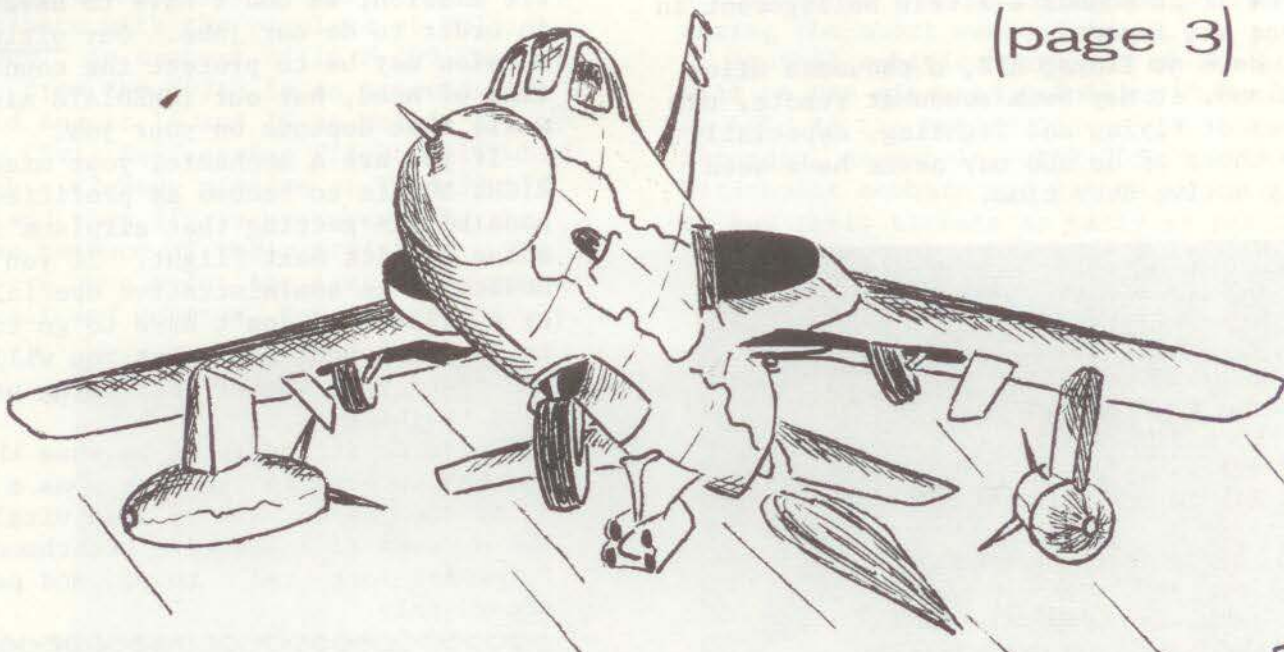




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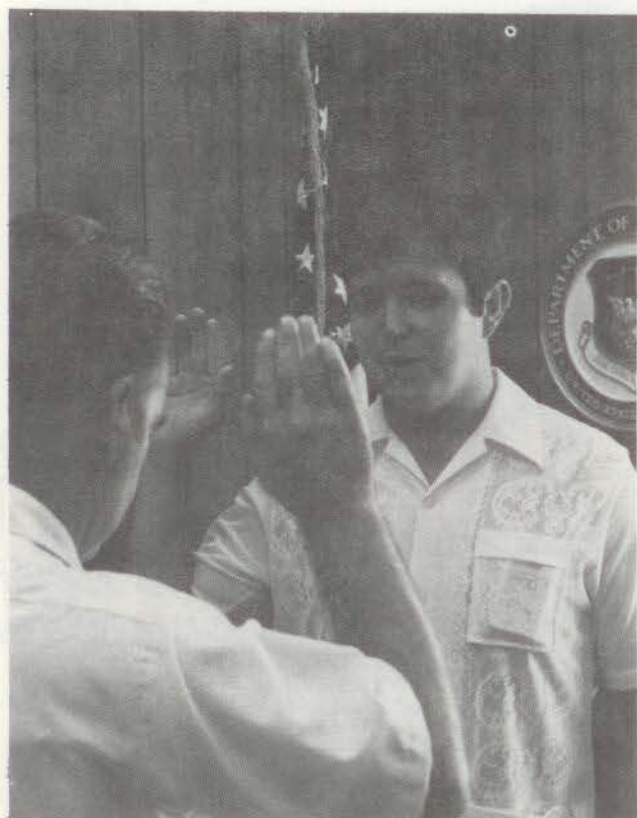


As we begin Summer Camp 1975, several thoughts come to mind.

