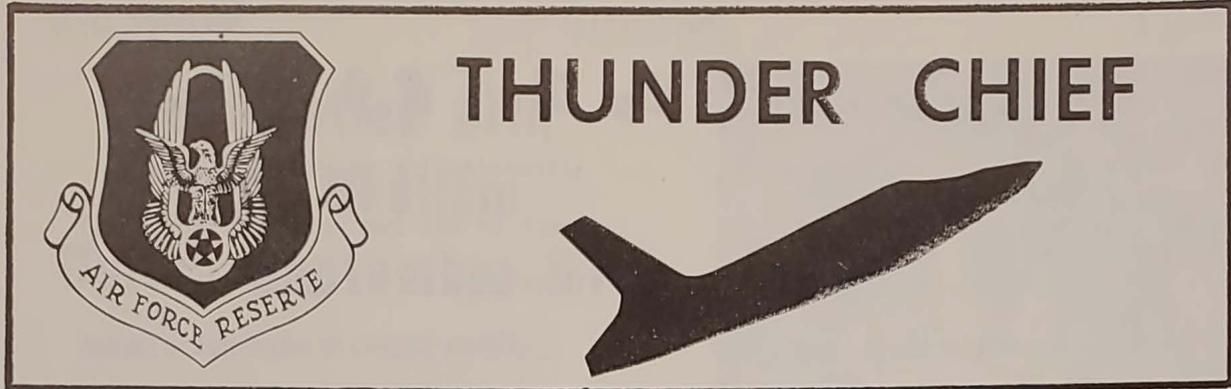


18/0073
PAC



THUNDER CHIEF

Det. 507, 301st T.F.W. Tinker AFB, Oklahoma

Vol. 1 No. 3 November 1973

Legal Secretary Top "Airman"

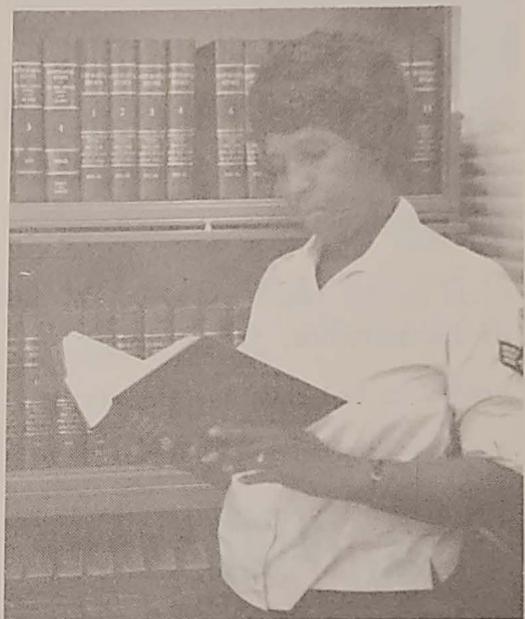
Although not professing a belief in the women's liberation movement, Sgt. Delphine Pilate, in legal services of the Staff Judge Advocate Section, nevertheless, has struck a blow for women's rights.

Sgt. Pilate has been named Airman of the Quarter for Det.507, 301 st Tactical Fighter Wing.

A native of Oklahoma City and a graduate of Douglas High School, Sgt. Pilate said she's "not really for women's liberation".

"I like all my privileges", she said, adding that she does feel that women should receive equal pay for equal work.

"But, I don't want a job where I've got to haul boxes and stuff like that," she stated;



She has been in the Air Force Reserve one year and reenlisted during summer camp because there are lots of opportunities for women in the Air Force Reserve.

She said she was "Startled" to learn she had been selected for the quarterly award as the "Best Man" in the 507th and added that she likes the Air Force Reserve a lot.

When not wearing the Air Force blue uniform, Sgt. Pilate is a contract negotiator at Tinker.

Commander's Call: By Maj. R.P. Scheer

Ancient armies, equipped with simple weapons and using simple tactics, did not need to spend much time training while their countries were at peace.

If an enemy attacked, there was usually plenty of time to round up recruits from the farms and villages, arm them with spears or flintlocks, and charge out to meet the enemy. As Washington's men did in the War of Independence, it was common for armies to bed down for the winter - a concession to the superiority of the elements over military hardware.

