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465th ACHIEVES FIRST IN DISSIMILAR TRAINING

A first was accomplished last month when seven additional 465th Tactical Fighter Squadron, mission-ready crew members were checked out in Dissimilar Air Combat Tactics (DACT) training with an F-100 Air National Guard unit assigned at the Naval Air Station in New Orleans, La.

This was the first time guard and reserve forces were able to train together in dissimilar tactics, 465th officials reported.

Dissimilar training is simply air-to-air combat training with aircraft other than F-105s.

* F-100 PILOTS ALSO DACT QUALIFIED

"The 465th had already set up a deployment with the 159th Tactical Fighter Group in New Orleans," explained Maj. "Trees" Winebarger.

"Then we learned that some of their F-100 pilots were qualified in DACT training, so this seemed like a good opportunity to try and work out aggressor training with them to get all our pilots qualified."

Previous to this deployment, DACT training was administered by the active forces to all guard and reserve fighter units.

Normally, this training is done with an Aggressor Squadron at Nellis AFB, Nev.

Once the pilots are qualified in DACT, they can fly against other squadrons who also have pilots qualified.

* WAIVER, A FIRST...

The Nellis squadron working with limited funds, people and time, had been so heavily taxed in trying to train all the active duty, guard and reserve forces that 465th officials decided to request a waiver from Headquarters TAC so that local Instructor Pilots (IPs) qualified in DACT could check out the remainder of the group pilots.

* GUARD AND RESERVE CHECK OUT EACH OTHER

As soon as the waiver was approved, three aircraft from the New Orleans unit spent two days working with the 465th here at Tinker as two additional guard aircraft followed later.

Then the next week, the 465th sent five F-105s to New Orleans where they flew eight sorties per day to get the dissimilar training.

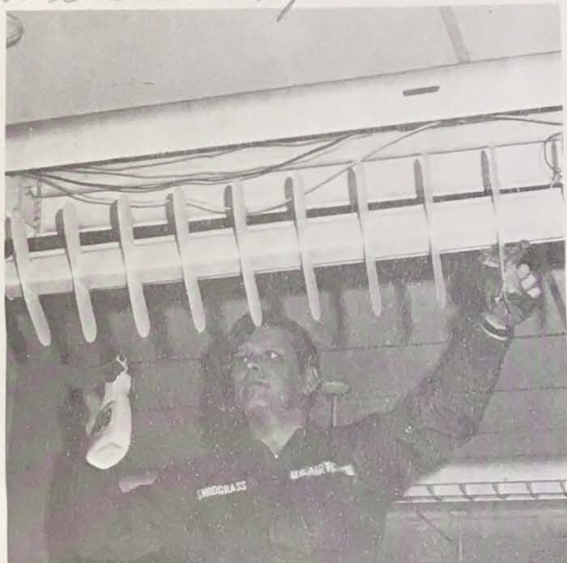
* OVERWATER REALISM

Maj. Winebarger added, the supersonic tracks they used to get this training out over the Gulf of Mexico added more realism to their aggressive tactics.

Before the exercise with the New Orleans people, Maj. Winebarger concluded, the 465th had 11 pilots qualified in DACT. Now we have 18 qualified to perform aggressor training with other units. This is slightly over 50 per cent of our assigned pilots, he confirmed.

Those participating from the 465th were Capt. Jerry A. Wrucha, Capt. John D. LaBarre, Capt. Barry B. Whipple, 1Lt William D. Seitz, Maj. William L. Duvall, Maj. James K. Webster, Maj. Roger L. Coakley, Lt. Col. Roger P. Scheer, Lt. Col. George B. Wallace and Lt. Col. John J. Closner, III, and Capt. Bruce W. Hayward.