The first is why we're here. You have no doubt heard many times the old expression, "The mission of the Air Force is to 'Fly and Fight'" Sometimes there's a "and don't you ever forget it!", tacked on at the end.

Certainly this is a true statement, even if it sounds a little belligerent in tone and impact.

Here at Tinker AFB, a thousand miles inland, it may seem somewhat remote, this idea of flying and fighting, especially to those of us who may never have seen any active duty time.



FATHER & SON TEAM - Capt. Clifford Cole of Det. 507 administers the oath to his son, Rick Cole, upon Rick's entry into the 507th during the August UTA.

After all, the war in Southeast Asia is over, and the other hotspots of the world seem far away. Fight? Who, me?

The answer is maybe, maybe not, certainly HOPEFULLY not. But as we all know the world is really a small, cozy, little place, where events can change fast and people can leap great distances at a single bound of a jet airplane.

What may appear to be a stable global situation for the present could change quickly into a crisis that demands from us a state of readiness that measures up to professional standards.

And that's why we're here at Tinker AFB undergoing two weeks of active training. So we'll be ready to do our jobs, anyplace in the world, in the unhappy event that the country needs us.

Fortunately, despite this truly dramatic mission, we don't have to have a war in order to do our jobs. Our ultimate mission may be to protect the country in time of need, but our IMMEDIATE mission - well, that depends on your job.

If you are a mechanic, your mission RIGHT NOW is to become as proficient as possible in getting that airplane in shape for its next flight. If you're a medic, or an administrative specialist, or a pilot, you don't have to go to war to be doing your job - but you will have to spend your summer tour doing productive training.

Let's do it together, because that's the way we have to function - as a team.

No one job is more or less vital to the success of the entire Detachment, so recognize your value to us, and perform accordingly.

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Summer Camp Takes Off

Groups Head For Six Bases - Some To Stay At Tinker

The annual two-week active duty tour begins today for most of the 900 members of Detachment 507, 301st Tactical Fighter Wing. Unlike 1974, when much of the unit was airlifted to the hot and humid climes of Savannah, Ga., most of the detachment will be staying home for this year's tour. There are some exceptions.

Eighteen members of 507th Weapons Security Flight joined the 366th Tactical Fighter Wing, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, for their two weeks of active duty which began July 18. The remainder of the flight leaves August 11 for Cannon AFB, N.M.

The 507th Mobility Support Flight will participate with the regulars at Nellis AFB, Nev., in support of 16 F-105 Thunderchiefs from the 507th in an exercise to be held August 14 and 15 at Nellis AFB.

The Civil Engineering Flight will whid through a 72-hour mission at Tyndall AFB, Fla., and then fly to Westover AFB, Mass., for the balance of their training. The engineers have spent the last two summers in Hawaii and Houston, Tex., respectively.

Tinker AFB has been the site of most of the 507th previous summer encampments, and provides excellent facilities for work and recreation. The whole range of base facilities is open to reservists during the two week camp, including the commissary, the base exchange (with no limit on the number of shopping visits), service clubs, golf course, gym and theater.

Family members are also able to use these facilities.

For the reservist not on the road, the camp will be an opportunity to polish skills needed in the normal workday environment of Tinker AFB. Projects can be accomplished that would not be possible during the short weekend drill.

Another ambitious project of the period will be the gigantic Refueling Party to be held in the Myriad Convention Center, Saturday, August 16, at 8:00 p.m. All Detachment members and guests are urged to buy their tickets as early as possible.



DELUXE ROOM SERVICE from Summer Camp, 1974, at Savannah, Georgia, will not be available during this year's summer encampment, despite pleas by some Det. 507 members for a return to nature. Unit personnel not staying at home in the local area will be housed in barracks with a roof over their heads instead of canvas and a pole. Sorry about that.

Supervisors Record Of Employment Is Vital

I am an Air Force civil service employee. I have a direct supervisor, whom I think of as "my boss".

Like everybody else who has a boss, I like to think mine is aware of my performance and keeps track of my special accomplishments, not just in his mind (It's too easy to forget), but jotted down where he can find it when he needs them.

Such information is vital at rating time or to document an award submission.

Of course, if instead of special accomplishments, all I've given him is special headaches, he'll want to have that down in writing too.

He'd better, if he wants to give me a letter of reprimand or remove me.

He'll have a hard time convincing the civilian personnel office he means business if he has no dates or other speci-

fics to prove his point and to show he's talked to me and tried to help me do a better job.

