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MEDAL PRESENTATION—Mrs. Alan E. Hendrickson receives her husband's medal from

Col. William C. Sipes, Jr. (AIR FORCE PHOTO by AIC Grover T. Williams)

Widow Accepts Medals For Husband's Valor

Five decorations earned for action in Vietnam were presented posthumously Feb. 9, at Reese to Air Force Capt. Alan E. Hendrickson who died Aug. 3, 1967 from injuries received in an aircraft accident in South Vietnam. The Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Purple Heart were presented by Col. William C. Sipes, Jr., base commander, to the captain's widow, Mrs. Betty G. Hendrickson of Levelland, Tex.

Presentation was in Wing headquarters building. Captain Hendrickson received the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in a flight on Aug. 3, 1967. The citation accompanying the award reads, "Capt. Hendrickson volunteered to participate on a combat support mission and his immeasurable valor under the threat of hostile fire was unparalleled."

The Air Medal was awarded for meritorious achievement as a combat crew member in Southeast Asia from Dec. 6, 1966, to Feb. 25, 1967. Two Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal covered the period from Feb. 26 to July 17, 1967 in Southeast Asia air action.

Captain Hendrickson, 32, at the time of his death, also received the Purple Heart.

The captain is survived by his wife and three children, Craig, 8, David, 7, and Gordon, 5.

Student Sorties Set New Highs

A record number of sorties (flying missions) were logged here in T-38 Talons during the first six days of February.

The mark was attributed to the combined contributions of maintenance, operations and instructor pilots.

During the six days, 1,337 sorties were scheduled and 1,300 were flown for a total of 1,717 flying hours. Some of the aborts (mission cancellations) were caused by weather and other flying conditions.

Top day for sorties was Feb. 7, when officials tallied 231 flights of the 233 programmed for 285 hours.

Col. William J. Kilpatrick Jr., deputy commander of materiel, lauded the maintenance personnel for their fine support in accomplishing this feat.

"In order for our aircraft to be ready when needed the maintenance personnel spent long hours in preparing them," the colonel commented.

Continuing he stated, "Time wasn't wasted as each aircraft was ready for the scheduled take-off time which was every three minutes. Without the fine support of these people this accomplishment wouldn't have been possible," remarked Colonel Kilpatrick.

Colonel Kilpatrick also saluted operation personnel and instructor pilots for their fine support in assisting the program.

Records show that the number of sorties flown during this period have not been equaled since training students in the Talons began.

Five officers received medals in a recent 3501 Pilot Training Squadron staff meeting. Capt. Johnnie R. Hohenshelt received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his part as a Forward Air Controller (FAC) near Bong Son, Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam, while directing a F-100 fighter aircraft strike accurately despite heavy smoke and difficult communications.



Hohenshelt

Receiving the third through 14th Oak Leaf Clusters to M. Stallings Jr., for meritorious achievement, according to the citation accompanying the medal, in interdiction of a key North Vietnam railway. The flight destroyed one locomotive and 20 boxcars besides much of the track. The result of the mission was to weaken the hostile rail supply network.

Heavy damage to petroleum products storage area, despite SAM attacks and heavy gun defenses, earned an ex-F-4C pilot, 1st Lt. Michael J. Gayer, the

Distinguished Flying Cross and the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal.

First Lt. Robert A. Nester received the Distinguished Flying Cross for action on May 20, 1967, when he lead a flight F-4C that hit artillery and anti-aircraft positions enroute to the target area. The lieutenant had to make a second pass over the target due to partial delivery of his ordnance because of a malfunction.

The lieutenant also received the sixth to the 10th Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal for his action March 30 to July 18, 1967.

For his action from July 19 to Aug. 16, 1967 he received the 11th Oak Leaf Cluster.

On July 5 the F-4C pilot was the lead aircraft in a strike against a large Viet Cong main force. They dropped their ordnance accurately against hostile fire despite marginal weather for which he received the 12th Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal.

Capt. Thomas R. W. Skinner received the first and second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for his action in Vietnam for the period May 1, to Aug. 25, 1967.

Cost Reduction Goals Lowered

HQ. ATC (ATCPS) — Air Training Command's revised Department of Defense/U.S. Air Force cost reduction goals for Fiscal Year 1968 have been announced by Lt. Gen. Sam Maddox Jr., ATC commander.

