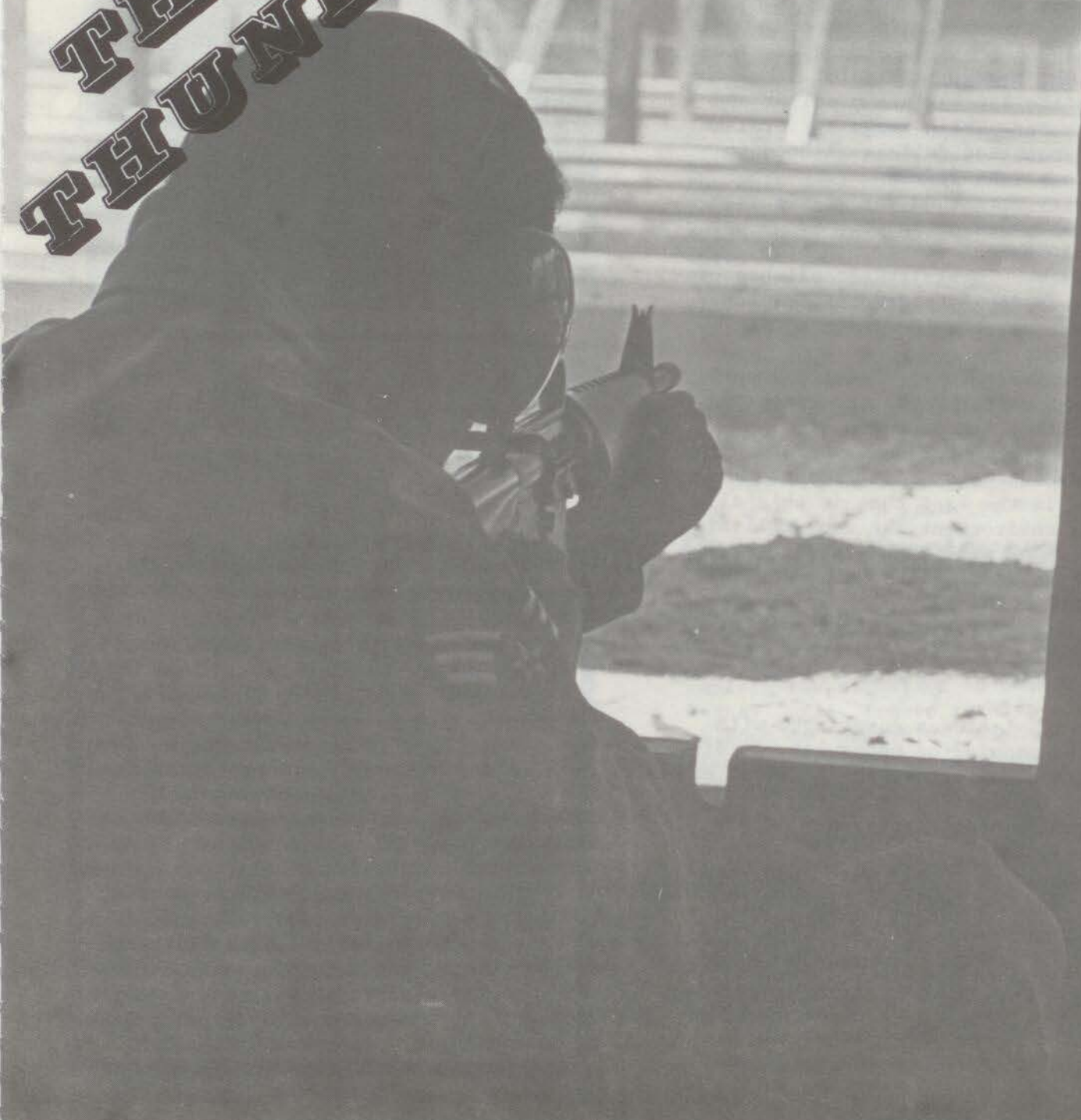




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# THE THUNDERCHIEF



# COMMANDERS ALL:

Lt Colonel  
Roger P Scheer



The image of the military has suffered considerably over the past decade. Certainly the Vietnam war along with other circumstances not necessarily within the total control of the military contributed significantly to this decline. You may ask the question, "Why worry so much about image when our main concern should be the maintenance of a strong fighting force?" The answer is simple: The public votes the appropriation dollar and as long as our public image suffers, so will the amount of dollars allotted to maintain a strong defense.

