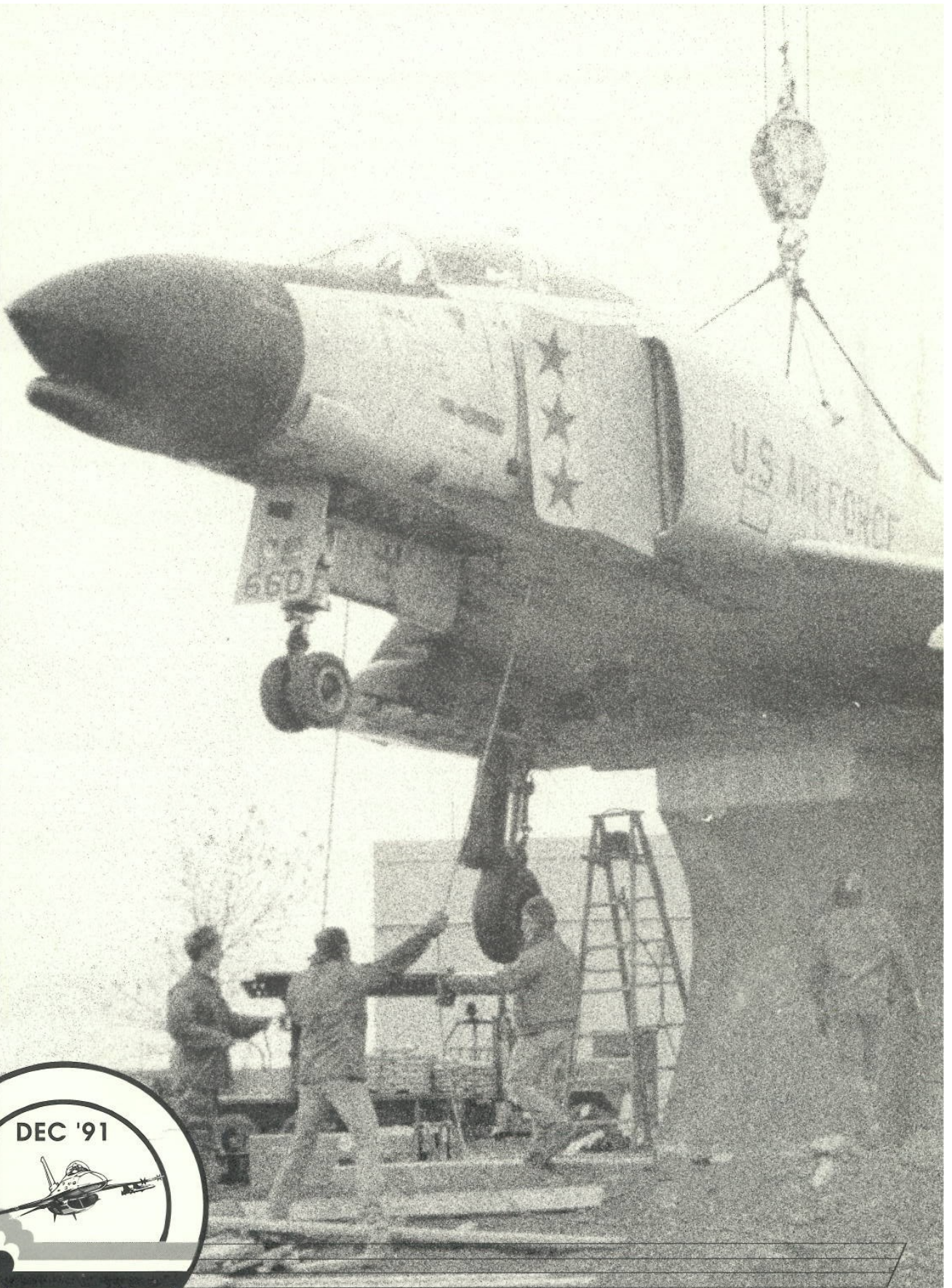


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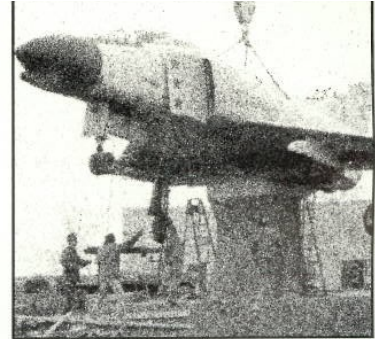
Final Resting Place ■ Parts aren't parts ■



The 3 stars on the intake were MIG kill stars with the name of the pilot responsible and the date of the event stenciled next to it. Those kills were made by Lt. Jules Thurn back in 1967 I believe. They were painted over by maintenance a few years back. It was kind of cool to mount the A/C flown by our air commander in Viet Nam. Trivia..

**About The Cover:**

*An F-4 Phantom Jet is placed on its final resting place outside of building 202.*



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# COMMANDER'S COLUMN

## *"Coronet Nighthawk"*



James C. Burdick, Colonel  
Commander, 107 FIG

**H**ave you noticed the new F-16 "Fighting Falcon" welcoming sign on Tuscarora Road? It's great and it definitely puts our best image forward in welcoming our guests to our base.

