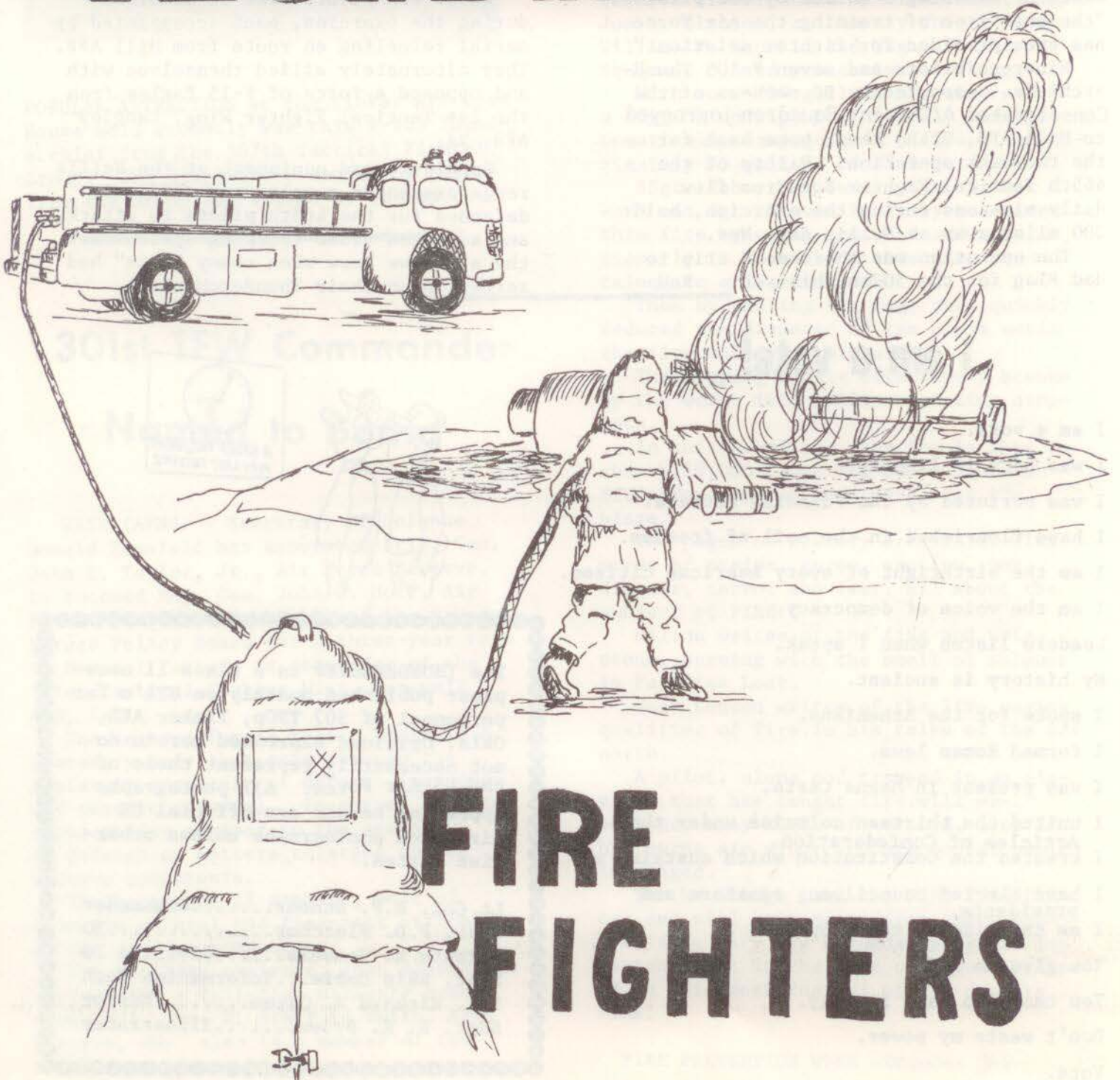




THE THUNDERCHIEF



FIRE FIGHTERS

Pilots Meet Tough Air Defenses at Red Flag

More than a hundred members of the 507th Tactical Fighter Group returned West in September for an encore performance at Red Flag - called by one pilot "the best type of training the Air Force has ever provided for fighter aviation."

Nineteen pilots and seven F-105 Thunderchiefs, supported by 90 members of the Consolidated A/C Maint Squadron journeyed to Hill AFB, Utah, their home base for the two-week operation. Pilots of the 465th Tactical Fighter Squadron flew daily missions during the exercise, held 300 miles away at Nellis AFB, Nev.

The operation was the second trip to Red Flag for the 507th this year. Red

Flag is designed to give tactical aircrews realistic combat scenarios for ground attack and area defense missions.

465th TFS pilots flew 64 missions during the exercise, each accompanied by aerial refueling en route from Hill AFB. They alternately allied themselves with and opposed a force of F-15 Eagles from the 1st Tactical Fighter Wing, Langley AFB, Va.

Sophisticated equipment at the Nellis range presented complex and difficult defenses for the 465th pilots to attack, and advanced video tracking systems let the aircrews know when enemy "fire" had zeroed in on their Thunderchiefs.

I am a vote!