Today, of course, armies and air forces don't have to wait for good weather to engage the opposition. Words such as "radar", "sonar", "smart bombs", "infra-red", and "satellite", help define the broad scope of modern warfare. It is precisely this awesome arsenal, coupled with fast-moving events, that make any troubled part of the globe a potential battleground, and sometimes leaves the average soldier/

airman/sailor or civilian less aware of his own role and individual importance to his unit.

There probably were not a great variety of specialties in the Roman legions. A soldier was either an infantryman (armed with a spear, bow or club), or a cavalryman on a horse or elephant, or perhaps he was an artilleryman who launched rocks off wooden catapults. In either case, he was in the middle of the action and he knew it.

Today's participant is more often further removed from the battle front. In the Air Force, only a few air crews may actually see fire and smoke. Many other people will be required to get those crews airborne.

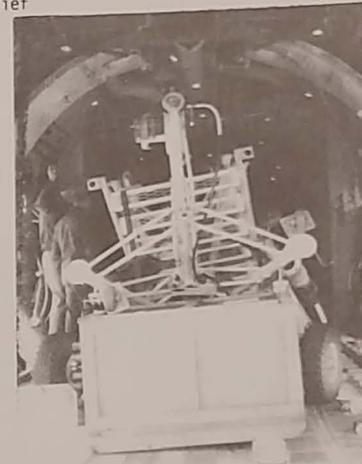
The recent world-wide alert of U.S. forces, while fortunately a brief one, served to remind us all, active duty and reserve, of the necessity of keeping ourselves well-trained, well-equipped and ready for quick reaction to national crises. Let's not forget that lesson.

Mobilization Drill Takes Realism During September UTA

Mobilization drills took on a new realism last UTA with the threat of Mid-East confrontation in the unspoken memory of 507th personnel. Men whose dog tags, 637's and shot records had previously been "left at home," "I didn't know I needed it" or "a six--twenty what?" were shuffling through line in a no nonsense, deliberate determination reserved for professional football players.

Even the younger NCOs who never saw Korea or the Cuban Crisis, or the new Airmen, those who completely missed Viet Nam, looked like veteran combat troops preparing for their "trip over."

The "Boy Scout" and "Weekend Warrior" look was gone. Gone to was the confusion and seemingly unconscious interest of a civilian soldier. An outsider could have easily mistaken the Mobility exercise for a World War II movie, except for the 105's.



MOBILITY--507th personnel unload parts and supplies for the 105's on a C-130 for shipment overseas.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thunderchief Staff

Maj. R.P.Scheer Det. Cmdr.
Capt. P.D.Fletcher Det. IO.
TSgt. W.R.May Editor.
SSgt. M.W. Stepp .. Ass't Editor.

The Thunderchief is published monthly on UTA's for personnel of Det. 507, 301st TacFtrWng, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma 73145. Opinions expressed herein do not necessarily represent those of the U. S. Air Force. All Photographs appearing herein are official U. S. Air Force Photographs unless otherwise credited.



MECHANICS AT WORK--Members of the 507th CAM Squadron work on a F-105 Thunderchief during Mobility exercises during the October UTA, only one of the myriad of tasks performed.

Members of Advisory Council Listed

The NCO/Airman Council is comprised of enlisted personnel from Airman to Senior Master Sergeant. Representatives of the 507th and their squadrons are; SMSgt. James N. Hawley, 507th; TSgt. Pablo Ortega Otero, CAM Sq. (chairman); TSgt. Everett Elrod, 507th CE Flt; SSgt. James J. Miller, 507th Tac clinic; SSgt. Ken Settle, 507th MOS Flt; MSgt William Henson, 507th Comm Flt; Sgt. Russell D. Wiley, 507th CE Flt,(vice chairman); Sgt. Carl Johnson, 507th MOS Flt; Sgt.

Kevin Adams, CAM Sq; Sgt. Wesley L. Wietelman, 507th Combat Spt Sq. and AIC Randy G. Flowers, (recorder).

Officials of the council have stressed that many problems are solved through council, but there are some they can't complete, other than to make recommendations to higher authority.

"To do this, we must know what the problems are and the only way we will know that is for people to bring their problems to us."