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## Let it snow... Let it snow... (who said that?)



AS OLD MAN WINTER took the breath out of the UTA, a snow plow churns the 507th ramp back to concrete.

By Capt. Gail D. Anderson

The weekend started innocently enough. It seemed like an average Saturday, which presumably would fade into an average Sunday.

But reservists on their Unit Training Assembly (UTA) weekend at Tinker AFB were in for a surprise.

As temperatures dropped Saturday, Oklahoma added its special brand of wind. Then through the night, snow plopped on Tinker and the state.

With the bitter blasts of wind, the snow drifts rearranged themselves constantly, making it difficult to keep track of cars, people and outside fixtures.

Some brave folks did make it to the base theatre early Sunday morning for commander's call. They were told of the day's excusal by Capt. Steve Schnitzer, WSSF, and CMSgt. W. E. Shields, CAMS first sergeant.

Others learned of the cancellation through the local radio stations, or by the ubiquitous rumor system. When the word got out, other snow-related activities soon became evident.

Some people tried to be good Samaritans, an appropriate role for a Sabbath. One example of this was the team of Majors Wes Tewinkle and Jim Myers, both of the command post, and Jack Ellington, MOS commander.

They first managed to free a Ford which was blocking the VOQ office entrance. That car belonged to Maj. Hugh M. Jackson, 465th TFS.

Then this writer volunteered her car and battery cables for the cause, even with doubt from the others. After warmup, a battery charge for Major Myers' car was the next step. (Have you heard of a back seat battery in an Audi???)

While all this was going on, it is true that Lt. Col. Scheer, 507th commander, was still snowbound in his driveway????

## 507th packing bags again for Red Flag

By Barbara Ann Vessels

There is no such thing as dusting the cob webs off your luggage from the last Red Flag exercise.

Baggage just doesn't get much rest if it belongs to a reservist from the 507th.

Senior Air Force officials have described Red Flag concept as the closest training to actual combat that pilots can have in a peacetime environment.

Averaging a one-hour flight each day during Red Flag is just a small part of the exercise that is a dawn-to-dusk routine.

However, a pilot will readily agree that most of his daily actions either point toward or are directly concerned with that one hour in the air.

The maintenance crews really make this happen as the pride and pressure of the different scenarios mount and the birds return with all bombs dropped and no aborts to dent their perfect generation rate.

WING PRIMARY UNIT  
FOR TRAINING

This time out, the 301st Tactical Fighter Wing will

be the primary unit for training.

Twenty-four F-105s will be in the wing "stables" at Nellis from Tinker, Hill and Carswell during the 30-day deployment.

129 TO DEPART

The 507 CAMS and 465TFS will deploy from Feb. 26 - Mar. 12 with approximately 110 maintenance personnel and 19 officers.

It should be said lightly that the administrative workload behind one of these unit deployments can be compared only to a 2 for 1 sale in a U.S. mint....HEAVY!!!

## COMMANDER'S COLUMN

## TOP CARE....

by LT. COL. ROGER P. SCHEER

What is this thing called "image?" We have heard this word used many times----'we must maintain the proper "image."

We have all seen, at one time or another, a military member in uniform at the local market or department store who needs a haircut or has a rumped uniform. He or she is representing the Armed Forces and the Air Force is in the public eye. This is only one of many examples of how public attitudes are developed.

Two key points concerning image were made in a June 1, 1971, policy letter for commanders, from the Secretary of the Air Force. The Secretary pointed out that to work toward all-volunteer manning, the Air Force must be recognized as a good place in which to live and work. The traditional public attitudes toward the Armed Forces must be restored.

Here we are, six years later, yet these thoughts still seem true. We have found that the goal of all-volunteer manning could be met and maintained even in a draft-free environment. However, we find that public attitude toward the military remains about the same. We

are still faced with the task of restoring and improving the traditional public attitude that the Secretary mentioned. The question is "what do we do about it?"