Along those same lines of thought, it's UEI preparation time. It's time to clean up, paint up, and dot the Is and cross the Ts. We've got 90 days left, and the programs are in place. It's just putting our best foot forward when the inspectors arrive. The inspectors will be looking for a quality unit with a "can do" attitude.

A quality unit is one that works together as a team. One that produces quality products - combat ready aircraft and mission capable people. How we do things on our air base reflects this attitude of quality and pride in our mission. Let's make sure our unit puts its best foot forward and work together as a team. Let's take pride in our workplace. If

we create a positive environment for our people, we will reinforce that positive attitude. We are the best! Let's tell everyone that we are.

We have a new Air Force Advisor. He will be on station by the 20th of November and will have the opportunity to meet the 107th during the December UTA, Let's give Major Logan a warm reception and make him a part of our unit.

The 107th is presently deployed to Howard AFB, Panama for "Coronet Nighthawk". The aircraft left on 8 Nov 91 and will return to Niagara Falls on 7 Dec 91. Aircrew and maintenance rotation will take place on 23 November 1991. Good luck and have fun.

My sympathies are extended to the family of retired Chief Master Sergeant Ron Martin. Ron passed away on 6 November 1991.

Have a good month and a happy holiday season.

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# Final Aircraft Resting Place

TSgt Keith A. Parton  
Public Affairs

A large part of our units aircraft history was recently put on permanent display on base.

Personnel from both the 107 Civil Engineering Squadron and the 107 Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron worked hard in designing and then installing the base

for each aircraft.

Then the day came for the final flight of each aircraft as they were hoisted by crane and gently placed on each pedestal. There, they were securely fastened were all past, current, and future unit members can proudly view these magnificent birds.

The F-100 Supre Sabre Jet was placed on display in front of building 936 and the F-4 Phantom was placed in front of the CE building 202.

The F-101 VOODOO will be going to Schenectady were it will be displayed on the Stratton ANG Base.



The F-100 Supre Sabre is placed on the pedestal located between building 901 and 936.  
*NYANG photo by TSgt Michael Harvey.*



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# Parts Aren't Just Parts

TSgt Keith A. Parton  
Public Affairs

It's Saturday morning of the UTA. Your First Sergeant hands you a piece of paper and tells you to go over to Supply and pick up a clothing item. No problem, it's as easy as pie. Well, to you it may be easy, but not to the men and women who work in one of the busiest places on base.

When a person thinks of supply, the image is usually that of Retail Sales where we pick up a clothing item or office supplies. But, there is much more to Base Supply than that. A person only has to walk through the warehouse to realize how many items are actually handled. It's like almost any parts store you would find on the outside.

Almost everything on hand within Supply is kept at a 30 day replenishment level. This insures that there are enough everyday items on hand to allow the various shops to do their jobs. Everything from pens and pencils to aircraft parts are found in various locations.

There are four main sources that Supplu uses to source supplies and equipment. The first is through the Air Force Logistics Command (AFLC). Aircraft parts are the main focus of their support. The second is the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). Their support ranges from military clothing, medical supplies, and critical electronics components to common hardware items. The third is the General Services Administration (GSA). This is a main source of office supplies, desks, chairs, and cabinets. The fourth source is through local purchase. Many items are supplied from local businesses.

Most of the ordering of the supply items is done by computer. This allows the Supply people to order the parts we need, but it also allows them to track the items in transit and to know what the delivery date will be.



These are just a handful of the items found within Supply. NYANG  
Photo by TSgt Gary Morse.

How many items does our Supply organization handle? Over 207,000 items are in the inventory and are found in 13,000 different warehouse locations. The dollar value of these items exceeds 23 million dollars for equipment and 11 million for stock items including clothing.

How do they keep track of so many items? First, all items received by Supply are counted, inspected for serviceability (critical for aircraft parts), and the shelf life checked. The items are then placed in the inventory. Also, an annual wall-to-wall inventory is done of all supply items in the warehouse. Every shelf, bin, and floor space is marked. Each supply item is also identified with tags and placed in the correct location. This allows for a quick and easy issue of these items.

Another area is the MICAP Section. Their job is to push through aircraft parts in a priority fashion. An aircraft does us no good if it's down because of the lack of a part or parts.

In addition to these items, customer requests for new items not previously stocked totals nearly 30 a day or nearly 7,200 each year.

Does Supply need more space? You bet it does. An expansion of building 904 is on track and scheduled for FY 92 with construction tentively scheduled to begin next Summer.

As you can see, it's no small task that the people in Supply have to do. The next time you go over to Supply to pick up that clothing item, take a moment to think about how much work has gone into you being able to pick up that item.





## CHIEF'S COLUMN



CMSgt Roger W. Johnson  
CBPO Manager

### *New Enlisted Promotion Board*

Starting this quarter, 1 Oct 91 - 31 Dec 91, all enlisted members recommended for promotion to E-6 thru E-9 are required to meet an Enlisted Promotion Board. This is now a mandatory promotion requirement directed by the new NYANG Supplement 1, NGR 39-29, effective 1 October 1991.

Our base promotion board has been set up and structured based on the recommendations of a team of enlisted members randomly selected from our base. This team, using the Total Quality Management (TQM) concept, drafted the program we will use for our unit. Details of the board are published in the 107 Fighter Interceptor Group Supplement 1 to NGR 39-29, dated 7 September 1991.