All these notes he keeps on me don't have to be fancy. AFR 40-293 gives a nice handwritten sample of how an AF Form 971, "Supervisor's Record of Employees," should be filled out (a bit on the chauvinistic side perhaps, with this guy's wife who got him into debt by getting "carried away at Christmas" with his hard-earned money. But that's all right, it can happen. Maybe her'971 says just the reverse).

So go ahead, boss, use that AF Form 971. It's required anyway!

Even though you don't have to let me see the AF Form 971, you should have no reason to say "no" if you've been fair.

I sure don't want everybody in the office to know that much about me.



UNDER ARREST - Not really, folks, it's just a drill on the flightline by Det. 507's Security Police. But security is everybody's business, so safeguard classified (which begins with the letter "c" as in "confirmed report") matter in your shop and you'll be doing your part.

Reserves Symbolize Spirit Of '76

WASHINGTON (AFNS) - "I don't know of any American organization that better symbolizes the 'Spirit of '76' than the Air Force Reserve," said Maj. Gen. William Lyon, chief of Air Force Reserve.

General Lyon made the comment at the unveiling of the Air Force Reserve Bicentennial emblem in Washington, D.C.

In the forefront of the emblem is a helmeted head representing today's Air

Force Reservist. This is superimposed over the silhouette of a head wearing a tricornered hat to depict a concerned colonist.

The total effect is that today's Air Reservist casts a shadow similar to early American patriots.

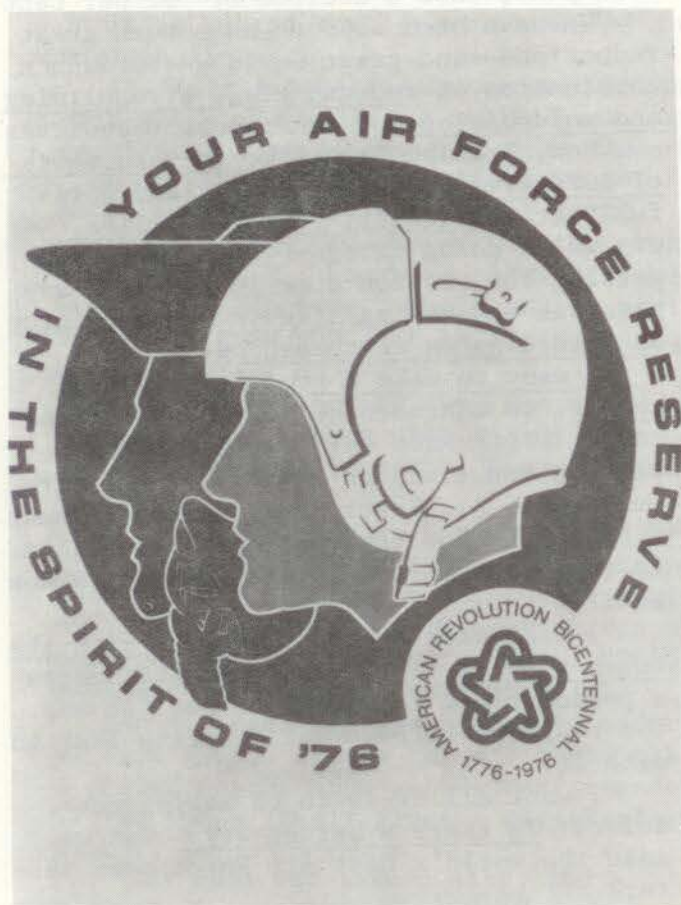
"I can't totally equate today's Air Reservists with yesterday's citizen soldiers who were undertrained, underequipped, underfed and shunned by many of their fellow countrymen.

Today's Air Reservist is well equipped, well trained, and is an integral part of our Nation's total defense force. But in spirit and concept, we are certainly like them," General Lyon said.

"The Air Force Reserve is a relative newcomer on the American defense scene, but what it has accomplished since its inception is nothing short of spectacular, and the reason that it has succeeded so well is because of the spirit of its men and women--the 'Spirit of '76'," General Lyon said.

The Air Force Reserve is totally integrated into the systems and management programs of the active force and has proved time and time again that the trust placed in the Air Force Reserve is justified. It has achieved this without losing its civilian flavor or its community ties, General Lyon pointed out.

"Since we, as Air Reservists, don't have the long history that many components of the Armed Forces have, we are reluctant to say, 'In the tradition of such and such,' but we can say, without fear or contradiction, 'the Air Force Reserve--truly is the Spirit of '76'.



