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Advisory Board Discusses 507th's New Developments

It was learned in last week's Advisory Board meeting that Texas Tours have been cancelled. Some units abused the privilege. Some people were reportedly taking their annual tour one day at a time and drawing travel pay for the day before and the day after each time. There were no such incidents among the 507th Det., but the movement involves all Reserve and Guard units.

Summer Camp will, according to Maj. Sheer, be held in Georgia with an Air National Guard unit. Civil Engineers will spend theirs in Houston. Only 700 Air-

men will be sent to Georgia. This should, according to Maj. Sheer, include everyone who wishes to go.

The Clothing Store was reportedly closed this last UTA. However, the Major felt that contacting the Base once more should alleviate this problem.

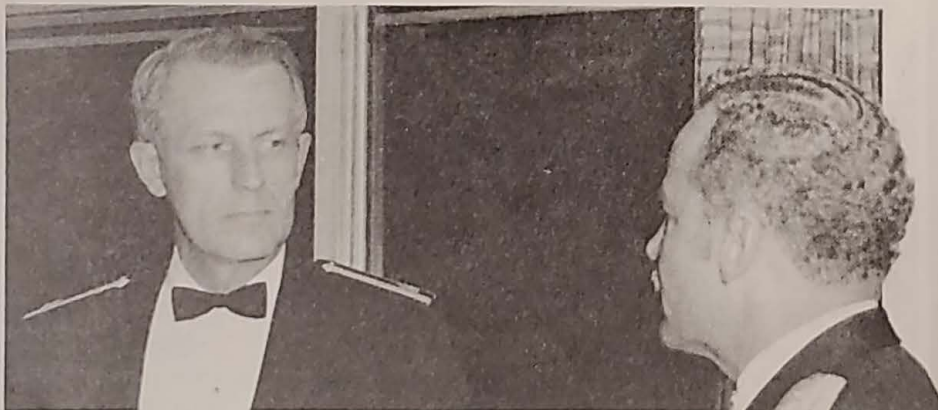
Members of the 507th will soon experience split UTA's where maintenance crews, supply personnel and other necessary aircraft personnel will be split into two groups. By so doing, a better sustained system of operations can be formulated utilizing two

successive weekends rather than just one.

Finally, a practice ORI will be held in April to keep everyone ready for a surprise ORI. It will not, however, be of the same magnitude as the previous ones. Other practice ORI's will be held quarterly.

Rollout Begins

Rollout of the YF-16 lightweight fighter aircraft has been made at the General Dynamics plant in Ft. Worth, Tex. General Dynamics and the Northrop Corp., Hawthorne Calif., were selected to build two lightweight fighter aircraft each in April 1972, marking the first Air Force effort in the advanced prototyping concept to improve performance in the development and acquisition of weapon systems by placing more emphasis on hardware performance and less reliance on paper studies. The TF-17, the Northrop entry, is nearing completion.



Maj. Don Reynolds, chief of IO at CENAFRR, and Maj. General Earl Anderson, Vice-commander of AFRES, discuss the merits of Reserve membership during the first annual "Dining Out" of the 507th Det.

COMMANDER'S CALL: by Maj. R.P. Scheer

So much has happened over the past few months that it might be helpful to pause and reflect on these events.



(Help Us, If You Can....)

In September, we declared ourselves combat ready (C-3), and in so doing invited the Air Force to make us prove it. We had only had the F-105 for a short period of time and were the first reserve unit to make the transition into jet fighters in 15 years. We had alot of shuffling of personnel and paperwork. We were, in a sense, out on a limb.

In November the Mid-East war resulted in a general alert of U. S. Forces, and brought home to all of us that this job of being reservists can get exciting on short notice.

In December we accepted the challenge of the ORI team, and in passing the inspection won a battle not only for ourselves but for the entire Air Force Reserve.

Finally we felt the crunch of the energy crisis. Along with all Americans, we face the future with the awareness that we must do our job more efficiently on less energy.

So whatever the past few months has brought us, it certainly hasn't been dull. And it won't be in the coming year. We have slain several dragons and there will be more, but I know that every member of the 507th can look ahead to these challenges with well deserved confidence.

Help is a cry too-often used, but in this case, it's appropriate.

Members of the detachment information office really need help. Putting out The Thunderchief is a full time job, but it's done on a part-time basis.

If any body has information he would like to share with other members of the unit, please contact the IO which is in the basement of Building 1043. The phone number is 7948 or 7849.

