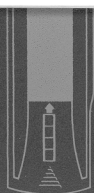
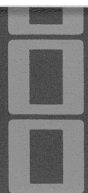
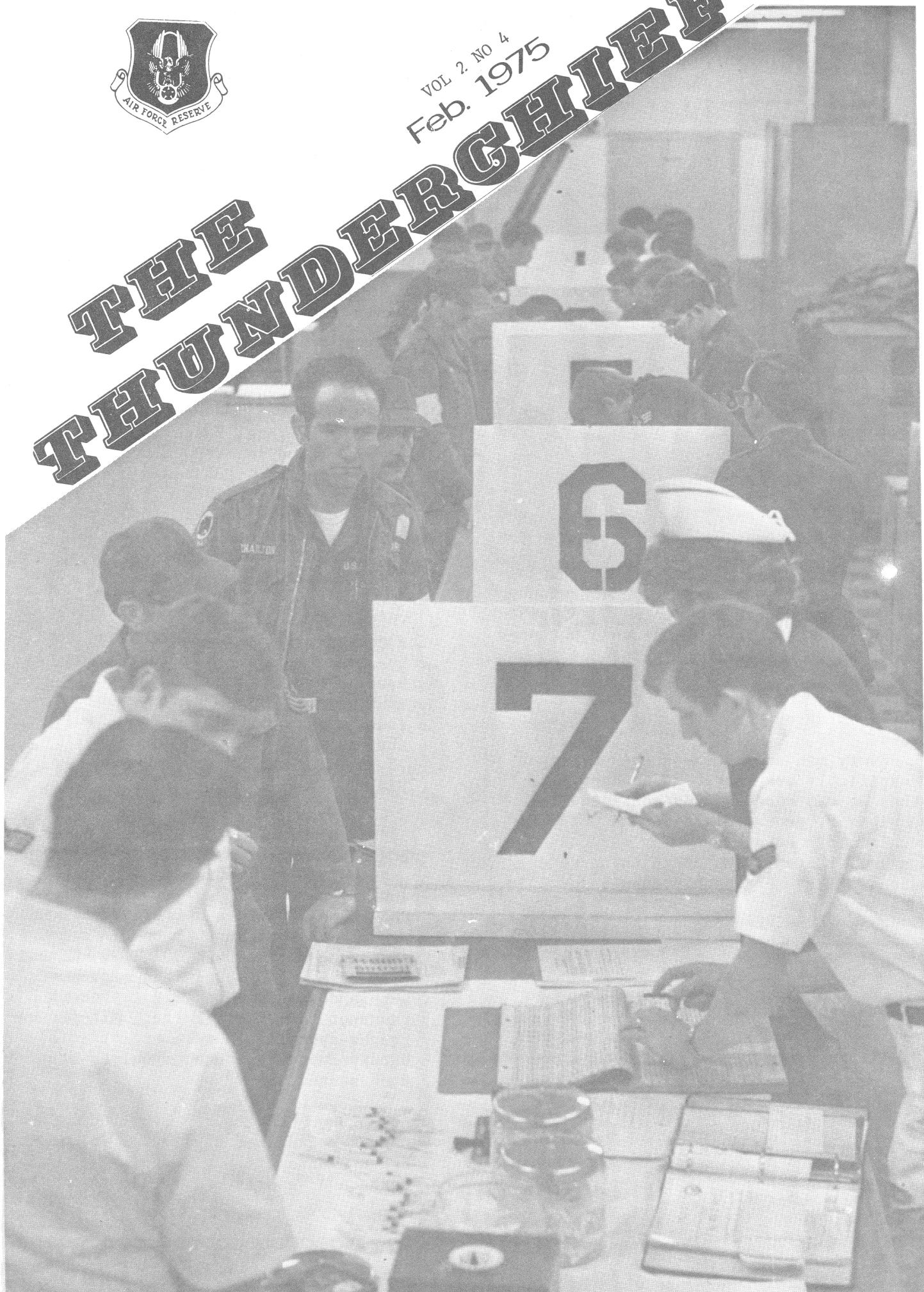




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THE THUNDERCHIEF



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ALL:

Lt Colonel
Roger P Scheer



Congratulations are in order to all of you for your outstanding performance during last month's ORI/MEI. We successfully passed all phases of the inspection with flying colors.

Significant across the board improvements were noted in all areas. Each and every inspector was impressed with the eagerness and motivation exhibited by you in the performance of your jobs. Obviously, without your extra effort, the results would have been considerably less impressive.

The mobility exercise was exceptionally strong; aircraft generation outstanding. Major General Killpack, Vice Commander of 12AF, stated that this performance has to rank us among the best.

The one weak area was personal appearance. Haircuts were rated marginal and the wearing of the uniform, unsatisfactory.

Every man and woman of the 507th can justifiably be proud. We demonstrated that we can successfully mobilize our equipment, generate and launch our aircraft and accurately employ weapons on target. This is what this thing is all about! That is the only reason for this unit's existence.

Keep it up. We can still get better!

Total Force Policy

(An AFNS Feature)

Many so-called P-O-L-I-C-I-E-S are like P-U-Z-Z-L-E-S.....hard to understand. But unlike most puzzles, policies are important.

Take the TOTAL FORCE POLICY--our Nation and the free world's defense strategy for the seventies.

Sounds important, right? But, what is it?

Would you believe....

YOU?

That's right.