Integrity more than any single faction, establishes an image. No amount of artificial surface veneer can hide a lack of integrity. Integrity establishes credibility; credibility creates respect; and respect creates the image we are striving for.

The Air Force Chief, General Jones, stated that as far as he was concerned, you are either 'in or out'.

There is no in between; you are either totally dedicated or a detriment. Interesting is the fact that in this all-volunteer environment, we can still afford to demand such high standards. The Air Force is meeting its manning requirements, yet taking only one out of every five applicants. Ninety-five percent of the Air Force recruits last year had high school diplomas - far ahead of all other services!

Integrity includes compliance with directives popular or unpopular. A directive that has evoked the greatest emotion over the past years is AFM 35-10, "Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel."

Why should we comply with this regulation? Not for health or safety reasons, I believe, as many posters imply, but simply because "that's the rule". The Air Force is not the only organization which believes that certain grooming

## Image Linked To Public Dollar

standards enhance personal image.

A recent study conducted by Stanford University and the Research Committee of the Western College Placement Association surveyed 100 recruiting officers and managers from 17 different types of industry groups.

The results showed that applicants with grooming standards, closely resembling those of the Air Force, evoked a positive response from the interviewer more than applicants outside our grooming guidelines.

There is always room for constructive criticism and ideas but integrity and dedication demand compliance.

We are all here voluntarily, the choice is ours -- either 'in or out'!

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ON THE COVER: As part of Mobility awareness, the Security Police must keep a sharp eye. They practice at the rifle range during UTA weekends and Summer Camps.

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## "Total Force", Euphemism?

Some think "Total Force" is a euphemism for the Air Force--the bluesuiters. It is, in part. But only a small part.

"The "Total Force" is simply all the military and its related resources, both active and reserve, possessed by the United States and its allies. It also includes the thousands of civilian employees working in a myriad of occupations.

Working together in a closely integrated fashion, all of the elements possess certain abilities that can better strengthen our deterrent force and our mutual security.

Through more reliance on our allies, Air National Guard and Reserve units, the active force can be and has been reduced.

Our Guard and Reserve forces fill additional manpower requirements and maintain high states of operational readiness. But that does not mean that the only effect the "Total Force" policy has on the active duty force is to do some of our work.

Not only people, but weapon systems must be able to perform in various roles. These forces must be modern.

Essential elements of U.S. airpower--active duty, Air National Guard, Air Reserve, civilian employees, allied forces--bolster and continue to provide part of the free world's "Total Force".

This "Total Force" helps to maintain the free world's security.



FIRST OF THE LIEUTENANTS to be Instructor Pilot qualified is 1Lt. Jerry Emory shown checking his G-suit before a flight.

## Ombudsman Offers Helping Hand To Employers Too

The Office of Ombudsman began a Committee last year that was designed to help resolve employer related problems for members of the Guard and Reserve.

After almost a year of operation, the Ombudsman has met with more success and has proven its worth time and again.

However, it appeared to be a one way street, Ombudsman and Guardsmen or Reservist versus employer. This one way communication left little or no opportunity for feedback from the employers.

Recognizing this problem, the Committee recently extended its Ombudsman service to include employers who have problems with Guardsmen or Reservists, thus establishing a two way link.

The program operation is quite simple. If an Employer, Guardsman or Reservist has expended all local channels for re-

solving a problem with no satisfaction, he or she may write or call (sorry no collect calls accepted) the Ombudsman and explain the situation in detail.

They will try to resolve all matters as soon as possible to the satisfaction of all concerned by reasonable discussion between the parties.

If they cannot settle the question by action at the Committee, they request one of their representatives in the area concerned to get in touch and work with you.

If the problem cannot be resolved by this procedure, it is then referred to the US Department of Labor or the Civil Service Commission, as appropriate, for their assistance.

