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"Prime Beef" Strikes Again

Prime Beef is at it again. The Det. 507's Civil Engineering Flight took off for Ft. Sill Oklahoma Saturday to complete a construction project

The project is the Falcon Firing Range for the 105 Thunderchiefs.

Heavy construction operators, carpenters, painters and electricians will be building roads leading to the construction site painting towers and wiring buildings that are to be used as offices.

The firing range is adjacent to the artillery range at the Army base.

Twenty Prime Beefers are pulling Bivouac to complete field training. This is the second UTA the 507's Prime Beef have gone to the Southwestern Oklahoma Army base.



READY PRACTICE -- TSgt. Claud Taylor, crew chief, assists pilot Maj. Herbert Acheson in the cockpit of an F-105 during practice for the Operational Readiness Inspection which will be during the December UTA.

RESERVE UNIFORM REMINDER

Reservists are reminded that the period of optional wear of the Summer Service Uniform Combinations 4a and 5 (1505s) for male and Combination C for female is from 1 March to 30 November. Uniform Combination 4b Blue Summer Ser-

vice short sleeve shirt and cotton polyester permanent press, wash-and-wear trousers or the standard blue trousers are authorized for year round wear at Tinker AFB. 1505s will not be worn between 1 December and 28 February.

Mathews Gets Unit Award

TSgt. James T. Mathews 507th Consolidated Maintenance Squadron, who is the squadron training monitor, has been named the outstanding enlisted man for the quarter for that unit.

During the past quarter, Mathews has developed an "outstanding" momentum in the OMSq Training, bringing 29 men to higher levels of training ahead of schedule.

Further, he has re-accomplished the complete squadron records and reports file whereby reservists reporting for duty can be processed quickly with adequate control of records. He is also responsible for updating the squadron recall-roster - a perpetual job in itself.

Sgt Mathews has formulated lesson plans for all equipment qualification training requirements used in accomplishing the mission. As each individual assigned to this squadron will attend some training class at least 4 times a year, he has provided practical motivation and counseling to each student.

Through the efforts



Mathews updates squadron training board.

of TSgt Mathews, the squadron has enjoyed the success of upgrade training, promotions and the necessary records, rosters and files maintenance required to justify the proper manage-

ment, morale and well-being of all 94 reservists assigned to the Organizational Maintenance Squadron - the squadron noted for "where the action takes place."

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

The Air Force archives are loaded with historical data about National Guard and Reserve heroics - their flying history dates back over fifty years. We won't downgrade those facts by attempting to summarize such a complex and colorful past. Our real aim is to point out how the TAC-gained Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Forces contribute to the total force concept. The potent combination of TAC and TAC-gain-

ed AFRES and ANG units practically make "concept" invalid when used with "total force." Concept suggests idea - and we're way past the idea stage of development. So exactly what are we talking about? What is the total force concept? Quite simply, it is a force of people, trained equipped and combat ready. The "Reserve Force" portion of this package includes 2,400 pilots, 17,000 mechanics, and 1,400 aircraft, of many types including some of the Air Force inventory's most effective weapon systems. If these units were mobilized today, the size of TAC would increase by almost 75 percent. That,

by any definition, is one gigantic augmentation program.

Hopefully, a total recall will never take place - the logistics problems alone stagger the mind, but the possibility of a massive call-up does necessitate Reserve Force readiness. Because of this increased responsibility, these units have probably entertained more staff visitors, safety survey teams, and inspectors in the last two years than they did in the previous decade.

To add to their problems, many units are converting to newer and more complex aircraft and support equipment. As these units become combat ready, a proportionately higher operational load is accepted by them - responsibility for participation in joint training and TAC exercises, practice of contingency plans and, of course, the constant upgrade training of air and ground crews. Rapid-action response is their forte, and Guard and Reserve personnel are always among the first to respond to national and local emergencies, such as flood, earthquake, and tornado re-



lief; emergency med evac flights - even kicking out hay bales to starving cattle.

This "week-ender" is many things. He does what full-time Air Force types do - and sometimes better. He's an Air Force P.R. man in his community and often reaches people inaccessible to others. His attitude toward his job becomes the biggest recruiting tool the Reserves have ever had. He crams weeks of intensive training into weekends. When he is at his Air Force job, he can expect to have an advisor or inspector looking over his shoulder to see that the job is accomplished as if he had forty hours a week in which to do it. Finally, he must, whether Guardsman or Reservist, be a TAC pro. He is -- and darn proud of it.

NCO Academy Graduate Praises Course

No longer is the Tactical Air Command's NCO Academy a 'spit and polish' extension of basic training, but rather an academic course designed to teach senior NCOs better management techniques.

At least those are the thoughts of TSgt. Mike Miller of the Det. 507 administrative office, who returned Nov. 1 from the five-week course at Langley AFB, Va.

Miller, who was the youngest of 80 students attending, completed the course in the upper 12 per-

cent of his class, and represented his flight in the finals of speech competition. 'I didn't win,' he said and pointed out that there were no placings, that only the winner was named.

In addition to being the youngest student there Miller also was one of two reservists attending. The other was from San

Antonio, Texas.

Miller said he had fears before arriving that it would be a total spit and polish course, more than an extension of basic

training than anything else.

"But, it wasn't. It was mostly academic, mostly on the college level," he said.

Besides the Military instructors, some of the top college professors in the nation would appear before the students discussing various topics under the class headings. The course was broken down into four parts, military studies and activities, leadership and management techniques, communication skills and world affairs.

"It was interesting," Miller said. "We got a lot of briefings from TAC officers about the situation in the Mid-East, I was there during that trouble, and we got a better insight into what was going on."

"I definitely feel it was worthwhile and that I learned something of value," Miller said of the course. "Reservists, by the nature of their jobs must be ready to stand beside the regulars in time of national emergency and this course taught us how to do that."

"I learned a lot, met a lot of good men and would definitely recommend it to someone else."

UNIT PROMOTIONS

TO STAFF SERGEANT

Bauer, Calvin D	10th Maint Sq
Ernst, Larry J	10th Supply Sq
Bright, Robert H	507 CAM Sq
Paxton, Clark W	507 CAM SQ
Hinds, Gregory O	507 CAM Sq
McKaughan, Allen R	72 AP Sq
Dison, Jack E	3rd AMA Aug Sq

TO SERGEANT

Lunow, Dwight H	10th Supply Sq
Garbarino, John W	71 APSq
Taylor, William B Jr	71 APSq
O'Daniel, Lynn R	71 APSq

TO AIRMAN FIRST CLASS

Davis, Russell A	10th Maint Sq
Mallory, Michael E	507 CAM Sq