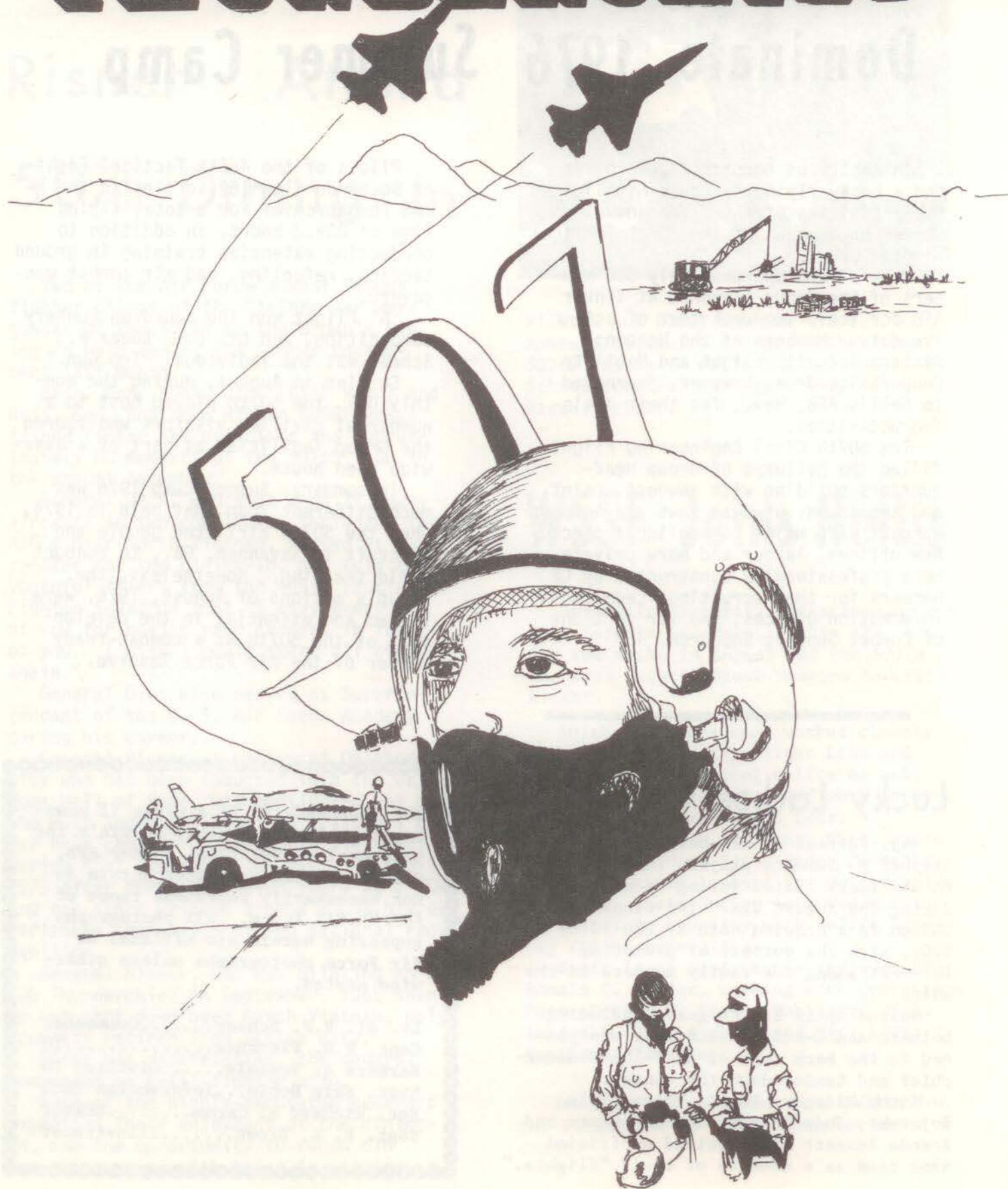


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Building and Flying Dominate 1976 Summer Camp

An ambitious construction program and a heavy flying schedule highlighted the activities of the fifth annual Summer encampment of the 507th Tactical Fighter Group.

Most of the approximately 900 members of the Group convened at Tinker AFB for their two-week tour of active duty. Members of the Weapons Systems Security Flight and Mobility Support Squadron, however, journeyed to Nellis AFB, Nev., for their training activities.

The 507th Civil Engineering Flight filled the hallways of Group Headquarters building with sawdust, paint, and the sounds of buzz saws and hammers as part of a major remodeling project. New offices, larger and more private, were professionally constructed by CE members for the Recruiting, Legal and Information offices, and for sections of Combat Support Squadron.

Pilots of the 465th Tactical Fighter Squadron flew 162 sorties in the F-105 Thunderchief for a total flying time of 239.2 hours, in addition to conducting extensive training in ground tactics, refueling, and air combat maneuvers.

"A" Flight won the squadron gunnery competition, and Lt. Col. Roger P. Scheer was the individual "Top Gun."

Earlier in August, during the monthly UTA, the 507th played host to a number of civilian visitors who toured the Group facilities as part of a base-wide open house.

In summary, Summer Camp 1976 was much different than that held in 1974, when the 507th airlifted people and aircraft to Savannah, Ga., to conduct field training. Nonetheless, the Group's actions of August, 1976, were varied and essential in the development of the 507th as a combat-ready member of the Air Force Reserve.

