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CHARLESTON CREWS INTERCEPT BEAR D

by TSgt Randy Johnson Photos by: Lt Col Steve Kaplan (Air) and MSgt Steve Kovacs (Ground)



Two F-4D fighter aircraft from Detachment 1, 107th FIG at Charleston AFB, SC recently intercepted a Bear D long-range Soviet Bomber off the East Coast of the Continental United States.

The aircraft was identified by NORAD when it entered the Air Defense Identification Zone (ADIZ).

Soviet aircraft routinely deploy from Russia to Cuba where they launch on reconnaissance missions up and down the coast. Normally, these aircraft do not penetrate the ADIZ.

On this particular day, the alert crews were scrambled at 0200 hours and were tasked to perform radio relay duties for F-15 aircraft from another air defense unit. Then at approxi-

mately 1040 hours local time, the crews were again scrambled. This time, they were directed to intercept, identify, and shadow the unknown target.

Aircrews involved in the intercept were pilot Major Bill Bryndle and his WSO, Lt Col Steve Kaplan. In the other aircraft were Captain Kurt Larson and his WSO Captain Jim O'Brien. The maintenance crews participating in the scramble were TSgts Pat Bos, Ray Miller, John King, and Doug Biehler.

Coincidentally, Brigadier General DeLitta, Colonel Burdick, Colonel Healy, and Lt Col Thurn were visiting the detachment on the day of the intercept. In fact, while on final approach, Colonel Burdick was forced to delay

his landing while the scramble was in progress.

"Teamwork" is the word that best describes the working relationship between the members of the detachment and the TDY aircrews. Major Bryndle echoed this philosophy when he stated that the "136th aircrews and detachment maintenance crews handled the mission in an extremely professional manner and demonstrated their ability to accomplish their mission with the best of them."

This intercept, the third for the detachment, may take on additional significance because of the upcoming conversion to the F-16. This could quite possibly be the final intercept of Soviet aircraft by Niagara's Phantom jets.



COMMANDER'S COLUMN



COL DOUGLAS B ROUTT, NYANG

I just recently got back from a 1st Air Force (that's the Air Force to which we belong) Conference and learned something about the big picture and what it holds for the Air Guard and specifically for the 107th. First, let all those of you that thought the Guard would not be impacted by budget cuts to step forward, Whoops hold it right there none of you move. We will be included in the defense budget cuts, hopefully just monetarily but we definitely want to share the constraints with our fellow services, right?...right. Drugs and druggies seem to be the only war in town, so we are going to improve our airborne drug interception techniques. There was a great deal more information imparted than what I have already mentioned. However, the best summation of the information is that lots of things are changing and the changes are occurring very fast and very few people have a handle on what is happening, least of all me. But our job is still to do the best with what we've got and presently that's the F-4.

Our guys at the detachment in Charleston have had a great deal of activity intercepting Russian Bear bomber aircraft off our eastern coast. I hop you saw the video on the CCTV in March. We also have some really beautiful pictures of our F-4 right next to the formerly offensive and threatening Russian bombers and if you'd like to buy one, we'll make a bunch of copies and put them in the store.

By the time you get this our Medics will be slaving away at Tyndall AFB and our Communications Flight will be toiling at Eglin AFB. Both of these bases are in Florida, coincidentally.

I want to praise the virtues of direct deposit to all you receivers of Guard Checks. You still will receive the little white card that tells you for what you are being paid. But the good news is that you won't have to go through the tedious process of filling out a lengthy deposit slip and wasting money on a stamp. Or if you are one of those old fashioned kinds that physically takes your money to the bank, this will be even better because you can avoid the hassle and save the gas and thereby decrease some of our planets pollution. Wow, what a good deal, right?...right. So please visit our finance office and tell them that you would like to be included in our easy and fun direct deposit system.

We are being visited during the April UTA by Major General Cooper, the commander of the New York Air Guard and his wife Ann, as well as, the new Deputy Director of the Air Guard Col Lawrence Maciariello. They are coming in to fly with us and meet some of you people as well as attend the Upstate MANY dinner. But guess what for all of you that planned to bring your mess dress and \$25 bucks to attend the dinner forget it. The dinner has been moved to April 28th at the Buffalo Hilton.

