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## CE ready for annual tour in Panama

By Barbara Ann Vessels

Sixty-five members of the Civil Engineering (CE) Flight will deploy for Howard AFB, Canal Zone, on Mar. 26-Apr. 9, for annual encampment.

MSgt. William E. Howard, construction supervisor, says they have numerous projects programmed for the two-week period.

Schedules include building an addition on to the base carpenter shop facilities and constructing a wash rack for AGE equipment.

Also, partitions will be removed from plumbing shops and a block and masonry section added-on to a storage area.

Eight fire fighters will also integrate with the base fire rescue squad. The base has no structural fire equipment only crash equipment.

"Our last overseas tour was in 1973 to Hawaii," said Sergeant Howard, "and due to turnovers since then, this will be the first overseas deployment for over 90 percent of our people."



VOLUNTEERS DISPLAY PATRIOTISM. Sgt. Richard J.S. Stoner, left, and SSgt. Clark G. Heinbach, right, bring UTA to a close with retreat. (U.S. AFR Official Photo by Sgt. Bobby J. Berry)

## UTA ends with 'Grand Old Flag' ceremony

By Capt. Gail D. Anderson

Five volunteers from the Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (CAMSq) participated in the retreat ceremony during February's UTA.

But more are needed for future weekends since the same people may not always be available each time. If you volunteer for these events, you will be helping your unit while increasing your spirit of patriotism for your country.

Also, with a variety of volunteers, everyone could get involved on different weekends as there'd be more flexibility in scheduling people. Contact MSgt. Phillip McConnell at extension 5631 for more details.

Besides Sergeant McConnell, the other CAMSq personnel participating last month were SSgt. Clark G. Heinbach; Sgt. Richard J.S. Stoner; ALC. Jamerio S. Knight; and, Amn. Judy A. Cash.

Lt. Col. Roger P. Scheer, group commander, requested reinstatement of these types of ceremonies on UTA weekends to familiarize personnel with military retreat procedures.

. During retreat, face the flag and salute during raising or lowering of the flag.

. At the first note of the music, all moving vehicles come to a stop and occupants sit at attention.

. Motorcycle riders also must stop and sit at attention.

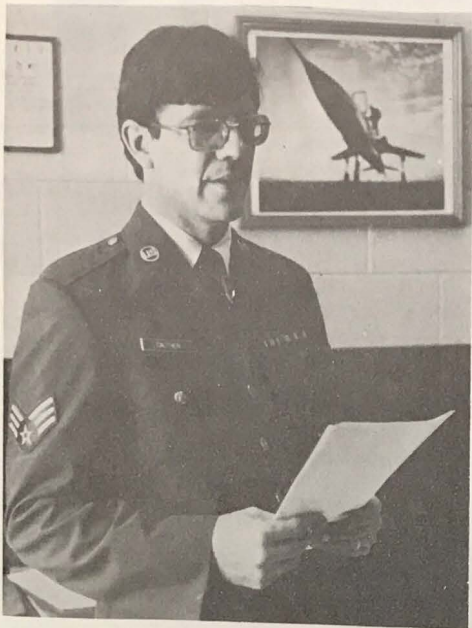
. Face the sound of the music if the flag is not visible and salute.

. If you are in charge of a military vehicle and you have a passenger, the passenger gets out and renders the salute. If you are alone in the vehicle, sit at attention.

. The position of the salute is held until the last note of the music is played.



## Mission Essential



**RESERVE GREETER.** Sgt. Dale Cauthen, 30, is NCOIC of one-stop processing in CBPO. In his UTA duties, he is responsible for the orientation briefing to all newcomers. Sergeant Cauthen is employed as a psychologist for the Edmond Guidance Center, Edmond, Okla.

(Photo by Sgt. B.J. Berry)

## U.S. seeking competitors for Reserve endurance team

WASH D.C. (AFRNS)--The Air Force Reserve is currently seeking qualified competitors for the 1977 Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers (CIOR) military competition to be held in London, England, July 17-23, 1977.