The promotion board "DOES NOT" select the candidates for promotion. This is still the unit com-

manders responsibility. The board simply interviews those members submitted for promotion and either recommends or non-recommends promotion to the Group Commander.

Our board was formed and staffed by the enlisted members of our unit. It is our board and provides the enlisted members the opportunity to conduct a peer review of our counterparts recommended for promotion. In simple terms, we should never hear any implication that someone was promoted that was not qualified because the individual knew the boss or "had connections".

The board will meet on the last UTA of each quarter to review promotion recommendations. All promotion requests for members eligible as of the date the board meets, must have been submitted through normal channels three weeks prior to the board meeting.

*"The board  
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# Health News Update



Major Daniel Perczynski  
Health Promotion Officer

## Exercise Cuts Diabetes Risk

Adult-onset diabetes plagues 10 to 12 million Americans. A new study, however, provides hard evidence that regular exercise helps prevent the disease, which strikes mainly overweight people in middle age.

Epidemiologists at the University of California-Berkeley and at Stanford University reviewed the lifetime records of 5,990 men, all of them former students at the University of Pennsylvania, and discovered that the more they exercised, the less likely they were to develop diabetes. Vigorous sports such as jogging, cycling, swimming and tennis afforded the best protection, especially if played for several hours a week.

If a man burned 3,500 calories a week in physical activity (the equivalent of an hour of daily exercise), he halved his chances of getting the disease, compared with his sedentary counterparts. Those who were at high risk for the disease because of excess weight, hypertension or a family history of diabetes benefited most from exercise, say the researchers. Overall, the men's diabetes risk was reduced 6% for every 500 calories per week they burned.

## Get Cold Sores? Try Sunscreen

For the millions of Americans afflicted with nasty and irritating cold sores, doctors have come up with a simple solution: sunscreen.

In a study, researchers from the National Institute of Dental Research in Bethesda, MD., showed that people can substantially reduce these outbreaks simply by putting some No. 15 sunscreen on their lips before going outside.

Americans suffer an estimated 100 million episodes of cold sores each year. Experts believe that one-quarter or more of them are triggered by sunlight.

Cold sores, also known as fever blisters, are caused by lingering infection with the herpes simplex virus Type 1. After an initial infection, often during childhood, the virus may lie dormant for a lifetime or cause flare-ups.

## Kid Gloves

Working parents, don't worry: Kids who attend day care are in less danger of injury or poisoning than those who stay home, says a new study by the Centers for Disease Control. There were 1.7 injuries per 100,000 hours in out-of-home child care, compared with 2.7 per 100,000 hours in at-home child care.

## Beware Of The "Mouse Trap"

Just because a computer mouse cannot bite doesn't mean it's harmless. Writing in the *Lancet*, four researchers from the Royal London Hospital report of a 33-year-old man who noticed drooping of two fingers of his right hand, numbness in part of another finger and difficulty holding a pen.

Upon questioning, the doctors found their patient had been working on his doctoral thesis, using a personal computer. "He had been using a mouse - a small electronic device that acts as an adjunct to the keyboard," the researchers report.

Evidently, while using his mouse, the man rested his extended right hand on a table in such a way as to compress the ulnar nerve at the wrist. After the patient completed his thesis and ceased using his mouse so often, his hand weakness and sensory symptoms improved.

The physicians called their patient's complaint a form of personal computer palsy, or "the mouse trap".

from AMERICAN HEALTH MAGAZINE



## Viper Vibrations

For those of you who read beyond these opening words, I hope to impart some measure of understanding about the majority of us who work in Ops, also known as pilots. More specifically, let me state that I think there is a misconception which is prevalent within the unit. That being, Ops only cares about itself and no one else in the 107th.

I don't believe that, nor does anyone else in this building. However, having been around these guys, and groups of guys like them for some twenty years, we're no different, and the image we project is no different than any group of fighter pilots.

I know what some of you are thinking, "Yeah, you're all a bunch of self-centered so and so's". You're wrong. We all know there's the infamous ten percent and at times our group is no different.

I would like to suggest that if confronted with a genuine "Prima Donna" attitude, that you not tolerate it. Give the dilemma some thought and take whichever avenue of resolution you need in order to exit the situation with little or no ill feelings.

But addressing the majority, allow me to digress just a bit. I often have said, "If you give ten pilots the simplest of jobs, say, add two and two, they'd all come up with a different way of doing it, but still all come

up with the same answer." We are independent soles, aren't we! We seemingly always try to complicate things.

I am not a military historian by any stretch of the imagination, but I would like to quote the final verse of a Marshall LeFavor writing titled "Fighter Pilot".

"When I am on the ground ...  
reluctantly, ...

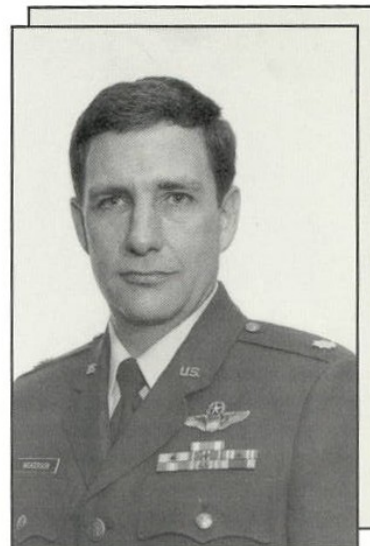
I seek the company of others who  
live beyond the edge.

