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New Newspaper For AFRes Unit Makes Its Debut

Airmen and officers of Det. 507, 301st Tac Ftr Wg now have their own publication, the Thunderchief, which will be published monthly during UTA's and the annual two weeks summer active duty tour.

It will be published in the information office, under the direction of Capt. Perry D. Fletcher with members of the IO providing the writing, photography and mechanical work. However, contributions from any officer or airman in the detachment will be welcomed. TSGt Bill May will be the editor.

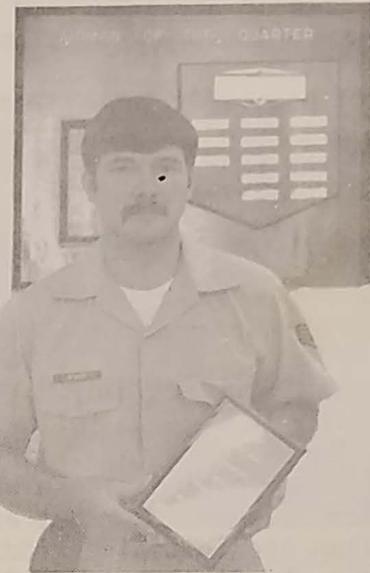
For the first few months, the Thunderchief will, by necessity, be devoted mostly to military subjects, but as more Reservists provide information, the staff hopes to publish human interest articles about men and women in the unit.

"We hope that if any Reservist knows of anything interesting that has happened to another member -- such as birth of a child, wedding, promotion on civilian job or just an amusing experience -- that he will inform the staff so we can publish it," May said.

"The paper will be as good as the readers want it to be. They will, in the long run, dictate what goes into it." he said.

"We are also interested in good feature stories about members of the unit, for instance if someone has an unusual civilian job or hobby," the sergeant said.

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Airman of the Quarter, Kenneth E. McBride, receives a plaque and a \$25 U. S. Savings Bond during the May UTA as part of his award.

Reservists Eligible For Foundation Award

Reservists are eligible to participate in the annual Freedoms Foundation Awards Program, Gen. John D. Ryan, Air Force Chief of Staff, has announced.

Gen. Ryan has encouraged all members of the U.S. Air Force Reserve to submit entries in the essay -

writing contest which ends Oct. 31.

Theme of this year's contest is -- "Human Goals -- Values for Living."

Entries should be submitted to Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa. before Oct. 31.

Recruiting Not Just Job; Grider Says It's Life, Seeks Five New Helpers

Recruiting may be everybody's business, but for MSgt. Gary D. Grider, it's a life style.

As the new recruiter for the 507th Det., Grider has two thoughts in mind -- get them in and keep them in.

However, to do so, he's going to need help.

Right now, he's authorized five slots, all tech sergeants or below. Each of the four men and one woman will be full-time recruiters for the 507th.

Some of the requirements for the job include attending a month-long recruiting school in San Antonio, a place Grider says will "teach you to sell anything to anybody."

The school will be followed by a 90-day jaunt of mandays, sort of a probationary period. Those who can't hack the program don't get anything more than the initial period.

Those who "turn a trick," according to Grider, will have the option of two years active duty as a recruiter for the 507th.

Naturally, such a duty assignment would carry all the benefits of regular Air Force duty.

Grider could not guarantee that the full two years would be at Tinker, even though the purpose of the program is recruiting for the 507th.

Other possibilities could include TDY and reassignment for promotion above tech sergeant, as well as later reevaluation of the program.

Unlike many assignments, recruiting is not a 9-to-5 job sitting in an office. The bulk of the work will be done visiting "leads" in their homes and businesses.

Recruiting films on 507th personnel at home and work will require a working knowledge of films, advertising, speech and related skills, all of which will be taught at the San Antonio recruiting school.



PICNIC PRIZES -- Capt. Jean Cotton helps Lt. John David display some of the door prizes to be given away during the annual family picnic which will be held in conjunction with the open house Aug. 18 -- the second Saturday during the summer encampment.