The Military Ball committee has worked very hard and the success looks pretty well assured. We're not sure at this time p62 who the guests will be, however, the main form of entertainment after the meal will be a video rather than a speech. I wanted to wax on eloquently as post dinner speaker but I deferred to the wishes of the committee.

Don't forget to file the letter you received, reference the wrong block being checked on your W-2 form, when you mail in your Federal Income Tax.

Dates to remember in the future: Career day will be on the 4th of May and the High School sign ups look pretty good so far. Bosses day will be on the 14th of June and the Airshow will be on the 15th of June. On that same weekend there will be a massive and gala gathering of aircrew to have a WSO out affair. It is a deserving tribute and send off to a great bunch of aviators who through no fault of their own, find themselves excesses because of our conversion.

Finally, SMSgt Emerson Barnes has been selected as the NYANG Senior Enlisted Advisor for this year. CONGRATULATIONS BARNEY, that's a very smart way to make Chief.



by Chaplain Allen K. Bryan, Captain

CHURCH SERVICES

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1600 Hours, Base Chapel.

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If there is a need to see the Chaplains', please phone them at the Chaplain's Office, Extension 2395 or at their church. They are on call during the month as well as on UTA weekends.



CHIEF'S COLUMN

by CMSgt Ben Santangelo



Recently our Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) personnel were called upon to identify, what the owner believed to be, a totally safe WW II hand grenade. He had been told the grenade did not contain any explosives. Displayed on his desk, this seemingly harmless souvenir had been the topic of many a conversation. Upon investigation it was determined that the grenade was in fact live and fully functional. Had he or anyone else actuated the device, it would have functioned as designed producing tragic results. This incident brought to mind the following article, published in the September 89 TAC Attack magazine. Please take the time to read it and pass on its message to family and friends.

"Many munitions items have, unfortunately, made their way from American battlefields, both here and abroad, into the attics, basements, and old trunks of our homes. Others have been retrieved by unauthorized entry onto military firing ranges, and eventually became paperweights, or were mounted on

Questions About Contact Lenses

by Capt David Burstein, Optometrist

What are contact lenses? Contact lenses are medical devices which are placed on the eyes to improve vision. They are made of a variety of materials which may be rigid, soft, or a combination.

Does a very bad prescription reduce your chances of being fit for contacts? No. With today's advancing technology, prescriptions have no limitations. In fact, often times the worst prescription has the best benefits from contact lenses.

How old do you have to be to wear contact lenses? Contact lenses can be fit at any age. Typically most contact lenses wearers range from 13 to 35 years of age. Contact lenses are used, for therapeutic purposes, as young as 2 years of age. With the advance in bifocal contact lenses and other fitting techniques, the "over 40 crowd" is also able to enjoy and benefit from contact lenses.

Do contact lenses improve your vision? In most cases contact lenses allow you to see as well as with your glasses. Severely nearsighted people do perceive an increase with their vision due to magnification changes and an

increase in peripheral vision. In certain eye conditions, diseases of the cornea, contact lenses will improve the vision significantly compared to glasses.

What are some of the advantages of contact lenses? Contact lenses give you a very natural vision correction. Visual adaptability is usually very miniscule. Contacts increase peripheral vision and you don't have to worry about them fogging up or your vision becoming impaired by rainfall. Many sports utilize contacts to improve the athletes performance.

Are contact lenses safe? Contact lenses are approved by the FDA for safety. Any foreign object placed on the eye has a potential for causing problems. Follow-up visits by an Optometrist or Ophthalmologist is a must for successful contact lens wear. Contact lenses should not be taken for granted. Anytime your eyes feel irritated or become red, your Optometrist or Ophthalmologist should be contacted. When proper care and follow-up care are utilized, problems become almost non-existent.

If you have any questions regarding contact lenses or eye health please feel free to stop by the Optometry section in the Clinic.