Those from 507th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron were Sgt. Felipe Aguilar, Jr., Sgt. James W. Kimbrow, Sgt. Jimmy P. Charboneau, Sgt. Jerry G. Elders, Sgt. Kenneth L. Granstrom, SSgt. David R. Ferrell, SSgt. Melvin H. Morrow, SSgt. David L. Phillips, TSgt. Bruce Carlisle, TSgt. Larry A. Goodale, TSgt. James F. Hill, TSgt. Rufus H. Leckie, TSgt. Donald R. Murphy, MSgt. Joseph L. Gay, MSgt. Frank J. Douglas and SMSgt. James W. Clark.



RESERVISTS of the 10th Maintenance Squadron, SSgt. Andre B. Snodgrass, (above), and SSgt. John I. Carver, (below), provide a helping hand in the clean-up after the fire in Bldg. 3001 which displaced 300 employees. Over 10,000 people were evacuated from the building during the fire.



** Good use of "readied" air breaking up for the crew*

COMMANDER'S COLUMN

TOP CARE....

by Lt. Col. Roger P. Scheer

Many of you were concerned about the negative image shown in the NBC Special "Sometimes Soldier", which was aired just before last month's UTA.

Fortunately, the Air Force reservists appeared only briefly in the film. But we'll be 'guilty by association' because others will identify us with those reservists pictured in the show. And unfortunately, many people will remember a negative image more quickly than a positive one.

Therefore, it is up to each one of us to maintain an appropriate image. This is important while on duty, but is probably more important when we're off duty. Our friends, neighbors and even strangers might have different thoughts of reservists if they see us in more favorable activities.

I know that most of you try to represent your reserve unit and the Air Force Reserve program in the best possible way. But to maintain this quality, we should all continue to strive for a good image of reservists, and hopefully we'll lessen some of the bad taste presented in that December special.

EAC Stuffs A Stocking

During the holiday season, the generosity of 507th personnel was once again demonstrated," said Lt. Col. Roger P. Scheer, group commander.

Scheer was referring to the recent efforts of the Enlisted Advisory Council in sponsoring a needy family for Christmas.

According to SSgt. Margaret Grantham, project officer, and Sgt. Cherry L. Bina, both of CAM Squadron, over \$235 in each was collected from unit members.

Sgt. Bina and Sgt. Grantham purchased toys and added to the food already collected by the EAC during the November and December UTAs.

After all the purchases were made, \$80 was left over and presented to the Midwest City mother of four children who is sole-support of her family.

Scheer accompanied Sgt. Grantham, and her husband, and Sgt. Bina Christmas Eve to present the gifts and groceries to the family.

Scheer said that he was proud of the efforts of the EAC in the community and was glad to see them as an active council, not only for themselves, but for those in the community who were less fortunate.

"I'm sure that all 507th personnel, Col. Scheer said, "discovered that Christmas happiness is sharing."

Air Force Announces New Uniform Changes

WASH (AFNS) --Air Force men will be authorized optional wear of high gloss (patent finish) paromeric shoes with service uniforms.

Women will be allowed to wear boots with the pant-suit/pants and overblouse year round. However, boots will not be authorized indoors with the uniform skirt.

These are two major changes proposed by the Air Force Uniform Board and approved by the Air Force Chiefs of Staff. Other changes include:

Permission for missile combat crew members to wear a small metallic pin on alert duty scarves.

Approval of a distinctive hat for women military training instructors at Lackland AFB, Tex.

Approval of sleeve braid by women officers on the pantsuit uniform coat.

Authorize optional wear of the cotton/polyester, durable press, blue trousers (shade 1577), with the new long-sleeve blue shirt.

Women will be allowed to position badges above their ribbons and/or name tag, instead of below them, on the overblouse when worn as an outer garment and on the service uniform coat.

Other actions include phase out of the uniform combination 2. This is the long-sleeve blue wool/polyester shirt when worn under the blue service coat.

Also phased out will be combination 5-tan shirt and Bermuda shorts, combination 4A, the tan summer service uniform will also be phased out when current inventory is depleted.

