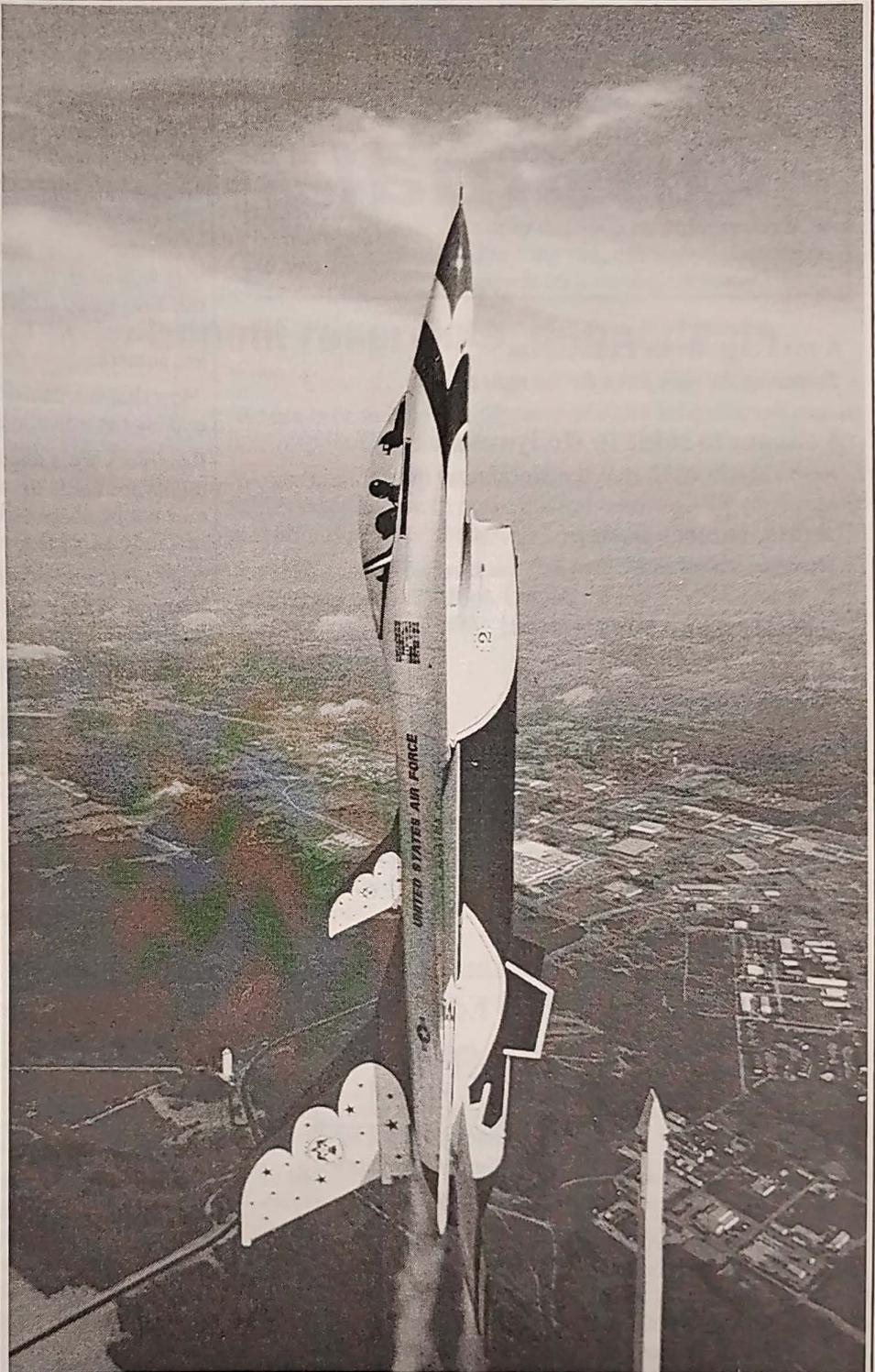
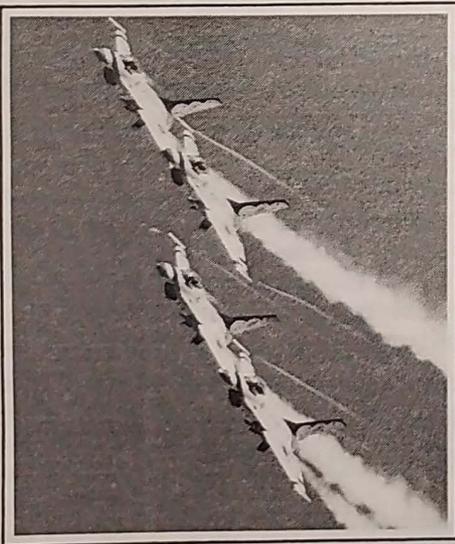


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Check out the answer inside this issue...*



**Off we go into the wild blue  
yonder...**

An acrobatic team member points his F-16 Thunderbird to the stars. See story on Page 6.



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## Closer Sends

By Maj. Gen. John J. Closer  
Chief of Air Force Reserve

I know some of you are concerned and even unhappy about the mission and basing changes facing us in the next few years. As you well know, change is a fact of life in the military nowadays.

Considering the possibilities, the Air Force Reserve came out very well from the base realignment and closure process and the 1993 force structure adjustments. While some of the changes may not be exactly what we hoped for, they certainly are something we can live with.

Now that the decisions are made, the challenge comes in making the adjustment and getting on with the mission.

Reservists are a resilient group and have proven that, once our minds are made up, we can do just about anything. While we may not be able to divert the changes we face, we can certainly affect the way we meet them.

The Air Force Reserve is famous for finding better ways to do business. This is one more opportunity.

## Quick response needed during heart attacks

By SSgt. Darrell Smith  
507th Safety Office

A heart attack means the heart has stopped pumping blood. It is the leading cause of death in adults. But, if you know the symptoms and what to do first if a heart attack strikes, you may be able to save the life of a friend, co-worker, or loved one.

It's a good idea to take a class in CPR training. Older children and adults alike may be able to help a heart attack victim. A heart attack can happen anytime, and within 4-6 minutes death or serious damage can take place. But, someone trained in CPR can greatly improve the victim's chances of surviving a heart attack.

In the past few years the 507th has had several people who have been hospitalized or have died due to heart attacks. The 507th Safety Office would like to inform you of the most common symptoms of a heart attack. Hopefully this will aid you in recognizing when someone could be having a heart attack. The most common symptoms are:

- Difficulty breathing, gasping
- Pressure, tightness, squeezing, or sensation of fullness in the chest (especially if it spreads across chest to shoulder, arm, neck or jaw)
- Nausea, vomiting, indigestion
- Cold sweat or clammy skin
- Pale or blue-looking skin, lips or nails

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## Editorials

### Preparing the right forces for the times

Secretary of Defense Les Aspin said, "Understanding national security issues is particularly important in the new era that confronts us following the end of the Cold War and the collapse of the Soviet Union.