SCHEDULED UTA

5 - 6 MAY 90 4 - 5 AUG 90 3 - 4 NOV 90
2 - 3 JUN 90 8 - 9 SEP 90 1 - 2 DEC 90
14 - 15 JUL 90 13 - 14 OCT 90

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wall plaques and edesk nameplates. These munitions can pose a real hazard to those who have them as well as to innocent neighbors and bystanders. Many still have a potential for arming and explosion. In fact, some have. Some of the old Civil War cannon balls, for example, have a hollow cavity filled with black powder that is extremely hazardous around sources of heat or sparks. Regardless of how such objects get into the hands of people, military or civilian, it is very important that they be collected and destroyed. Remember, in nature, some of the most brightly colored creatures are the most deadly. This certainly holds true with munitions in the hands of the unauthorized and uninformed. If you have an old war souvenir, ensure that it gets turned in to the EOD folks who know how to safely dispose of it."

If you have any questions about this subject, feel free to contact our Explosives Ordnance Disposal Section.

MEDICAL NEWS UPDATE

by Maj Dan Perczynski
Health Promotion Officer



Fitness: Easier Than You

Doctors and other health professionals have long believed that exercise can contribute to a longer life, but until recently, no one knew for sure just how much exercise was necessary. Now a recently published study - the largest ever - shows that even modest improvements in fitness can yield big health gains.

Following more than 13,000 men and women for an average of eight years, researchers at the Institute for Aerobics Research and the Cooper Clinic in Dallas found that men in the poorest fitness category were twice as likely to die early as those deemed most fit. For women, the likelihood of early death was four times greater. But it did not require Olympic-level athletics to achieve significant health pay-offs. The researchers found that simply moving from the lowest level of fitness to the next up yielded the greatest benefit. If you are largely sedentary now, that means a brisk half-hour to hour-

Soft Drinks; Weak Bones

Regularly drinking colas may increase the risk of bone fractures for very athletic women; the more colas they drink per day, the more fractures they're likely to suffer. For unknown reasons, nonathletic women are not at risk. An ingredient in many colas, phosphoric acid, may inhibit the body's ability to absorb calcium, the mineral need to form bones. Non-cola sodas, such as seltzer and ginger ale, do not contain phosphoric acid.

Telephones Can Save

In an emergency the telephone can be a lifeline to help - so it is vitally important to teach your children how to call the police, fire department, or operator in case of an emergency. Keep emergency numbers posted near the phone, and show your children how to dial them. (Even preschoolers can be taught how to dial 0 or 911) Have children memorize their address and phone number so they can give this information to emergency personnel. If your phone has speed or memory dialing, program in these important numbers and explain to your children which ones they are. Working parents' numbers should also be programmed, so kids can call immediately if there's an emergency at home. Children can play a critical role in an emergency - if we teach them how.

Nothing To Laugh At

Ever watch someone breathe helium at a party to make his or her voice sound like a Saturday-morning cartoon character? When my kids gave me the line, "But everyone does it," I instinctively knew it was not a good idea. Now, thanks to information from the National Association of Balloon Artists, I know why my answer is "No way!" Inhaling helium instead of oxygen can technically "suffocate" you. If overdone, your body responds by passing out and, because there would not be enough oxygen in your lungs, you could die of asphyxiation. So my advice is to "just say no" if someone suggests making helium part of any party fun. There are plenty of other ways to have a good time.

UNIT HISTORY

by MSgt Dave Cummings
Group Historian

Do You Remember

10 Years Ago - April 1980

Formal Standardization/Evaluation of an excellent rating was conducted on the 136 FIS on 9 - 14 April by ADTAC personnel.

AB Agnes Mabins was an honor graduate at Keesler AFB in the Administration Specialist Technical School.

The Armed Forces Military Ball was held on 26 April at the Connecticut Street Armory. Thirteen individuals were honored as outstanding members of their unit. For the New York Air National Guard was SSgt Patrick Williams.

New members in the unit were: AB's John Iafallo, Barbara Austen, and Sherrie Mahon; and Sgt's Terry Fritz, Larry Armstrong, and Lloyd Lepak. Promotions included Jim Bauer, Pat Williams, and Tom Furia Jr. to E-6, and John Dixon, Martin Kober, and Annette Tuszynski to E-5.