Simply put, Total Force includes all the military and related resources, both active and reserve, possessed by the United States and our allies.

The Total Force also includes the thousand of civilians working in many different areas in the Armed Forces.

That's basically what the Total Force is.

The POLICY is the plan where all service components of this Nation and our allies, through teamwork, insure that all free world nations continue to achieve optimum use of all military resources.

True, all that's quite a mouthful.

But, like most puzzles, this policy really isn't that hard to understand.

Right?

Dining—Out—8 Feb 75
Maj General Homer I. Lewis,
Chief, Air Force Reserve,
Guest Speaker.
Holiday Inn, Midwest City

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LIVE & LEARN



by Chaplain
Robert Helmich



Confucius said, "To see what is right and not do it is want of courage."

As children we were asked by our teacher to give opposites to such words as night--light--good--cold--fast--old--black--wrong. But recently, I heard a word and an opposite from which my memory cannot escape.

The opposite of courage is NOT cowardice but CONFORMITY.

Now no man admires a coward while all men respect courage. By the same token everyone of us is determined not to be cowardly, and in order to possess what is thought to be physical courage we become conformist.

The conformist sacrifices moral courage rather than face public criticism or reproach...rather than be different.

The conformist excuses himself for cowardly moral conduct by contending "everybody does it". But everybody DOES NOT!

It is not uncommon for the conformist to boast of a courageous virility which he thinks enables him to do under cover of darkness or secrecy that about which only one or two knows.

Neither is it uncommon for the conformist to exhibit a pseudocourage by use of language which is really not even evidence of intelligence---much courage.

I think S. G. Goodrich, the American author, expressed it well when he said, "Moral courage is a virtue of higher cast and nobler origin than physical. It springs from a consciousness of virtue and renders a man, in the pursuit of defense of right, superior to feat of reproach, opposition of contempt".

To follow the line of least resistance is not courageous. Conforming to the ill conduct of others or to one's own immoral desires is cowardly.

It takes courage to be thoroughly Christian...to do what God and not what men want you to do.

"Therefore, to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin". (James 4:17)

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the facilities are available.

Interested reservists should complete AF Form 1288, "Application for Reserve Assignment," and AF Form 1644, "Ready Reserve Agreement," and mail the forms to ARPC/DPRR, 3800 York Street, Denver, Colo. 80205.

Officers in the following fields are eligible to apply: disaster preparedness, air traffic control, weapons director, weather, scientific, engineering, communications and electronics, aircraft maintenance/avionics, munitions, computer technology, transportation, supply services and fuels management.

Others are: supply management, logistics plans and programs, accounting and finance, manpower management, management analysis, social actions, education and training, information, security police, administrative, procurement, civil engineers, personnel and intelligence.

"Quote of Note"

"I am very proud of our recruiting success in the last fiscal year, but we cannot afford to assume that it will be automatic in years to come. This is especially true in getting Reserves and medical doctors, two areas where we have had difficulties. The three main ingredients



for continued success remain the same as they have been; one, hard and dedicated work by our recruiters; two, keeping the Air Force a rewarding and attractive place to work; three, increasing public understanding of the value of the Air Force and Air Force career."

(John L. McLucas, Secretary of the Air Force).

Shop Talk by TSgt Barry L. McMillen

Quick Now - What is a plumber, BB stacker or a weapons weiner? An Aircraft Armament Systems Mechanic (462X0)-That's What!

To become an armament (weapons) man, he should attend the courses at Lowry AFB Colo., but it is not necessary. After qualifying as an armament man, he is placed on a load crew. The load crew trains on various conventional weapons.

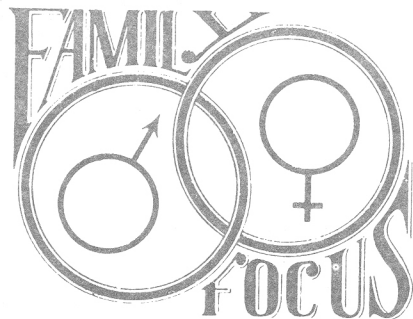
The Armament Mechanic may be trained by the 507th CAM Sq Loading Standardization Crew (LSC) until the LSC feels he is trained enough to become a certified crew member. Becoming certified as a crew entails receiving not less than 750 points of a possible 1000 points. Points deducted most often are on reliability and safety.

Other functions of the Aircraft Armament System Mechanic include being qualified on weapon release functions, trouble shooting, repair of rocket launchers, pylons, SUU-20s and any release problems that might occur during a ground attack mission.

Armament Mechanics are assigned to the 507th CAM Sq. Munitions is divided into

five major sections: Management, Weapons Loading, Weapons Release, Gun Services and Munitions Services.