We might begin to improve public attitudes toward the military by using an advertising and sales campaign with you being both the salesman and the live sample of the product. To understand this philosophy, "YOU," must consider the fact that the Air Force is people. We are talking about 'you,' the Air Force reserve member. The personal appearance and the attitude we portray are critically important.

Like it or not, we place ourselves on public display every day, on our jobs and in our local communities. As reservists, how we "advertise" ourselves, through personal appearance, attitude and conduct will determine how we "sell" ourselves.

So this thing called IMAGE is the sum total of all our actions and rhetoric, as well as our personal appearance. Ask yourself this question. "Is this image up to the advertising standard required for this important sales campaign?"



ALC COMMANDER, Maj. Gen. Carl G. Schneider visits the 507th and examines the wing attach points of an F-105 during a wing's-off inspection.

## Admin jobs due facelift for enlisted

Wash D.C. (AFNS)--The Air Force administrative career field may be restructured for enlisted personnel as a result of past proposals from directors of administration and administrative superintendents.

The proposals call for three shredouts in the 702X0 career ladder. These are being coordinated in the Air Staff.

The proposed shredouts are administrative management specialist (702X0A), staff support administration specialist, (702X0B), and unit/orderly room administrative specialist, (702X0C).

Each shredout will provide specialized training into the career field.

Individuals trained in the "A" shred will specialize in publications, forms, orders, correspondence, office systems, documentation and functions defined in Air Force Regulation 4-1.

Staff support or "B" shred will provide specialists to function in staff elements and trained in general administration and office management.

Those in "C" shred will be trained in management and administration required to support the many actions of unit and headquarters squadron level orderly rooms.

## Swine flu over the cuckoo's nest ???

By Capt. Gail D. Anderson

Picture Johnny Carson of "Tonight Show" fame in his "Great Carnack" role.

He holds up a sealed envelope and states the answer: "Swine flu vaccine."

### UTA doubts

If in the future, you have doubts about a UTA taking place: (1) listen to a major local radio station; or (2) call your squadron first sergeant; or (3) call the base Command Post, 734-2171.

Then Ed McMahon reads the question: "What is the cure for which there is no known illness?"

This scene took place around the time of the nationwide moratorium on people receiving the shots. As of the December UTA, more than 600 people in the group were injected with the vaccine.

This was approximately 63 percent of all assigned reservists, according to MSgt. Bill (Gabby) Helveston.

The Air Force message transmitted through 10th AF(R) at Bergstrom AFB suspended the swine flu immunizations as of Dec. 17, 1976.

But the Hong Kong flu shots were continued until a

Dec. 23 message from 10th cancelled them. This included all vaccines left over from previous years.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare stopped the vaccine in early December due to questionable after effects.

They had concluded that the immunization "may be associated with an increased incidence of neurologic sequelae. The most severe of these is Guillain-Barre syndrome."

Sergeant Helveston said that no reservists assigned reported any reactions after getting the swine flu vaccine here.

# Reservists find windfall in Suggestion Program

By Capt. Gail D. Anderson

Need more money? Try the suggestion program. It's open to all reservists while they're on active duty.

Each day you probably see procedures in your section that can be improved, modified or completely changed.

This would save both time and money for both you and the Air Force.

The suggestion program gives you the chance to try and put some of your ideas into practice.

If you don't believe it, ask MSgt. Johnnie C. Sanders, chief of quality force/CBPO, or Capt. Warren A. Muller, ground safety officer.

Sergeant Sanders is an Air Reserve Technician (ART) with the 507th, while Captain Muller works as a CPA in the Oklahoma City area.

Captain Muller was awarded \$100 for his suggestion which involved standardizing the war reserve material (WRM) equipment reporting system, which all major commands use.

His suggestion was partially adopted through AFM 67-1 to clarify provisions that the major commands were interpreting differently.

