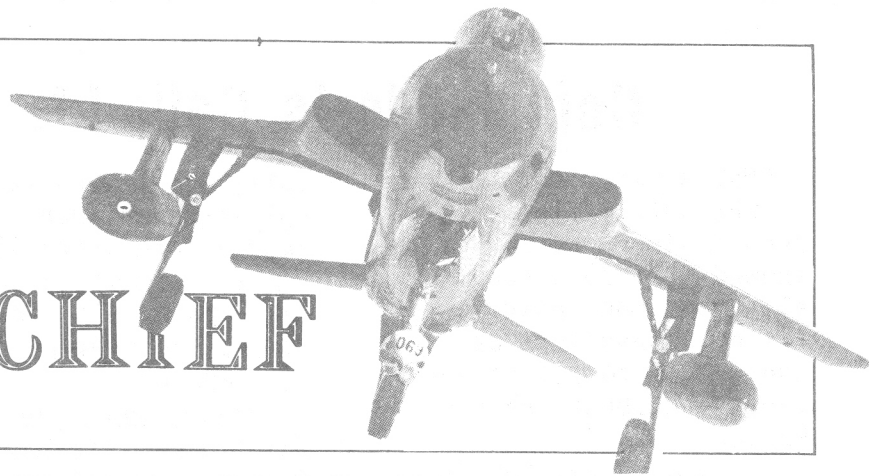




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Mercer Airman of Quarter

Sgt Darrel L. Mercer was named Airman of the Quarter in August. He is a member of the 507 CAM Sq.

Mercer holds an ART position and works in Weapons with Det 507. He attended Lowry Technical Training Center, Lowry AFB, Colorado where he graduated with honors.

Sgt Mercer is a non-

prior service man and has been in the Air Force Reserve 2 years. He holds a B.S. in Aeronautical Engineering Technology from Oklahoma State University.

Mercer and his wife, Bonnie, live in Stillwater, Oklahoma, where she is a secretary at the University.

Picnic Coming!

The annual Detachment picnic has been scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 22, and all unit members are being urged to buy their tickets - fast.

The first 600 tickets sold will go for 50¢ each according to project officer, Capt. Perry Fletcher, and all tickets sold thereafter will cost \$1 apiece.

"We have to have this dual pricing system because of the way the picnic is funded," explained Capt. Fletcher. "Most of our money comes from the unit nonappropriated fund, a limited, fixed sum. The price of a ticket covers only a small portion of the expenses we have, and so every ticket sold over 600 has to reflect more of the real cost."

"But even at \$1 a ticket, the picnic is a great bargain! And kids aged 6 and under will still be admitted free."

More than 700 persons attended last year's outing, the only annual get-

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Commander's Call: Lt. Col. R.P. Scheer

"Me? A Recruiter?"

Why not? After all, a recent Air Force survey showed that 79 percent of all young men interviewed listed bluesuiters as their main source of information about the Air Force.

Consequently, the Reservist directly influences public opinion in his daily contact with the civilian community, and plays a key role in recruiting efforts in this day of the all-volunteer force.

Reservists are being encouraged to tell their civilian friends about their military experience --good as well as bad. Specific topics you might want to hit include exchange privileges, education, and training.

So, get out there and talk to your friends. Tell them about your weekends. They're something most Americans look forward to, and they fill them with golfing, fishing, boating, skiing, cycling, hunting, racing or charcoaling steaks in the back yard. But the Good Life can get expensive. Especially today. So a lot of Americans spend at least one week-end a month puttering. You know, washing the car...thumbing through a few magazines...watching the World's Championship Cricket Matches (live from England). They're called break-even weekends... nothing lost, nothing gained.

Now suppose someone offered them \$40 to \$120 to spend one weekend a month with community-oriented people like your-

self; people who lend a helping hand when it's needed; who spend 15 days on active duty each year; who are earning an additional retirement check at age 60.

That's what your local Air Force---the Air Force Reserve--is all about.

And whether it's paying for a new bike, new camper, or a new dishwasher that extra paycheck always comes in handy.

A person without prior service experience can join the Air Force Reserve and earn more than \$40 a weekend. Persons who are qualified and who are honorably discharged from the service can join the Air Force Reserve at their previous rank and receive pay credit for prior service experience.

A sergeant (E-5) with four years active duty receives over \$60 a weekend in the Reserves. A master sergeant with 8 years of service earns over \$1,200 a year; and a captain on flying status with the Air Force Reserve will earn approximately \$3,000 annually.

Add any of these figures to their regular salary and they will find the Air Force Reserve an excellent part time job; especially for one week-end a month.

So why not let an Air Force Reserve check help them pay for their other weekends? It takes YOU to make the "buddy" system of recruiting work.