CIOR competition includes pistol, rifle and machine gun marksmanship; running and swimming obstacle courses and orienteering (land navigation using map, compass and visual orientation) events.

Selected team members must compete in all events.

This year's CIOR competition will be held at Sandhurst Military Academy near London in conjunction with the 30th congress of CIOR.

The US will send a delegation of 25 to compete with reserve officer teams from 12 of the 14 Atlantic Alliance nations.

Six three-member teams, plus alternates, will be selected from approximately 50 qualified applicants from all reserve components who will be brought to Ft. Meade, Md., for training early in June.

All reserve officers who are serving in Ready Reserve pay positions, those on extended active duty or special active duty tours and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) graduates in the Palace Option program are eligible to apply.

Prospective applicants should possess superior running speed and endurance, strong swimming ability and excellent upper body condition and strength.

As a minimum, applicants should be able to swim 50 meters in 36 seconds; run 5 miles in less than 32 minutes, 30 seconds; and demonstrate proficiency in pushups, situps and similar upper body exercises.

Reservists interested in applying for CIOR competition should contact USAF/REL, Wash D.C., 20330, autovon 22-75844.

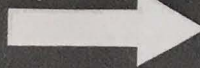
Applications for CIOR must be received by Apr 4, 1977.

Individuals selected will remain in training at Ft. Meade until departure for London.

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**FLIGHT LINE SECTION**



**PROPULSION SECTION (FMS)**



## Scheer affixes quota

By Barbara Ann Vessels

In a recent all-hands meeting, Lt. Col. Roger P. Scheer, group commander, placed a special requirement on each Air Reserve Technician (ART) employee to recruit at least one person annually.

"Recruiting is an item in each of your job descriptions, and we need your help to keep our manning constant," he said.

He asked supervisors to be aware of those who met the challenge and of those who made no effort at all.

The unit has 165 vacancies in various fields. Colonel Scheer concluded that in some units where there are critical vacancies much of the time, recruiting by the members may make a difference in the survival of that unit.

**KEEP THE FLIGHT LINE BEAUTIFUL.** Sr. Amn. Linda K. Shumaker, 20, CAMSq administrative specialist assigned to Organizational Maintenance Branch, proudly shows off the (U.S. AFR Official Photo by Sgt. B. J. Berry)

new sign just outside her office. The group insignia is the first emblem on the left which is making an appearance more and more throughout the unit.



COMMANDER'S COLUMN

# Consider the cold facts

By Capt. Steven M. Schnitzer  
WSSF Flight Commander

I know an officer who will tell you his most memorable recollection is of an occasion some four years ago. It seems he was approached one day by a fledgling airman fresh out of tech school, who had been assigned to the officer's branch division of an ICBM maintenance squadron.

The airman had just returned from the field after his first visit to a missile silo. With an ominous look in his eyes, the young troop told the officer that he wanted nothing to do with a weapon designed to kill millions of people.

After intently listening to this airman's remarks, the officer proceeded to explain that the real intent of the weapon system, as well for that matter as our entire Air Force arsenal, is its deterrent influence from any potential aggressor. Its greatest value, he continued, would in fact be realized if we never had to go to war.

The officer's logic then holds especially true for the role played by our military's reserve forces today. A current Library Congress report says the Soviet Union leads the U.S. 2.5 to 1 in total nuclear megatonnage,

by 225 percent in total atomic throw weight, and by 62 percent in its strategic force budget.

Other Russian leads are these: tanks, 42,000 to 10,000; major combat ships, 226 to 181; attack submarines, 253 to 73; SAM launchers, 9,500 to 330; cruisers, 33 to 27.

Of the major comparisons, the U.S. is ahead in total number of warheads, helicopters, aircraft carriers and tactical planes. The reserves share credit for two of these categories. Increasing emphasis continues to shift upon reserve components to take up slack in the deficient areas.