20 Years Ago - April 1970

Pilots at this time included 2Lt Barry Butler, Major Eugene Hamilton, Capt Ronald Manter, Capt Jeff Miller, Major John Mitchell, Capt John Nail Jr., LtCol John Ryan, Capt John Schneider, Capt John Wilson Jr., and Major Grover Crandall. Pilots in training were AB's G.S. Mazur and L.B. Pursell, and A1C J.R. Seckler.

30 Years Ago - April 1960

The 107th Tactical Fighter Wing participated in a firepower demonstration for the 82nd Airborne Division, U.S. Army at Fort Bragg, N.C. on 4 - 9 April, to demonstrate ground support and firepower capability of a jet fighter aircraft. Members of the unit included MSgt's Donald Wheelock, Robert Sandusky, Dave Hogrewe, and TSgt's Duane Carll, John Krajewski, and Paul Hogan. Pilots at the firepower demonstration were Col. Robert Kirsch, Capt Arnold Wackerman, Major John Blewett, Capt LaVerne Donner, Lt Tom Richter, Lt Jim Fell, LtCol Henry Willett, LtCol Grady Morris, and LtCol George Zaroles. LtCol Zaroles was the project officer of the mission.

40 Years Ago - April 1950

On 18 April the Niagara Falls City Council approved the leasing of 2 1/2 acres of city owned land and a right of way for a road to the NYANG at a nominal rent of \$1.00 a year plus taxes. The land would be used by the Air National Guard for erection of an administration building and other structures to carry out its flying program at the airport. The lease expired in 1975.

W E L C O M E

The following people have recently joined our unit. They include prior service, Palace Chase, and new enlistees. Welcome to the unit.

Major Chris R. Glaeser	136 FIS
2Lt William A. Barrett	8107 SF
2Lt Gregory S. Pachman	8107 SF
Sgt Russell J. Loverdi	107 USAF Clinic
Sra Kevin S. Doll	107 CES
Sra Stephen D. Clements	107 SPF
Sra Michael A. Jankowski	107 CAM
A1C Danial Kiblin	107 RMS

PROMOTIONS

The following people have recently been promoted to the grades indicated. Congratulations to each and everyone of you!

LtCol Dennis Sackman	107 FIG Det 1
CMSgt Alexander Brown	107 CAM
TSgt Edward L. Jeffers III	107 CAM
TSgt John J. Fergen	107 FIG
TSgt Ronald M. Pomaranski	107 CES

ANCILLARY TRAINING

by SMSgt Allan L. Rosenthal
Base Training Superintendent

Standards of Conduct

from the ANG Ancillary Training Booklet

Members of the Air National Guard, as equal partners in today's Total Force, have more national defense responsibility than ever before in the Guard's history. Air Guard members, like their other military counterparts, should be ever-mindful of the fact that they are constantly in the public eye and should be role models for others to emulate. Integrity and honesty is the "name of the game." All members of the Air National Guard should, therefore, strive to maintain the highest standards of conduct at all times, and use the following ten rules as guidelines:

- * Avoid conflicts between private interests and the interests of the United States.
- * Do not use inside information learned

through one's military position for private gain.

* Do not accept an honorary office or membership in any trade or professional organization whose members are doing business with a component of the Department of Defense.

* Do not solicit or accept anything of value for performing or not performing an official act.

* Do not use one's military position to solicit or accept any gift, favor, or anything of value from any person or organization doing business with the government.

* Do not give contributions or presents to superiors except on a voluntary basis. Even then, such presents must be of nominal value and given for special occasions (e.g., marriage, illness, or retirement).

* Do not engage in any gambling activity while on duty or while on government property.

* Pay each financial obligation in a proper and timely manner.

* Do not allow one's full-time occupation to discredit the government.

THE ADVISOR

by MSgt Edwaad A. Craig
Career and Education Manager

It goes without saying that every American employer should support the Air National Guard! But, at the same time, the Air National Guard must cooperate as much as possible with American employers.