U.S. Air Force internal goals for FY 1968, which totaled \$3,550,000, were not changed.

The Department of Defense/U.S. Air Force goals were increased from \$6,140,000 to \$6,760,000 for FY 1968 and from \$14,100,000 to \$15,020,000 for the three year FY 1968-70 goal. ATC adjustments resulted in headquarters staff agencies assuming an overall increase of \$1,315,000 for FY 1968, with other command activities experiencing a decrease in goals of \$650,000. Three year goals—Fiscal Years 1968 through 1970—have been adjusted accordingly.

The goal revisions were the result of increases in general management improvements; operation, management and use of automatic data processing (ADP) systems;

ment maintenance management.

In his letter to ATC activities, General Maddox said, "The main strength in your activity's program can normally be found within the local administration of the program and in the imagination and resourcefulness of the assigned personnel. Command leadership is also a necessary ingredient. I urge that you take a personal and continuing interest in the program and that all of your people be cost reduction oriented and charged with the responsibility for participating in this very important program."

Rank Insignia On Tie Clasps To Be Optional

WASHINGTON — Tie clasps with rank insignia on them will become an optional part of the Air Force uniform this spring, and shoulder patches identifying major commands may follow as Air Force pushes to increase unit esprit.

The tie bars with rank insignia are definitely in. They will be authorized in the next edition of the uniform manual (AFM 35-10), slated for publication in April.

Grade insignias on the bars cannot be more than one-half inch high. This is the height of miniature colonel eagles and lieutenant bars. Insignia of LCs, majors and captains will have to be a little smaller than their miniatures.

The tie clasp idea has been proposed a number of times as a solution to the problem of identifying the rank of an Air Force man who has his coat off. (AF Times)



SALUTING MAINTENANCE—Col. William J. Kilpatrick Jr., (right) deputy commander, materiel, and Lt. Col. Roy F. Voda, (left) chief of maintenance, laud AIC Dennis V. Hayes,

one of the T-38 Talons mechanics who helped set a new mission record. (AIR FORCE PHOTO by AIC Grover T. Williams)

Commander's Staff Report

By Lt. Col. Allen W. Nicola
Base Civil Engineer

February 18 through 24 is National Engineers' Week. This year's theme, "Engineering—Design for World Health," is particularly appropriate for Air Force Civil Engineering organizations. Our mission can be summed up by a not-too-broad definition of the term "creature comfort." Truly the health of the Air Force community falls within this definition.

At our base, as at every Air Force installation, there are some unsolved problems to be challenged in this area. Facilities (buildings, airfield paving, utilities, etc.) constructed during World War II were designed to meet only the needs of the "duration." Additions, alterations, and deterioration of these facilities have created flight operational problems, fire hazards, structural stresses, and inefficient recreational/living/working area monstrosities.

Unique to Reese AFB are such problems as excess fluorides in drinking water, prevalent high winds, massive bird population, and playa lakes for storm and sewer water control.

Given time and money, engineering can solve such problems. However, we in CE are more interested in solving your day-to-day "creature comfort" problems. Here too, time and money are limiting factors.

In an effort to reduce operating and maintenance costs, Air Force has recently reorganized the CE structure. This new structure no longer provides for a "find it and fix it" unit. Except for scheduled periodic inspections, the "find it" function is dependent upon the user. This further requires communication between the user and CE.

This article is therefore a plea to you, the user, to communicate with us. Let us know your "creature comfort" your fire/operational/health hazards. We can't "fix it" if we don't "find it."



Col. Nicola

Getting By Is Not Enough

What would be your reaction to a situation such as this: You've taken your car to a mechanic for some repairs and when you go in to pick it up, you overhear him saying to one of his friends, "I guess I could have done a better job, but what the heck, this is good enough to get by and he'll never know the difference."

You would no doubt be pretty upset. After all, you're paying this man to do a job and you don't expect it to be done with a "get by" attitude.

However, before you sound off and give this mechanic a piece of your mind, think about your day to day performance of duty and make sure that you haven't adopted the same outlook.