These matters are always treated confidentially and no entry is ever made on official records.

## Dear Editor

I would like to take this time to applaud the large group of officers and airmen who participated in the Fallon deployment September 27 through October 4.

This was undoubtedly one of the most outstanding efforts I have ever seen this unit complete.

Fallon NAS is a Navy training facility 100 miles west of Reno, Nev. The base is equipped and manned entirely for the use of TDY units who require training in low-level navigation and weapons delivery on both scorable and tactical gunnery ranges.

The statistics concerning our missions were fantastic. We scheduled and flew 130 missions and tookoff within 5 minutes of scheduled times with no aircraft substitutions.

There were no aircraft aborts, ground or air. All sorties achieved 100% effectiveness with regard to the type mission and training scheduled. We dropped 570 500-lb general purpose MK-82 bombs with only 1 bomb malfunction.

We expended 13,172 rounds of 20-mm ammunition. Eight pilots were scheduled for and flew annual tactical evaluation/instrument check rides.

Maj. Rex Travis did such an outstanding job in the Intelligence area that a US Marine Corps deployed unit asked us to loan him to them for a simulated Intelligence briefing on one of their large strikes, which he accomplished with ease.

Capt. Cal Marquis and Capt. Gary Confer spent much overtime and did an excellent job of assisting the acting Operations officer in coordinating the daily flight schedule.

Sgt. Dean Williamson came through with a superior performance in the Life Support area. During the deployment, in addition to keeping each pilot's life support equipment clean and ready to go, he briefed on normal and emergency egress

## Thuds Cash - In On Fallon Training

MSgt. Barry McMillen and all those in the munitions area did an excellent job of loading 6 MK-82s per aircraft and setting up the MERs and 20mm cannons on the 95 strike missions flown Monday through Friday.

Last, but not least, Capt. John Hopper and all his crew provided us with excellent aircraft to fly. It was also noticed and appreciated that CAM Sq was observed spending a lot of overtime getting ready for the next day's schedule.

When a last minute schedule change required us to launch all the re-deployment aircraft out on time, and 30 minutes earlier, their "can do" spirit surfaced and all aircraft were airborne precisely on time.

To add to the success of this deployment, the Executive Officer of Fallon NAS gave his personal congratulations on our successful deployment and invited us to return again.

RONALD WILLIAMS, Major, USAFR  
Operations & Training Officer  
465 Tactical Fighter Squadron





LEFT TO RIGHT - MSgt. Lonnie M. Mitchell, TSgt. Ronnie A. Mitchell and Sgt. Del Cummins have all been awarded the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal.

MSgt. Lonnie M. Mitchell distinguished himself through excellent service as the Squadron Air Operations Supervisor while assigned to the 465 Tactical Fighter Squadron. His major contributions to the Air Force Reserve were during the F-105 conversion program. He is presently Chief of Administrative Services Division, Combat Support Flight.

TSgt. Ronnie A. Mitchell made outstanding contributions through his knowledge and leadership during the 1974 ORI/MEI conducted by 12AF. As a Plans and Mobility Technician, he is assigned to the Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Sgt. Del Cummins was awarded the commendation medal for outstanding contributions while on active duty. Sgt. Cummins is assigned as a personnel specialist with the Mobility Support Flight.

## Roscoe , Official Fighter Mascot , Dies

KORAT RTAFB, Thailand (AFNS) - Roscoe mascot of the 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, died of old age, Sept. 13.

The legend of Roscoe the dog is a mixture of fact and fiction. His origin is not exactly known. What is known is that in June 1966 Roscoe came to Korat from Yokota AB, Japan. The legend says he arrived in the cockpit of an F-105 with his owner, Capt. Ray Lewis, who was shot down two months later and never returned.

Roscoe was then adopted by the entire 388th. Years later, when the wing changed from F-105s to F-4s, Roscoe stayed with the squadron. Paperwork was submitted and Roscoe became the official mascot of the 388th.

Roscoe was named after Capt. Roscoe Anderson, an F-86 pilot and MIG-killer in Korea. When Anderson was killed in an

F-105 accident, Captain Lewis named his puppy Roscoe, after his close friend.