If I seem aloof and haughty,  
Call it honest arrogance."

The only other quote I would offer is, "a fighter pilot is not an AFSC ... it's an attitude", therefore, not an inherent right or ability.

We're all part of a fighter unit. That's special, very special. For those of us who fly, it's a Walter Mitty life. It shouldn't transcend the fact that we're all in this unit together, and that with mutual respect for one another, we'll BE THE BEST. There's no trophy for second place in this competition.

There's not a person in Ops that doesn't hold this as their consummate goal. So if my opening premise is one you persist in believing, then we ask for your tolerance. For those of you who don't, or are not sure, we continue on, attempting to perform our mission in the very best way we can ... TOGETHER.



Lt Col Arthur G. Nickerson  
Air Operations Officer

***"with mutual  
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the best."***

Lt Col Art Nickerson is an Interceptor Weapons School Graduate from Tyndall AFB, FL. He joined the 136th FIS in 1986 as the Weapons and Tactics Officer. Lt Col Nickerson has served as an Instructor Pilot in the T-33, F-106, F-4, and the F-16. Lt Col Nickerson was selected as the A-Flight Commander in August 1991.



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# Veteran's Update

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MSgt Jack "Pappy" Owens  
USAF (Ret)

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## *And Long May It Wave*

Americans have even taken steps to ensure that the integrity of the flag is not threatened or trivialized. These concerns are manifested in a strict federal flag code that describes the rules that govern the display and use of Old Glory.

The following is a portion of the code \* The flag should never touch the ground or trail in the water. \* The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered slowly. \* No other flag is flown above it. \* The flag is never flown from a staff fastened to a window sill, balcony or from the front of a building unless the blue field is at the peak of the staff, unless of course it is flown at half-mast. \* When it is flown at half-mast, the flag must be raised to the staff's peak first, then lowered to half-mast. When the flag is retired for the day from half-mast, it must be raised to the peak of the staff before it is lowered to be folded. \* Flags are flown at half-mast only by state, federal, or city order, never in a manner to indicate personal loss to a family, business or other organization. On Memorial Day the flag is flown at half-mast. \* When a flag is displayed without a staff, whether indoors or out, it should lie flat against an upright support. It is never draped or festooned. Bunting may be used for this purpose. When the flag is displayed horizontally or vertically against a wall, the blue field is uppermost, to the left of the observer. \* When the flag is dis-

played from a window, it is shown with the blue field to the left of the observer on the street. \* The flag must never be used to cover a table or desk or be draped over a platform. It should not be used to unveil even a patriotic statue or monument. \* The only exception of the draping of the flag occurs when it is used to cover a casket. The blue field is over the deceased's left shoulder. The flag must not touch the ground or be lowered into the grave. The flag is used for this honor only for members of the armed services, cabinet officers of the federal and state governments, and others of national importance for whom the president decrees official mourning. \* The flag may not be draped on any vehicle. If it is to be displayed on a train, boat, or car, it must be firmly fixed to a staff attached to the chassis or clamped to the right fender. \* The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding, or drapery. \* A lapel flag pin, being a replica of the living flag, should be worn on the left lapel near the heart. \* The flag should not be used for advertising purposes in any manner. \* The flag should never be used, fastened, displayed, or stored in such a manner that it could be easily torn, soiled, or damaged.

Show it, love it, but above all, respect it.

From American Legion Magazine, October 91.

## SSAN Needed

Nearly half a million veterans and dependents receiving compensation and pension benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs need to provide their Social Security numbers (SSN) to remain eligible for monthly payments.

The disclosure requirement, included in the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, will permit VA to match beneficiary rolls against other agencies' files to verify eligibility.

"The law does not require that our beneficiaries have a Social Security number," said D'Wayne Gray, VA chief benefits director. "If they do not, they simply have to tell us."

Requests for SSNs have been sent to VA benefit recipients, but because some recipients use electronic deposit, some requests have been sent to financial institutions, instead of the recipients' home address. Those VA recipients who use electronic deposit should check with your local VA regional office about providing your SSN to VA. Thousands of letters are returned each year because of faulty addresses.

Beneficiaries have 60 days to respond to the requests. Those who fail to respond may face suspension or termination of VA benefits. Beneficiaries whose addresses have changed or who did not receive the request should contact their nearest VA regional office.



# Picture

On these two pages you'll find the different tail flashes from the various aircraft the 107th has flown. We hope you'll enjoy the variety and talent in the designs of these tail flashes. *NYANG Photos by TSgt Michael Harvey.*



Above: Tail flash from the F-100 Supre Sabre Jet known as the THUD. The 107th flew this aircraft during the 1960's.



Below: The tail flash on the F-101 VOODOO. This aircraft was flown by the 107th during the 1970's.