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I was born in liberty.
I was nurtured by the Founding Fathers.
I have flourished in the soil of freedom.
I am the birthright of every American citizen.
I am the voice of democracy.
Leaders listen when I speak.
My history is ancient.
I spoke for the Athenians.
I formed Roman laws.
I was present in Magna Carta.
I united the thirteen colonies under the Articles of Confederation.
I created the Constitution which sustains me.
I have elected councilmen, senators and presidents.
I am the will of the people.
You give me life.
You can also take it away.
Don't waste my power.
Vote.



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POPULAR ATTRACTION at the Tinker AFB Open House held recently was this F-105 Thunderchief from the 507th Tactical Fighter Group. The display was manned by pilots from the Group and viewed by thousands.

301st TFW Commander Named to Board

WASH (AFNS) - Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld has appointed Brig. Gen. John E. Taylor, Jr., Air Force Reserve, to succeed Maj. Gen. John W. Hoff, Air Force Reserve, as a member of the Reserve Forces Policy Board for a three-year term.

General Taylor is commander of the 301st Tactical Fighter Wing, Carswell AFB, Tex.

The Reserve Forces Policy Board is a statutory body that acts through the assistant secretary of defense (manpower and reserve affairs). It serves as principal policy advisor to the secretary of defense on matters relating to the reserve components.

The board has 21 members, most of whom are general and flag-rank officers of the reserve components.

The civilian chairman, John Slezak, is assisted by a full-time military executive, Maj. Gen. W. Stanford Smith, Army Reserve, who also is a member of the board.

Firefighters Cool It

FIRE! This is the battle cry of a special breed of men in the 507th Civil Engineering Flight.

During a recent fire exercise, the reserve firefighters of Fire Chief, MSgt. Joe K. Clanton, and Deputy Chiefs' TSgt. William P. Kapella and TSgt. Phillip D. Squires, donned protective clothing.

With some 200 gallons of water and a fogging nozzle, they quickly and systematically extinguished a fire of approximately 75 gallons of JP-4 jet fuel.

SSgt. Robert R. Sudik, Sgt. Emmett G. Ward and Sgt. Steven R. Terry contained this fire by using the wind and water properly to first keep this fire contained to a limited area.

Then by cooling the fog, they quickly reduced the diameter of the blaze until the fire was extinguished.

The fogging nozzle effectively breaks up the water into millions of tiny droplets.

In this condition, the fog is able to absorb 19,000 times its own weight in BTU's for cooling and smothering the blaze.

The pages of history are filled with words of praise, curse, emotion, joy, despair, terror and fear, all about the subject of FIRE.

Milton writes of the fire and brimstone, burning with the smell of sulphur in Paradise Lost.

Jack London writes of the life saving qualities of fire in his tales of the far north.

A pilot, alone and trapped in an airplane that has caught fire, will experience many kinds of torture, even if his burns are minor and his mental health is singed.

The knowledge that the FIRE FIGHTERS can and will have most fires under control in a very few seconds, plays an important part in the life of anyone trapped in this most fearful of all dangers... FIRE!

Comm Sq Sergeant Designs Base Operations P A

TSgt. Charles R. Lindsey, Del City, assigned to the 507th Air Force Reserve Communications Flight, was recognized recently by the deputy base commander for his outstanding support and communications expertise.

Lt. Col. H. P. Snoreck, deputy base commander, cited Sgt. Lindsey's "superior knowledge in the field of electronics, willingness to assist and apparent friendly and thoughtful attitude. You are part of an organization in which service means pride in accomplishment."

Sgt. Lindsey spent four days re-engineering and designing an intercom and PA system for Base Operations located in Bldg 240.

When the system arrived, it was accompanied by a sketchy almost incomprehensible schematic. Sgt. Lindsey prepared a new revised scheme to use in connecting all units to the control equipment cabinet.

The new communications system encompasses the lobby and flight planning area, pilots' lounge and briefing room, staff and associate offices as well as outside speakers and a hook-up to the flight-line cafeteria.

"The electronic skill and expertise in reading blue prints and wiring diagrams enabled Sgt. Lindsey to install the system without delay," said Capt. Richard H. Froess, flight commander.

Sgt. Lindsey has been associated with communication electronics for 26 years and is now a retired B-52 aircraft electrician.

Since his retirement two years ago, he manages the Local Okies Citizen-Band Club in Del City.

He and his wife, LaVesta, own a home in Del City and purchased another home in the Spanish American War Colony nine miles south of Wilburton, Okla.

The two-acre home was previously owned by a veteran of the Spanish American War.

Sgt. Lindsey said approximately 75 families live in the 800-acre colony 365 days a year and another 150 families are week-end commuters to the area,

Sgt. Lindsey says all members of the colony are veterans.

Second Woman Receives Airman of Quarter Honor

AIC. Betty J. Steed, Combat Support Squadron, was selected as Airman of the Quarter for her outstanding performance in the CBPO Records Section.

Amn. Steed is the second woman this year to receive the honor.

She attended basic training in 1975 and has been with the unit approximately three years as a civilian military personnel clerk in the CBPO before enlisting.

Amn. Steed was first assigned as a

temporary clerk typist in the Training office and has since received a full-time civil service appointment.

She performs the same CBPO duties as a civilian that she does during a Unit Training Assembly.

Amn. Steed is married to an Air Reserve Technician (ART), MSgt. Joseph F. Steed, electric shop foreman, CAM Sq.

They have 2 daughters, Sherri, 14, and Kari, 13.