During his years at Korat, Roscoe had the run of the base and was entitled to special treatment. He regularly attended the wing commander's morning briefing, where he sat in the wing commander's chair, or anywhere else he wanted.

During the Vietnam War, fighter pilots believed that if Roscoe was asleep during the briefing, that day's mission would be easy.

If, on the other hand, he sat up and was alert, they knew it would be a bad day of flying.

Fact or fiction, Roscoe will be missed and remembered as long as there are people who served at Korat RTAFB. The Air Force has lost a loyal friend.

# LIVE & LEARN

by Chaplain  
Robert Helmich

The Commander in staff meeting quoted General Jones to the effect that our military image in America and the world can only be improved or restored by a discipline that accomplishes the rebirth of integrity.

Personal integrity is an indispensable element in preservation of our American way of life. What is integrity anyway? An eminent Rhodes scholar once described Oxford University undergraduates as a group of men who preferred "to lose the game" rather than play it unfairly. THIS is integrity! It enables us to say, "We have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, we have defrauded no man." (2 Cor. 7:2).

General Dean was told he had only a few minutes to write a letter home. He had a feeling that cold day in Chungju, Korea, that when that letter was written he would be taken out and shot. He wrote



SSgt. Herman Ashlock, civil engineering flight, earnestly paints one of the yard-tall letters in the Reserve Bicentennial Emblem, which is coming into sharp focus on the hangar roof. Dedication ceremonies are planned for November 16.

## Integrity Is The Name Of The Game

only a few lines. Among them was this one: "Tell Bill the word is integrity."

The hero-general could have said alot of things, but in the cold light of reality he wrote, "Tell Bill the word is integrity."

Yet integrity is often exchanged for wealth, position, popularity, or security NOTHING one can have by trading his integrity is worth the cost of the loss.

Jesus said, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

The children of God MUST be people of unquestionable character regardless of their position socially, professionally, politically and economically. If and when defeat and destruction of American democracy should come it will be ushered in intentionally or unintentionally by men who for 30 pieces of silver sold their personal integrity.

## Mayor Latting To Dedicate Reserve Bicentennial Emblem

Dedication ceremonies for the Reserve Bicentennial Emblem painted on the hangar roof will take place on Sunday in the Headquarters building parking lot from 1430-1500.

Oklahoma City Mayor Patience Latting will be the guest speaker.

Artist, Rita Dobie, wife of SSgt. Skip Dobie, and an employee of Southwestern Bell Telephone will be on hand for the ceremonies along with Maj. General John W. Hoff, CenAFRR Commander, Maj. General James Randolph, Oklahoma City Air Logistics commander and other local dignitaries from the state Senate and chamber of commerce.

Families are encouraged to attend says Lt. Col. Roger P. Scheer, commander.

A fly-by of F-105s conducted by the 465 Tactical Fighter Squadron is scheduled to high-light the event.

## Olive Drab New Fall Color For Flightline

The unit's Aerospace Ground Equipment (AGE), will take on a new look as it is repainted from bright yellow to olive drab green.

The more than 210 pieces of AGE, which are normally found on the 507th flightline, include both "powered", such as aircraft starting units, light carts and heaters; and "non-powered", such as jacks and maintenance stands.

MSgt. Winifred R. Bledsoe, AGE foreman said, "The repainting is the result of the Air Force Reserve's continuing mobility requirements. The olive drab will decrease the ability of enemy aircraft to locate and possibly destroy not only the equipment but also the aircraft the equipment is used on."

During the next year, the repainting will be performed as the equipment is normally scheduled for routine corrosion control inspections.

After the initial procurement of the olive drab paint, the cost of repainting is expected to go down since the olive drab costs almost five dollars less per gallon than the bright yellow.

"All AGE will continue to have reflectorized tape markings for safety," CMSgt. Shirley Moore, field maintenance chief, commented, "and the olive drab is expected to make the tape stand out more due to the contrast."



### Sgt Terry L. Light

## Electrician Named Maintenance Man

Sergeant Terry Light has been named Maintenance Man of the Month for CAM Sq.

