many adopted children, Pederson had many questions throughout his life concerning his family and heritage; questions like "What is the family's medical history? What were his other brothers and sisters like? Were they being taken care of properly? How are they and what were they doing now?" "I knew I had brothers and sisters," he said, "but I really didn't know too much about them or where they were. Then when I turned, I guess, 17 years old, a junior in high school, my adoptive mother said that, if I wanted to find my real brothers or sisters, she would try to help me."

For him and his adoptive mother, the search of finding the location of his family members was not an easy task. "There's a law on the books," Pederson said, "that says both parties have to be looking for each other before information about the location of someone can be given out. It so happened in this case that my brothers and sisters, or some of them, had been looking for me before and my adopted mother contacted the Baptist Children's Home and they said they could get us all together. So they arranged a meeting and I met some of my brothers and sisters. The BCH kept track of eleven of them from my birth mother's side. Now I know my mother gave birth to eleven of us."

Pederson and some of his siblings had one day in 1969 to be reunited since Pederson's adoption. It was then he learned he also had one half brother and two half sisters. Their reunion took place at the city zoo, and for one day, they were a step closer to being a family again. After that day, Pederson and the other siblings lost track of each other for 28 years.

Pederson said although he was aware he had brothers and sisters, he was not prepared to find out he also had 33 more half brothers and sisters. Some have since passed away.

"In 1993," Pederson said, "we were working in the debris shack [a room where pilots brief maintainers on the aircraft's condition] and John [a fellow worker] showed me a personal advertisement in a newspaper that read 'Roy Gene Pederson, mother died, family looking for you, contact Evelyn.' and it gave a phone number. When John showed me this I said 'No, this is PETERSON, my name is spelled PEDERSON.' I didn't realize it at the time but they were looking for me because of the estate. So, I could have found them in less time than what I did."

Pederson is still learning about his family's heritage. After calling his sister and having a chance see her again, he finally got some answers to some of his questions about his family and heritage.

Throughout the years, Calvert grew up with many of Pederson's family and knew both family members and Pederson at the same time but never knew there was a family link between them, until now.

"I was raised in Cheyenne, Okla.," said Calvert. "And grew up with Buddy and Leroy Musick, two older brothers of Pederson who lived with their uncle. I moved to Burns Flat, Okla., around 1978 to teach high school. It was there I met Carl, another brother of Pederson's who lived there," he said.

Calvert and Pederson's brother, Carl, became good friends. They would visit each other frequently but, ironically, never had any discussions about Carl's family that would give Calvert any insight to his being related to Pederson.

"While visiting with Carl," Calvert said, "I met another sister of Pederson's that would stop by to visit Carl. Then sometime during 1981, I went to work at Canute, Okla., where I taught school with Mary Thomas, another sister of Pederson's. That is where I met Evelyn, who was the person I gave Roy's information to. Throughout all this time, I always thought these two were twins. When I looked at his nametag, and saw his last name was different, I just considered it a coincidence," he said.

"I think I know more about his brothers and sisters, aunts, uncles, grandpas and than he does," said Calvert, "because I grew up in Cheyenne where a lot of them live. He may or may not realize it, but he will find out he has several hundred relatives living in Oklahoma and other states."

Pederson does not believe it is a stroke of luck that he has been reunited with his family after all these years. "I feel God has a purpose for everything," he said.

"It was perfect," Evelyn said. "It was the perfect reunion. It was everything like you see in the movies. He was thrilled to see us and I was thrilled to see him."

Many family members are happy about the reunion with their lost brother. Like most large families who have split up at a young age, some have grown up accepting the situation, while some grew discontented and bitter about what happened through the years.

"I feel that this family needs somebody to put us all back together again," Pederson said. "It seems like some of them have a lot of hatred and bitterness over what happened. Now, we need to go on with our lives while in our 30s and 40s. So, I think God put me in this situation. I think God has put us all back together again."

To this day, Pederson does not know the full circumstances that placed him and his five brothers and sisters in the care of the Baptist Children's Home. He eventually hopes to learn as much as he can about his family and all his relatives.

"Again, I think this is great," Pederson said. "I am very excited about all this. The only concern I have is not what more I will find out about my birth parents and brothers and sisters, but what is going to happen when Christmas time comes around."