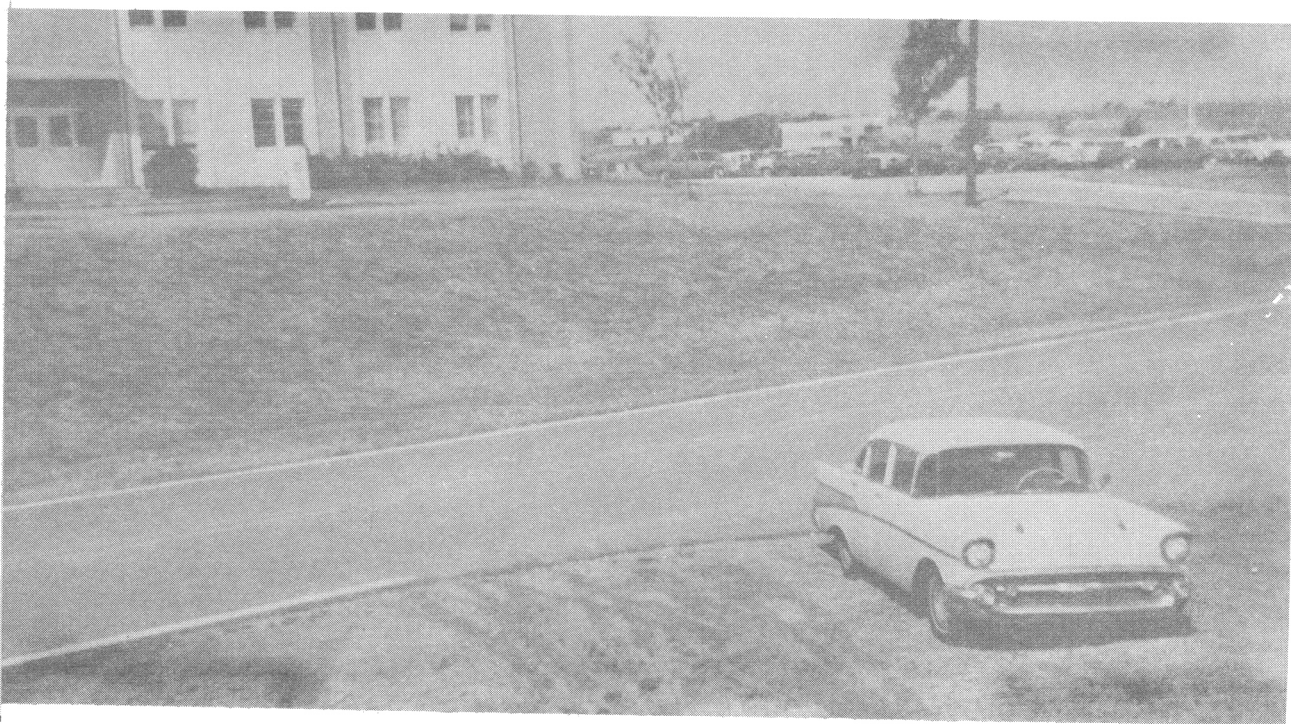
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Labor Day
a
Safe One**

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What is Wrong About This Car?



That hot little '57 Chevy (above) is contributing to an irritating parking problem around the 507th during UTA's.

Parking diagonally, or perpendicular to the road is verboten, folks,

and it results in ugly, muddy ruts that lead to erosion. The lower picture - aha! - shows a preferred parking stance parallel to the road.

So next time all the lots are filled (and look carefully), be sure you park in the stalwart manner thusly demonstrated.

