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190TH AIR REFUELING GP  
FORBES FIELD, KANSAS



**NEW CLINIC COMMANDER--**Maj. M. A. "Tommy" Thomas (seated) reviews a clinic report with Maj. Dan Guckenheimer, health services administrator. Major Thomas came to the 190th from the Air Force Academy after 13 years of active duty. (Photo by Sgt. Doug Wunder)

## Thomas Becomes Clinic Commander

Maj. M. A. "Tommy" Thomas has joined the 190th AREFG as Commander of the USAF Clinic.

Coming to the Air National Guard after 13 years of active duty as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine with the Air Force

Major Thomas has become a member of the faculty at the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine at Manhattan.

A graduate of Kansas State, Major Thomas is a native of San Diego, Calif.

While on active duty, he served overseas at Nha Trang, RVN. He also was chief of the Medical clinic at the Military Working Dog Center at Lackland AFB, Texas.

For the previous five years he was command veterinarian at the Air Force Academy.

At the January commander's call, Major Thomas was presented the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Meritorious Service Medal by Col. William S. Mahler, 190th AREFG Commander. The award was earned for his performance as Academy Command Veterinarian and Director of Falconry.

The citation read that his leadership, superior professional skills and knowl-

## Distinctive Guard License Plates

Those Guardsmen who are interested in getting the distinctive license plates for their car, the Kansas State Title and Registration Bureau officials have determined that the new plates, available for issue in 1980, will be stocked in their office in Topeka rather than in the local county treasurer's office

be mailed to the county office. They in turn will notify the individual that the license is available. This procedure will require you to make two trips to the county treasurer's office.

An alternate procedure is to receive the plate by mail, with an added cost of only \$50 for mailing and handling. This is



**SENIOR NCO OF THE QUARTER--MSgt. Dennis Dolechek, 190th CAM, performs a scheduled phase inspection of the C-131 aircraft engine. Sgt Dolechek has been an air technician with the 190th for 10 years. Prior to that, he was a guardsman with the unit in Hutchinson for three years. He was a flightline mechanic and crew chief on the B-57 aircraft until the unit's conversion to the KC-135. (Photo by Sgt. Doug Wunder)**

## Combat Roles Urged By DoD

Department of Defense officials went before Congress recently to again urge the removal of the legal ban against assigning women to combat units.

Assistant Secretary of Defense Robert B. Pirie pointed out in his testimony before a House Subcommittee on Military Personnel that "military women are doing their jobs very well both in traditional and non-traditional skills."

The Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics chief continued by adding that tests and studies conducted by his office and others show that with proper training and leadership women do most jobs as well as men.

Army," he said, "the role of women has probably changed the most in that service."

Army commanders now employ women to accomplish tasks throughout the battlefield but does not now assign women to units where they would regularly engage in close combat.

On the other hand, Mr. Pirie pointed out, the Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps are restricted by law from assigning women to duty aboard combatant ships and aircrafts.

At the same time, he pointed out, women are now serving in the Coast Guard in roles that are denied their

## Enlistments

SSgt Craig N. Collins ..... SP  
 SSgt Robert J. Crapser Jr ..... CAM  
 SSgt Arthur E. Schaaf Jr ..... Group  
 SSgt Phillip W. Wells ..... CAM  
 SRA Michael L. Shepard ..... CEF  
 A1C Carl L. Cooper ..... SP  
 A1C Raymon D. Pollard ..... CAM  
 AB Kay D. McCormick ..... CEF  
 AB Peggy L. McIntyre ..... RMSq

## Reenlistments/Extensions

CMSgt Barrett L. Knoll ..... RMSq  
 TSgt Billy G. Richmond ..... RMSq  
 TSgt Christopher Welsh ..... CAM  
 SSgt Henry Alt Jr ..... Clinic  
 SSgt Ronald D. Griffith ..... CSS  
 SSgt Roderick M. Hunt Jr ..... CAM  
 SSgt Edwin E. Kramer ..... CAM  
 SSgt James M. Winborn Jr ..... CSS  
 Sgt Michael R. Price ..... CAM  
 A1C Marcia J. Hunter ..... Clinic