Oh yes--about the airman we were speaking of: He went on to become one of the finest electronic lab technicians in his squadron, leading an award-winning, three-man team in command-wide competition in 1975.

Might we take a lesson in motivation and dedication toward our roles as reserve members from the example set by this airman? When you consider the cold facts, our country can afford nothing less from us.

## Chaplain's Corner

### 'Tell Bill the word is integrity...'

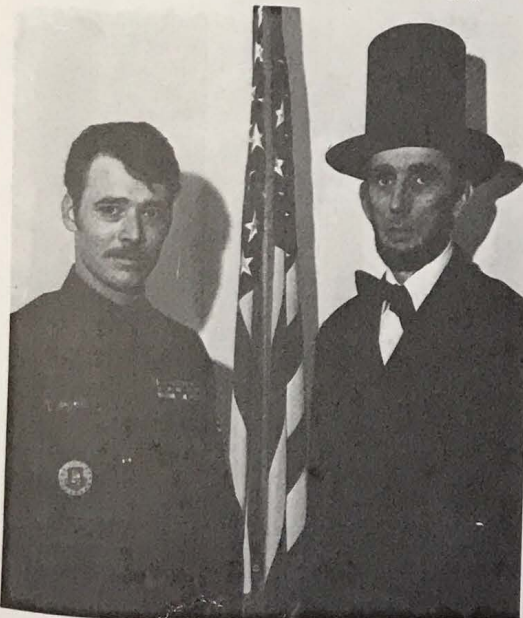
Personal integrity is that indispensable element which is important to the preservation of our American way of life. Just what is integrity anyway?

An eminent Rhodes scholar once described Oxford University undergraduates as those 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)

U.S. Army General Dean, a longtime prisoner of war in the Korean conflict, was told he had only a few minutes to write a letter home. On that cold day in Chungju, he had an uncanny feeling that when his letter was finished, he would be shot.

with limited time, he wrote only a few lines to his son. One of them was "Tell Bill the word is integrity." (The hero-general could have said many things at those precious moments, but he selected those six words: "Tell Bill the word is integrity!" (By the way, General Dean was not shot.)

## Abe makes honest appearance in Tulsa



LINCOLN OBSERVES ENLISTMENT. TSgt. Lloyd C. Caldwell is on hand during the appearance of Robert Taylor, a retired bomber pilot and Lincoln twin, during a unit enlistment on Lincoln's birthday in Tulsa, Okla. Vito F. Cremarosa, the enlistee, will be assigned to the 3d Air Logistics Center (3ALC).

By Barbara Ann Vessels

TSgt. Lloyd C. Caldwell assessed his fellow recruiters with 'top this, if you can.'

Vito F. Cremarosa was enlisted into the unit on Lincoln's birthday in Tulsa with the 'man' himself present.



Vito F. Cremarosa

Robert Taylor, a retired 53-year old Air Force bomber pilot, displays immense qualifications as Abe's look-alike.

Tulsa news media were also present for the occasion.

The children of God must be people of unquestionable character--regardless of their position socially, professionally, politically or economically.

If American democracy should be destroyed, it will be done intentionally or unintentionally much like those who betrayed Christ by selling their personal integrity for 30 pieces of silver.

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# RE-UPS and STEP-UPS

Reservists from 507th, 10th Maint, and 71st APSq were recently promoted to:

SSgt. Betty J. Steed; TSgt. Walter E. Sharp; TSgt. William S. Taylor; SSgt. James E. Cushman; Sr.Amn Delora P. Tuler; SSgt. Thomas W. Choate; SSgt. Michael R. Shipley; Sr.Amn Alice R. Shields; Sr.Amn. Adina A. Evans; Sr.Amn.Jamerio S. Knight; Sr.Amn. Donald J. Lucas; ALC. James D. Blackwell; ALC, David L. Hopkins, ALC. Larry E. Cox.