All too often people

receive awards or recognition of some sort and the IO is not notified until it is too late to get it in the paper. The purpose of the awards are to bring recognition from throughout the unit and the only way this can happen is through the newspaper. This is your paper and it's only as good as you want it to be.

Please, help the information office make it a first class newspaper for all members of the unit.

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507th Celebrates 1st Annual (Dining Out)

by 1st Lt Don Shaw

More than 130 members of Detachment 507 and their wives gathered last month to celebrate the successful completion of the December 1973 Operational Readiness Inspection.

"I have been impressed that the 507th was able to convert from a C-124 outfit to an F-105 unit in just one year," said guest speaker Don Strait, a retired Air National Guard Major General who is currently a vice-president of Republic Aviation.

Other guests included Maj. Gen. Earl Anderson, Vice-Commander of Air Force Reserve; Brig. Gen. Edwin Wenglar, Vice-Commander of Central Air Reserve Region; and Brig.



Maj. R.P. Sheer, left, awards the "Top Gun" plaque to Capt. C. M. Sublett for his superior bombing scores during their first year in operation.

Gen. James Randolph, Commander of the Tinker AFB ▶ Oklahoma City Air Material Area.

Recalling his 31 years of military experience,

Strait noted the significance to the Air Force Reserve of the passing grade given the 507th by the recent ORI exercise.

"Good training is the key to the success of a reserve unit," he said. "And you can't have effective training without motivation, which comes from each person knowing his job is important.

"Fighter pilots don't do it all. Neither do the maintenance troops, by themselves. It's teamwork that gets the mission accomplished."

General Anderson observed that the 507th is younger and less experienced than the C-124 unit it replaced.

"But command is easy when you've got dedicated people and quality leaders like you have in the 507th," he stated.



Lt. Col. L. L. Sadler, left, Lt. Col. S. T. Hucke, and their wives enjoy festivities at the 507th Det "Dining Out."



Capt. Bassett, Aide-de-camp to Maj. Gen. Anderson, and Brig. Gen Edwin Wenglan, Vice-Commander CENAFRR, mingle at 507th Det "Dining Out."

TAC Cuts Way Down On Energy Consumption

The Tactical Air Command (TAC) operates a fleet of hundreds of jet powered airplanes, using 1.75 per cent of the nation's available jet fuel. These facts on energy consumption are shown in a recent report on energy use by the Department of Defense Energy Task Group (DETG).

Prepared under the overall direction of Navy Rear Admiral N. Sonenshein, the report outlines some of the energy costs for operating the defense of the nation. These facts, when combined with available common statistics, reveal the true picture of energy use by the force responsible for training the country's tactical fighter and airlift crews

According to the DETG, the Defense Department, (DOD) uses only 2.4 per cent of all energy consumed by the entire country. When petroleum products are considered, the DOD energy use increases to 3.6 per cent.

More than 72.5 per cent of DOD energy use is less than 1/3 of the total amount uses in this country, taking some 27 per cent. The Air Force uses about 65 per cent of the jet fuel burned by DOD agencies. Thus, the Air Force needs about 17.5 per cent of the jet fuel used in the country.

Of this figure, TAC uses 10 per cent. Therefore, operating 16 wings of jet fighters and reconnaissance aircraft and flying more than 223 turbo-prop cargo craft, the command uses 1.75 per cent of the nation's jet fuel.

Even though energy use throughout the command is an extremely small percentage of that consumed in the country, TAC officials point out energy savings can be made through planned economy measures. Energy saving steps such as reducing building temperatures to below 68 degrees and closing facilities which have been vacated, have already been taken.

Promotions

TO MASTER SERGEANT

Nagy, Dennis J.
72 AP Sq
Chilton, Stephen R.
507 CAM Sq

TO TECH SERGEANT

Cruse, Bennie N.
507 CAM Sq
Alspaugh, James F.
72 AP Sq

TO STAFF SERGEANT

Smight, Jimmy R.
72 AP Sq
Groff, William R.
3rd AMA AUG
Albrecht, Mark R.
507 CAM Sq
Holland, Kenneth G.
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Becker, Joseph M. Jr.
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Broze, Dale A.
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Luce, Henry W.
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Woodward, Thomas S.
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Lane, Jack A.
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Wallace, Robert B.
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Dutton, Vernon D.
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Olds, Erich F.
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Cavett, Charles L.
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Foley, David B.
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