"The changes of the post-Soviet era are profound and mostly for the better, but the world is still a dangerous place. How

do we shape our military forces to meet the dangers of the new era?

"There are three goals that guide everything we do.

"Goal 1: Get the right force for the times. We can defend ourselves with smaller forces than we had during the Cold War, but they can't be just a smaller version of our Cold War forces. They must deal with the new threats.

"Goal 2: Maintain a force ready to fight. Right now, we've got the best, most ready force in the world. Operation Desert Storm showed us that. We must sustain that high state of readiness.

"Goal 3: Be smarter with our defense budget. In the short run, our national security depends on military might. But in the long run, our national security depends on a strong economy."

### Family readiness creed is to benefit reservists, dependents

From the 507th Family Readiness Staff

The Family Readiness Program is a brand new program to help Reserve families during peace time and war. Our creed is as follows:

We are here to **listen**, not to work miracles. We are here to **help you discover** what you are feeling, not to make your feelings go away. We are here to **help you identify** options, not to decide what you should do.

We are here to **discuss steps** with you, not to take steps for you. We are here to **help you discover** your own strength, not to rescue you and leave you still vulnerable.

We are here to **help you discover** you can help yourself, not to take responsibility for you.

We are here to **help you learn** to choose, not to make it unnecessary for you to make difficult choices. We are here to **provide support** for change.

**For additional information: Call the 507th FG Family Readiness Liaisons, MSgt. Lucy Bryan or TSgt. Suzanne Vandawalker at 734-7491.**

### Quick response needed during heart attacks

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If you notice someone having these symptoms, you should call an ambulance immediately. If the victim is conscious, help him or her to a sitting position. Keep the victim warm and comfortable, using pillows for support (if available) and loosen tight clothing (especially

collars). Ask if the person is taking medication and if you can get it for him or her. If the person is unable to speak, look for an emergency medical ID card or bracelet. If breathing has stopped, give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. If breathing and pulse have stopped, and if you are trained, perform CPR.

There are many things you can do to lessen your risk of suffering a heart attack. Speak to your doctor to find out how to quit smoking, avoid fatty foods, exercise regularly, reduce stress, learn to relax, control your blood pressure, and reduce serum (blood) cholesterol.

### Success is anchored through integrity

by Lt. Col. John Loucks

According to noted author Stephen Covey, the three steps to personal success are independence, interdependence and renewal. Covey, author of the best seller, "The Seven Habits of Highly Successful People," states that "principle-centered" living is the true measure of success in life.

Principle-centered means living by a set of guidelines, rather than by personality or appearance. In our language, people who are principle-centered not only talk the talk, but they dance the dance. In my opinion, interdependence comes from having integrity, and integrity encompasses, among other things, trust.

But how can we make trust where none exists? How can we gain the trust of our co-workers and superiors? Again, Covey has the answer. He views trust as something that can be built

up rather slowly and depleted rather quickly. In effect, he views trust as an "emotional bank account."

Why should we care about trust? Because it's the cornerstone of integrity. It also builds interdependence. Covey listed six major deposits in the emotional bank account. If you want to build interdependence and trust, make sure you deposit into the emotional bank account of your associates every day.

Understand the individual. This is the most important deposit you can make. Try to understand individuals the best you can before making judgments. Look at things from their perspective, not yours.

Attend to the little things. In a relationship, it's actually the little things that matter the most. If you've ever forgotten to send a card to your spouse on his or her birthday, you know what I mean. For those of you who haven't yet made this mistake, believe me, that it lasts until next year to put things in the right. Remember the little kindnesses in everyday life.

## A chance to shine in Hollywood ...lights...camera...action!

by TSgt. Stan Paregijn

When you think about some of the biggest Hollywood blockbuster movies over the past 10 years, the Indiana Jones trilogy stands out as a strong contender with the popular actor Harrison Ford and director Steven Spielberg involved in all three films.

One member of the 507th Fighter Group was a part of the last film, Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade.

SSgt. Kent R. Allsebrooke spent a day on the set and was in a scene of the movie.

In 1988, he filled out an application to be an extra for the film which was shooting close to his base in England. His application was accepted and he got on a bus along with other military personnel and took off for the shoot.

The scene involved a book burning where the Germans threw books into a big fire. It was filmed at a private school called the Stowe Buckinghamshire, which was located northeast of Oxford.

"We started at five in the afternoon and finished up about 13 hours later at six in the morning. The books that they burned were actually old phone books they had collected and put fake covers on to look like real books," Allsebrooke said.

The first four hours on the set were spent setting up all the equipment and handing out uniforms and stage weapons.

"During this 'slow' time I had a chance to talk to the assistant director. He showed us where to walk to keep from running over the power cables. I was issued a Mauser rifle to march with that would not fire, but it looked nice.

"Everyone got a tag in their uniform with a number to be sure everything was turned in when the shooting was over. While we waited to film, some people played cards and others slept. I went to the makeup tent and talked to the workers there for a while," he said.

A group of British Marines had a challenging job of trying to change from their style of marching to the German style.

"It was funny watching them. Some had original WWII Hobnail boots that were sort of like our Air Force boots but they were much heavier and made a loud marching sound. Other people just wore rubber boots.

"During all this time director Steven Spielberg was yelling out directions and Harrison Ford and Sean Connery were very relaxed, down-to-earth people," Allsebrooke said.

Although the cast members were wearing wool uniforms, they stayed fairly cool until the book burning started.

"When the books were set afire, then it really got hot out there! It was quite an experience just watching all the old vehicles and to see the lights, people and supplies needed for the movie.

"There was a guy made up to look like Hitler and he was standing at the platform. As filming actually started and we marched around, I had to keep telling myself that we were not in Germany, and that it was just a movie.

"It is so cool to watch it now. It looks different from my perspective. When you are there filming, you don't realize what it will look like until you see it in the theater. We were tired when the filming was done, but I would do it all again," Allsebrooke said.



SSgt. Kent Allsebrooke, right, 507th Logistics Support Squadron, takes a break during the filming of an Indiana Jones movie to pose for the camera.

## The Tanzis: A profile

by Capt. Ken Warren  
419th FW Public Affairs Office

Very few people see their dreams come true, but one of Col. David Tanzi's came true when he assumed command of the 419th Fighter Wing July 11.

"Sometime in the mid-1970s when I deployed out here the first time I thought, 'Wow. I'd really love to come out here someday.' It's beautiful country and there are all of the things about Utah's environment that are appealing. Also, over the years I've come to respect the 419th as a premier unit in the Air Force Reserve. Year in and year out, the performance of the men and women of the 419th is superb. To be part of this unit and to live in this community are opportunities that are really exciting."

His wife, Debra, shares that excitement. "I knew this was a dream come true for David and I'm optimistic about this opportunity, too. If there was anyplace we had to go, Utah was number one," she said. "Seeing those jets fly by with the mountains as a backdrop is something I don't think I'll ever get used to. It's spectacular."