Armament Mechanics are also qualified to operate a 20mm gun and link-less feed system in the aircraft. In addition, he must be able to remove the system from the aircraft, bench check, repair and install the system back into the aircraft

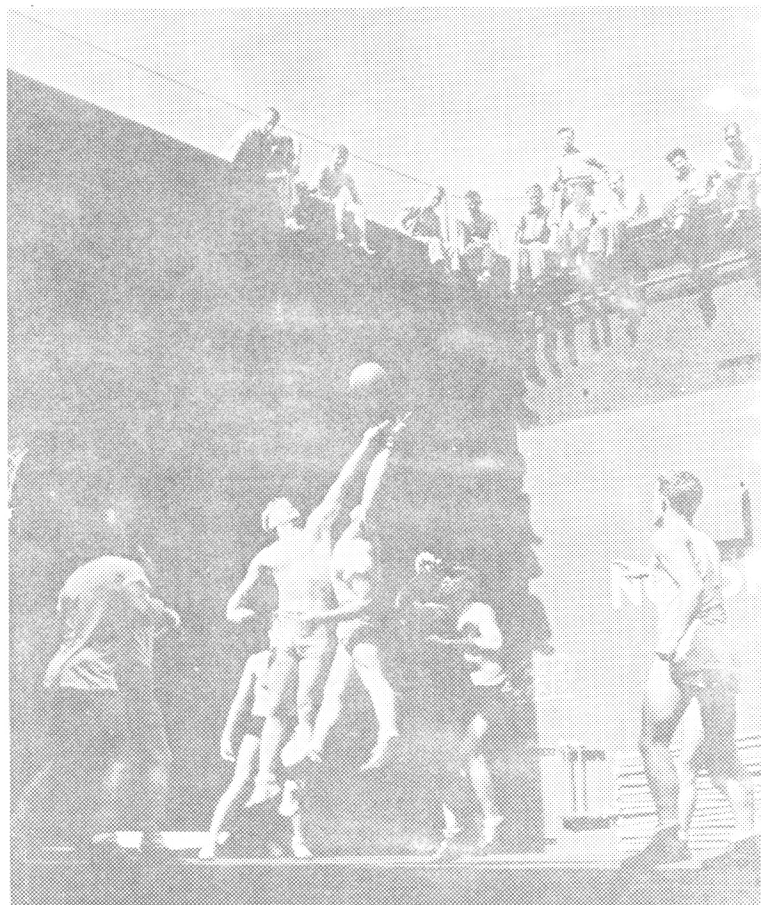


(TAC Press Service)

Home poisons leave a dangerous trail that runs through almost every area of your home. The trail could come to a sudden end in accidental poisonings for you or your family.

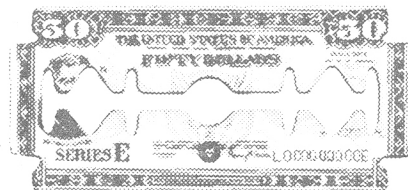
In the garage, basement or other storage areas, never put paint thinners, solvents or fuels in ordinary containers. Pop or milk bottles and drinking glasses or pitchers may tempt a child to drink.

Don't keep household chemicals and cleaners under the sink in the kitchen. Put them in a locked cabinet or on high shelves away from little hands. Never keep poisons in cupboards where food is kept.



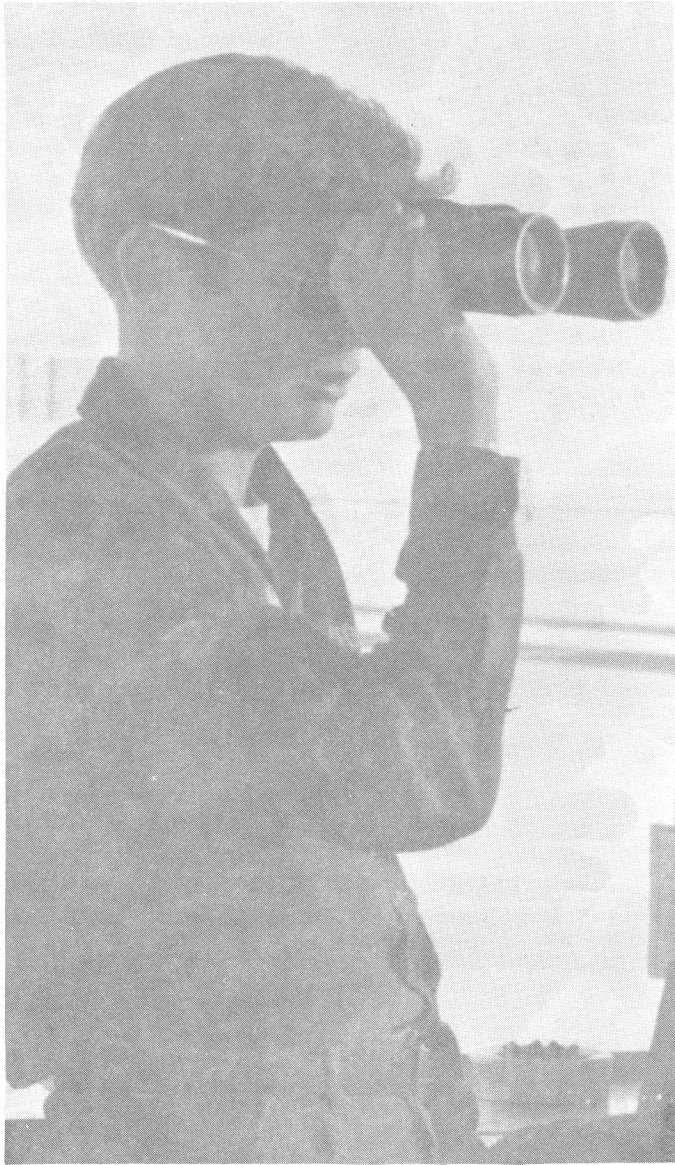
WHO'S THE BLOND? The time: World War II; the place: somewhere in the Pacific; the setting: a carrier elevator; the players: naval aviators relaxing after a strike at Guam; and the forward, facing, jumping for the ball—that's Lt. Gerald Ford, Jr.

