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Commander's Newsletter

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1. Commander's Remarks:

Recently, while participating in a Veteran's Day ceremony, I watched a reenactment of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and I remembered with sorrow the state of the American military forces on December 7th, 1941.

World War I, which ended in 1919, was thought to be the war to end all wars. The American public was ready for peace. Military strength had been drawn down and military equipment was in short supply.

This nation was not prepared when the Japanese struck.

We should never let that happen again. The present American government has made a commitment to overcome the present superiority of the Soviet Union and we play a unique role in that commitment for we are responsible for training today's citizen soldier--the crucial element that has won every war since Lexington and Concord.

This December finds the world in a condition of fragile peace. We can never be sure when a new war might break out--or where. The stakes were never higher; the danger never greater.

If the United States were forced into war tomorrow, survival would depend on our national resolve, and the readiness and sustainability of our military forces--both active and reserve--who are entrusted with national security.

Service people couldn't stop to ask if they were in it for the right reasons. They could not ponder whether it would be a popular war from which they would be welcomed home as heroes.

Members of the military services cannot afford the luxury of time to debate such issues. If the alarm sounds, the call to arms must be answered without hesitation.

America has its strengths and its weaknesses but it has never wanted for patriotic citizens willing to take up arms in defense of their country.

I am proud of each reservist who now wears the military uniform of this country. Your skill, dedication and patriotism are the cornerstone to our nation's security. I am confident that our young men and women will respond to any national emergency and be ready to serve.

John E. Taylor
JOHN E. TAYLOR, JR. Maj Gen, USAFR
Commander

2. Deputy Chief of Staff/Operations:

KC-10 ASSOCIATE UNIT
ACTIVATED AT BARKSDALE

The 78th Air Refueling Squadron, a reserve associate unit which will provide 50 percent of the aircrews for the KC-10, was officially activated November 1 at Barksdale AFB, La. An active duty flying squadron and maintenance squadron were activated at the same time, replacing active duty squadrons responsible for the KC-10 test and evaluation program.

The KC-10 is an advanced tanker cargo aircraft just being added to the Air Force inventory. The Air Force currently owns six KC-10 tankers and will add six more to its inventory by the end of 1982.

NON-FLYING UNITS
ALSO ACTIVATED

In addition to the flying unit, Tenth Air Force gained three non-flying units. The three units include a 43-man communications flight and a 95-man civil engineering squadron assigned to the 919th Special Operations Group at Eglin AFB, Fla.; and a 130-man civil engineering squadron at Robins AFB, GA.

A-10 COMBAT CREW
TRAINING SCHOOL OPENS

The 917th Combat Crew Training School for A-10 pilots officially opened its doors at Barksdale AFB October 1 when the first five students arrived from the 926th Tactical Fighter Group, New Orleans. The school will train approximately 30 Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard pilots annually for basic A-10 conversion and instructor pilot upgrade.

The school will be divided into three courses to accommodate differing background experiences of the students. Course "B" is for those A-10 pilots with no previous fighter experience and lasts 14 weeks. Pilots with previous fighter experience will participate in the six-week "TXB" course. Current A-10 pilots selected for operational instructor pilot roles will attend a one-month course before moving into an operational position in their units.

UNIT NOTIFICATION
CHANGE

The regulation covering "Unit Notification/Assembly Procedures" (AFRESR 55-4) has recently been revised by Hq AFRES. Recommend all unit personnel be briefed on the following areas:

a. The requirement to provide both home and business phone numbers for the alert recall roster.