## Promotions

### To SMSgt

Henry F. Kroecker ..... CAM

### To MSgt.

Edward N. Henderson ..... SP FLT  
 Robert J. Higgs ..... CE FLT  
 Richard H. Tatro ..... CE FLT

### To TSgt

John W. Cardinale, Jr ..... CAM  
 Ralph L. Garrison ..... Clinic  
 Robert K. Hitt ..... SP FLT  
 Souheil Ibrahim ..... CSS  
 Glen D. Montgomery ..... CAM  
 Henry C. Pottberg ..... CSS  
 Gerald T. Schaefer ..... Clinic  
 James P. Sell ..... CE FLT

# Captain Ratliff to Handle 190th Funds

No one knows more about the affects of inflation than Capt. Dale Ratliff, our new Comptroller.

Capt. Ratliff is replacing Capt. Gerald Czarnowsky, who will be moving to his Comptroller position at the 184th Tactical Fighter Group, Kansas Air National Guard, McConnell AFB, Wichita.

Capt. Ratliff came here in August 1967 from the 184th TFG, Wichita. He was in Data Processing there since 1964. His previous military experience has been with the Navy in 1957 for four years active duty and participated in the Lebanon Crises in 1958.

His work with the Air National Guard has always been in the Comptroller Branch since 1964 and in March 1979 he was commissioned to Captain. It was like working his way up to his present position. "I guess I was at the right place at the right time" he said.

However, some might feel he "jumped out of the frying pan into the fire" with today's soaring inflation. He handles the management of funds, budget and financing for the 190th. "Inflation has hit the Guard too, especially our administrative travel. Our need for supplies have been hit hard as we increase the mission of the 190th. I have a lot to learn and a lot of good people to help me. It would be an impossible job without the caliber of people we have to assist", said Capt. Ratliff.

Capt. Ratliff and his wife Lillian reside in Topeka with their son David.

## When's My Payday?

Your UTA weekend is over. Now, the one question most guard members wonder about is, "when will I get my pay check?" The following information is straight from Mr. Pay so that you can determine when to expect it.

**Scheduled UTA-Payroll** is processed on the Tuesday and mailed on Thursday following the UTA. The check should be received within two weeks after the UTA.

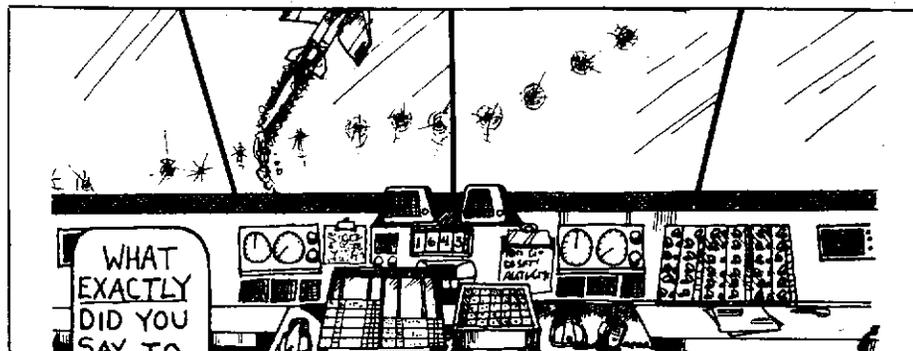
**SUTA-Split UTA** is processed 10 days after completion and pay check will follow within two weeks.

**Active Duty Training, Less Than 30 Days**-member must file claim for duty performed. Individual should bring four copies of orders. One check should be received approximately two weeks after payroll submission.

**Active Duty Training 30 Days Or Over**-Member must report for a briefing



**IT'S ALL YOURS NOW!**—Capt. Dale Ratliff (seated) receives a handful of completed forms from Capt. Gerald Czarnowsky, former comptroller. Capt. Czarnowsky is moving to the 184th TFG, Wichita, as comptroller.



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# ISLAMIC

PRIMER

Iran, much in the news of late, is a land unknown to most members of the Armed Forces. Since it is in the news, the following background information on the country and its religion is presented for our readers.