This the current tail design on the

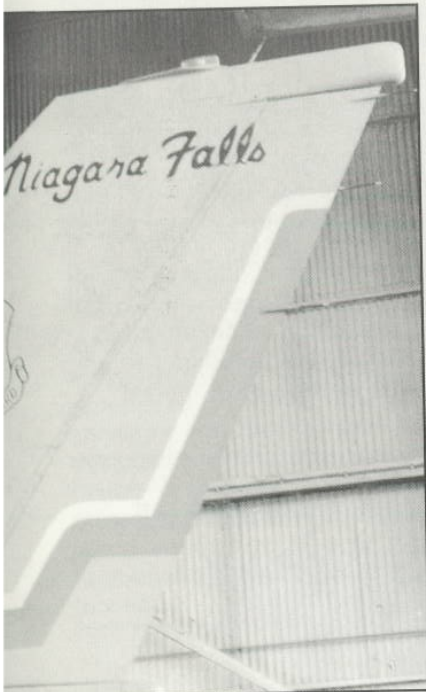




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Above: This was the tail flash used on the F-4 Phantom II before the aircraft were repainted for grey colors.



F-16's which we currently fly.

Below: The tail flash on the F-4's, after being painted grey colors, was very plain.





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# from the Staff Judge Advocate

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Captain Stuart C. Thompson  
Judge Advocate

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## Sexual Harassment in the Workplace

**W**e've all recently gotten a quick awareness to the problem of sexual harassment, through the Senate Judiciary Committee confirmation hearings on associate Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

Sexual harassment is an illegal violation of a person's civil rights. It can be described as unwelcomed sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or verbal, written or sexual conduct of a physical nature when combined with any of the three sets of circumstances:

1. Submission to the conduct is made a condition of employment. For example, a person receiving poor job evaluations as a result of refusing requested sexual favors; or

2. Submission to, or rejection of the conduct is made the basis of an employment decision. For example, requiring certain sexual favors in return for a promotion; or

3. The conduct unreasonably interferes with the mission, or creates a hostile or intimidating work environment. For example, where co-workers touch a person, make comments about the person's figure, or even make derogatory gender-based comments about a person's ability to perform a particular task.

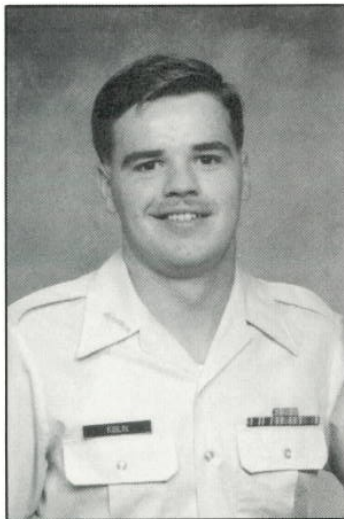
The victim of sexual harassment usually is, but does not have to be, a woman. A man may also encounter sexual harassment from female supervisors, co-workers or others. Similarly, both men and women can

be victims of sexual harassment by homosexual advances from individuals of the same sex. Because of the unique structure and mission of the military, however, the same protections against sexual discrimination do not apply to homosexuals and transexuals.

Each of us has the right to a workplace free of sexual intimidation. Each of us also has the responsibility to treat co-workers with dignity. Likewise, each of us has the obligation to report incidents of sexual harassment, and take prompt disciplinary measures when it occurs. Prevention of sexual harassment contributes to a dignified and professional work environment.

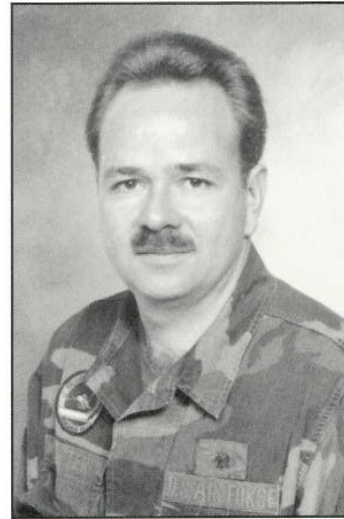
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### Airman of the Quarter



SrA Daniel Kiblin  
Administrative Specialist

### NCO of the Quarter



SSgt Richard G. Carter  
Aerospace Ground Equipment



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# Safety Corner

TSgt William Rosman  
Safety Technician

## Decorating For The Holidays

At this time of the year when everyone is making plans for the holiday season, there is one important plan that should not be overlooked. Plan for a fire safe holiday by eliminating unnecessary hazards and carelessness.

Each year an epidemic of fires occurs, resulting in injuries and deaths as well as considerable property loss. Many of these fires result from the extra hazards which can be inherent to the holiday season. Check into the prevalent causes of most fires which result in holiday tragedies.

Some of the things to watch out for are the use of flammable decorations; extensive use of temporary (undersized or nonstandard) electrical wiring and overloaded circuit capacities; careless and unsafe disposal of smoking materials; overcrowding of places of public assemblage, such as clubs, open messes, etc.; and habits common to the festive spirit.

The nationally recognized hazard for the holiday season coming up is, of course, the Christmas tree. It should be freshly cut with the butt end placed in water and kept outdoors until it is time to trim it. Trees placed inside should be set in a container of water or damp earth and kept away from combustible materials. No attempt should be made to "fireproof" green trees. Tests have indicated the doubtful value of such treatment because it tends to hasten the drying of the natural live green appearance of the trees. Also recommended is to use off-the-tree lighting with any metal tree.

Hazards can be kept to a minimum with a little bit of concentrated effort. The careless acts, while not malicious, can and will have serious consequences. Have a fire-safe holiday season.