Guardsmen, whose employment rights are protected by Federal Law (Chapter 43, Part III, Title 38, U.S. Code), must make every effort to keep his/her employer informed of scheduled drills and annual field training dates.

The employer is obligated to reschedule the reservist, if possible, to avoid conflicts between work and Guard training. Therefore, every Guardsman should provide their employer with a schedule of duty as soon as possible.

In cases where work rescheduling is not possible, individuals should contact their immediate Guard supervisor to make arrangements for performance of duty outside of the regularly scheduled UTA.

The offices of the Career and Education Manager are available to all Guardsmen in trying to establish a smooth and cordial relationship between the employer and you. For further information contact MSgt Edward A. Craig, Career and Education Manager, Room 221 CBPO, O & T Building 901, telephone 236-2436.

BUFFALO NEWS KIDS DAY IS SUCCESSFUL

by Lt Col Kenneth N. Szczepanski Photograph by TSgt Michael Harvey



On Wednesday, 28 Feb 90, "Buffalo News Kids Day", an elite force of newspaper hawkers commanded by Lt Col Ken Szczepanski, attacked the intersections of Military and Packard roads and Packard and Porter roads. The hawkers included SMSgt Joe Blandford, MSgt Ed Lendel, MSgt Bob Greene, TSgt Fred Rycombel, TSgt Steve Fritch, TSgt Terry Fritz, TSgt Dave Wohleben, SSgt Eugene Spino, and Sra Mark Phillips.

Utilizing all of their combat training and expertise, they maneuvered skillfully through the heavy traffic selling "Kids Day" editions of the Buffalo News. In one hour and fifteen minutes, the objective was met. Four hundred and fifty newspapers were sold and \$487.50 was collected for Childrens Hospital.

Thank you to all of you who either participated by selling or by buying the "Kids Day" edition of the Buffalo News.

A TELEPHONE IS THE ENEMY'S CHEAPEST AGENT. IF YOU DON'T SAY IT, IT CAN'T BE REPEATED.

AN ENEMY AGENT CAN GAIN CLASSIFIED INFORMATION BY EAVES-DROPPING ON CONVERSATIONS OR TELEPHONE CALLS AND RETRIEVING WASTE MATERIAL.

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Put A Lock On It!

SOCIAL ACTIONS

by SSgt Martha Lampros
NCOIC Social Actions

Alcohol and Prescription Drugs

Drinking and drugs simply do not mix. Mixing drugs and alcohol can be dangerous, not to mention lethal. Statistics now show that drug-alcohol combinations are the number one cause of drug-related deaths in the country, and combination complications send another 25,000 Americans to the hospital each year for poisoning and overdose.

Most poisonings and overdoses are accidental. They involve ordinary people using everyday medications who just didn't know that Valium doesn't mix with Jack Daniels. To prevent this type of thing from happening, a little knowledge and education is necessary.

Drinking and downers do not mix. Alcohol, like tranquilizers and sleeping pills, is a central nervous system depressant. Like other depressant drugs, it can affect a wide range of body functions, including breathing and heart rate. Alcohol multiplies the effects of other depressants, so the effect is both stronger and lasts longer than either alone. All kinds of unexpected reactions can result to include simple sleepiness, coma, and possible death.

One of the most well known and most dangerous alcohol-depressant combinations involves mixing alcohol with prescription sleeping pills and sedatives, particularly barbiturates, methaqualone, and tranquilizers such as Valium and Ativan. However, the risk doesn't

stop with prescription drugs. Even common nonprescription drugs such as decongestants and allergy medicines, can cause drowsiness and impaired performance when combined with alcohol. And being drowsy as a result of this can result in accidents that can be just as dangerous as an overdose.

A little over a century ago, alcohol was the number one all-purpose cure-all in the country. It was the "majic" ingredient in any number of patent medicines and prescription potions, possibly because it gave the one consuming the medicine a relaxed, warm feeling, lessening the pain of the illness. Today, alcohol isn't considered a cure or treatment for much of anything except a hangover, and not a very good one at that.

Alcohol alters the way medicines work and often weakens their therapeutic punch. Antibiotics in particular (including tetracycline and penicillian) tend to lose their effectiveness when combined with alcohol. Other medications can interact violently with alcohol, producing unexpected and unwelcome side effects such as cramps, vomiting, and headaches.