The saver's edge.



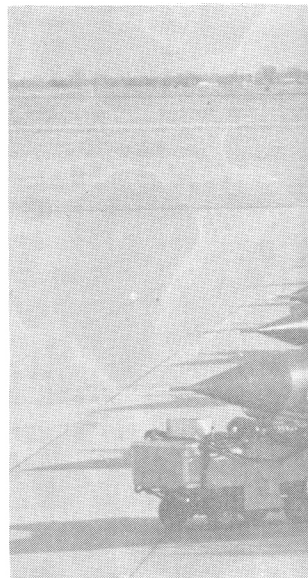
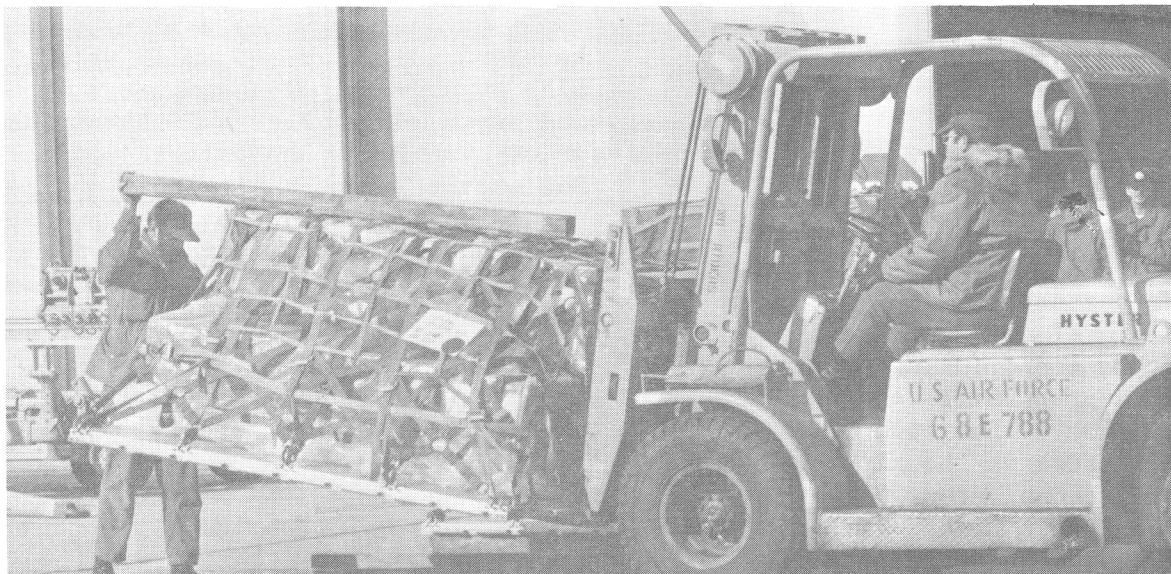
Take stock in America.
Buy U.S. Savings Bonds.

Mobility Exercise Shows Det.



Pic #1: Airmen observed take-offs and landings d
Passenger Terminal. Pic #3: Airmen pick-up bagg
DOWN. Pic #5: Capt Maril monitors the flow of me
aircraft prepare for inspection.

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507 Ready to "Fly and Fight"

The 507th proved several things during December's ORI. With 12th AF inspectors evaluating, under close scrutiny, every aspect of our operation and performance, 507th personnel completed their prescribed duties knowledgeably and professionally. The result: A satisfactory rating on the ORI/MEI.

The mobility exercise came-off satisfactory as did the various skill testing in Maintenance, Operations, Supply, Safety and other areas.

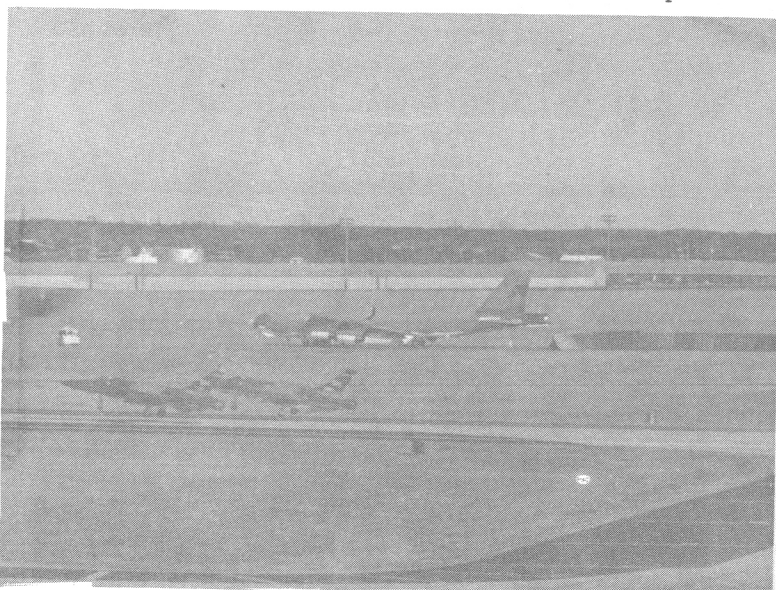
There were some commendable items. MSgt John K Bowles, Detachment Training Technician, was identified in the critique for

his outstanding management of the OJT program.

The Simulator, Fire Department training program, maintenance of the Falcon Range, Engine Shop, aircraft scheduling, strafing, ground attack tactics and air-to-air tactics were all commendable or outstanding areas.