In addition to the spectacular scenery and the great reputation of the 419th, the Tanzis say they wanted to come here because of the people of Northern Utah.

"In my visits to the area I've had the chance to deal with people from the Hill AFB and surrounding civilian communities and found everyone very friendly and open," the colonel said.

Debra added, "When we were living in Ohio, David came here with a civic leader tour. He came back home with glowing reports about everything—especially the people. All of the people we've met have opened their doors to us. It is making the transition a lot smoother. I'm really looking forward to getting involved in various activities and getting to know as many people as I can on a one-to-one basis."

Two things become obvious talking to the Tanzis: They are excited about being part of the 419th and they are people-oriented. The colonel is quick to attribute his career successes and his

selection to command the 419th to former co-workers. "I'm honored that the things I had been part of in the past, the people I'd worked with and the work we did as a team were looked upon with enough favor that the senior leadership of the Air Force Reserve was willing to give me this opportunity.

"I was fortunate enough to be part of groups that worked well as a team. The successes I've had as a commander are theirs, not necessarily mine. I'll feel the same way about what we achieve as a team here with the 419th."

Team building through quality is clearly one of the tenets of the colonel's leadership style. He believes in quality and says it is key to the 419th's success.



Col. David Tanzi and his wife, Debra, pose in front of the 419th Headquarters Building. Colonel Tanzi assumed command of the wing last July.

"We are going to be challenged by things we don't even know about. We need to do things more smartly, in ways so that with limited resources we are still capable of providing the most combat-ready force that we as an organization can produce.

"Everybody in this wing has a vested interest in our success and can affect that success in a positive manner. The length of time a person has been in the military, or the level of his or her experience doesn't matter. Everyone has experiences to draw from as a human being. The ideas that come from those experiences may be totally different from anybody else's, but those ideas might be the ones that improve the way we do business."

He added, "Important to building a quality organization is empowering people. To empower people you need to give them the authority, the responsibility and the resources to do their jobs and hold them accountable. I plan to do that. I will be visiting work areas and asking lots of questions. I need to know what's going on because I

care and because I want to be able to help when problems arise."

As he visits work areas around the wing, the colonel says he will be absorbing data and getting to know people—not looking to make immediate changes.

"To come in here and make radical, rapid changes would be very irresponsible. What the 419th has accomplished has allowed it to be recognized as one of the best fighter units in the Air Force. In time, there may be things I think we need to change—and will change, if it makes us better."

Change is the buzzword throughout the Defense Department and the 419th is

no exception. The colonel encourages wing members not to get caught up in the fear of change or all the activities on the horizon for the 419th. "We always have a full plate in our business. That has never changed in my 20-plus-year military career. There will always be opportunities in front of us to challenge the 419th.

"As we face the challenges of tomorrow, we have to be the best human beings and professionals we can be and always remember the importance of our families. Also, we should remember the four things I touched on in the change of command ceremony: quality—strive for continuous improvement personally and professionally; integrity—be able to look at yourself in the mirror every morning with pride; commitment to excellence—always do your absolute best; and use common sense in your decision-making processes.

"Communications is key. It's absolutely essential that all of my commanders, first sergeants, supervisors and I articulate to everybody what's going on and what's expected."

# Thunderbird pilot finds a home in Oklahoma

by TSgt. Stan Paregijn

When former Thunderbird stunt team member Lt. Col. Dave Robinson separated from the active duty Air Force last year, he thought he had seen the last of his flying days. But fate would not let him give up his wings and now he is piloting an F-16 with the 465th Fighter Squadron.

Colonel Robinson had always dreamed of becoming a pilot. His early years growing up in the Connecticut aerospace industry planted seeds of a future that would eventually see him

grow into one of the world's top air acrobatic pilots.

His father worked in the helicopter industry at the Sikorsky Aircraft Plant (makers of the Blackhawk) in Fairfield, Connecticut and that is where the young Colonel Robinson began his quest for his "wings."

After high school, Robinson was accepted from many applicants to attend the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He graduated and started his pilot training in 1976 at Vance Air Force Base, OK. He spent three years as a T-38 instructor before stepping up to the F-15 and

Eglin AFB where he stayed from 1981-1983.

He then became an F-15 instructor and taught at Luke AFB from 1983-1986 before being selected from a highly qualified pool of applicants to join the F-16 Thunderbird team in 1986.

The selection process is challenging. The Air Force Thunderbirds receive anywhere from 50 to 100 applicants a year. Out of that number they pick 12 to go to Nellis for evaluation, testing and interviews. After two weeks of evaluations, six pilots are asked to return to Nellis for another two weeks. Three finalists are actually chosen for the upcoming show season.

Evaluation at tryout is done with spacing of aircraft. They look for pilots with an air sense and discipline.

"You can usually tell what the guy can do after watching him work with the plane. Many pilots have never flown an F-16 before, but if they know their stuff, they can compensate and impress people.

"The most challenging parts of training involved the discipline required to always be in position. Sometimes the weather was turbulent making it even more difficult. Formation acrobatics at low altitudes are unusual for pilots because you have so many planes around you that aren't normally there on routine missions," Robinson said.

The Thunderbird pilots start slowly with two planes going high and then they come down lower and add two more planes and so on. Every mission has a flight briefing lasting around two hours.

Thunderbird life can seem grueling to an outsider.

"We had a TDY schedule of around 200 days that we would be gone. It was tough to keep the clothes and car clean being gone that much. We basically practiced from November through March and then traveled from March to November," he said.

The Thunderbirds trained intensely, but safety was always priority one. We practiced each maneuver for a show over 100 times before it was performed in show.

"You always want to do a good show, but to do it safely. If friends and family



Lt. Col. Dave Robinson, poses by the Thunderbird F-16 he flew as a member of the Air Force's premier aerial team.

## September Schedule of Events

Date/Time	Meetings, Etc	Location
<b>Fri, 24 Sep</b> 1400	Pre-UTA 1st Sgt Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
<b>Sat, 25 Sep</b> As designated by unit	Sign-in	As designated by unit
0730-0800	Sign-in for Physical Exams	Base Hospital
0730-0930	Newcomers In-processing	Bldg 1030, DW Classroom
0900-1000	702X0 Training	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
0900-1015	Newcomers Orientation	Bldg 1030, DW Classroom
1000	Mobility Rep Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1015	Escorts Pick up Newcomers	Bldg 1030, DW Classroom
1030	First Sergeants Meeting	Dining Hall, Sun Rm
1200-1300	PCIII Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1300-1400	EST Manager Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1300-1400	IG Complaint Period w/LtCol Walker	Bldg 1030, CC Office
1300-1400	Immunizations	Bldg 1030, Break Rm
1400-1500	Ancillary Training Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1400-1500	Enlisted Advisory Council Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
As designated by unit	Sign-Out	As designated by unit
<b>Sun, 26 Sep</b> As designated by unit	Sign-in	As designated by unit
0800-1130	Newcomers Ancillary Tng-Phase I	Bldg 201, Rm 11
0800-1000	Refresher Chemical Warfare Tng	Bldg 1115, Prime Beef
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
0830-1615	Initial Chemical Warfare Tng	Bldg 1030, DW Classroom
0900	Hazcom Training	Bldg 1030, Comm Flt Tng
0900-1000	732X0 Training	Bldg 1043, Rm 204
0930-1030	Unit Career Advisor Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
0945-1145	Refresher Chemical Warfare Tng	Bldg 1115, Prime Beef
1230-1400	CDC PAT	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1300-1530	Newcomers Ancillary Tng-Phase II	Bldg 201, Rm 11
1300	CDC Course Exam Testing	Bldg 460, Rm 213
1400-1500	702X0 Training	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1500-1630	CBPO Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043, CBPO
As designated by unit	Sign-out	As designated by unit