Use common sense when taking medications and using alcohol. Tell your doctor if you are taking other medications. Read the label carefully to be certain you understand how and when it should be used and ask your doctor or pharmacist for help if you don't understand how and when a medication is to be taken.

Accidednts can happen, but, they don't happen as often to individuals who are educated and informed as to the effects and consequences of drug/alcohol combinations.

ANG Fire Protection Branch

by SSgt Daniel R. Devin
Technical Services

Spring Cleaning and Fire Safety

Well, the worst of Winter is over. Our days are getting longer and the temperature higher. This is the time of year we start to think about all that junk we've collected in the garage and basement over the past year. Time again for Spring cleaning. Cleaning out all that junk may not only make you feel better, but it reduces the potential for fire.

- * Remove combustible materials from around furnaces, stoves, and hot water heaters.
- * Now is a good time to dispose of old paints, thinners, and solvents. Many communities run hazardous materials collection days. Never toss it in the trash!

- * Use only approved gasoline safety containers properly marked.

- * Provide a metal container with cover for disposal of oil or solvent soaked rags.

- * Never store or use flammable liquids in a confined area such as a basement. Vapors may find their way to an ignition source such as a hotwater heater..

Remember, all that junk may just be fuel for the fire. Good housekeeping practices reduce not only the potential for fire, but the speed a fire may spread after ignited.

Next month, I'll tell you my secret for Fire-Safe Steak. Until then....Remember, We Care!

107TH SOFTBALL NEWS

The 107th Softball Teams are going to play in the National Softball Tournament in August 1990 in Harrisburg PA.

We are going to try and send two teams. One will be an over 35 year old team and an open division team. A third team of coed players may also be possible (we made a verbal commitment to the Minnesota Girls team to play with them).

We need players plus your support to play in the tournament. We will run a raffle starting this drill until August. The money will go for entrance fees and uniforms.

For more information contact: MSgt Fred Warnick, flightline, ext: 2094; TSgt Steve Panepinto, AGE Shop, ext: 2413; or SSgt Bill David, Electric Shop, ext: 2348.

Base Gym Hours for 107th UTA Weekends

The Base Gym will be open on 107th Fighter Interceptor Group UTA weekends with the following hours. These are the new hours of operation .

- * Saturday: 1100 - 1900 hours

- * Sunday: 1100 - 1600 hours

UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE 107TH

MAY: Operation "Clean Sweep"

MAY: "Career Day" Tentatively scheduled for Friday May 4th

JUNE: "Bosses Day" June 15th

JUNE: Thunderbirds and Airshow June 16

JULY: Walleye Harvest Fishing Tournament

ENLISTED UNIT VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Your assistance is needed in recruiting Prior and Non-prior Service Personnel to fill existing Staff Sergeant and below vacancies within the 107th Fighter Interceptor Group. Technical Sergeant and above grades are normally not recruited for, rather, we look to Commanders to fill these positions from existing resources. For additional information, contact your Unit Career Advisors.

Part I - (TSgt & Above)

AFSC	GRADE	DUTY TITLE	UNIT
92470	MSgt	Clinical Lab Technician	107 USAF Clinic
55272	TSgt	Metal Fabricating Technician	107 CES
56671	TSgt	Sanitation Environment Technician	107 CES
88170	TSgt	Paralegal Technician	107 MSS
90570	TSgt	Pharmacy Specialist	107 USAF Clinic

Part II - (SSgt & Below)