Air Force Reserve Bicentennial Emblem

Hints For AFR Wives From Heloise

In the eyes of the Air Force Reserve, the military wife is something very special. Special because she, more than anyone else, shapes and determines her husband's attitudes and ambitions.

And over the years, it has become a known fact that with the right kind of environment at home, any man becomes a better worker and more valuable in his job.

So, that's why the Air Force has taken the time to put together (with Heloise's

kind permission), a complimentary collection of her useful house-hold hints.

It's just our way of personally thanking you for the understanding and support you've given your husband thus far in his reserve career.

And who knows, with the help of Heloise's hints, perhaps you'll have even more spare time to devote to that man of yours.

Complimentary copies of "Hints from Heloise" are available in the Detachment Recruiting Office.

Current Policy Insight

Air Force Changes As Does The Nation

FOR ALL OF US, A BETTER AIR FORCE.
Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David C. Jones said in a recent message in the Air Force Policy Letter for Commanders:

"From its beginning, the Air Force has changed as the Nation has changed. We've gone through several distinct periods since World War II: The belt-tightening post-war years; the Korean War; the retention problems in the fifties, the ICBM buildup; the Vietnam War.

"Now that we're no longer engaged in the war in Vietnam, our Nation faces new relationships with power centers throughout the world. And just as our Nation's outlook on world and domestic problems changes, the Air Force is changing to meet the new realities. When I say the Air

Force is changing, I mean Air Force people. Because the Air Force is people: our organization and our weapon systems are in our hands.

"One of the hardest of the realities we face is the condition of the economy. As I recently advised the Congress, the number of people in the Air Force's fiscal year 1976 force, when compared to the 1968 peak, show a decline of 32 per cent.

"We have been able to make such great reductions--and great savings--through a combination of reorganizing, streamlining and modernizing our management techniques.

"Now, I think it's time to take stock of ourselves--to look closely and carefully at the quality of our worklife, the way we're doing things--whether we're getting the mission done in the best way possible and making life in the Air Force as rewarding as it should be.

"I want to make a good Service even better, to enhance the well-being of the entire force--not only active military members and civilian employees, but Air Guardsmen, Air Reservists, and dependents.

We must also remember our obligations to those who served before us and are now retired.

"I want each of us to keep in mind the human side of life, the trust that makes a person proud to do his or her job and the responsibilities and benefits that go with it.

"I want all of us to be asking ourselves: Is there a better way? Can we make the world's best Air Force even better?

"The Management Improvement Group I established recently under Maj. Gen Kenneth L. Tallman will examine all aspects of the organization and management of the Air Force as they relate to our human resources, our people. You will be hearing more about them.

"The Air Force is in our hands and it will be as good as we make it. For all of us, and for our Country, let's make it even better."



Starting with our first issue of Summer Camp, THE THUNDERCHIEF will have a personals section entitled "The Trading Post" If you have anything to sell, want to buy need a ride or any other personal communi-

cation for the Detachment, use our personals section.

No charge, of course. Call Ext 2935 for information and placement.

LIVE & LEARN

by Chaplain
Robert Helmich

A current movie entitled "The Reincarnation of Peter Proud" set me to thinking and my attention was recalled to the words from Wordsworth's great sonnet on Milton.

Milton, thou shouldst be living
at this hour

England hath need of thee....

It is one of the great poems of the English language.

It poses a penetrating question: What sort of people would be called back to earth in a time of great need of humanity?

If we answer that question, we get a sure line on people who really count.

Think of the men who set out to conquer the world. There is Alexander the Great, and Napoleon. Would anyone say: Napoleon, thou shouldst be living at this hour!"

Who but a blind and dumb man would call back Napoleon, about whom Victor Hugo gave the massive verdict: "God got tired of him!"

But how many people would we call back if it were possible? Again and again men feel and say of Lincoln, of Luther, of Jane Addams, of Phillip Brooks and an unnumbered host of unknown to fame: "Thou shouldst be living at this hour!"

Can we think of anyone asking, after, we have gone, "Return to us"? What makes a person worthy of a return performance?

The poem itself gives a satisfactory answer.

Thy soul was like a star, and
dwelt apart..

So didst thou travel in life's
common way,

In cheerful godliness; and yet thy
heart

The lowliest duties on herself did
lay.

There it is - two things. One is "Cheerful godliness," the sense of relationship to God carried into life. (How dreadfully we neglect this relationship.)