### NOTEBOOK...

#### Subject: Customer Service

Our office is required to have copy of both the order and citation to update a decoration: Two-Line name tags have been deleted. No exceptions will be made according to the Air Force Uniform Board. You have until 31 Oct 93 to change your name tag: The length of the women's overcoat will not be shorter than 1/2 inch below the bottom of the skirt nor longer than six inches below the back crease of the knees.

#### Subject: Burial Flags, Markers

A recent change in law authorizes government headstones, burial flags and markers for reserve members who, at the time of death, were entitled to retired pay. The VA pays for transporting a headstone or marker to a private cemetery, but does not pay the cost for placing it. Normally, funeral homes can provide information on how to obtain the flag and marker.

#### Subject: SGLI Hoax

Recent articles in various publications indicate the Veterans Administration is paying a cash dividend on SGLI. The Department of Veterans Affairs states this is a hoax. Congress has not passed any legislation authorizing payment of any special dividends. Help stop this rumor by passing this information on to your friends.

# Training Planner

## September-October '93 Looking Ahead...

### September '93

04-19 Med Sq AT-Shepherd AFB  
25-26 Primary UTA-All Groups  
28 Nov Tng Planner Inputs Due

### October '93

16 MRRRS to Units  
16-17 Primary UTA  
17 Group Commanders Call  
31 daylight Savings time

### November '93

13-14 Primary UTA (Proposed ORE)

### December '93

10 PEP Info/RIPS to Units  
11 Amn/NCO Qtr Due 1400  
11-12 Primary UTA  
12 Group Family X-Mas Dinner  
15 CBPO Open House

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### BAQ Recertification

If you are married or have a dependent child and the last digit of your SSN is a (3) or (8), you must recertify your BAQ status during the month of (Oct).

Please complete AF Form 987 located at your unit. Your unit BAQ recertification monitors will annotate rosters and forward your forms to the Finance office. Failure to accomplish this will result in the termination of your BAQ pay entitlement.

## October Schedule of Events

### Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) Weekend!

Date/Time	Meetings, Etc	Location
Fri, 15 Oct 1400	Pre-UTA 1st Sgt Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
<b>Sat, 16 Oct</b> As designated by unit	Sign-In	As designated by unit
0730-0800	Sign-in for Physical Exams	Base Hospital
0730-0930	Newcomers In-processing	Bldg 1030, DW Classroom
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1300-1400	EST Managers Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1400-1500	Ancillary Training Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
As designated by unit	Sign-Out	As designated by unit
<b>Sun, 17 Oct</b> As designated by unit	Sign-In	As designated by unit
0800-1130	Newcomers Ancillary Tng-Phase I	Bldg 201, Rm 11
0800-1000	Refresher Chemical Warfare Tng	Bldg 1115, Prime Beef
0830-0930	Enlisted Advisory Council Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
0830-1615	Initial Chemical Warfare Tng	Bldg 1030, DW Classroom
0900	Additional Duty Safety Rep Training	Bldg 1030, Comm Flt Rm
0900-1000	732X0 Training	Bldg 1043, Rm 204
0930-1030	Unit Career Advisor Meeting	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
0945-1145	Refresher Chemical Warfare Tng	Bldg 1115, Prime Beef
1030-1130	702X0 Training	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1200-1600	Self Aid/Buddy Care Instructor Class	Bldg 5910, Rm 1061300
1300	CDC Course Exam Testing	Bldg 460, Rm 213
1300-1530	Newcomers Ancillary Tng-Phase II	Bldg 201, Rm 11
1300-1500	CDC PAT	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm
1500-1630	CBPO Closed for In-House Tng	Bldg 1043, CBPO
As designated by unit	Sign-Out	Bldg 1043, Conf Rm

### CDC and PME Course Exam Testing

UTA Sunday, 1300, Bldg 460, Rm 213  
Wednesday, 1300, Bldg 1043, Rm 206

These are the only times course exams will be administered. Names of personnel with tests on file are published in the "CDC COURSE EXAM LISTING" distributed each month to all Unit Training Managers prior to the UTA. Trainees enrolled in mandatory CDCs will have a Test No Later Than Date of two UTAs of receipt of exam. Voluntary exams must be taken within 90 days of receipt. Course exams not taken within the time allowed will be destroyed.

The exceptions to this rule are 6E, 8E, and SOS course exams.

If a you are unable to test within the allotted time frame, contact your Unit Training Manager immediately. Your Unit Training Manager will submit an AF Form 1095 to MSMPT. This form could prevent your course exam from being destroyed if extenuating circumstances prevented you from taking the exam on or before the Test No Later Than Date

Contact MSMPT, 47075, to schedule testing on Wednesdays.

### Ancillary Training Information

#### Disaster Preparedness Information

All personnel who normally wear contact lenses, attending Chemical Warfare training, must wear glasses instead. Bring your New Mask goggles if you have them. Personnel are to be on time for all classes, or be reported as "No Shows". **Ensure all personnel bring their Go-Bags with them to all classes.**

Supervisors may schedule Chemical Warfare training thru-out the year by calling the DW office at x45249, NLT 2 weeks prior to class requested. Units must report the names of personnel requiring training when scheduling training.

In order to utilize the go-to-war MCU-2A/P protective masks for training, TQT, ORE's and deployment; notify 507 LSS at extension 45335. Let them know **Two Weeks Prior** to your need for masks, the quantity of each size your organization requires. Specify when they will be returned to Base Supply. Personnel retrieving masks will sign an AF Form 1297 (Hand Receipt) for all of the masks you receive.

An MCU-2A/P guidebook will be provided to everyone signing for masks. The guidebook will cover the fitting, donning, cleaning, sanitizing, and inspection of the masks.

#### UCMJ Briefing

All first and second term enlisted personnel are required to have the UCMJ briefing. Second term enlisted personnel are due the UCMJ briefing within two UTAs of reenlistment. UCMJ briefing time is 1400-1445, Bldg 201, Sunday of UTA.