Reserve News

Uniform changes slated

The following dress and personal appearance issues have been approved by the Air Force and are effective immediately:

- The phase-out date for the women's old style mess dress blouse has been extended to Jan. 1, 2000.
- The mandatory wear date for the service hat for field grade officers and above has been extended to Oct. 1, 1998.
- The wording in AFI 36-2903 pertaining to the BDU enlisted chevrons is changed from, "ensure chevron is fully visible" to ensure chevron is visible."

These changes will be incorporated into the next revision of AFI 36-2903.

Course limits set

Unit members enrolled in the computer-based Senior NCO Academy course need to keep track of the time requirement. The entire course must be completed within 12 months. There are four tests. Training officials say members should not try to complete all tests in the final month of the course. To order your course examinations, call TSgt. Sharon

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 & Vance AFBs, OK.
MSgt. Al Garza
405-734-5331

Midwest City, OK.
MSgt. Linda Smith
TSgt. Larry Wheatly
TSgt. Eric Glick
405-733-9403

Sheppard AFB, Texas (Mon-Tues)
MSgt. Bob Wright 817-676-3382

Altus AFB, (Wed-Fri) 405-481-5123
MSgt. Bob Wright

Lawton, OK. 405-357-2784
MSgt. Larry Giles

McConnell AFB, Kans.
MSgt. Terry Gosh, 316-652-4350
MSgt. Lester Shaw, ISR, 316-652-3766

Lochman at the Education and Training Office, 734-7075.

Blood Drive reviewed

Last month's Blood Drive yielded the following donations:

- Wing goal - 45
- Signed in - 43
- Donations - 39

Church times listed

The Chaplain's office staff have announced the services times for this weekend.

Catholic Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. in the T-net room, Bldg 1043. Chaplain Marty Fitzgerald from the Base Chapel will be the priest. (Note: Chaplain Fitzgerald will PCS to Italy in July). Come and show him your appreciation.

Protestant Services will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. in Bldg 1030, flightline side, top floor, Class Room 2. Pastor Kevin Kellog is the minister presiding.

513th ACG celebrates first year of operation

Members of the 513th Air Control Group will recognize their first anniversary during the July drill weekend.

The 513th ACG was officially activated in March of 1996 with its activation ceremony held in July of 1996.

The unit will host a spouse flight on Saturday and a unit picnic will be held Sunday afternoon. Sen. Dave Herbert is scheduled to be present at the picnic on Sunday to recognize the 513th with an official Oklahoma State Senate proclamation

JOLDS seminars to be held

Reserve, Guard and active-duty junior officers from all branches of the service can apply to attend leadership seminars this year. Junior Officer Leadership Development Seminars are designed to enhance junior officers' professional development in leadership, management, and team building.

Although designed primarily for officers in the grades of O-1 through O-3, the seminars are open to majors and Navy lieutenant commanders with less than three years in grade, and NCOs at some sites. Dates and locations are Sept. 12-14 at Portland, Ore.; Sept. 18-21 at Charleston AFB, S.C.; Sept. 18-21 at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans, La.; Oct. 10-13 at Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass.; and Oct. 10 - Oct. 13 at Maxwell AFB, Ala. More information about JOLDS is available by checking the JOLDS homepage - <http://www.afres.af.mil/hq/qi/jolds/default.htm>.

Reservists assist in Air Force Academy construction

A dozen Air Force Reserve Command civil engineers from seven units completed building a retaining wall May 23 at the Air Force Academy to give cadets a better understanding of construction. In addition to featuring examples of different kinds of wall construction, the two-month project also corrected an erosion problem at the academy's field engineering and readiness laboratory site. The site is used to train cadets in real world civil engineer construction practices. The cadets get hands-on experience using heavy equipment and hand tools to build structures and work on other CE projects.

Contest planned

"What is an Okie?"

For years, members of the 507th Wing have been known as Sierra Hotel "Okies."

In honor of the unit's 25th Anniversary, an essay contest is being held to put a definition of 507th Wing SH "Okies" into words.

In 50 words or less, define the term SH "Okies." The submissions must be turned into the 507th Wing Public Affairs office no later than August 1. A panel of 507th members will judge and select the winning entry.

Prizes awarded will include a 507th Silver Anniversary coin, a plaque with the winner's name and winning definition inscribed, and a profile article to appear in the *On-final*. A second plaque bearing the winning definition will be placed on the historical wall located in Wing Headquarters.

Members are encouraged to let their creativity and Okie spirit soar. The winner will be announced at the unit's 25th Anniversary dinner on Sept. 13.