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## 507th Begins Fifth Summer Camp

The 507th puts its best foot forward August 14-28 as the fighter group begins its fifth summer camp.

Six hundred reservists are expected to sign-in and display the annual gathering of fatigues, flight suits and the two-week question, "Where am I going to park?"

The sign-in process and assignment of billets has been well organized and personnel are checked-in and on the job with surprising speed.

Those traveling to Nellis AFB, Nev., for annual tours are Mobility Support Flight, commanded by Maj. John D. Ellington, and Weapons Security Flight, commanded by Capt. Steven M. Schnitzer.

They will assist the 57th Fighter Weapons Wing with security posting, administrative security, messing and transportation.

The Civil Engineering Flight completed its annual tour July 10-24, 30 days earlier than the group, at Mt. Home AFB, Idaho. Maj. Terry L. Mock, Prime BEEF Officer, said the flight was assigned to the 366th Tactical Fighter Wing. They remodeled the Officers' Open Mess kitchen and refabricated metal fire escapes to fit facilities using out-dated wooden ladders.

The fire fighters remained at home training with the base Fire Department.

The 465th Tactical Fighter Squadron will step-up its flying schedule with



20 sorties per day. Maj. Forrest S. Winebarger, squadron scheduler, says F-105s will use both gunnery ranges at Ft. Sill, Okla., and Salina, Kan.

Air-to-air refueling, ground attack and air maneuvers are all scheduled along with water survival training.

The fighter squadron will perform a split summer camp saving one week for the RED FLAG Exercise in late September at Nellis AFB, Nev.

The rotation of personnel during summer camp will enforce the heavy flying schedule.

The following reserve units will be or are doing summer camp activities; 71 AP Sq will begin camp 21 Aug at Dover Delaware.

72 AP Sq has already completed their summer incampment while the 10 Maintenance Squadron's will begin on 3 Oct. 10 Supply Squadron is having their annual training here at Tinker starting 7 Aug and the 3rd ALC will be pulling split summer camps.

## ON THE COVER



The 507th Tactical Fighter Group begins its summer camp, some members will stay at Tinker, and some will travel to Nellis AFB, Nev., still other units have already completed their annual training. In all it should be a productive summer incampment for all members of the 507th.

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## Quotes From Folks

QUESTION: The Reserves are making a study of the possibility of the Weapons Security Flight spending Summer Camp 1977 in Europe. How do you feel about this?

Amn William L Brown - Tulsa

I would love to go to Europe. I was sick most of the time while attending Edison High School and wasn't able to go with my friends through programs offered at school. It would be good for morale and I would definitely be there ready to go.

SSgt. Anne Crites - Wichita Falls, Tex.

I would definitely love to go. For the Reserves, it is a fascinating opportunity to get to go overseas. Most active-duty personnel don't get an overseas tour and when they do, it is remote. My preference would be St. Vito in Italy or Spain. The Red Flag exercise trip to Nellis AFB was a morale booster and this definitely would be. I wouldn't want to live in Europe, but it's a great place to visit.

AlC Marland D Taylor - El Reno

I think it would be great. It would be a change to go to the other side of the world and study what they do and look everybody over. Reserves don't get to travel that much. I think more people would be interested in staying in if they could travel more.







## Watch Out, For

### Man Eating Mowers

The story of "The Saga of the Boot Scrap" was written on a hot summer's day and was related to this reporter by MSgt. William C. Walker, 507th Safety Office.

A Gravely power mower, a brick, a foot with a boot attached and a lucky human being are the characters.

MSgt. Walker tells it like this.

"While mowing the yard one day, a man came upon a brick in the path of the lawn mower. Rather than let the lawn mower chew-up the brick, the man decided to remove it from the scene.

He proceeded to take the mower out of gear, which he did, but alas, he failed to disengage the turning blade.

He then proceeded to step in front of the machine and dispose of the brick.

In doing so, he decided to throw the obstacle to his right side instead of to his left side. As he turned to the right of the mower which unfortunately by then was vibrating at a slow walk, had slipped over the edge of his boot-moving right along and chewing the side of the boot off while taking a tendon

## Families See 507th, Six Win F-105 Taxi Rides

507th Tactical Fighter Group Reservists and their families had a chance to sign a reproduction of the Declaration of Independence during the Tinker AFB Open House last Sunday. 76,000 people attended the afternoon exposition of old aircraft and got a glimpse of the Air Force "Thunderbirds." Six wives of 507th reservists received taxi rides in F-105's as part of the groups Open House celebration.



that lead to his little toe.

Thanks to quick reflexes and pain, the mower received nothing else for lunch

Now, as I am not trying to make light of this situation, you must bear in mind—that this could have all been avoided if three minor things had been followed.

1. Always remove obstructions in the yard before mowing.
2. Always disengage the lawn mower if you stop for any length of time.
3. Don't turn your back on one of these machines. They are color blind—to a lawn mower, there is no difference in green grass and your little pinkies.