Courtesy: NE AD SAFETY  
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## National Defense Service Medal Eligibility Expanded

SSgt Susan Tuck  
Personal Affairs Specialist

By executive order, the President authorized award of the medal for all members of the National Guard and Reserve who were part of the Selected Reserve in good standing during the period from 2 August 1990 to a date to be determined.

This medal was previously awarded only to those members who served on active duty, other than for training, during periods for which active military service merited special recognition.

The new executive order recognizes that all members of the Selected Reserve have a regular training requirement and are part of a force which is ready to serve. Even those Selected Reservists who were not called to active duty continued to train in order to be ready for mobilization if required.

As soon as the directive arrives to change AFR 900-48, distribution will be made. No one is authorized the wear of this ribbon until that time. Any further questions may be directed to Customer Service at extension 2435.

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## Lightweight Blue Jacket Phased Out

SSgt Susan Tuck  
Personal Affairs Specialist

Effective 30 September 1991 the Lightweight Blue Jacket (cotton/polyester) shades 1157, 3356, and 1600 is phased out. The lightweight blue jacket (polyester/wool) shade 1605 is authorized and is described as a water repellent, waist length, zipper front, with two slant pockets and knitted cuffs and waistband.

The jacket may be worn with or

without an insulated liner which is attached inside the jacket by hook and pile fasteners. It may be worn with all light blue shirts and may be worn over the pullover sweater. When worn over the pullover sweater, sweater will not extend below the bottom of the jacket. The wear restrictions are that the jacket

is required to be zipped up at least halfway.

They are acceptable for wear on and off base. Members will not wear the lightweight blue jackets when service dress uniform is designated for wear or is considered more appropriate. This jacket may be worn with civilian clothes if grade insignia is removed.



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# Ancillary Training

SMSgt Allan L. Rosenthal  
Base Training Superintendent

*from the ANG Ancillary Training Booklet*

## Information Security (Part 1)

Throughout an individual's training as a member of the Air National Guard, he or she will receive a variety of information and study a multitude of subjects. Nothing, however, is more important to the nation's defense or to the successful continuance of a military career than the subject of "security." In fact, if there's one guaranteed method of more stripes and bars, of a prison variety, it's to be unaware of various aspects of the Air Force's information security program and to commit a serious security violation.

The Air Force information security program focuses on preventing military secrets from being obtained by foreign agents. To best accomplish this task, every member of the Air National Guard should be knowledgeable about certain infor-

mation regarding security, including the ever present dangers of espionage and subversion.

**Espionage** - Methods used to gain access to information are called "espionage," the art of spying. Espionage activities commonly used by the enemy include searching, theft, bribery, the use of listening devices, and blackmail regarding sex, alcohol, or narcotics.

**Subversion** -The enemy may also use "subversion" to interfere with or impair the loyalty, morale, or discipline of any member of the Air Guard. this may be accomplished by the utilization of communist fronts which appear to perform useful services but which are actually aimed at advancing the communist cause. Subversion may also be accomplished by propaganda aimed at

destroying the Guard's esprit de corps.

No Matter how clever the ploy, it is difficult for hostile intelligence seekers to penetrate security unless they find a careless individual who proves to be a weak security link. It is, therefore, extremely important for all Air National Guard members to realize that espionage and subversion occur even during peacetime so that they may better avoid becoming weak links in the security system.

Members of the Air Guard who suspect that they are targets of hostile information gathering should do nothing to arouse suspicion but should report the incident to their immediate supervisor as soon as possible.

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## The Air Force Suggestion Program

SSgt Susan Tuck  
Personal Affairs Specialist

A suggestion can be submitted by anyone but must meet the following requirements:

a. Is submitted in writing before or within 90 days after the date the suggestion is adopted.

b. Involves a proposal that is original to the National Guard as a whole.

c. Does not substantially duplicate a suggestion already under consideration or a suggestion for which the ownership rightshave not expired.

d. Is outside the suggester's job responsibilities or, if within; are so superior that it warrants special recognition.

All suggestions will be submitted on a NGB Form 6 which can be obtained at the Customer Service section of the CBPO, BLDG 901, Room 221. Once the application is completed, it must be returned to the Customer Service section for final preparation. Any further questions may be directed to SSgt Susan Tuck at extension 2435.

## Trouble In The Holy Land

Chaplain Allen K. Bryan  
Installation Staff Chaplain

A year ago most of us were watching the news with great personal interest, wondering how the events in the Middle East would develop. Of course, in our minds we were wondering who could be activated, and tired of being asked, "are you going to get called up?" Some among us were eventually called to active duty. Many of the members of our neighbor unit were deployed to the Gulf. As events unfolded their time was extended and they spent their holiday seasons away from home. Ironically, the conflict that took them away surrounded the holy places of Jews, Christians, and Muslims. The events that are celebrated on Hanukkah and Christmas took place only a few miles away from the scenes of battle.

The military closely scrutinized these events as the troops came home looking for "lessons learned." A year later as we look back, are there lessons we learned personally from this experience: Do we appreciate any better the importance of our families? Do we have any greater respect for the value of life? Has it caused us to look at the priorities of our lives any differently? Have we helped our families understand the mission of our unit?

During this holiday season, Let's not forget that a year ago we weren't all that sure we'd be together with our loved ones, and let's make the best of the time we have with them.