### Ancillary Training

#### Looking Ahead...

#### September '93

26	Refresher CW Tng (0800-0945)
26	Hazcom Tng
26	SABC Instructor Tng

### Cycle Ergometer Fitness Assessment

By now I'm sure you're all aware of the Cycle Ergometer Fitness Assessment...yes, folks, it's here! However, contrary to speculation, the 50th is still in a Research and Development phase of the program. Now, I'm not saying that it won't be implemented (or that it *will*, for that matter), but at this date, and until notice from higher up, we are only a test site. That being the case, it is to our own advantage to cooperate fully within the guidelines of the program. Without *valid* and *conclusive* statistics, I cannot compile a solid feasibility study of the project, with regards to Reservists. What that means is each of you should make every effort to meet your scheduled test appointment *and* you should adhere to the pretest protocols to ensure the most accurate fitness evaluation. In case you are unfamiliar with them, I've listed them below:

1. Get a good night's rest.
2. Abstain from any strenuous exercise, alcoholic beverages, or over-the-counter medications at least 12 hours prior to your test time.
3. Refrain from eating a heavy meal within 6 hours of your test time, although a light breakfast (juice and toast or cereal) is suggested.
4. Abstain from any tobacco products or caffeinated beverages at least 4 hours prior to your test time.
5. Wear loose-fitting athletic wear which will allow a transmitter belt to be attached to the skin at lower chest.
6. Leave all electronic devices such as portable radios, players and pagers at your worksite as they may interfere with the heart rate transmitters.
7. Above all, relax! The Cycle Ergometer Fitness Assessment only lasts for approximately 10 minutes from start to finish and requires medium effort.

Please notice Item 7: This is not a marathon cycle ride! No, you do not pedal 100 rpm for 20 miles. Each person merely pedals at a comfortable 50 rpm for a minimum of 6 minutes and no longer than 12 minutes, 8-10 minutes being typical. Although some minor anxiety is normal, the test is by no means something about which to get your heart rate up. I mean that literally, folks. The Cycle Ergometer Fitness Assessment is based on the amount of work your heart does to pump blood (and therefore oxygen) through it. The standard of measurement is your heart rate! See the connection?

September's schedule is below... come prepared, relax and...thank you for your support!

MONITORS	SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
	UNIT	NO.	UNIT	NO.
0800-1200				
SSgt Cooper	507 SPS	49	90-day	30+
SSgt Gant			Releas	
SSgt Rednick			(507 MS)	
SSgt Harrell			403 CLSS	25
1200-1600				
SSgt Lomo				
SrA Green	403CLSS	50	UFPM	
SrA Sarsycki			Training	
SSgt Mitchell			session:	
SSgt Newton			Place to be	
SSgt Kean			announced	

**MONITORS:** Please arrive at the testing facility NLT 0730 on the day of evaluations.

TERESA N. PRICE-ROOT, 2d Lt  
Group Fitness program Director

## Training Communicator

### Community College of the Air Force Fall 93 Graduates

CCAF is known as "The Enlisted Person's College." Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, it marries Air Force Technical and Professional Training with Traditional subjects such as math and english obtained through local Colleges and Universities. The 69 degree programs offered by CCAF are directly related to each student's Air Force job. The result is a better trained Enlisted Force which, of course, translates into increased readiness for our Air Force and security for our Nation.

Industry knows that a CCAF degree indicates ability to "Do the Job" with minimum retraining. A CCAF degree provides a ready "Ticket" into the market place. Participation in the CCAF system means that student learning is geared toward the Air Force and Nation's exciting, increasingly sophisticated and Technologically complex future. Our graduates are truly accomplished and proficient. Unlike most traditional Learning Institutions, CCAF emphasizes the importance of the pursuit of depth and the need to connect the classroom with the student's Air Force job.

Congratulations, graduates, we salute you. Thank you for being an example to us all.

- SSgt Derek Beavers**, 507 Maintenance Sq  
Degree: Maintenance Production Mgmt
- SSgt Darrell Conway**, 403 CLSS  
Degree: Avionics Systems Technology
- SSgt Paul Duit**, 465 FS/AMU  
Degree: Act Armament Sys Technology
- SSgt Scott Jones**, 507 Medical Sq  
Degree: Medical Laboratory Technology
- TSgt Robert Legg**, 465 FS/AMU  
Degree: Avionics Systems Technology
- TSgt Lawrence LeTarte**, 465 FS/AMU  
Degree: Act Systems Maint Technology
- SMSgt Mike Pulchny**, 403 CLSS  
Degree: Aircraft Maintenance Technology
- SSgt Darrell Reining**, 465 FS/AMU  
Degree: Munitions Systems Technology
- SSgt Dan Rice**, 507 CES  
Degree: Fire Science
- SrA Kheuang Vannarath**, 507 Maint Sq  
Degree: Aircraft System Maint Technology

## More What, When, Where

### CBPO Customer Service

#### Hours of Operation

##### Primary UTA Weekends

Saturday 0730-1630  
Sunday 0730-1500

Closed Sunday for In-House Training from 1500-1630

##### Weekdays

Monday-Friday  
0730-1130  
1230-1630

Closed Thursdays for In-House Training from 0730-1230

#### Phone Numbers

MSM/MSMA/MSME/MSMD/MSMP  
CBPO Management, 47491  
MSMAC...Customer Service, 47492  
MSMPU...Personnel Utilization, 47493  
MSMAQ...Quality Force, 47494  
MSMPT...Training & Education, 47075

#### TDY & Reassignment Out-Processing

Personnel Utilization (MSMPU) is standing-by to help with relocation processing, but they need your help.

TDY to school or reassignment out-processing can only be initiated through MSMPU during the times listed below:

Monday thru  
Friday: 0730-1030 and 1230-1530

UTA Saturday: 0800-1530

The schedule is for your convenience; times noted assure your access to agencies with processing responsibilities. Your cooperation in complying with this schedule is greatly appreciated. if you have any questions, please call MSMPU, x47493.

#### Chapel Service Information

Devine service held Saturday at 1515, Hospital Pharmacy. Sunday service held at 0730, Disaster Preparedness, Bldg 1030, flightline side.  
Catholic Mass: Sat, 1700, Sun, 0940, 1220.

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### Tips for Faster CBPO Service

*ARTS, or Reservists on Mandays or annual tour* can conduct personnel business any week day and avoid contributing to UTA congestion.

*Avoid Saturday morning* unless you have an appointment. Due to In-Processing activities, the Customer Service section is short handed until about noon on Saturday.

*Call ahead*, find out how long the wait may be.

*Be sure* you bring any required documents with you and avoid the need for a second trip to finish your business.

### Hours of Operation for...

#### Pass & ID

Located in Bldg 590, is open on UTA Saturday, 1200-1600, for ID cards, fingerprints, vehicle registration and base decal.

#### Individual Equipment Issue (IEU)

Located in Bldg 469, is open on UTA Saturday, 0800-1530. Enter door #36 on the south side of the building. Check with your Unit Orderly room before you attempt equipment issue or exchange.

#### Air Reserve Technicians

If you have business with these agencies, you should take care of it on weekdays so services are available for other Reservists on UTAs.

#### Dining Facility

Meal times are shorter, lines are longer: Plan ahead!