Reservists from 507th, 3d ALC, 72APSq, 10th Maint, and 10th Supply reenlisted effective Feb. 6, 1977:

TSgt. David R. Morris; SSgt. Duane W. James; SSgt. Rudolph E. Ryan; SSgt. Leon C. Tidwell, TSgt. James D. Lankford; SSgt. George W. Underwood; ALC. Gina H. Hecker-man; TSgt. Everett C. Elrod; Sr.Amn. Rhonda J. Mantooth; Sgt. Richard J.S. Stoner; ALC. Jeanette R. Cochran; SSgt. Ronald S. Gerst; Sgt. Michael L. Ferencick; ALC. Maria E. Lopez; SSgt. Lee F. Wright; CMSgt. Jimmy R. England.

## Job Rights

IS THE EMPLOYEE REQUIRED TO INFORM HIS EMPLOYER OF SCHEDULED TRAINING DATES?

Yes. He must request leave for any training period which conflicts with his civilian schedule.

MAY THE EMPLOYER DENY THE REQUEST FOR LEAVE?

No. The law requires the employer to grant the leave.



NEW DRIVING EXAMINER. MSgt. C. C. Cochran, first sergeant, CE Flight, prepares to give a driving test to SSgt. James E. Cushman, recruiting. Sergeant Cochran has been designated an official driving examiner for the 507th. Tests will be given on UTAs and licenses issued for those required to drive government vehicles.

## Rakes and Raps

### RESERVE PAY:

month-to-month resuscitation

A reserve pay check that's on target through the mail to your bank is a comfortable feeling indeed. Right now, 20 percent of reserve checks serviced by the 507th CBPO are forwarded from ARPC to a financial organization (bank or credit union). The other 80 percent end up in the 'ol mail box.

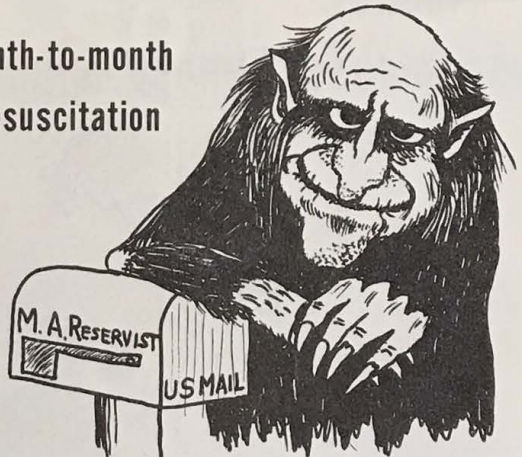
If you have a post office box, your chances of having your check stolen are one electronic zero. But, if you have your check sent to your home address, you need to be aware of the benefits of direct-bank deposits and the strangulations of home delivery.

The biggest benefit is the security of the check. No need to listen for unknown shuffles on your front porch or have your mail box wired for sound. Any FBI agent can tell you about organized rings who do nothing but rob payroll checks from mail boxes.

You could wait until the FBI knocks on your door advising you the neighborhood has been hit by mail-robbing-check thieves and you see the look of utter disbelief on their faces when you reply, 'out smarted 'em, my check comes wrapped in a twinkie.'

When thieves canvass a neighborhood, they wait until the car is parked in the driveway for the evening. The sticker on the front bumper calls attention to where you work or have part-time affiliation - hence your address becomes a potential pay-day stick-up.

Adding salt to the wound, the recovery of a lost or stolen check is not a simple 30-day action. It may take a minimum of three months before another check is re-issued.



AHA, MY PAYDAY COMES BEFORE YOURS

Most reservists are unaware that banks will forward your Earning Statement to your home address. After all, that's your mail and important mail it is to a reservist

Moves are another way of messing with the checks and balances of the system. CBPO processes 40 to 60 change of addresses a month - still 10 percent never make it to the new address because the change didn't get hooked-up with the pay cycle or numerous other reasons.

Safeguard your hard-earned reserve pay. Contact the Pay Section for a simple one-minute form you fill out requesting your check be mailed to your bank.

Besides your pay being of interest to the reserves, action on your part may help your 'reserves' to draw more interest.