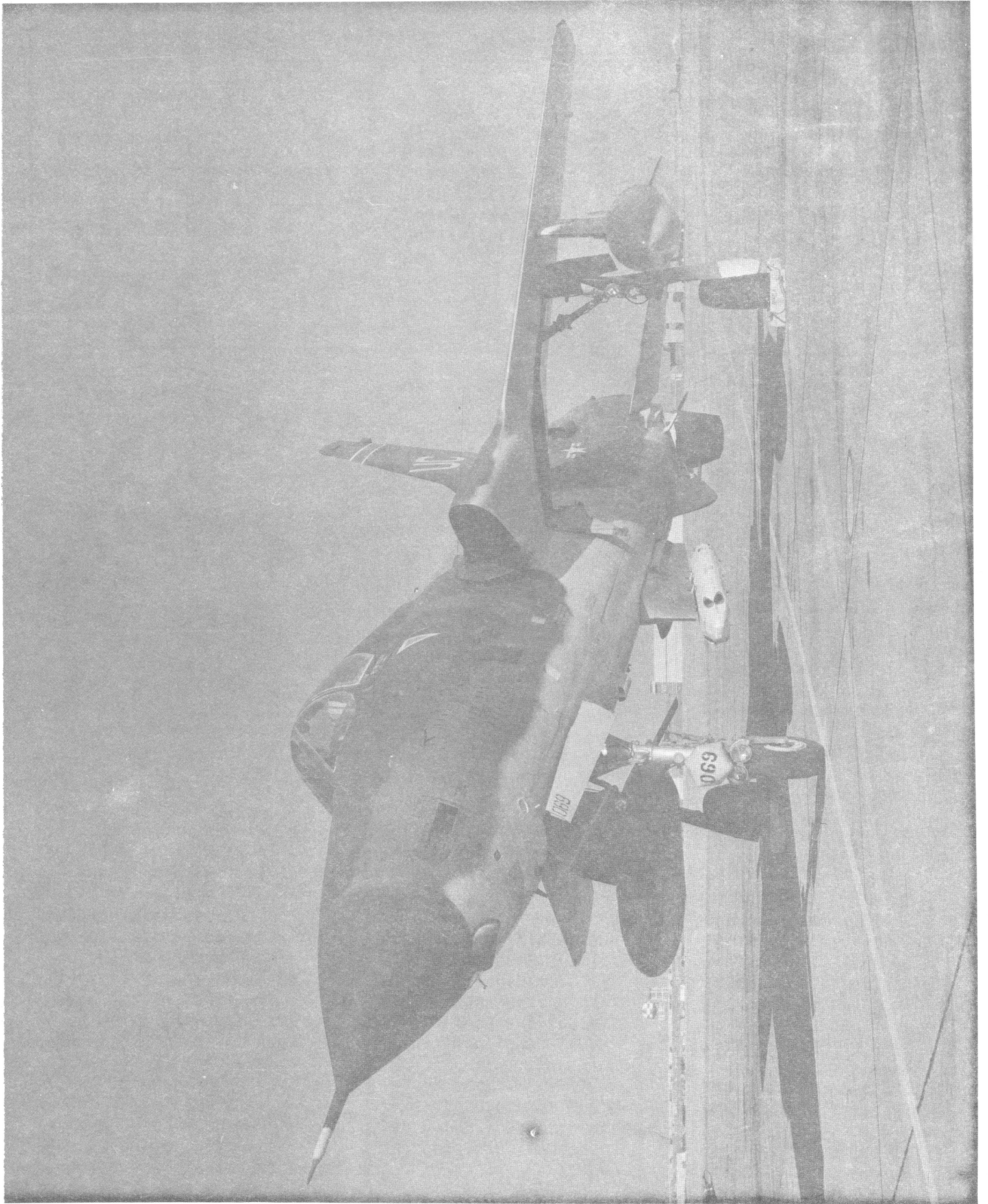
Picnic

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together sponsored for the entire 507th. This year's picnic will begin at 1 pm on the Sunday of the September UTA, and reservists attending will be able to sign out after the picnic at the picnic grounds.

Live musical entertainment, good food, and free door prizes will again be features of the picnic - so be among the first 600 to buy your tickets, on sale at the Information Office in the lower level of Detachment Headquarters.





Promotions



TO MSGT
James Davenport

TO TSGT
Maurice Nero



TO SSGT
Mikel Casey
John Carver
Duane James
Mark Cherry
Charley Westfall
Gerald Jorski
Joe Whitefield



TO SGT
Randy Flowers
Stephen Burnett
John Swope
Jerry Scott
Danny Westerman
Daniel Thornton
Gary Harness
Robert Thompson
Roy Martin



TO A1C
Evelyn Jones



News For Veterans

Public Law 93-337 which extends the basis for computing delimiting dates from 8 years to 10 years for GI educational benefits for veterans, widows, orphans and wives of totally disabled veterans was enacted July 10, 1974.

The delimiting date for a veteran pursuing other than apprenticeship, on-the-job training, farm cooperative and flight training will be 10 years following their date of discharge or June 1, 1976 whichever is later. For those veterans pursuing apprenticeship, on-the-job training, farm cooperative and flight training the delimiting date will be 10 years following the date of discharge or August 31, 1977, whichever is the later.

The delimiting date for a spouse (husband, wife, widow or widower) pursuing other than apprenticeship, on-the-job training, or correspondence training will be 10

years following the date of veteran's death or effective date of rating or date of notice, whichever is applicable, or December 1, 1978, whichever is the later. If the veteran is either MIA or POW, the delimiting date will be 10 years from the date of status as MIA or POW or December 24, 1980, whichever is later. For a spouse pursuing apprenticeship, on-the-job training, or correspondence training, the delimiting date will be the 10 year factor or October 24, 1982, whichever is later.

Because the Information Office has been unable to provide glossy 8"x10" photographs of the unit aircraft to all those requesting them, THE THUNDERCHIEF is publishing on page 4 a full size photo of the Republic F-105 Thunderchief, suitable for framing.

Paychecks To Reflect Insurance Costs

If you've received a paycheck for a UTA that seems about \$10 less than usual -- don't fret; you've just paid for one of the best bargains available to Air Force Reservists. That bargain, explained Capt Bobby Gonshor to the NCO/Airman Advisory Council during the first August UTA, is the new \$20,000 life insurance coverage protecting reservists 365 days a year. The coverage costs only \$3.40 per month (or less for smaller amounts), which is automatically deducted from reservists paychecks unless they decline to participate, in writing.

The new coverage began two months ago, but the premium deductions have lagged behind resulting in a lump sum deduction for the first two or three months of the program.

Come to the 507th ANNUAL PICNIC!

TICKETS

ON

SALE

NOW!



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Sept. 22ND
1:00 PM.