Breakfast 0600-0900  
Lunch 1100-1300  
Dinner 1530-1800

### Medical Services Information

#### Immunization Monitors

All shot records that are mutilated and or have no space left need to be brought to the immunization clinic located in the Hospital between 1000-1200 on Sunday of the UTA for new records to be made up and issued. Point of contact is Capt Livengood, x42487.

#### Physical Examinations

The 507th Medical Squadron is presently trying to catch up on the backlog of physicals. Therefore, the physical schedule is extremely tight. If you will be unable to meet an appointment, you must call TSgt Davis, x43151 and reschedule in advance of the UTA.

#### Random Drug Testing

Drug Testing is conducted at 0900 on UTA Saturdays. The names of those randomly selected for testing are released by Social Actions to Unit Commanders immediately after sign-in on Saturday. If selected, you should consume as much liquid as possible prior to reporting to the lab. You cannot be released until the required sample amount has been obtained. if you have questions about the Random Drug testing program contact Social Actions, x45019.

#### Military Pay

File for pay Receive Direct Deposit  
on or before: by:

26 Sep.....	06 Oct
28 Sep.....	08 Oct
03 Oct.....	12 Oct
05 Oct.....	15 Oct
11 Oct.....	20 Oct
13 Oct.....	22 Oct
17 Oct.....	27 Oct
19 Oct.....	29 Oct
24 Oct.....	03 Nov

are there it gives you more butterflies because you want to make them proud. Some locations are harder than others. Sometimes you have bad weather that may alter the show.

Depending on the terrain and weather conditions, the Thunderbirds can choose from three different show routines. They have a "flat show" where there is a 1500 foot ceiling and the show lasts 15 minutes. The "low show" is geared toward 5,000 ceilings providing room to do some rolling maneuvers, and the "high show" provides high bomb burst opportunities and loops and

though about it too much, we probably wouldn't do it," said the Colonel.

The primary mission of the Thunderbird team is recruiting and retention for the Air Force. They try to go to all 50 states in two years to show people what their tax dollars pay for.

Along the way, the pilots meet some interesting people at air shows, foreign countries and behind closed doors.

"We have a good rapport with pilots from the Blue Angels and the Canadian Snowbirds. We try to get together with them once a year and do practice

President Ronald Reagan in the Oval Office.

"We had a whole day to work in the Pentagon on the day before the air show. We took an Air Force bus to the White House and spent about a half hour in the Oval Office. We went in one at a time to shake his hand and talk to him while having our picture taken. It was very pleasant," he said.

After finishing his two year stint with the Thunderbirds, Colonel Robinson went to the Armed Force Staff College at Norfolk Naval Base in Virginia. He then became Chief of Operations of the



Colonel Robinson, gets an opportunity to meet and shake hands with former President George Bush after a performance.

usually last around 35 minutes.

With all the excitement comes the potential for danger and carelessness. The Thunderbird pilots are trained to be professional and stay prepared.

"People run their cars off the road all the time. I've had more friends killed in car accidents than planes. There is an inherent danger in what we are doing and a smaller margin for error, but our people are highly trained and our safety record is very good.

"In 1982 we converted from the T-38 to the F-16 and have had no air crashes. You just don't think about it. If we

demonstrations. It is good to have an appreciation of what the different services can do. There is a healthy rivalry but we are all professional," Robinson said.

"My favorite foreign country to visit was China. We went to Beijing, China one year on a 35 day trip to the Far East. As I grew up, China was a big unknown because it was so different from the U.S. We had a very good reception there," he said.

While performing at Andrews AFB, Maryland, home of the Air Force One, the Thunderbirds were invited to visit

Air Operations branch for Headquarters U.S. CINCPAC at Camp Smith in Hawaii. He separated in June of 1992 and went into the IMA program until recently.

"My wife is a captain on active duty with the 965th AWACS and so when she was assigned here, I came along. I am challenging myself to get back in and learn all the books and regs regarding the F-16. I'm real excited to be with the 507th. Everyone has treated me great," he said.

# Maple Flag XXVI challenges 507th up north

by MSgt. Ty Yoshida  
507th Public Affairs Office

They gathered at Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake, Alberta, where the sandy plateau overlooks Beaver Creek.

The 84 members from the 507th Fighter Group joined an additional 1,000 participants May 15-28, for Maple Flag XXVI, a war-fighting exercise designed to provide realistic training in peacetime equating to actual combat situations and conditions.

## Modeled after the U.S. Air Force's Red Flag exercises, Maple Flag ultimately aims to train aircrews to survive in combat.

The weather and terrain more closely resembles European conditions than the deserts of Nevada where Red Flag is conducted.

"I like Maple Flag," said Lt. Col. Jerry E. Irwin, 465th Fighter Squadron pilot, "we get virtually unrestricted air space, can go up to a 50,000-foot ceiling and can go supersonic. The training is great."

Eight F-16As from the 507th Fighter Group were deployed from Tinker



Maintenance crew check over their Falcon after a mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by MSgt Kenneth Coffey)



Maintenance members gather around to prepare for the day's activities. (U.S. Air Force photo by MSgt. Kenneth Coffey)

AFB, Okla., along with two KC-10s that transported the support crews and their equipment to CFB Cold Lake.

The Okies representing the group did a fine job, according to Maj. Rodney K. Hunter, project officer for the trip. "The squadron flew 104 tactical sorties with no sorties lost to maintenance."

Veteran participants at Maple Flag included Canadian jet fighter and air transport squadrons; U.S. Air Force, Naval Air, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard units; and units from the Royal Air Force (British). For the first time units from the French Air Force (FAF) and Royal Netherlands Air Force (RNAF) also participated.

At Maple Flag, pilots flew at one of the world's finest facilities in which to train. Straddling the Alberta-Saskatchewan border, the remotely-located Cold Lake Air Weapons Range - 10,000 square kilometers (3,861 square miles) of muskeg and timber - provided an integrated air-to-ground and air-to-air training environment.

Constructed and deployed within the range were numerous 3/4 scale fighting vehicles and aircraft mock-ups. Some 300 tanks, armored personnel carriers and various types of surface-to-air missile installations were placed across the range area. Also, six airfields, two POL/ammo sites, and two industrial sites had been cut into the forests and muskeg.

Also present on the range were three USAF threat simulators, emitting

signals representative of SAM or AAA equipment. This allowed aircrews to execute evasive maneuvers and, with the aid of video cameras, test the effectiveness of their maneuvers.

"Maple Flag is a great place to try different tactics," said Irwin. "If it doesn't work, then you know, and can go from there."

Two wartime-like scenarios were presented to aircrews daily for morning and afternoon sorties with each aircrew receiving realistic taskings. The initiative was then on the aircrew to plan, brief, fly, and debrief the assigned mission.

In a typical bombing mission, control of aircraft tasked to destroy targets close to friendly lines was provided by Forward Air Controllers. Escort aircraft were tasked to provide air cover for transport, fighter-bombers and FAC aircraft. A separate force consisting of fighter aircraft, radar units and ground threat systems attempted to disrupt the friendly force plans.