When you are doing your job, are you an artist, a craftsman, with the particular tools of your trade? When you turn out a piece of work, is it the very best you can produce — or have you cut a few corners because "it's close enough for government work?"

Don't accept mediocrity.

Whether you are an administrator, cook, mechanic, or in one of the hundreds of assignments in the Armed Forces, strive to do your job better than anyone else. You will certainly have a great deal more personal satisfaction knowing your job was done correctly. You will also find that a little extra effort and attention to detail on your part will benefit you in the long run.

When someone says, "When you give him a job to do, you know it's going to be done right — he's a real artist," make sure they're talking about you. (AFPS)

CAPSULE LAW

(An AFNS Feature)

"Your Federal Income Tax," the familiar, large paperback publication issued by the Government Printing Office each year, is again available.

The Internal Revenue publication explains Federal income tax laws as they apply to individuals and contains detailed instructions for submitting 1967 returns, due before April 15.

It defines what income is taxable and, equally important, what items may be deducted. It can be ordered from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Copies are 50 cents each; ask for Internal Revenue Service publication No. 17.

Unit Commander's Play Important Role In Safety Program

To have an active safety program, support must come from the top echelon. Each commander has a specific list of items to accomplish in the ATC Manual 127-1. If these items are accomplished, an effective safety program will be in existence.

Commanders have a safety orientation program established for all newly-assigned personnel. This program will also include those planning an extended travel by private conveyance. Each person must be fully aware of his responsibilities towards himself, the other person and the Air Force.

Commanders must also screen the records of personnel to identify individuals whose past accident or accident-citation experience identifies them as requiring counseling, training, or other appropriate actions. Additionally, personal counseling of individuals involved in serious or reported accidents or violations.

Monitoring by the commander must take place on all safety meetings conducted by the first-line supervisors. He will check to see that the first-line supervisor maintains records of their weekly safety meeting to include the number of personnel attending and

a resume of topics discussed.

This program is not designed as a watch-dog type, but to allow the commander to become aware of the needs and desires of the first-line personnel. It shows that

the commander has a personal interest in the program and his personnel.

(Next week: The types of action that may be taken to the habitual traffic offender).



TSGT. ARTHUR KOSHKORIAN, new NCOIC of the Precision Measurement Laboratory, who comes from Amarillo AFB, Tex., has received letters of appreciation from Maj. Gen. Loren G. McCollins for voluntary assistance in teaching the National Safety Council's defensive driving course to various civic organizations of Amarillo such as the VFW and the Desk and Derrick Club.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE that Reno, Nev., is farther west than Los Angeles? If you do, you're right. More useless facts: a grasshopper can jump 200 times its own length; the population of the U.S. uses about 20 million pounds of garlic (phew); and a bee can raise a 200-pound man several feet off the ground.

MSGT. DALE O. McAFEE, another member of the Fabrication Branch, is presently TDY to Lackland AFB, Texas, assisting in re-writing the machinist specialty knowledge test.

GEORGE WASHINGTON WEPT...

They weren't even "Americans." Not yet. Just simple "Colonials."

A weary, frozen, scared, starving band of ordinary people on their way to an extraordinary achievement. The United States of America.

If they could last the Valley Forge winter, their cause, freedom, would not be lost.

George Washington wept for them. The pitiful hurts, the dwindling food, the incredible scarcity surrounding them would test any man.

They won. Over winter. Over the foe. Over every obstacle that stood in the way of their self-determination.

Now, maybe you think you're just an ordinary person. That nothing you can do would help freedom's cause too much.

But do it anyhow. Write that letter - you - never - got - around-

to - writing to your representatives. Take the kids for a visit to history's shrines. Vote. Say "Yes" publicly. Say "No" publicly. Read. Listen. Learn. Tell. Encourage. But don't ignore freedom.

You'd be surprised how ordinary people can produce extraordinary results.

It's how America happened. Freedom: Ignore it and it just might go away.

Be your own traffic judge



"I was traveling along the open highway and was feeling drowsy. I had decided to stop at the next roadside restaurant and have a cup of coffee to wake me up. I was thinking about how it would feel to be in the warm restaurant drinking a cup of coffee when I ran off the road and smashed into a tree. The front axle of my vehicle was broken and I was cut by flying glass from the windshield."