### Chapel Call

#### CHURCH SERVICES

##### Installation Staff Chaplain

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716-862-2000

##### Chaplain

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Springville, NY 14141  
716-592-7163

##### Catholic Services:

###### Saturday Mass

1600 Hours, Base Chapel

##### Protestant Services:

###### Sunday Worship

0800 Hours, Bldg. 901, Classroom A

##### Jewish Services:

Contact the Chaplain

If there is a need to see the Chaplains, please phone us at the Chaplain's office, Extension 2395, or at our churches. We are on call during the month as well as on UTA weekends.

## CCAF Degree Received

SSgt Curtis W. Suits, 107 CAM Squadron, received his CCAF Diploma during the October UTA. SSgt Suits worked hard and was able to combine both his military college credits and the credits he has earned through others institutions. Congratulations to SSgt Curtis Suits for earning his CCAF Diploma.

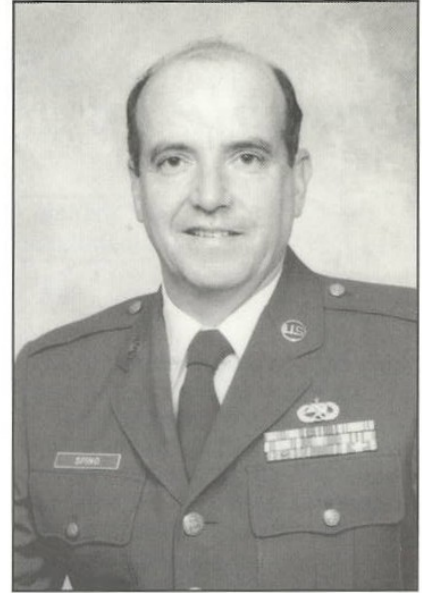


SSgt Suits receives his CCAF Diploma from Group Commander Colonel James Burdick as Major Thomas Wagner looks on.





SSgt Anthony D. Iannucci  
Airframe Repair Specialist



TSgt Eugene N. Spino  
Aircraft Electrical Systems

## *Quick thinking saves F-16*

**Q**uick thinking on the part of two NCO's from the 107 CAM Squadron, averted a near tragedy and saved a F-16 from destruction.

On 30 September 1991, TSgt Eugene N. Spino and SSgt Anthony D. Iannucci were working in the hanger when a fire broke out on a F-16. TSgt Spino and SSgt Iannucci immediately took action. They were

able to extinguish the fire before the aircraft was seriously damaged and before the hanger was damaged as well as preventing injury to other personnel who were in the area.

Because of their quick thinking and act of courage in putting out the fire, TSgt Eugene N. Spino was awarded the Air Force Achievement

Medal and SSgt Anthony D. Iannucci was awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal, First Oak Leaf Cluster on 30 October 1991.

The distinctive accomplishments of TSgt Spino and SSgt Iannucci reflects credit upon themselves, the Air National Guard, and the United States Air Force.

## Social Actions

Captain Mary Lee Roush  
Human Relations Officer

The Social Actions Staff would like to wish all of you and your families a happy and healthy holiday season. We talk all year long about alcohol. What better time of year to reemphasize these points than the holiday season. During the holidays, we will be celebrating more. If this celebrating involves alcohol, here are four tips on how to drink responsibly.

**EAT BEFORE DRINKING.** Food slows the rate at which alcohol is absorbed, lowering peak blood alcohol levels. Remember to eat before drinking and to snack on foods while drinking.

**DRINK SLOWLY.** Practice sipping drinks rather than gulping them. Drinking to much often results from drinking too fast.

**SPACE YOUR DRINKS.** While drinking, substitute soda or fruit juice for alcohol from time to time.

**SET A DRINKING LIMIT.** Know and respect your personal drinking limit. Notice how different amounts affect you. Then set a realistic limit on your own drinking and stick to it.

Happy Holidays!

# REMEMBER WHEN . . .

MSgt David Cummings  
Group Historian

## 10 Years Ago December 1981

Colonel John Blewett was promoted to Brigadier General on 14 December 1981. He was assigned to HQ NYANG at the time of his promotion.

The pre-conversion team arrived on base 1 December 1981. The unit prepared to convert from the F-101 VOODOO to the F-4 Phantom.

New members included Sgts Gary Bressler, Joe McWilson, Ed Parkhurst, Jim Quimby, and Roosevelt Turner. Promotions included Steve Blocho, Colette Griffin, Joe Kirbis, Gerals Mamot, and Frank Markel to SSgt.

## 20 Years Ago December 1971

Major George Gesel, CAMRON Aircraft Maintenance Officer, retired on 30 December 1971 after 20 years of total military service.

As of 31 December 1971, the unit had 22 F-100C model Supre Sabres and 3 F-100F model Supre Sabre jets.

Supply had a low average NORS rate of 1.5 percent efficiency.

The unit had 91 officers and 639 airmen. There are 21 pilots in training.

## 30 Years Ago December 1961

On 1 December 1961, a flaming military aircraft narrowly missed the new Lewiston - Queenston International Bridge and crashed into the banks of the Niagara Gorge. Seconds before the crash, the pilot, 29 year old Lt Ed Methot, ejected himself from the jet and landed by parachute on the Lewiston Road overpass leading to the new bridge. The plane caught fire on takeoff, and Lt Methot steered the plane from the populated area of Niagara Falls to the gorge. He suffered minor injuries.