The exercise scenarios were designed to increase aircrew capability and therefore survivability, and develop the self-discipline, leadership, tactics and initiative necessary to win in combat. The exercises also provided an excellent opportunity for the aircrews to exchange and practice tactics, concepts and techniques with members of other air forces face to face, Hunter said.

# AFRES medical units to begin realignment January 1

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- Four-fifths of the Air Force Reserve's 77 medical units could face reconstructive surgery starting Jan. 1.

The Reserve had been scheduled to begin revamping 62 of its medical units Oct. 1 but delayed the action to ensure a smoother transition to the new structure.

Many of the changes call for the Reserve to more closely align its medical specialties and units with active-duty requirements. The realignments are the result of lessons learned during

Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and new wartime requirements based on the changing world situation.

Changes in gaining commands have complicated the restructuring. Aeromedical evacuation crews on C-130 Hercules transports will become gained by Air Combat Command Oct. 1 when it assumes control of C-130s from Air Mobility Command. On the other hand, aeromedical evacuation crews dedicated to C-141 Starlifters will remain AMC-gained.

Air Force and Reserve officials are still working on the details of the realignment. (AFRESNS)

# Mobility exercise tests unit's get up and go

The 507th Fighter Group conducted a mobility exercise last month that challenged the unit's ability to "get up and go."

Maj. Dave Slack, assistant 507th Plans Officer, stressed the importance of such exercises, saying, "It doesn't matter how good you fight, if you can't get there in the first place."

The exercise tested unit members abilities to palletize equipment as well as process personnel needed to deploy, employ and establish the unit as a fighting power.

"We saw a lot of good areas during our exercise. There were a lot of people out there trying. But we also saw a lot of areas for improvement," Slack said.

He explained that while the physical areas went well, such as pallet build up and personnel processing, much of the paperwork, especially hazardous materials paperwork, associated with the pallets themselves still needed improvement.

"One of the better groups had a mobility samples book outlining how to build up the pallet with diagrams and samples of how the paperwork is filled out," Slack said. "With a mobility sample book it makes it a snap to repeat success."

Concerned with improving the mobility process, Slack asked that anyone with problems or comments give him a call at Ext. 47000.



Top left: Unit members process pallet paperwork to make sure everything's ready to go.

Top Right: Security police finish strapping down their equipment during pallet buildup.

Mid-left: Members check through the personnel processing center.

Bottom: Moving equipment to the staging area.



# Clinton talks defense cuts

by TSgt. David P. Masko  
Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON -- In addition to his policy on homosexuals in the military, President Clinton says issues such as base closings and the drawdown are top priorities.

"It's very tough when you close these bases. I know it," said Clinton in reply to a concerned caller during CNN's "Larry King Live" July 20.

The president went on to explain an overall plan that will reduce the military by 40 percent, in addition to the 2.5 million people who have already lost defense-related jobs.

"We have to reduce the base structure, because otherwise we won't have enough money to train the personnel and to keep developing the smart weapons and the important technology to keep our people the best fighting force in the world and keep them safe," Clinton said.

He said he sympathized with a caller over the plight of military retirees whose medical benefits are being seriously affected. One of the biggest problems with closing large military bases is that many are surrounded by retirees who use their medical facilities, President Clinton said.

"In the aftermath, that's often one of the toughest issues."

Clinton said one of the first things he asked first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton to look into -- with her task force on America's health crisis -- was health care for military retirees who use medical facilities at bases that will close.

"They are looking at those facilities, asking can they be opened, can they be reopened? Should they be military facilities? Should they be available for military and civilian personnel? What's going to happen in terms of the availability of health care?"

Clinton said he expects the task force's recommendations "pretty soon" -- when he officially announces the nation's health care plan.

During a satellite interview with journalists from Wisconsin and Louisiana, Clinton discussed the differences between his defense budget and that of former President George Bush.

"First of all, we capped the B-2 bombers at the level recommended last year," Clinton said. "Over and above that, we plan to reduce the aggregate size of the armed services by about 200,000 more than in the last Bush budget."

Moreover, the president said he's asked the employees of the Department of Defense -- both military and civilian -- to take the same reductions in pay that other federal employees are going to take.



## Unit welcomes new advisor

Maj. Gary D. Bozarth joined the 507th Fighter Group last month as the unit's new active duty advisor.

Bozarth enlisted in the Air Force in 1973 and was a crew chief on B-52Gs at Beale AFB, Calif. While stationed there, he obtained a four-year ROTC scholarship and was discharged in July of 1974 to attend Arizona State where he graduated with a B.S. degree in Aeronautical Engineering Technology in 1978.



Bozarth was commissioned and reentered the Air Force to attend pilot training at Vance AFB, Okla. He served as an A-10 pilot at RAF Bentwaters from 1980 to 1983, and then became an AT-38 instructor pilot at Holloman AFB, N.M. from 1983 to 1987.

From 1987 to 1990, Bozarth served as an F-16C flight commander at Hahn AB, Germany with a follow on assignment as tactical forces programmer, HQ USAFE, at Ramstein AB, Germany.

A senior pilot with more than 2400 hours flying time Bozarth has flown the T-37, T-38, AT-38, A-10, F-16A and F-16C.

Bozarth is married to the former Joy Moore of Benhall, England and they have two children ages 4 and 8.

## Deaths create loss at 507th

### Thank you for kindness

I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful basket of flowers, cards, visits, thoughts and prayers received during the recent loss of my Daddy.

Sharlotte Epps and the family of Joe Stanford, Sr.

### Barbara Michaels dies

Barbara Michaels, 39, from the Information Management shop, passed away Sept. 10 after complications from emergency surgery for an aneurysm.

Barbara joined the unit as a civilian employee in 1987. As orders processing clerk and part of the 507th mobility exercise SWAME team, she was widely known and liked by unit members. She will be missed.

Services were held Sept. 14 with interment at the Arlington Park Cemetery, N.E. 36th and Midwest Blvd.

### Condolences given

Our condolences to TSgt. Willie Boyd, 507th Maintenance Squadron propulsion section, upon the recent death of his son, William, who died Sept. 12.

## Arts and Crafts Center renamed

The Arts and Crafts Center has recently been renamed the Skills Development Center to better describe the diverse programs and facilities they offer. The center houses the Country Craft Barnyard, Auto Shop, Wood Shop, Frame Shop and holds various art classes. For more information call 734-5615.

The Tinker Country Craft Barnyard is located at the Skills Development Center. The barnyard sells items such as doll houses, painted sweatshirts, jumpers, sweaters, wooden toys, decorated wreaths, cross stitch, bridal veils, quilts, ceramics and much more, officials said.

The hours of operation are Monday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information contact the Skills Development Center, Ext. 45615.

The Wood Shop at the Skills Development Center will begin holding woodworking classes on Monday evenings. A professional instructor will teach students basic safety procedures, equipment operation and wood types. During the class participants will complete a woodworking project which will entail several techniques taught in the class.