Islam, the world's second largest faith, with over 750 million adherents, is a universal, not an ethnic or Arab, faith.

Islam is more than just a religion.

It is an all-encompassing way of life.

The two major branches of the Islam faith are the *Sunni* and the *Shiite*, a division which dates from shortly after the death of Muhammad, the religion's founder, in 632 A.D.

*Shiite*, the smaller branch, holds that a spiritual leader is required to guide the faithful. These leaders are called *imams* and are considered successors of Muhammad. The first *imam* was Ali, son-in-law of Muhammad.

*Sunni*, the larger branch (90 percent of all Moslems), consider themselves to be the orthodox branch and the claim of Ali's line. They believe that the "community of the faithful is the guardian and the guarantor" of the sacred law grounded in the will of God as given in the *Koran*, Islam's holy book.

Both branches have religious leaders whom they consider to be teachers and leaders of prayer rather than ordained clergy in the Western sense. Leadership within this "clergy" is obtained by virtue of one's learning and ability to develop a following. Since separation of church and state is not a recognized principle, these religious leaders are important to the politics of Muslim countries.

Within the Shiite branch, a *Mullah* is a

## UNITED STATES POLICY ON IRAN

No act has so galvanized the American public toward unity in the last decade as has the holding of our people as hostages in Tehran. We stand today as one people. We are dedicated to the principles and honor of our Nation. We've taken no action which would justify concern among the people or among the Government of Iran. We have done nothing for which any American need apologize. The actions of Iranian leaders and the radicals who invaded our Embassy were completely unjustified. They and all others must know that the United States of America will not yield to international terrorism or to blackmail.

These difficult days have reminded us of basic facts and principles which are fundamental to the existence of us as a people. We will honor all constitutional protections, international law and custom, and we will not let our freedom and our security be jeopardized.—President Jimmy Carter, 15 November 1979.

outlined in the "Five Pillars of Faith" namely--

- \*confession of the faith daily,
- \*prayer made five times daily while facing Mecca,
- \*charitable giving,
- \*fasting during the daylight hours of the Islamic holy month of *Ramadan*, and
- \*making the *hajj* or pilgrimage to Mecca at least once during the person's lifetime.

the Shi'a sect of Islam; 5 percent belong to the Sunni sect.

**Government:**In January 1979 Shah Mohammad Pahlavi was forced to flee the country. It is now ruled by committees under the Ayatollah Khomeini, a religious leader who had been exiled for nearly 20 years.

**Economy:**At one time Iran was the 4th largest exporter of petroleum in the world. Production has fallen dramatically since the revolution. In November 1979 President Jimmy Carter banned direct purchase by the U.S. of any Iranian oil after the takeover of the American Embassy by Iranian students, in which 62 Americans working there were taken hostage.

## THERE ARE SEVEN BAD REASONS TO IMMUNIZE YOUR CHILD

Measles  
Mumps  
Rubella  
Polio  
Tetanus  
Diphtheria  
Whooping Cough

Can you think of ONE GOOD



**NATIONAL CHAMPION--** SRA Bill Beightel receives the Winston P. Wilson award from Col. William S. Mahler for his performance with the 45 caliber combat pistol at the championship matches held last fall in Little Rock, Ark. Beightel scored 2634 points out of a possible 2,700 competing with top shooters from 48 states. The travelling trophy will remain with the 190th until a new champion is named at this year's match. The trophy was held for the previous three years by the Connecticut Army National Guard. (Photo by Sgt. Doug Wunder)



## Dead Battery Results in Explosive Experience

By SSgt. Art Schaaf  
Safety Office

I witnessed an incident that occurred Dec. 31 that I think may be beneficial to others also.

I had a new type of maintenance-free battery in my truck and on that day a friend and I were jump-starting my truck from his truck. As he hooked up the jumper cables, I heard an explosion and turned to see him holding his hands to his eyes.