Sergeant Light was chosen for his outstanding knowledge of aircraft electrical systems.

"He produces a very high quality of maintenance, follows instructions quickly, accurately and safely," said Capt. Thomas Harvel, Officer in Charge, Field Maintenance Branch.

Sgt Light serves as NCOIC of the electric shop during the night shift operations and is tasked with trouble-shooting and repair of aircraft electrical discrepancies.

"His professional attitude toward his job and the extra effort put forth by Sgt. Light enables Operations to fly their required missions on schedule," commented Capt. Harvel.



# Aspirins Won't Cure This Guy's Headache

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following bizarre experience was reprinted from TAC ATTACK, October 1975).

HQ TAC - Recently, a man suffered injuries that required hospital attention--injuries resulting from a bizarre accident, weird enough to satisfy Ripley himself.

It seems the accident resulted from a simple nuisance -- a clogged nozzle on a pressurized can of hair spray.

The victim's wife had sprayed a substantial amount of the hair spray (containing alcohol) into the toilet in an attempt to free the nozzle orifice with a safety pin. Leaving the commode unflushed, she left the bathroom to her unsuspecting hubby.

The husband retired to the bathroom for his morning constitutional, sat down, lit a cigarette, and dropped the match into the bowl. The resulting explosion imbedded pieces of the toilet lid into the bathroom walls...and the victim's posterior.

It seems you're not safe anywhere anymore.

## Gun Safety Takes

by Col. Jerry M. Bullock

"I fired a bullet into the air—it came to earth, I know not where. . . ." These words borrowed from an old rhyme tell the tragic story of firearms accidents that kill, wound or maim people in and out of the Air Force every year.

No one wants to have an accident, especially not a firearms discharge. None is harder to explain.

Several incidents have involved security policemen who have simply failed to follow established procedures in clearing their weapons. In these it is always easy to see what went wrong . . . after the shot was fired. The frustrating thing is it would be just as easy to look ahead, go through each step, and insure it doesn't happen. If you are a security policeman, crew member, maintenance or target team member who must be armed make sure the others do their job right. Insist that every step is followed.

Service members have experienced several "typical" shooting incidents in the last few months. Let's look at a few and see what can be learned:

- A service member driving an auto with a loaded pistol in his hand—the vehicle left the road and traveled several hundred yards over rough terrain—the weapon discharged at least twice striking him in the thigh and damaging the vehicle. The list of don'ts in this accident could go on forever.

## 22 Promoted

TO SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT

John Bowles

TO TECHNICAL SERGEANT

James Bone

Larry McElroy

Jimmy Smith

William Spencer

Elmer Tally

Theodore Thomas

James Sandman

TO STAFF SERGEANT

TO SERGEANT

Steven Martin

Darrell McNab

Stephen Terry

Dennis Smith

Ralph Walker

Kenneth Brummett

Randolph Knight

Daniel Thorton

Larry Brummett

William Taylor

Dale Redus

TO AIRMAN FIRST CLASS

Orville Glover

Ernest Guyer

Ace Dennis

## Full-Time Care

This pistol probably should not have been in the car to begin with. If it was, it should not have been loaded, should not have been in the driver's hand, should have been on safe, ad infinitum.

- An airman dropped a small caliber derringer out of his coat pocket, it discharged, a neat hole was blown in his foot. Again, he probably had no business with the gun in his possession; it shouldn't have been loaded and a pistol in good condition properly manufactured should not discharge when dropped.

- A sailor on leave was treated for a gunshot wound in the thigh. His story was that old familiar one, "I was cleaning my weapon and it went off." It always seemed peculiar that folks would clean their weapons by passing a bullet rapidly through the barrel. There is no question but that a clean weapon is a delight but cartridges and cleaning materials don't mix. Every gun owner should set and religiously follow their own clearing procedures.

These are just a few examples that have brightened the day of some unit commander recently. None of them intended for the accident to happen. Fortunately, in these incidents no one needlessly died. We have not always been so fortunate. Practice firearms safety every time you handle a firearm. The life you save. . . .