Completion of this course will authorize students to use the wood shop facilities during its operating hours.

## Refinancing VA home loans

HOUSTON (AFNS) -- The Department of Veterans Affairs is urging people to consider refinancing their VA-guaranteed home loans to take advantage of today's lower interest rates. Veterans can refinance their loans with private lending agencies by either regular refinancing or through an interest rate reduction refinancing loan. The latter requires no out-of-pocket expenses, providing the lender absorbs all closing costs, say VA officials here.

Closing costs on VA-guaranteed loans are lower than rates on regular loans because the VA doesn't require credit checks or appraisals, officials said.

More than 1.5 million veterans have outstanding VA loans at interest rates of 9 percent or higher. If homeowners refinanced these loans -- which average \$90,000 -- at a rate of 7 percent, they would save \$254 million per month, officials said.

## Savings shown for new VA rates

The following chart reflects interest rates on a 30-year VA loan of \$90,000 with corresponding monthly payments:

Interest Rate	Monthly payment
10 percent	\$790
9 percent	\$724
8 percent	\$660
7 percent	\$598



Heinie & his boys--Members of the 465th AMU flightline were caught on camera during a moment of relaxation. Shown are, left to right, TSgt. Lee Lytle, TSgt. John Glover, SMSgt. Jerry Heinbach, TSgt. Marty Lochman and SSGT. Rick Abbott.

## Communication: How to get along with 'Boss'

By Jim Miller Headquarters Air Force Reserve

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- "What we have here is a failure to communicate."

In a way, that line from the movie, "Cool Hand Luke," sums up some of the problems between reservists and their employers.

Unlike Luke, reservists can improve relations with "Boss" by:

- Giving as much advanced notice as possible when informing the boss about upcoming training;
- Trying to schedule additional training for times that will cause the least problems for the employer;
- Showing appreciation by nominating the boss for an award given by the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve;
- Limiting military absences to those necessary for readiness or career progression;
- Inviting the boss to an employer appreciation day or open house to show him or her what employees do during Reserve training; and
- Showing the employer how knowledge gained through military training benefits the company, especially if the training is civilian job related.

Reservists can also receive assistance on employer-employee relations from NCESGR. Through its Mission One program, a NCESGR representative at Guard and Reserve training sites assist in employer support initiatives. Bosslifts provide an opportunity to escort employers to locations throughout the country to observe Reserve training. Reservists can also nominate their employer for a NCESGR award to be presented by the unit commander.

If employment-related problems arise, reservists can call on state NCESGR ombudsmen for information and informal assistance. More information about these programs is available by calling NCESGR toll free at 1-800-336-4590.

## Reserve News

### Unit welcomes chaplain

507th members welcomed a new chaplain to the unit last month. Chaplain Mike Shirley has now joined with Chaplain Elbert and will provide additional opportunities for worship services. Additional services will now be held in the disaster preparedness briefing room (Building 1030, 2nd floor, flightline side) on Sunday, Sept. 26 at 7:30 a.m. Services will conclude by 8:00 a.m. in time for duties and training.

### Donations needed for Food Pantry

The 507th Family Readiness office has requested non-perishable food items such as canned goods, cereal, spices as well as diapers, paper products, health care products, etc. Donations will go to the Food Pantry at the Tinker AFB Family Support Center. Members are asked to bring their donations to their first sergeants.

### Jackson sweeps contest

SMSgt. Jerry Jackson, 507th Medical Squadron, took home first place prizes in six out of seven categories in last month's photography contest held at Tinker AFB.

Out of 17 total first, second, or third place awards presented, Jackson was presented 15.

MSgt. Don Coffey, 465th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, grabbed the remaining first place in the competition.

### Blood Drive planned Saturday

The 507th Fighter Group will hold another Blood Drive from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25 at the bloodmobile by Building 1030. All reservists are encouraged to show their support.

### BX offers deferred payment plan

DALLAS (AFNS) -- An enhanced deferred payment plan or DPP is now available at Army and Air Force exchanges worldwide, Army and Air Force Exchange Service officials said. Available overseas since 1979, AAFES first rolled out the continental U.S. program in fall 1992. The credit program features an annual finance rate of 12 percent and includes a credit limit of up to \$5,000, based on an applicant's disposable income, a 36-month payback period and separate accounts for qualified family members with their own income. Officials said airmen no longer have to pay their accounts in full before separating. Most main exchanges now have DPP, but will it be a few months before some see the program enhancements.

Authorized DPP customers include active-duty, Reserve and Air National Guard servicemembers, military and AAFES retirees, most AAFES associates, and family members with exchange privileges.

More information is available from local exchanges.

### USO products

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The sale of an official line of United Service Organizations products in commissaries will benefit local morale, welfare and recreation and USO activities, as well as help fund a new scholarship program.

A portion of the proceeds from selling Always Home products -- chips and tea bags -- will be put in a scholarship fund set up for servicemembers and their families, USO officials said. The proceeds will also help fund local USO programs as well as worldwide programs.

### Measuring tapers off

Starting Oct. 1, AFRES officials announced units will reduce the number of times members are measured for excess body fat. At the same time, requirements will be scaled back to task people to lose at least 1 percent body fat per month instead of 2 percent.

### Training policies change

The Air Force has announced several changes in training policy. Officials

stated one major change means members can no longer direct-duty assign airmen or award them a 3-skill level via a bypass test after basic training. If a reservist can demonstrate advanced proficiency, they may be able to get through their initial training course faster. When it comes to enlisted PME, reservists still have the option of completing courses by correspondence or in residence.

### 2-level maintenance coming

Reserve Headquarters has announced it's intention to go along with the rest of the Air Force Oct. 1 when it starts switching to two-level aircraft maintenance. In many cases, officials stated, there will be a reduction in "back shop" staffing, leaving just flight line and depot level maintenance. As many as 41 Part A and 190 Part B slots could go away AFRES-wide by Oct. 1.

### Employer support stressed

Headquarters AFRES hosted corporate execs from industry, education and government agencies earlier this month to discuss employer support issues. Last year they talked about the Gulf War; this year they are going to take a look at the Reserve's role in a shrinking military and AFRES's relationship with employers. Locally, a regional executive from Oklahoma Gas and Electric attended as the 507th's special guest.

### AFA awards 944th

The 944th Fighter Group from Luke AFB, Az., received this year's Air Force Association Outstanding Reserve Unit Award Sept. 13 in Washington. The 301st Rescue Squadron from Patrick AFB, Fla., took home a Citation of Honor, and a KC-10 crew from the 916th Air Refueling Group at Seymour Johnson received the President's Award for AFRES. CMSgt. Michael H. Wysong, an ART from the 335th Airlift Squadron at McGuire, was honored as one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

### More awards given

The 301st Rescue Squadron also won the Albert P. Loening Trophy as the Reserve's best rescue unit, and Duke Field's 711th Special Operations Squadron outscored the competition to win the Grover Loening Trophy as the best non-rescue Reserve flying squadron.