The unit also took its second write-up on haircuts and for the first time, military appearance.

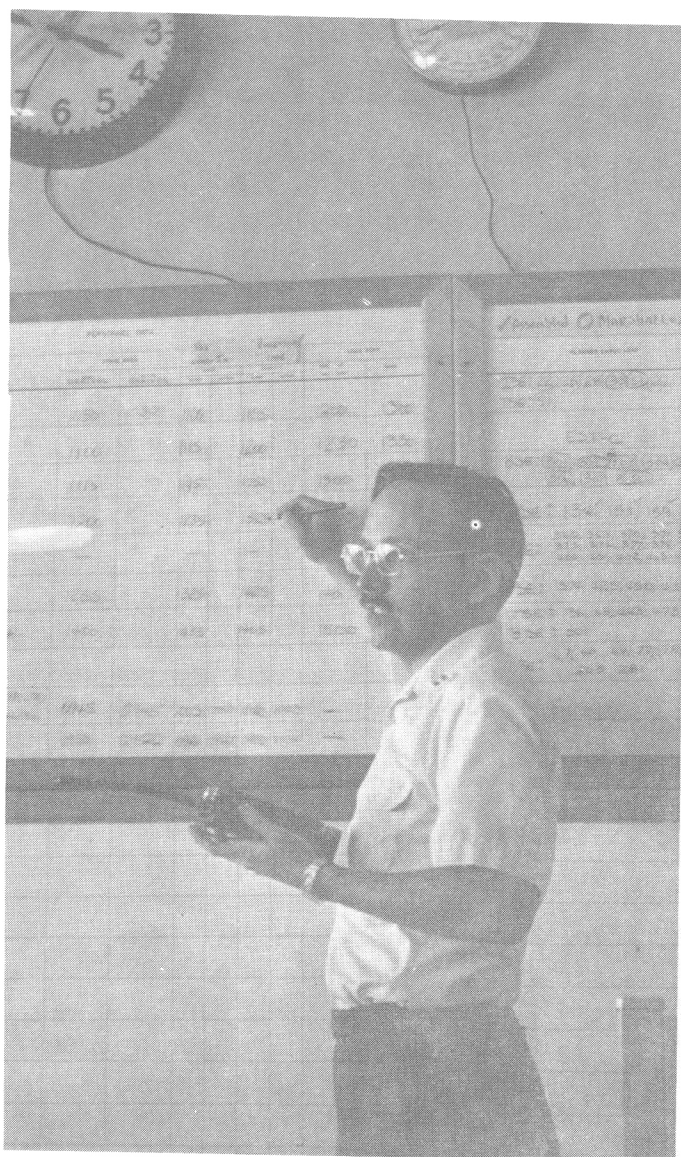
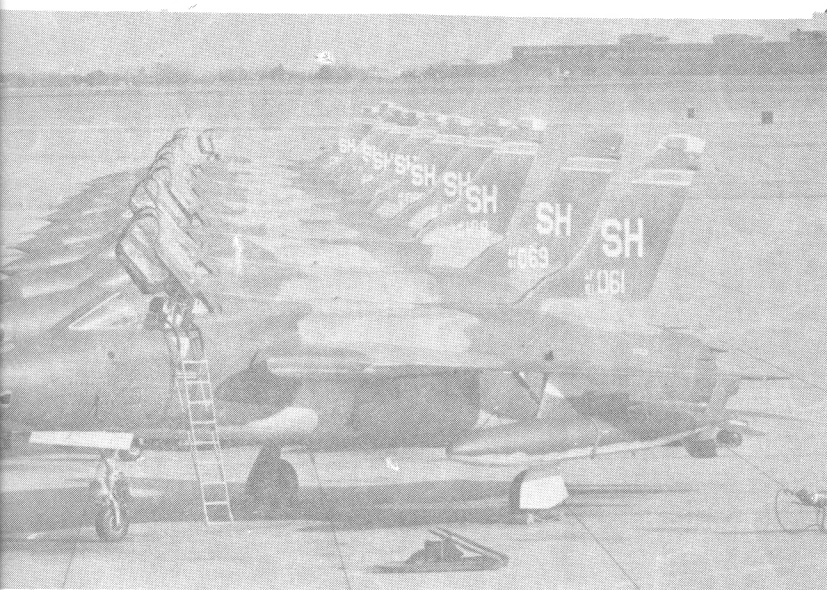
Even though the inspection period lasted only a few days, we must not take the position that our task is completed...we must be operationally ready at all times!