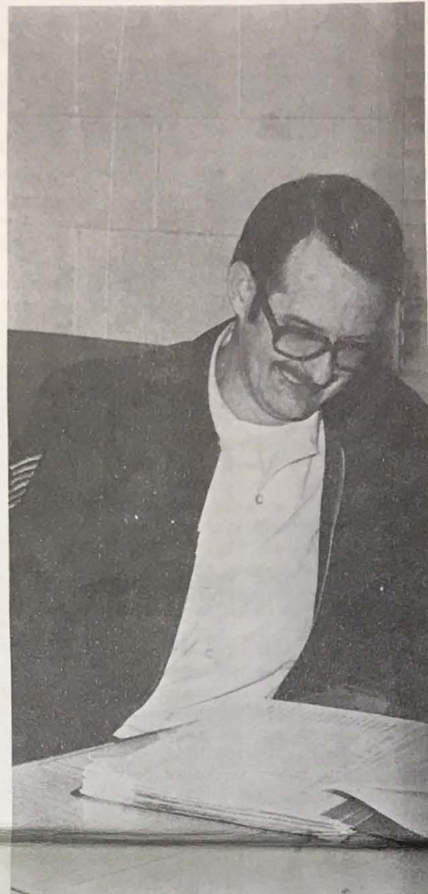
There's an interesting note with Captain Muller's submission. The suggestion folks determined that it is outside his job duties to be dealing with WRM equipment.

So you have a wide range of subjects which can generate ideas for suggestions—whether it's your job or someone else's.

Sergeant Sanders submitted a suggestion concerning an automated record of absences for reserve training.

This had been adopted locally on October 1, 1975.

Unfortunately, he turned in the suggestion several weeks late and was ineligible for a cash award. However, he and the 507th were credited with an adopted suggestion.



MSgt. Johnnie C. Sanders, CBPO, (right), and Capt. Warren A. Muller, ground safety officer (left), were cited recently for adopted suggestions.

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Cash amounts of \$51 through \$350 can be awarded with major staff officer approval locally.

However, if your section adopts a suggestion, you must submit it within 90 days for initial consideration and for cash award eligibility.

## ROA strives for 100 percent membership by spring

New officers were recently chosen for Chapter 66 of the Reserve Officers Association (ROA). Chapter 66 includes any Guard and Reserve officers in the Tinker area.

Maj. Jim Young, COSS commander, serves as president while Capt. Jerry A. Wrucha, safety officer, is secretary-treasurer.

Handling new membership duties will be Capt. Jackie D. Ogden, logistics officer.

Casual "meetings" for the ROA are on Saturdays of UTA weekends at the OOM.

Snacks and beverages are available from 1700-1800.

Major Young said special events (like a luau) are in planning stages.

Though the ROA has more than 100,000 Guard and Reserve members, that's only a small portion of those who could join, according to ROA.

In a letter from Maj. Gen. J. Milnor Roberts, USAFR, and executive director for ROA, there is particular concern with the present Guard/Reserve status in Congress.

Carried over from previous Congressional sessions are a number of items concerning reservists, such as reducing drills from 48 to 24 points for some units.

Benefits with a \$10 ROA membership include low cost life and health insurance, charter flights, car rental discounts, a special shop-by-mail service and the

monthly OFFICER magazine, which will feature a story on the NBC-TV show "Sometimes Soldier" in this month's issue.

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## TAKE ONE TAKE TWO



HANG IN THERE Awards were received recently by 465th Life Supporters, MSgt. Kellington, TSgt. Hamelin, SSgt. Iker and Sgt. Carol Williamson for a 'marked improvement' noted by the Mt. Home assistance visit.

Also hanging in there for extra time on the part of the Disaster Preparedness Section and a noted 'marked improvement' by the Mt. Home visit were Maj. Miller, 1Lt. Seitz, SSgt. Reed, TSgt. Thomas, SSgt. Thrower, SSgt. Benton and SSgt. Farquer and Sgt. Mosley and SSgt. Keene. The outstanding interest of the team chief, SSgt. Terry Thrower, impressed the inspectors also. Keep up the good work in these two critical areas!

KUDO to MSgt. Tom Hunter, Mat Control for his after duty efforts in obtaining an extension cord for the group commander's public speaking engagement. The IO office extends a "what would we do without the night shift people to keep it going!