Lucky Ladies get Taxied

Maj. Forrest S. Winebarger and Capt. Stephen M. Summers played "taxi drivers" to six lucky ladies during Open House during the August UTA. The winners were chosen in a drawing held by the 507th TFGp, with the purpose of promoting interest among the family members in the unit.

Suited up in flight gear, including helmets and G-suits, each lady was placed in the back seat of an F-105 Thunderchief and taxied down the runway.

Kathy Mitzger, Bonnie Riley, Wilma Bojarski, Judy Murphy, Julie Summers and Brenda Bennett all received unofficial name tags as a memento of their "flights."

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Generals Olds, Risner Attend 507th Dining In

Two of the Air Force's most famous fighter pilots of the Vietnam war were guests of the 507th at the Group's Dining In held during the Summer Encampment last month.

Brig. Gen. Robin Olds (USAF Ret.) and Brig. Gen. Robinson Risner (USAF Ret.) joined Tinker AFB officials and approximately 80 members of the 507th TFGp in the annual assembly.

General Olds, who shot down 17 enemy aircraft in two conflicts, including four MIG's over North Vietnam, served as guest speaker for the Dining-In, and told the youthful fliers from the 465th Tactical Fighter Squadron that "I envy every one of you for having your careers in front of you. I wish I could start all over again."

General Olds also served as Superintendent of the U. S. Air Force Academy during his career.

General Risner, a native of Oklahoma City who has been inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, was considered one of the most important American prisoners of war held captive by the North Vietnamese during that conflict. He was released in 1973 after more than seven years as a POW, and has since written a book about his experiences that has achieved national recognition.

General Risner, who was piloting an F-105 Thunderchief in September, 1965 when he was shot down over North Vietnam, only recently retired from active duty.

After his repatriation, the general commanded an F-111 fighter wing.

Both of the highly-decorated generals expressed their enjoyment of the dining-in, and the opportunity to renew old acquaintances with those in attendance.



FIGHTER ACE GUEST SPEAKER - Brig. Gen. Robin Olds (left) addresses the annual 507th Dining-In while Lt. Col. Roger P. Scheer (center) and Brig. Gen. Robinson Risner (right) look on.

WSSF Joins Nellis

Augmenting Security Operations of the 57th Support Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev., for two weeks in August was the 507th Tactical Fighter Group Weapons Security Flight.

507th WSSF personnel worked closely with Nellis Security Flight Line and Weapons Storage patrol shifts as well as administrative and staff work as part of their two-week annual tour.

SSgt. Lawrence R. Grant, SSgt. James C. Hedgepeth, and Sgt. Sandor J. Mathe served as group leaders for patrol shift members. Their duties included serving in a liaison capacity with Nellis Security flight supervisors.

Staff level assignments included SSgt. Ronald C. Carter, working with Operations SSgt. Donald W. Brown, Mobility, SSgt. Ambers V. Nix, Supply, and Sgt. Lewis C. Hamilton, Training.

Transportation to and from Nellis for the Flight was by C-130 Hercules aircraft.

WHAT-DO-YOU-KNOW ABOUT-DRUGS?

The Quiz

Circle the correct answer to each of the questions.

1. In which age group (s) is drug abuse likely to be a problem?

- (a) 12-16 (c) 25-45
(b) 16-25 (d) 45 and over
(e) All of the above

2. How do most drug users make their first contact with illicit drugs?

- (a) Through "pushers" seeking new customers
(b) Through their friends
(c) Accidentally
(d) Through the media



LADY PILOT? No, it's Kathy Mitzger (left), sister of Sgt. Teresa A. Stanfield of the 507th CAM Squadron, getting a briefing on the cockpit of an F-105 Thunderchief before "take off" by Capt. Stephen Summers. See story on page two.

3. Which of the following is the most commonly abused drug in the United States?

- (a) Marihuana (c) Cocaine
(b) Alcohol (d) Heroin

4. Which of the following is not a narcotic?

- (a) Heroin
(b) Marihuana
(c) Morphine
(d) Methadone

5. Which of the following is not a stimulant?

- (a) Amphetamine
(b) Caffeine
(c) Mescaline
(d) Methamphetamine

6. Which of the following is not a hallucinogen?

- (a) MDA (c) STP
(b) LSD (d) MPA

7. Which of the following drugs does not cause physical dependence?

- (a) Ethyl alcohol (c) Peyote
(b) Morphine (d) Secobarbital
(e) Codeine

8. Which of the following has the highest immediate risk to experimenters?

- (a) Inhalants
(b) Marihuana
(c) Nicotine
(d) Heroin

9. At what point in time does a person who uses heroin become physically dependent?

- (a) Immediately (first time)
(b) After four or five times
(c) After prolonged use (20 times or more)
(d) Different for each person

10. Which ingredient is most commonly found in compounds sold on the street as "mescaline"?

- (a) Lysergic acid diethylamide
(b) Morphine (c) Tetracycline
(d) Naltrexone (e) All of the above

11. Why is intravenous injection the most dangerous method of using illicit drugs?

- (a) Because of the rapidity with which the drug enters the system
(b) Because nonsterile equipment and solutions are likely to cause serious medical complications
(c) Because the amount of drug entering the bloodstream is likely to be large
(d) All of the above

12. When a person becomes physically dependent on drugs, what is the primary reason he continues to take the drug?

- (a) Experience pleasure
(b) Relieve discomfort
(c) Escape reality
(d) Gain acceptance among friends

Answers:

1-e; 2-b; 3-b; 4-b; 5-c; 6-d; 7-c; 8-a; 9-d; 10-a; 11-d; 12-b.