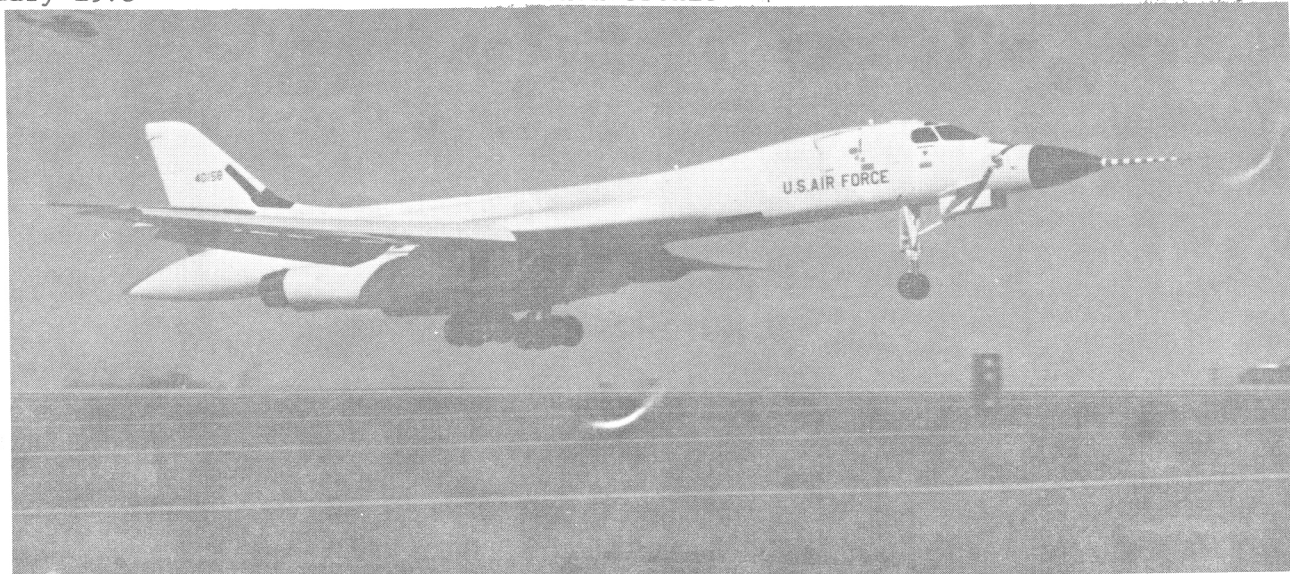


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ge to take out to the loading area. Pic #4: ACES
and material during ORI. Pic #6 TEN-HUT! F-105

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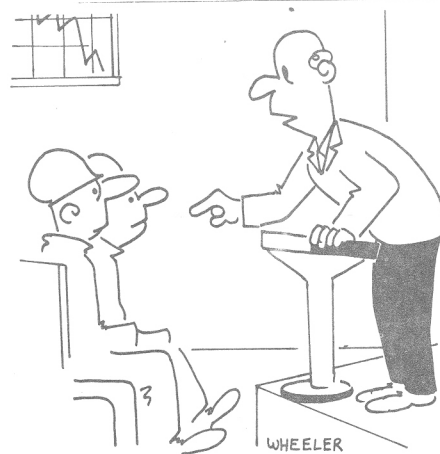
HISTORIC TAKEOFF -- The B-1 strategic bomber takes off from Palmdale, Calif., December 23 on its way to completing its first flight which lasted 1 hour and 25 minutes. It later landed at Edwards AFB, Calif., where it was reported to have successfully completed all planned maneuvers during the initial flight. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

How Are You Doing?

As of 31 Dec 1974:	<u>Recruits</u>	<u>Reenl</u>	<u>Disch</u>	<u>Proj Losses</u>
507 Tactical Clinic	00	00	01	00
507 Combat Support Sq	00	01	00	03
507 Mobility Support Sq	02	00	00	10
507 Consolidated Acft Maint Sq	07	02	01	20
465 Tactical Fighter Sq	00	01	00	01
Det 507, 301TFWg (Hqtrs)	00	00	00	02
507 Weapons System Security Flt	02	00	00	07
507 Communications Flt	01	01	00	01
507 Civil Engineering Flt	00	00	00	13
TOTAL	12	05	02	57

Sign in a county liquor store

Since you cannot refrain from drinking why not start a saloon in your own home? Be the only customer and you will not have to buy a license. Give your wife \$55 to buy a case of whiskey. There are 240 drinks in a case. Buy all your drinks from your wife at 60 cents a drink and in 12 days (when the case is gone) your wife will have \$89 to put in the bank and \$55 to buy another case. If you live ten years and continue to buy all your whiskey from your wife and then die in your boots, your widow will have \$27,085.47 on deposit . . . enough to bring up your children, pay off the mortgage on the house, marry a decent man and forget she ever knew a bum like you.



"My first tip on how to avoid injury in your home is not to talk back to your wife."

In Brief ...

Dining Out Scheduled

The 2d annual Dining-Out has been set-aside for Saturday, 8 February 1975, at the Holiday Inn East, Midwest City. Speaker, prices and timetable will be forthcoming in the personal invitations each officer should have in hand by the January UTA. Get your reservations in early. Project Officer is Barbara Ann Vessels/Ext 5101.

President Cites Energy Savings

AFNS - President Ford has praised Government energy savings programs and asked for continued support. In a statement issued by the White House to be shared by all Air Force members, the President set new energy conservation goals that reduce consumption 15 per cent more than in fiscal year 1973.

Fatigue Name Tags

See your Branch Chief or First Sergeant for fatigue nametag ordering instructions. TAC patches are a uniform requirement also. Your First Sergeant will have the latest information on availability of these patches.

Award Season Approaching

Award nominations for ART and civilian employees are due to Divisions by 10 Feb 75. After selections are determined awards will be typed in final form. Three percent of our total work force can receive Outstanding Performance Awards and only 5% can receive Sustained Superior cash awards.



Lt Col Sadler, Commander Combat Sup, Retires

Early this year, Lt Colonel Louis Sadler, former B-24, C-124, C-119, and greyhound bus pilot, will retire from the Air Force Reserves. Col Sadler, outgoing Commander of the 507th Combat Support Sq, has logged over 12,000 hours of flying time during his 32 year career. He has served as a pilot in this unit and its predecessors for 11 years. During this time, he has flown over 5,000 hours in the C-124 Globemaster.