This guidance will be incorporated into the new Air Force Regulation 35-10 published last month.



ALC. John A. Martina

SECURITY POLICEMAN CHOSEN TOP AIRMAN

ALC. John A. Martina, assigned to the Weapons Security Flight, has been selected Airman of the Quarter (October-December).

The security specialist has been with the 507th since May of 1975. A native of Buffalo, New York, Martina, 20, is a brick layer for a local construction firm in Oklahoma City

NCOIC of the Security Flight, MSgt. Robert L. Caruthers, cited Martina's good attendance record, positive attitude and pleasant personality.

The nomination also outlined personal recognition he received from several other units regarding his performing during summer camp and UTAs.

The letter of nomination further mentioned his recent selection as Outstanding Airman of the Month in the Security Flight.

Martina has another credit to his name.

He was selected as Honor Graduate from basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex.

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TAC AIRMAN DESIGNS NEW M-16 AMMO

Wash D.C. (AFNS)--The Air Force is planning to convert from 5.56mm standard service cartridges to .22 caliber rimfire ammunition for its M-16 small-arms training.

Specific figures haven't been computed, but Air Force officials point out the change will save 8 cents per round of ammunition. They estimate significant savings in range maintenance and construction.

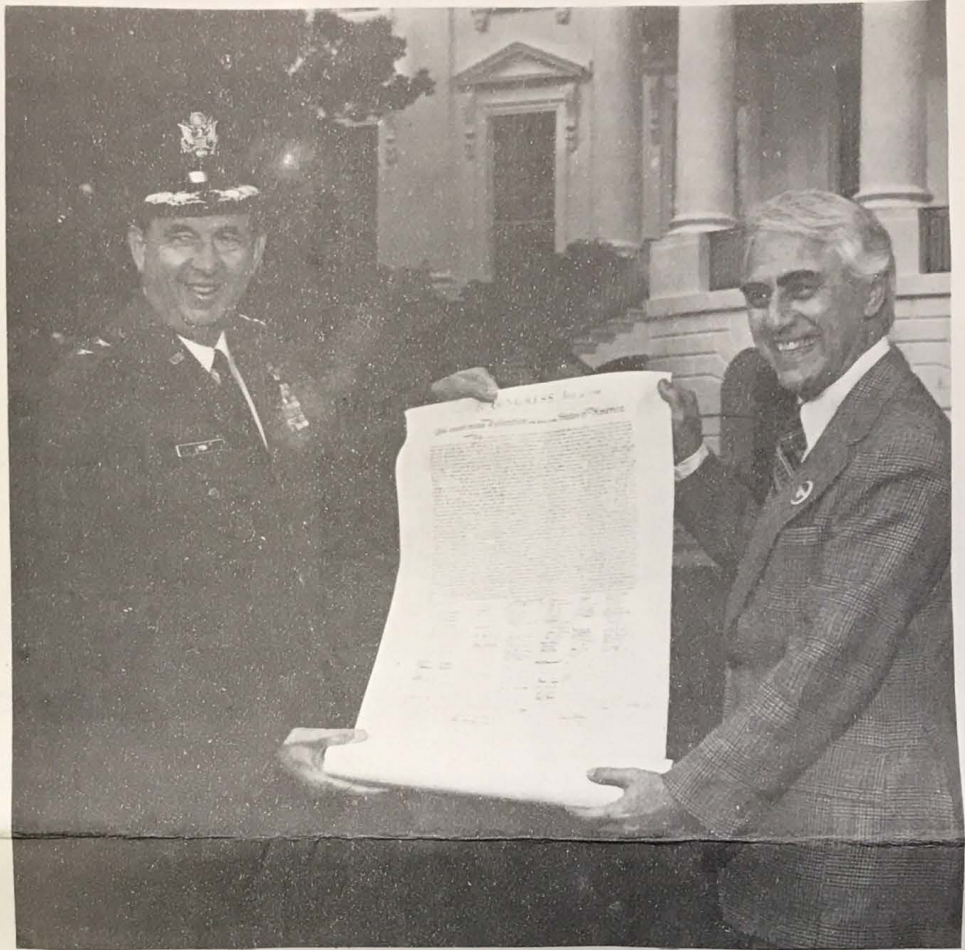
SMSgt. Julius Jurek, Tactical Air Command, Langley AFB, Va., perfected the use of the .22 rimfire conversion kit for use in the M-16 rifle.