## 40 Years Ago December 1951 and Before

On 7 December 1941, the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii occurred. This month marks the 50th Anniversary of that attack. Then President Franklin D. Roosevelt described the attack on Pearl Harbor as the, "date that will live in infamy."

We hope the holiday season is a joyous one for everyone, and the new year is a prosperous one!



Can you name these people? The photo was taken in the early 1960's.



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## Welcome

<u>GRADE:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>UNIT:</u>
SSgt	Michael G. Bergeron	107 FIG/DET 1
SSgt	Thomas C. Doyle Jr.	107 Civ Enger Sq
AB	David E. Quiett	107 Civ Enger Sq
AB	Jason P. Rynkewicz	107 Civ Enger Sq

## Farewell (Retirements)

<u>GRADE:</u>	<u>NAME:</u>	<u>UNIT:</u>
SMSgt	Robert W. Yotter	107 Res Mgmt Sq, 1 Jan 92

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## Enlisted PME Schedule

Here are the 1991-1992 class schedules for the Enlisted PME. Please note that members who do not complete Phase II by the end of FY 92, will not receive PME credit for NCO Leadership School. Quotas will not be no-name allocated through the training management system. They will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. Contact your training section for further information or the Base Training Section in CBPO. Remember, don't delay in getting your Professional Military Education. Your future depends on it!

### NCO Academy:

8 Dec 91 - 21 Dec 91 (Phase II)  
7 Jan 92 - 13 Feb 91 (long course)  
18 Feb 92 - 26 Mar 92 (long course)  
7 Apr 92 - 14 May 92 (long course)  
31 May 92 - 12 Jun 92 (Phase I)

### Airman Leadership School:

6 Jan 92 - 31 Jan 92  
2 Mar 92 - 27 Mar 92  
30 Mar 92 - 10 Apr 92  
14 Sep 92 - 25 Sep 92

### NCOLS Phase II:

3 May 92 - 15 May 92  
14 Jun 92 - 26 Jun 92  
9 Aug 92 - 21 Aug 92  
13 Sep 91 - 25 Sep 92

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## Officer Vacancy

The 107th FIG currently has two officer vacancies. They are:

**Judge Advocate**, grade 2Lt thru Major, Announcement number 92-01, closing date 23 December 1991.

**General Practice Physician**, grade Capt thru Colonel, Announcement number 92-02, closing date 15 January 1992.

For complete details on the specific job qualifications, requirements, and applications, see Lt Col David Doyle in CBPO, Building 901.

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of

## Ronald Martin

Chief Master  
Sergeant (Ret).

CMSgt Ron Martin was a former 107 Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron member and Technician. He passed away on 6 November 1991.

Our prayers and condolences are extended to his family.

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## Where's My Thunderbird?

Captain Greg Hall  
Public Affairs Officer

This is a valid question which I will try to answer. Effective with the new fiscal year, the Air Force discontinued its policy of providing funds to pay for mailing of Air Force Base newspapers. As a result, the 107th has filed for the proper mailing permit and the time frame has been estimated at 90 days or greater.

This has left us with on base wide distribution during the UTA

weekends. The continued cost of mailing the paper could not be justified until the permit is received.

The retirees are, however, being mailed their copies as it is the only means of effectively distributing it to them. We are also mailing it to the required other units and offices within the Air Force, Air National Guard, and NYANG.

We in the Public Affairs Office

are anxious to begin mailing the paper to your homes so that your family, friends, and employers can stay informed on our unit. They are as crucial to the units success as any one member.

We hope that you enjoy the paper. If you have any comments about the paper, please feel free to forward them to the Public Affairs Office, Building 901, Room 204.

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# *1991 Holiday Message*

Major General Charles S. Cooper III  
Commander, New York Air National Guard

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**E**ach year I have the privilege of writing this holiday message to express my thanks to each member of the New York Air National Guard and to wish you and yours the happiest of holiday seasons and a healthy, happy, challenging, and properous New Year. I wish that each of you would express my thanks and best wishes to your families, your employers, and to the men and women in your communities. They provided us all with loving support throughout this past year; we could not have accomplished all that we did without that sup-

port. I know that you are as grateful to them as I am.

1991 was an extraordinary year for the nation, the state, and the NYANG. Our members participation in DESERT SHIELD/ DESERT STORM was truly outstanding. Best of all, everyone who served - in Saudi Arabia, in airlift support, overseas, and in the United States - returned home safely. In addition to the war in the Gulf, we participated safely in the war on drugs, in exercises, in deployments, and in training. We maintained our people strength - our key asset - as we devel-

oped our skills. Our units were widely recognized in the international media. We won many national awards. It was a very good year! As an organization, we demonstrated that we are clearly among the best.

Since this will be my final holiday message, I want to express my personal thanks for your support and your contributions to the success of the New York Air National Guard. I am proud to have served with you and honored to have been your commander. Mrs. Cooper joins me in wishing you every success in the years ahead.





Back Cover: Horseshoe and Niagara Falls with the upper Niagara River gorge. *NYANG Photo by TSgt Mike Harvey.*

**NEXT UTA DEC 7 - 8, JAN 4 - 5, FEB 1 - 2**

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