Col Sadler began his service in the Air Force in 1942. After graduating from the pilot training course in 1944, he was trained to pilot the B-24 Liberator. He was discharged from active duty in 1947 and worked at a number of jobs before becoming a full-time pilot again in 1955. Among the numerous positions that he held during these eight years were ferrying civilian aircraft to Argentina, instructing pilots and driving a Greyhound bus. He returned to flying status in 1955 because, according to him "driving a bus was too dangerous."

The Colonel first came to Tinker AFB from the 65th Troop Carrier Squadron in Muskogee, Oklahoma in 1959. He worked as an ART technician at this base until the F-105 Thunderchief was introduced to the Reserve unit at Tinker in 1972. At that time, he went to work for the Federal Aviation Administration. Since 1973, Col Sadler has served as the Commander of the 507th Combat Support Squadron. During his assignment to Tinker, he has also served as the Commander of the 305th Military Airlift Squadron, Chief of Safety, and Deputy Commander for Operations, 937th Military Airlift Group.

After his retirement, Col Sadler will continue to work for FAA and hopes to devote more time to his favorite hobby --- fishing!

legal aid

Reservists Enjoy Tax Breaks

by Maj Jim Edwards
Staff Judge Advocate

There are several deductions a drilling Reservist can claim as the result of his service. A basic thing to remember is that the pay you receive as a Reservist is treated the same as that you would receive for any part-time job. Thus, the basic pay is taxable but generally, expenses you incur solely to earn that pay usually are deductible.

Taxable income for Reservists includes basic pay for attending drills, annual training duty, incentive pay for hazardous duty and special pay for certain professional specialists.

Not taxable are the basic allowances for subsistence and quarters received while on active duty for training, uniform allowances, rations furnished in kind to enlisteds and transportation furnished in kind.

In addition, mileage and per diem allowances which exceed actual expenses also are taxable income and must be included in wages.

Uniforms

Internal Revenue Service says you may deduct amounts you spend for purchasing and maintaining uniforms if they're not reimbursed to you. The IRS ruling says that the deduction is allowed as an "ordinary and necessary business expense" when uniforms are required and worn only when on active duty for training for temporary periods and for attending drills.

Maintenance costs include such things as cleaning, repairs and alterations. If you are promoted, for example, the cost of changing your uniforms can be deducted.

Remember, though, these expenses are deductible only to the extent that they exceed any uniform allowance you may receive in that taxable year.

For example, if you received a uniform allowance of \$100 during the tax year and the cost and maintenance of your uniforms amounted to \$175, you may de-

duct \$75 as a "miscellaneous" deduction. If you received no uniform money during the tax year, you may deduct the entire amount of \$175. You do this on Schedule A of your Form 1040.

What if you purchased your uniform while on full-time active duty? Then you can't deduct its cost, but you can, of course, deduct the costs of any alterations or changes in insignia required by your Reserve participation.

Travel To Drills

Probably the biggest expense incurred by Reservists is for travel, and there are some special provisions available to them.

If your civilian job and the place where you drill are at two different locations within the same city or general area, and if you have to go to drill on the same day that you're at work, you may deduct your one-way transportation expenses from work to place of drill.

If you don't work at your civilian job on the day you attend a drill in the same city or general area, you cannot claim a travel expense deduction, as this would be considered normal commuting just as it is with your regular job.

Suppose you don't go directly from work to drill, deciding instead to go home first? In that case, you can deduct only the amount it would have cost you to go directly from job to drill.

For instance, if you live 15 miles from work and seven miles from the place of drill, and the distance from your work to drill is 10 miles, you can claim only the 10 miles, even though you drove 22 miles in going from work to home to drill.

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Know Your Tax Benefits

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If the place where you drill is located outside the city or general area where your civilian job is located, you can deduct the costs of the round-trip transportation, provided free military transportation isn't provided.

If you're required to stay overnight for a drill, you can deduct any expenses you have for meals and lodging that are not paid for by the government.

How do you figure the cost of driving to drills? The IRS accepts an optional rate of 15 cents a mile for the first 15,000 miles of business driving (which would include drill travel in this case) and 10 cents a mile thereafter. Such things as tolls and parking fees may be claimed separately.

Annual Training

Now, what about your annual two weeks' active duty for training, or other duty where you're in a mileage or per diem status?

If you broke even, or if your expenses exceeded the allowances and you don't want to deduct the excess of expenses, you can forget the whole thing.

On the other hand, if you received more in allowances than you paid out in expenses, then, as noted earlier, the excess must be entered as miscellaneous income from employer on line 37 of Form 1040.

If you had excess expenses and want to claim them, or if no allowances at all were provided, you can list the deduction

along with your drill-travel expenses---- on line 40 of Form 1040. However, attach a Form 2106 or a statement of expenses and reimbursements to your return.

A word of caution: If you travel with your family, such as overnight to attend drills or on training duty, only your expenses are deductible. Since the cost of lodging a family and transportation unless traveling by car, would be more than that for one person, only the cost of a single rate for similar accommodations may be deducted.

And be sure to keep accurate records. IRS takes a dim view of approximations, estimates or unsupported claims. You should have documentary evidence, such as bills and receipts, to establish your deductions.