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Anyone with contributions to the paper or who wants to give information, can contact May or other staff members, SSgt. Marvin Stepp and Ann Richara Caram at ext. 7948 or 7849. The information office is in the basement of Building 1043, Detachment Headquarters.

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15-Year Vet Gets TO Top Unit Award; Presentation Set

MSgt. Wayman Straughan, a 15-year veteran of the Oklahoma City Air Force reserve unit, will become the 507th's Airman of the Quarter during summer camp.

As first sergeant of the 507th Combat Support Squadron, Straughan will receive his award during a parade Aug. 18, the second Saturday of the summer camp. His family can be on hand to witness the presentation, for the open house and picnic will start after the parade.

Straughan, who joined the fore-runner of the 507th in 1958, has been in the unit and its successors since. In addition to the initial six months active duty, Straughan also served a year on active duty in 1961 during the Berlin crisis. He worked in maintenance until 1970.

He has served as first sergeant of the Combat Support Squadron for two years, saying he sees his job as "a link between management and labor."

"I'm basically a public relations type person," he said. "My job is to coordinate activities and keep morale as high as possible."

He says there is a wide range of problems he's involved with as first sergeant, but he "really enjoys coming out on the week-end."

In addition to his work with the Air Force Reserve, Straughan is involved with youth work, church activities and a wide range of civic improvement activities.

He's a deacon in the First Free Will Baptist Church in Norman, is involved with the Cleveland County Juvenile Service and is on the board of directors of the Moore-Norman Area Vocational Technical Training Center.

A former student at Oklahoma City University, he also attended the Free Will Baptist College in Hillsdale, majoring in secondary and adult education at both schools.

In civilian life, Straughan is a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service.

He is married and has two daugh-



TOP AWARD -- MSgt. Wayland Straughan, first sergeant of the 507th Combat Support Squadron, will receive the 507th's Airman of the Quarter Award during a parade Aug. 18.

ters. They live in Moore.

SSgt. Kenneth E. McBride, a law student at Oklahoma City University, was the previous Airman of the Quarter.

Other nominees for the honor, this year include: SSgt Michael Michael Aston, 507th CAM Squadron; SSgt Luther D. Goodman, 507th MOS Flight; and Sgt. Herman L. Ashlock, 507th CE Flight.

Rules Change Allows More Reserve Travel

Air Force Reservists and Air National Guardsmen, who have more than 20 years in the service are no longer limited to space available travel within the continental United States, as result of recent regulation changes.

Travel is now authorized to Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico for reservists who have qualified for retirement, but are not yet 60. Before the change, travel was limited to the 48 states and the District of Columbia.



GETTING READY,-- Ground crews of the 507th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron prepare an F-105 Thunderchief for flying during summer camp, a task for which pilots of the

465th Tactical Fighter Squadron are well rehearsed. Monthly, the fighter jocks fly enough hours to keep the ground crews busy. For each hour the plane spends in the air, ground crews must spend three hours on maintenance.

Grooming Policy Change Has Affect on Hair

Changes in Air Force grooming standards no longer prohibit the popular "block-cut" hair style, but deal with the bulk of hair -- it cannot be more than one and one-quarter inches between the hair's outer limits and the skull.

The new changes were announced by Gen. John D. Ryan, chief of staff of the Air Force, after he reviewed policy on personal appearance and grooming standards. The review was brought on by many inquiries regarding hair styles, Ryan said in a message to major command commanders.

"The issue is the appearance of the man in uniform," he said. "(Current

grooming standards) were designed to produce neat, clean and safe grooming without ruling out specific styles."

The change to AFM 35-10 which he directed specifies that standards will apply only when the airman is on duty or in uniform. Four standards in appearance emphasized in the revision are neatness, cleanliness, safety and military image.

"The key element of this image is the appearance in uniform of members of the Air Force. This appearance must instill public confidence and leave no doubt that the serviceman lives by a common standard and is responsive to military order and discipline," the nation's top-ranking airman said.