Quickly, we rushed to flush the battery acid from his face and eyes. Fortunately, my friend was not hurt. Afterwards, we reconstructed the accident. What exactly went wrong? These were the facts:

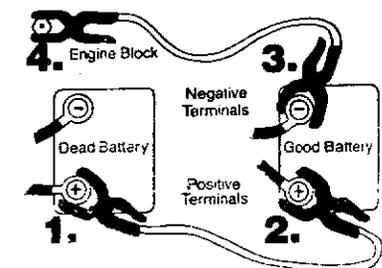
1. We had turned the engine of my truck over until the battery had gotten too low to continue.

2. This action must have produced a buildup of gases in the top of the sealed battery.

3. We suspected but could not find evidence of a direct ground from the positive to the negative poles of my battery through the jumper cables.

In either event, a spark occurred when the final connection was made, and blew the top off the battery. Perhaps this incident will help to underscore the caution that is necessary when connecting jumper cables.

Finally, I have learned to always make the final connection with the negative cable to a metal part of the vehicle.



# ALERT: Always Ready, but

It is 8:32 on a frosty and foggy January morning. On the ramp of the 190th Air Refueling Group, the alert force stands cocked and ready. Security cruises the area with loaded M-16's by their side.

Suddenly the security radio net is activated and security is notified that an alert is in progress.

Within seconds, the blue alert pickup arrives and a five-man crew runs out to their assigned aircraft.

The crew quickly prepares the big bird for take-off if needed.

The scenario is a common one on SAC bases all over the world. It is one of people who are deadly serious about their roles in maintaining the nation's strategic defense.

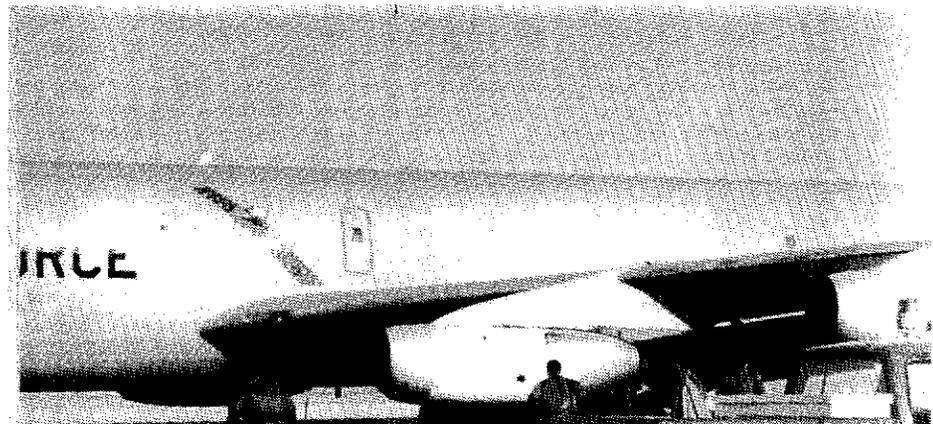
According to the official SAC letter as of 1 July 1979; "The 190th Air Refueling Group adds another milestone to its long and illustrious history by assuming strategic alert as a part of SAC's deterrent forces."

Such alerts have meant readiness in SAC since 1957, and at Forbes since July 1979. Each of the 13 Air Refueling Group ANG bases are linked directly with SAC headquarters at Offutt AFB, Neb.

The alert crews condition themselves to expect the unexpected. "Having been with the Air Force since 1972, you learn to live with the tension" said Capt. Kevin Sweeny.

According to Lt. Col. David Render, Air Operation Officer, "at the sound of the klaxon, the first thing that enters your mind as you respond to the aircraft is seeing the Group Commander's car-then you know it's an exercise! Then too you catch yourself planning ahead for the klaxon, like the placement of clothing."