47250	SSgt	Special Vehicle Equipment Specialist	107 RMS
47251B	SSgt	Special Purpose Vehicle Mechanic	107 RMS
55252	SSgt	Metal Fabricating Specialist	107 CES
57150	SSgt	Firefighter	107 CES
62350	SSgt	Billeting Specialist	107 SVF
67251	SSgt	Financial Services Specialist	107 RMS
W70250	SSgt	Comm - Administration Specialist	107 MSF
73150	SSgt	Personnel Systems Specialist	107 MSS
73250	SSgt	Personnel Specialist	107 MSS
90250	SSgt	Medical Services Specialist	107 USAF Clinic
98150	SSgt	Dental Assistant Specialist	107 USAF Clinic
27450	Sgt	Command and Control Specialist	107 FIG
54252	Sgt	Electric Power Production Technician	107 CES
55150	Sgt	Pavement and Grounds Specialist	107 CES
55151	Sgt	Construction Equipment Operator (2)	107 CES
57150	Sgt	Firefighter (2)	107 CES
62350	Sgt	Billeting Specialist	107 SVF
62350	Sgt	Cook	107 SVF
67252	Sgt	Financial Services Specialist	107 RMS
70250	Sgt	Administrative Specialist	107 FIG
70250	Sgt	Administrative Specialist	107 SPF
81150	Sgt	Security Specialist	107 SPF

BILLETING RESERVATIONS

All 107th personnel attending the UTA and in need of billeting are required to make reservations. Reservations will be accepted from outside the 50 mile radius and essential personnel only.

All others are considered space "A" and can obtain rooms after 5:00PM on Saturday of the UTA if they are available.

UTA FRIDAY: Reservations will be voided if not picked up on this day.

UTA SATURDAY: All personnel with reservations must pickup their room keys no later than 1300 hours on Saturday. Checkout on Sunday is 1200 hours.

Any personnel not returning their key by noon will be automatically charged a late fee by the computer. The individual, NOT THE UNIT, is responsible for payment of the late checkout fee.

If you made a reservation and cannot make it, please cancel so another person can obtain a room.

Billeting Hours on 107 FIG UTAs:

* **FRIDAY:** 24 Hours

* **SATURDAY:** 0700 - 2300 Hours

* **SUNDAY:** 0700 - 2300 Hours

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL: (716) 236-2014.

ATTENTION GOLFERS!!!!

There will be a meeting for all those considering joining the Niagara Falls Base Golf League. The meeting will be held at the base bowling alley at 1630. Anyone interested is en-

couraged to attend so that any questions about this years play at BEAVER ISLAND can be answered. For further information please contact TSgt Ken Kelkenberg ext: at 2359 or SSgt Rick Tetlak ext: at 2506.

PICTURE PAGE OF EVENTS

Photos by TSgt Randy Johnson, Det 1, from the DET Charleston AFB, S.C.



Panama Fighting Gives "Greater Meaning" To Paralyzed Veterans of America Program To Honor Veterans

by Paralyzed Veterans of America

"In light of recent military events in Panama, the Paralyzed Veterans of America's national program to honor America's veterans has taken on even greater meaning," said R. Jack Powell, executive director of the veteran's service organization.

On Veterans Day 1989, the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) announced plans to establish a permanent photo exhibit to honor all veterans, called "American Portraits: America's Veterans."

Powell said, "Many Americans are not aware of the continuing battle veterans are fighting -- especially veterans who count on the Department of Veterans Affairs for needed health care services. Now, as a result of fighting in Panama, many more men and women will be added to the ranks of brave Americans who fought and sacrificed for our country and are now in need of continuing medical care."

Between now and Veterans Day 1990, PVA is asking Americans to send in photos of themselves, a relative, or a friend taken during their military service. Photos may depict any period of active duty service.

Photos chosen from the collection by a panel of judges, will be presented to President Bush this Veterans Day.

Said Powell, "We will tell President Bush that the American people are behind our veterans and their struggle to get adequate health care promised them by a grateful nation."

During 1991, PVA will take the "American Portraits: America's Veterans" exhibit on-tour to cities across America.

Photos can be mailed to: "American Portraits: America's Veterans," Paralyzed Veterans of America, 801 18th Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C. 20006.

All photos received become the property of PVA and will not be returned.

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, a veterans' service organization chartered by Congress, has for more than 40 years served the needs of its members, all of whom have catastrophic paralysis caused by spinal cord injury or disease. PVA is funded by private donations and neither seeks or receives government funds.

AMERICAN PORTRAITS: America's Veterans



Vietnam Era



Peacetime



WW II



Historical photos courtesy of Stars and Stripes

WW II