"Development of the conversion kit began in 1974," Sergeant Jurek said, "and (the kit) is now safe, reliable and duplicates all the functional characteristics of the M-16 except recoil.

During the operational test and evaluation," he said, "we found most people can't tell the difference between normal and converted weapons.

Officials said the full implementation is not expected to take place until fiscal year 1978.

RESERVE SIGNATURES DISPLAYED



CHIEF OF Air Force Reserve Maj. Gen. William Lyon presents a replica of the Declaration of Independence bearing signatures of over 10,000 Air Force Reservists on the 40-foot scroll to the Deputy Special Assistant to the President, Milton E. Mitler.

The presentation ceremony took place recently on the south lawn at the White House. The scroll will be permanently displayed at the National Visitor's Center in Washington.

See attached dummy page. It is an example only.

This is more than nice to know - it's NEED to know. Be positive

RESERVE SCENE: Nice to know information

The annual observance of Black History Week is scheduled for the entire month of February 1977.

As in 1976, the sponsoring organization, the Association for the study of Afro-American and History, has decided to observe the occasion through the entire month.

The requirements contained in AFR 39-30 for members to acknowledge receipt in writing of the intention for demotion do not apply to members being demoted for unsatisfactory participation.

As long as a reasonable effort has been made to notify these members of the intent to demote (i.e., a letter sent by certified mail to their last known address), then demotion action must be taken.

Air Force Regulation 11-27 establishes certain procedures for handling gifts from foreign governments to members and civilian employees of the U.S. Air Force.

All members of reserve components, whether or not on active duty, come under the purview of this regulation.

The regulation implements Article 1 of the U.S. Constitution which prohibits acceptance of a present from a foreign state without consent of Congress.

Air Force Reserve officials say that the regulation outlines procedures satisfying the rules established by Congress and must be consulted whenever the sponsor or member of his household or family is tendered such a gift.

The Military Personnel Center has announced a direct commissioning program for a maximum of 100 non extended active duty reservists, according to Maj. Norman E. Ress, Chief, CBPO.

The criteria for making application includes:

- Be under 37 years of age;
- have at least one year of service as a ready reservist;
- be willing to serve as a ready reservist after being commissioned; and have at least a baccalaureate degree by Sep. 30, 1977.

Recipients of the direct commissions will be slotted against non-rated, non-professional positions in grades of captain and below.

Contact your CBPO for additional information.

Applications must be submitted by Apr. 1, 1977.

Reservists who experience employer related difficulties which prevent their meeting military training schedules may seek to have their difficulties resolved by writing directly to:

Ombudsmen, Employer Support
Arlington, Va. 22202

The ombudsman will arrange a meeting between the employer and a prominent member of the community who is affiliated with the employer support effort.

This effort should become a two way street with such contacts resulting in better relations between civilian employers and local reserve units.

editorials and opinions

IS YOUR WAISTLINE

UNDER YOUR NOSE OR OVER YOUR TOES?

The gal with the three carat diamond ring working at the all-nite convenience store or the guy next door who has two buffalos valued at \$11,000 each grazing in his backyard are lasting first impressions. Yet, the first impression of the most professional individual, who is overweight, may be a lasting impression of a person who is just overweight.

The Air Force Reserve keeps an eye on its collective waistline for the same reason an individual does, to protect its image.

Through the Ancillary Training Program, each person is required to be weighed each year. But you can be further identified as overweight by means of a routine physical or weight check at the request of your unit commander.