If you've ever noticed, MSgt. Bill Helveston, clinic, is a quiet sorta guy..however, you can open him up if you get him to talk about his son, Eric's, wrestling ability...seems as the Monroney JHS, MWC, has alot of first

place trophies because he's on the team.

Congratulations to TSgt. Rosemary Mortimer, COSS, for being selected as runner-up for the base Director of Distribution (Supply) Bicentennial Woman.

Sgt. Dick Stoner, CAM, says a recent illness to his father-in-law (MSgt. C.L. Phelps, USAF (Ret.) received a tremendous response from the 465th and unit members MSgt. Stevens, TSgt. Hill and TSgt. Taylor, SSgt. Hale, SSgt. Keene and SSgt. Story in their donation of blood.

He and his family are thankful for unit fraternality during this crisis.

Phelps came home Jan 14 and is reportedly doing OK.

Farewell to ARTs Paxton, Mat Control and Carol Williamson, Life Support.

In the 465th, Capt. Summers transferred to Carswell and Capt. Sublett, (top gun for many moons) joined an F-100 unit in Tulsa.

Hail to new members SSgt T.E. Blake and Ann Pam Hurd now part of 10th Maint. From active duty at Holloman AFB to the 465th is a new pilot, Capt. Larry G. Virgil.



TSgt. Rosemary Mortimer

## Mortimer works on polishing delivery

By Barbara Ann Vessels

TSgt. Rosemary Mortimer, COSS, is considered the first reservist to join the new Tinker Toastmaster's Club. Her reasons are serious: to improve her speaking ability to "brag" about you.

Sergeant Mortimer, mother of six, and recent graduate of University of Oklahoma, was a recent runner-up for the base Director of Distribution's (Supply) Bicentennial Woman. She just recently received her division's MIDI award.

Assigned as a civil service Quality Assurance Specialist, GS-9, Mortimer's reserve position is that of Management Analyst in the group budget office.

"It's a quite job with lots of figures "telling" you information, but not the kind of job where you have the professional opportunity of relating some of your experiences in the reserves or expound on the reserve structure today and the important part we play in defense," she noted.

The learning approach a toastmaster's club takes with newcomers, is a bell ringing everytime you "ah" or "er," (yes, somebody is listening with a quick hand); impromptu talks about any subject they throw at you without preparation, and that horrible "old bone" they make you wear about your neck for "boners" (over the time limit, tardiness or lack of speech etiquette.) she said.

Critical listening is an important lesson to be learned as everyone takes part in the open forum after a guest speaker's appearance or a member's speech.

"The confidence the club helps you earn far outweighs the embarrassing times you have to wear the bone," she amuses. "Once it is in your possession, it's yours until you recognize a boner off the other fellow," she said.

Mortimer attends the club weekly and is presently preparing her third speech.

## Clothing Sales now open each UTA

Effective last month, the Clothing Sales is open from 1000 to 1700 hours every Saturday.

This is scheduled to be a permanent change, so it's easier now for UTA-ers to

update and replenish uniform supplies.

Clothing sales is located in Building 676. about two blocks north of the BX service station.

## RE-UPS and STEP-UPS

Reservists from 507th and 3ALC were promoted recently to:

MSgt. Hardy C. Vance; TSgt. Henry W. Luce; SSgt. Mark A. Wallis; SSgt. Steven A. Martin; SSgt. Peter E. Sowler; SSgt. Jimmie P. Charboneau; SrAmn. Gary E. Robertson, SrAmn. Randy R. McAlister; ALC. Almer D. Bennett; ALC. Gary L. Vanscoy; ALC. Gary L. French; SSgt. Richard A. Caram.

Reservists from 507th and 10th Maintenance reenlisted effective Jan. 8, 1977:

SSgt. Glen D. Douthit; SSgt. David H. Hardwicke; SSgt. Stephen E. Kelly; Sgt. Terry A. Rahlf; Sgt. Ronald A. Ruhmann; SSgt. John A. Sinclair; ALC. Kim P. White.