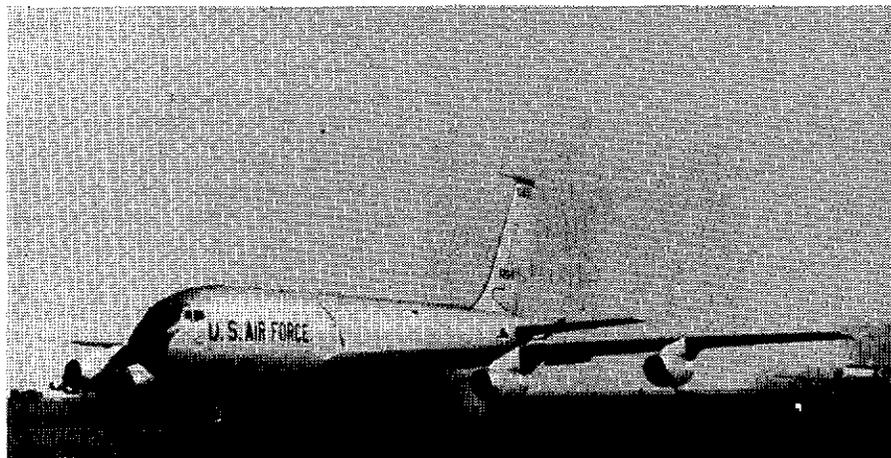
Among the alert crews there's the common adage of "being in the wrong place at the wrong time," said Captain Sweeny. That could mean being in the shower, or in the chow hall eating breakfast as it was at 8:32 a.m. Jan 5.



# Hopefully Never Needed



Story by SSgt. Gary Cox  
Photos by Sgt. Doug Wunder



ground support specialists are thoroughly briefed on their SAC plan. They are ready now and have a first-line mission and challenge. It's not for practice, it's a first string all day every day, 365 days a year. The alert aircraft and crews are classified as a priority resource and must be protected.

A layman would be impressed by the tight security around the "Mole Hole" a two-story, concrete blockhouse where the alert crews pull their duty and it's their home away from home.

Standing alert demands some unusual personal adjustments for the crews and their families. According to Lt. Col. Render the atmosphere is "relaxed." There's a T.V. room, reading room, and a game room too. In the future there will be a family visitation room so that the crews' families may come and visit them. Basically a lot of credit should be given to the families for accepting these tours. During the summer, some eat supper outside-picnic style with their families.

During their stay, the alert crews are able to work on their personal hobbies, or study on their Flight Plans, and EWO (Emergency War Orders). They are tested on their EWO periodically. EWO procedures tell what they would do if they were flying in a formation and were attacked by a squadron of fighters. Each plane would have a specific maneuver to perform or there would be chaos.

While on alert, the crew must stay in the same general klaxon area. Thus if a scramble was necessary, there would be no problem locating them. In addition, they also have two-way radios to ensure that everyone could be contacted at a moment's notice.

The 190th training and response reaction was rated as Outstanding during Sept. '79's ORI.

"Whenever world tensions increase, then the possibility of utilizing their EWO



**AIRMAN OF THE QUARTER**—SRA Desiree A. Vincent, 190th CE Flt., checks the condition of a carbon dioxide fire extinguisher as part of her duties with the 190th Fire Department. Airman Vincent has been a guardsman with the unit for four years. She is a full-time officer with the Metropolitan Topeka Airport Authority police, crash-fire and rescue squad. (Photo by Sgt. Doug Wunder)



## Pentathlon Teams Need Versatile Guard Athletes

Kansas Air National Guardsmen who can run five miles in 32 and one half minutes or swim 50 meters in less than 36 seconds or do 10 pullups or more have a chance to become an international superstar.

Air Guard athletes are needed to compete in international military skills/pentathlon competitions during the summer and according to Capt. Roger Harvey, U.S. Modern Pentathlon Training Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, you don't have to be an expert in any one event, just an all around competitor with the will to win.

For officers, the U.S. fields a team of 21 for the annual Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers (CIOR) competition. Events are marksmanship, obstacle course run and utility swim and orienteering.

For officers and enlisted, the U.S. fields a team of seven to the annual International Military Sports Council (CISM) Military Pentathlon. Events include marksmanship, cross country run, obstacle course run, utility swim and grenade throw.

U.S. teams will compete against military counterparts from European countries. Team selections are made after an early summer try-out camp. Selectees will stay in training until departure for the competitions.