The next scenario is an interview with the flight surgeon who puts you on a diet and documents this action in your medical records. Then the unit commander is officially notified that you have been put on the Weight Control Program and the "weigh-in" files become the responsibility of the unit commander.

Each month as you and your commander "hover" over the scales (you wish you could show-up in socks and leotards as the guilty flashbacks chew on your conscience), he documents your weight loss until the maximum Air Force standard, computed by height and age, is reached.

The Air Force Reserve doesn't appreciate you being your own "buddy" and has set a minimum loss of three pounds per month. The punitive action for failure to reduce, cited by AFRESR 50-9, could be denial of re-enlistment, withholding promotion, written reprimand, demotion or administrative separation.

But the program is designed to be fair and if there are other medical problems, which your civilian doctor may cite as having a bearing on non-weight loss, the unit commander makes another appointment with the flight surgeon in the clinic, and another examination is performed.

Now as a civilian 28 days a month, your civilian employer may greet you with "good mornings" instead of friendly "weigh-ins" and your obligation of losing those pounds may slip your mind, but not your mouth, until the next UTA rolls around.

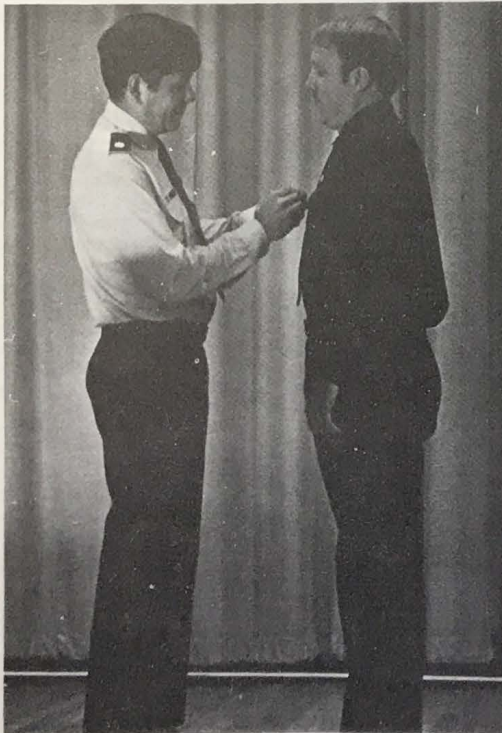
Suddenly, you find yourself frustrated and your willpower deaf in one ear, plus it's getting harder to hide your wild fantasy for forks. Even the exercise book you purchased and had your mate read to you, didn't work.



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Basically, the Air Force weight standards have one purpose - to present a uniform disciplined image to our friends as well as to our critics and potential enemies. If we abide by our regulations in what may seem to be small matters, we can be expected to do what we are called upon to do in carrying out our mission and the national objectives of our country.

So with the passing of the feasts and holidays, if there is one word that is used more in January than "Insufficient Funds", it's "Calories". Don't find yourself on the unit's chubby chart next December because you ate with gusto all year long.



Group Commander, Lt. Col. Roger P. Scheer, pins a Commendation Medal on 1Lt. Jerry B. Emory during Commander's Call. Lt. Emory was cited for his outstanding fortitude and resourcefulness in the Plans Branch of the 465th Tactical Fighter Squadron.

Lt. Emory is also the squadron's first lieutenant who is Instructor Pilot qualified.

Lt. Emory resides in Noble, Okla., and has been assigned to the 465th for approximately three years.

New Hours Set By BX

Beginning Jan. 3, 1977, the Base Exchange Main Store and Clothing Sales Store will implement new hours of operation which are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays, says Donald Miller, Exchange manager.

Miller says the new operating hours will enable the exchange to offer the customers improved service, by additional stocking, ordering and better preparation prior to the opening.

He says the change will also allow an increase of one cashier-checker and three sales clerks at the opening hour, as well as make the hours compatible with other AFLC bases.