The other is the acceptance of duties. (I will agree with Robert E. Lee who said that "Duty" is the sublimest word in the English language if we relate that duty first to God.) Anyone whose life shows these qualities wins the accolage: "Come back."



STAN HARDISON: The Man Behind Fleagle

Fleagle Pitches For Accident Prevention

HQ TAC -- He's the offspring of a "ruddy duck and a common loon. He has two left feet, a suit of bedraggled feathers a battered WW I flying cap, a broken beak and a pot belly.

He is the world's worst flying pilot and there is absolutely nothing he can do right. Who is this epitome of raunchiness? None other than TAC's favorite cartoon character -- Fleagle.

The man behind the bird is Stan Hardison, Art Editor for the safety magazine TAC ATTACK.

Hardison created the character back in the mid-1950s as a political cartoon. However, in 1964, he accepted a job with the Army and stopped drawing the now-famous bird.

For some strange reason, he bought the copyright to the cartoon character, but never really intended to use the critter again.

How did TAC gain the talents of Hardison? The cartoonist said that his job with the Army required continuous travel.

One day a friend told him about a "job with a magazine" that would be less migratory.

Hardison made an appointment to be interviewed, although he had no idea what sort of magazine he would be working for.

"Was I surprised," he exclaimed, "when I found myself in the TAC Office of Safety!"

Hardison explained that Fleagle is a truly useful bird. "Many blue-suiters cringe when the word safety is mentioned," he explained, "and it's very hard to talk about safety without putting people to sleep.

But Fleagle changed all that." he added. "You wouldn't believe how many people will pack into an auditorium to see me draw that silly bird.

His basic pitch during a safety meeting is to talk about accident prevention while he draws Fleagle.

"You know," he mused, "Fleagle was

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given a new lease on life because of a thunderstorm. My boss, who was a pilot, flew directly into a thunderstorm during some bad weather.

The aircraft was damaged and some parts had to be flown in to make it air-worthy. It took him more than two weeks to fly the aircraft back to Langley.

"When my boss returned, he told me to do something in TAC ATTACK to keep nuts like him from flying into thunderstorms.

Fleagle was revived in the next issue of TAC ATTACK when the crazy bird made his TAC debut flying into an anvil cloud!"

Hardison revealed the name Fleagle is a combination of the words flying and eagle and that the first cartoon was intended to be a one-time deal. "We were

really surprised when it caught on," he admitted.

When Fleagle's creator was asked to describe his most memorable Fleagle cartoon, he noted that the response to his "nude" centerfold of Fleagle in the February 1975 issue of TAC ATTACK was amazing. "I owe it all to Burt Reynolds, he quipped.

What is Fleagle's future? Since the cartoon receives newspaper syndication, his creator expects he will be around for some time in both TAC ATTACK and the daily newspapers.

When he was asked to sum up his career, he said with a grin, "Well, I guess you could say it has been for the birds."

Excuses, excuses

The three "R's" may no longer be taught in the traditional manner by our educators. Nevertheless, the "traditional" excuses for being absent from school are still being received by the teachers.

A Greenville, S.C. teacher who received them passed the following along to the Fort Jackson Leader recently.

Dear School:

Please excuse John for being absent on January 28, 29, 30, 32, and 33.

Chris have a ache in his side.

Mary could not come to school because she was bothered by very close veins.

John has been absent because he has two teeth taken out of his face.

I kept Billie home because she had to go Christmas shopping because I didn't know what size she wear.

Please excuse Gloria. She has been sick and under the doctor.

My son is under the doctor's care and should not take P.E. Please execute him.

Lillie was absent from school yesterday as she had a going over.

Please excuse Joey Monday. He had loose vowels.

Carole was absent yesterday because he was playing football. He was hurt in the growing part.

Mary Ann was absent December 11 - 15 because she had a fever, sore throat, headache, and upset stomach. Her sister was also sick, fever and sore throat. Her brother had upset stomach and ached all over. I wasn't feeling the best either, sore throat and fever. There must be the flu going around. Her father even got hot last night.

Please excuse Blanche from P.E. for a few days. Yesterday she fell out of a tree and misplaced her hip.

Please excuse Joyce from JIM today. She is administrating.

My daughter was absent yesterday because she was tired. She spent the weekend with the Marines.

Please excuse Jimmy for being. It was his father's fault.

Please excuse Dianna from being absent yesterday. She was in bed with Gramps.



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Ronnie A Mitchell

TO TECHNICAL SERGEANT

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Bernard J Powers
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