Professional Expenses

There are two other deductions you may be entitled to and which can be listed along with your uniform expenses under "miscellaneous deductions" on Schedule A of your Form 1040.

These are subscriptions to military or professional journals which help you in your Reserve career, and dues to professional organizations such as the Reserve Officers Association.

And if you're a member of such an association, keep in mind that an IRS ruling says that official delegates attending a national meeting of professional association, can deduct unreimbursed travel expenses, including the cost of meals and lodging, while away from home.

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"At first I thought so too, but they're only salt tablets."

Some people change their ways when they see the light; others only when they feel the heat.

CURRENT POLICY INSIGHT

What happens if the Defense budget is cut? According to Secretary of Defense James R Schlesinger:

"Further reductions cannot be taken in the Defense budget without a drastic effect on the worldwide role of the United States.

"We spend money in two categories of acquisition--manpower and purchases from industry.

"Defense manpower has declined, as far as military personnel is concerned by a million-and-a-half people since FY 1968; as compared to the prewar level.

And, as you know, manpower expenditures are our largest category of expenditures. This is reflected also in the decline in Defense related employment in industry which, since FY 1968 is down from 3.2 million to 1.6 million.

"The decline in manpower in Defense industry is, of course, associated with the decline of real purchases by the Department of Defense which, from the Southeast Asian peak, has fallen by something on the order of 50 percent--but we are now, in terms of expenditures, something on the order of 25 per cent below the 1956 through 1965 average.

In terms of total public spending, including state and local expenditures, the decline has been to about 17 percent, at the present time--the lowest point since before Pearl Harbor, if that is a source of comfort

In terms of gross national product, the decline has been from 9.5 per cent of the GNP to about 5.6 per cent in the current budget year, and our share of United States labor force is down more dramatically because of the introduction of the all-volunteer force.

"We have gone through a further reordering of priorities in the United States in which social and economic programs have grown dramatically, particularly since the middle 1960s. This is reflected in the declining share of the Federal Unified Budget, going down from 44 to 29 per cent. But, I should emphasize, since there has been confusion on this subject, that any way it is measured, the Defense share is down.

Taxes Continued

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CHECK FICA TOTAL

A final tip: Since FICA (Social Security) deductions are withheld from your Reserve pay, there's a possibility that the amount withheld by the military, as shown on your W-2 Form, combined with that withheld by your civilian employer, as shown on the W-2 from him, may exceed the maximum of \$772.20. If it does, you should claim credit for the excess amount on line 62, page 2 of your Form 1040.

OKLA INCOME TAX

The first \$1500.00 of taxable military pay is excluded and deducted in computing gross income for Oklahoma State income tax purposes. Reservists who are legal residents of other states are not required to report their military pay on an Oklahoma income tax return even though they perform their military reserve duties in Oklahoma.

E-E-E

Did you know that the letter "e" is the most used letter in the alphabet?

It is also said to be the most unfortunate letter because it is always out of cash, forever in debt, never out of danger and torment all the time. All of which is true.

Still, it is never in war, always in peace and always in something to eat. It is the beginning of existence, the commencement of easy, and the end of trouble. Without it there would be no heaven. It is the center of honesty and always in love.

Mother of Six

Named Airman of Quarter

by TSgt George Palmer

TSgt Rosemary Mortimer, mother of six children, was named Airman of the Quarter for the second quarter of FY 75. She is a management analyst in the Budget Office, 507 Combat Support Squadron, and she has been a member of the 507th since November 1972.

In addition to her part-time service in the Air Force, Sgt Mortimer serves as a full time mother to three boys and three girls, a full-time civilian Quality Assurance Specialist at Tinker AFB, and a part-time student at Oklahoma University. She expects to graduate from Oklahoma University in 1975, earning a B.S. degree in Accounting after eight years of night school. Very appropriately, her graduation falls on Mother's Day.

Sgt Mortimer has also found time for sports during her career. She was selected as an All-Air Force basketball player two times and received the same recognition as a softball player on one occasion. She has also coached basketball and softball at St Phillip Neri School in Midwest City, and in 1969 and 1971, she played on softball teams that advanced to the National Softball Tournament.

A native of Pennsylvania, Sgt Mortimer first came to Oklahoma in 1951, following graduation from tech school, and was assigned to the ADC radar site located at Tinker AFB at that time. She later helped close-out that same site while working as a civilian at Tinker AFB.

Sgt Mortimer has enjoyed her career in the Air Force and recommends it highly to any young woman who is looking for an exciting and educational experience. She plans to retire after accumulating twenty years of service. Her selection as Airman of the Quarter earned her a flight in the F-105 Thunderchief - not bad sport for a mother of six.



RSO Announces Spaces

DENVER (AFNS) - Air Reserve Personnel Center has announced openings for 700 additional officer spaces in the Reserve Supplement Officer (RSO) program.

The program is designed to train reservists to fill positions held by active-duty rated officers who would be recalled to flying duties during national emergencies.

Under the authorization, well-qualified officers in grades of captain to lieutenant colonel can now participate in the program in 27 skills.

RSO positions are in pay and training category B which requires the reservist to put in 24 training periods and one active-duty tour of 12-14 days each year.

The major advantage of the RSO program, compared to the mobilization augmentation program, is that the reservists train at the base nearest their home if Cont'd on page 4.



COVER PHOTO: Mobility exercises are underway during December's ORI and the starting place for many reservists is the personnel processing line for everything from paperwork to - ugh - s-h-o-t-s!