"The U.S. faces stiff competition from European teams," Captain Harvey said. "That's why we want the best all-around athletes from each of the military services and the Coast Guard," he concluded.

Kansas Guardsmen interested in the competition can get more information and an application form by writing to: USMPTC; Attn: Captain Roger Harvey; Ft. Sam Houston, TX 78234.

## Recruiter's Corner

By MSgt Bill Stark

During fiscal year 1979 (Oct 78 to Sept 79), approximately 23 percent of the females interviewed by the 190th recruiters enlisted. The field is really open to women who want to enlist in the Air National Guard. The career opportunities are unlimited. Some of the women recruited into the unit this year can be found in civil engineering, aircraft maintenance, reproduction and duplication, and lab technician in the clinic.

Women without prior military experience must be 17 to 35 years old, a U.S. citizen, and mentally, physically, and morally fit. They may join the Guard for a 3 year active and 3 year inactive period. Women with prior military experience are eligible to join the Air Guard under the Try One Program.

After enlistment, either an Air Force technical school for specialty training will be attended or she will return to the 190th for on-the-job training. While in training, she will receive full Air Force active duty pay, plus medical care, retirement points, and BX privileges.

So, if you know a woman who is looking for a part-time job with equal pay for equal work, show her this article and refer her to the 190th ANG recruiters.

### Official Photos Needed

During the recent IG inspection, several officers were identified as being overdue for official photographs. Unless the problem is resolved, it will cause a repeat write-up on the next IG inspection.

An official photograph is an integral part of the command and master personnel selection record groups which are used in the selection of officers for promotion, assignments, specialized training courses, schools, and other actions.



**SPEED CHECKED BY RADAR**—MSgt Mike Madden, 117 AREFS, assists Capt. Tim Dearing with the Shawnee County Sheriff's Dept. speed gun during the voluntary vehicle speed check. About 64 Guardsmen had their vehicle's speedometer checked during the last UTA. Errors up to 6 miles per hour were discovered with the radar gun. (Photo by Sgt. Doug Wunder)

### Missile Officer to Carry Olympic Torch

An Air Force missile launch officer has been selected as one of 52 runners to carry the Olympic torch in a 1,000-mile relay to the XIII Olympic Winter Games which begin Feb. 13.

1st Lt. Steven A. Simon, who serves in the standardization evaluation branch of the 90th Strategic Missile Wing, F. E. Warren AFB, Wyoming, is one of 26 men and 26 women chosen for the honor by the Lake Placid Olympic Organizing Committee.

One runner was selected for each state, plus Washington, D.C., and Lake Placid, N.Y.—the site for the games. Lieutenant Simon will represent Wyoming.

The Olympic torch will be ignited at a

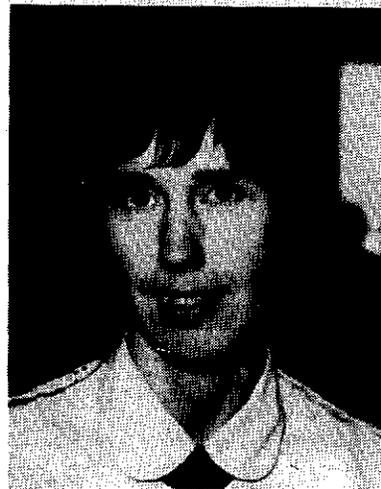
competitively in 1977 and has competed in more than 50 races since.

He founded the F.E. Warren Running Club in 1978 and was president of the Cheyenne Track Club during 1979. (AFNS)

# IN A JAM?

# Coyote Notes

The roving coyote was out last UTA and asked, "What do you think of women in combat?"



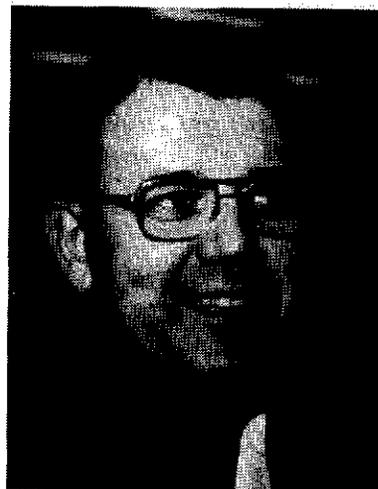
**SSgt. Eleanor Koblskie:** "I think there should be considerations for mothers with children, just as there is for men who are fathers and are supporting families. There shouldn't be any problem with women doing the work, the military trains us to do a job and we do it, just like the men."



**TSgt Leroy Schlick:** "In today's time, with ERA and all, I think there is a place for women in combat. Equal pay for equal work. I think it's good. It wouldn't upset me to be in a combat unit with a woman."



**SSgt Brenda Dennis:** "If that's what she wants to do, why shouldn't she be allowed to do it? It's her choice, some women are ready for going into combat and should do it. In fact, I know a lot of women who could do the job better than some men. Women are now in the era to do what they want to do."



**Maj. Walter Grant:** "As far as I am



**SSgt Michael Ferguson:** "I've got mixed



**Capt. Sam Lichte:** "It seems that a lot of

# The Guard Heritage--Lafayette's Visit



The visit of the Marquis de Lafayette to the U.S., in 1824-25, was in every sense a triumphal procession. The 2d Battalion, 11th New York Artillery, was one of many militia commands turned out in welcome. This unit decided to adopt the title "National Guard," in honor of Lafayette's celebrated Garde Nationale de Paris. The Battalion, later the 7th Regiment, was prominent in the line of march on the occasion of Lafayette's final passage through New York en route home to France. Taking note of the troops named for his old command, Lafayette alighted from his carriage, walked down the line, clasping each officer by the hand as he passed. "National Guard" was destined to become the name of the U.S. militia.

By SSgt. Robert Piepenbrink

The painting of Lafayette and the 7th New York shows a lot of changes from the armed civilians of Bunker Hill, and there were others which didn't show. First, with the end of the war of 1812, compulsory service in the militia faded away.

What was left were volunteer organiza-

ment's fancy; something which helped make the opening days of the Civil War interesting.

At the same time, the concept of the citizen in arms had spread to Europe. Lafayette had seen the American militia during the Revolution, and in 1789 he organized the **Gardes National**, a French

the people" indeed!

The **Gardes National** remained the most famous, though. Indeed, the modern red, white and blue French flag was taken from their uniform.

Lafayette's visit to the United States was a highly emotional return, since he was almost the last hero of the

## Clinic Commander

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Thomas will also handle the duties of the bioenvironmental engineer for the unit. He said his primary concerns with the clinic will be the management of an efficient medical unit, and the never-ending need for guard physicians.

Major Thomas lives in Manhattan with his wife Karen and their two daughters

### Rhymes of the Times

LIFE WILL  
ALWAYS  
BETTER  
SEEM  
IF WE WORK  
TO FILL  
OUR  
DREAM.

Agem...AFPS



## Sunday Chapel Services

Catholic - 1400 Hrs.

Protestant - 1500 Hrs.

Maintenance Classroom. Bldg. 662

190th AREFG  
Forbes Field, Topeka, KS  
66620

Official Business

## Menu

### Saturday

Breaded Veal Cutlets  
Mashed potatoes  
Buttered corn  
Minestrone soup  
Cottage Cheese w/sliced peaches

Ice cream

### Sunday

Fried Chicken  
Mashed potatoes  
Buttered peas  
Chicken noodle soup  
Salad  
Chocolate cake

### Dining Hall Hours

Saturday - 1130 to 1300

Sunday - 1100 to 1230

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Underinflated tires can cause five percent fuel loss, not to mention unnecessary wear on the tire and additional safety hazards.

## UTA Schedule

February 2-3

March 1-2

April 19-20

May 17-18

## ENERGY FAX

A gallon saved is a dollar earned.

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You'd smile too if you were conserving energy.

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Conservation—the steps you take today could keep you going tomorrow.

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Saving Energy IS \$mart.

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Want watt? Waste not!

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Solar Energy is free—let the sun shine in.

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POSTAGE & FEES PAID  
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