1. This accident was clearly non-preventable because it resulted from psychological forces over which you had no control. True or False.

2. The accident was preventable because you obviously had made yourself unfit for driving by not getting enough rest. True or False.

3. You should not have delayed your stop until reaching the restaurant. You should have stopped by the side of the road and walked or run up and down the road until you were wide awake again. True or False.

4. The accident may have been due to carbon-monoxide fumes in the car. If so, it was a non-preventable accident. True or False.

5. You can reduce the severity of such accidents by reducing your speed and driving slowly the moment you are aware of drowsiness. True or False.

Answers:

1. False. Drowsiness is an insidious accident cause. It can be controlled by being recognized as the hazard it is. You postponed doing anything about it until it was too late. The accident was preventable.

False. Drowsiness is not always due to lack of sleep. Persons who regularly get the recommended amount of sleep each night can become drowsy behind the wheel.

3. True. When drowsy, do something about it immediately. And the first thing to do is park your car safely off the road.

4. False. The drowsiness may have been due to small amounts of carbon monoxide seeping into the driver's compartment, but that does not make it a non-preventable accident. Drivers should always drive with windows sufficiently open to insure good ventilation.

5. False. Slow driving could involve the asleep-behind-the-wheel driver in just as disastrous an accident as one occurring at greater speed. Moreover, slowing one's speed might have the lulling effect necessary to turn a drowsy driver over the borderline to a sleeping driver.

Many run-of-the-road accidents which result in death for the driver are thought to be due to the driver falling asleep at the wheel. Drowsiness at the wheel can only be regarded as the stealthy approach of a real killer. When drowsy, don't drive.

QUOTE OF NOTE

(An AFNS Feature)

"Today's world situation requires strong men to stand up and be counted — no matter what their personal grievances are. Our greatest weapon is one we have always possessed — our heritage of freedom, our unity as a Nation."—(Col. Daniel James, 33rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla., from 1967 Freedoms Foundation winning letter)

We Must Be Well-Disciplined!

By 1st Lt. Larry V. Rider

Regardless of our individual position in the military hierarchy, as long as we understand this concept and adopt the proper attitude toward it, we will have an effective and efficient fighting force.

"Military discipline is intelligent, willing, and cheerful obedience to the will of the leader. Its basis rests upon the voluntary subordination of the individual to the welfare of the group. It is the cohesive force which binds the members of a unit, and its strict enforcement is a benefit for all. Its constraint must be felt not so much in the fear of punishment which it evokes, as in the moral obligation it imposes on the individual to heed the common interest of the group.

who can do their complex jobs better than the enemy.

If we train well, the task of winning the victory will require far less time and effort than that which will be necessary if we train poorly. Training is a round-the-clock function, a great deal of which may seem dull and tiresome; nonetheless, it must be accomplished thoroughly, for it pays off in lives saved and battles won.

Discipline establishes a state of mind which produces proper action and proper cooperation under all circumstances, regardless of obstacles. It creates in the individual a desire and determination to understand and accomplish any mission assigned by the leader.

Everyone has a crucial job to do: everyone must be highly trained to do it—the weakest link must be strong enough. We must have a well trained, well disciplined Air Force; else, ultimately, we shall have none."

"Military discipline is the direct result of military training, and the ultimate purpose of all military training is the assurance of victory in the event of war. Victory results from a fighting Air Force composed of dedicated officers, noncommissioned officers and men

AIR FORCE FACT

Air Force Lt. Col. James A. McDivitt, who commanded the Gemini 4 flight, has been named to command the flight crew for the second manned Apollo space mission.

Airman Named For February

Sgt. Robert E. Mestrez, physiological training instructor, has been selected Reese's Airman of the Month for February.

Sergeant Mestrez consistently displays an outstanding acceptance of responsibility, stated 1st Lt. Michael Gherardini, commander, medical squadron section. "He is thoroughly conversant with his regular duties and makes a point of becoming quickly familiar with any new task," his commander reported.



Sgt. Mestrez

The sergeant is a graduate of Parachute Jump School, Fort Benning, Ga.

He is an active member of the squadron bowling, golf, and basketball teams.

One of the many additional

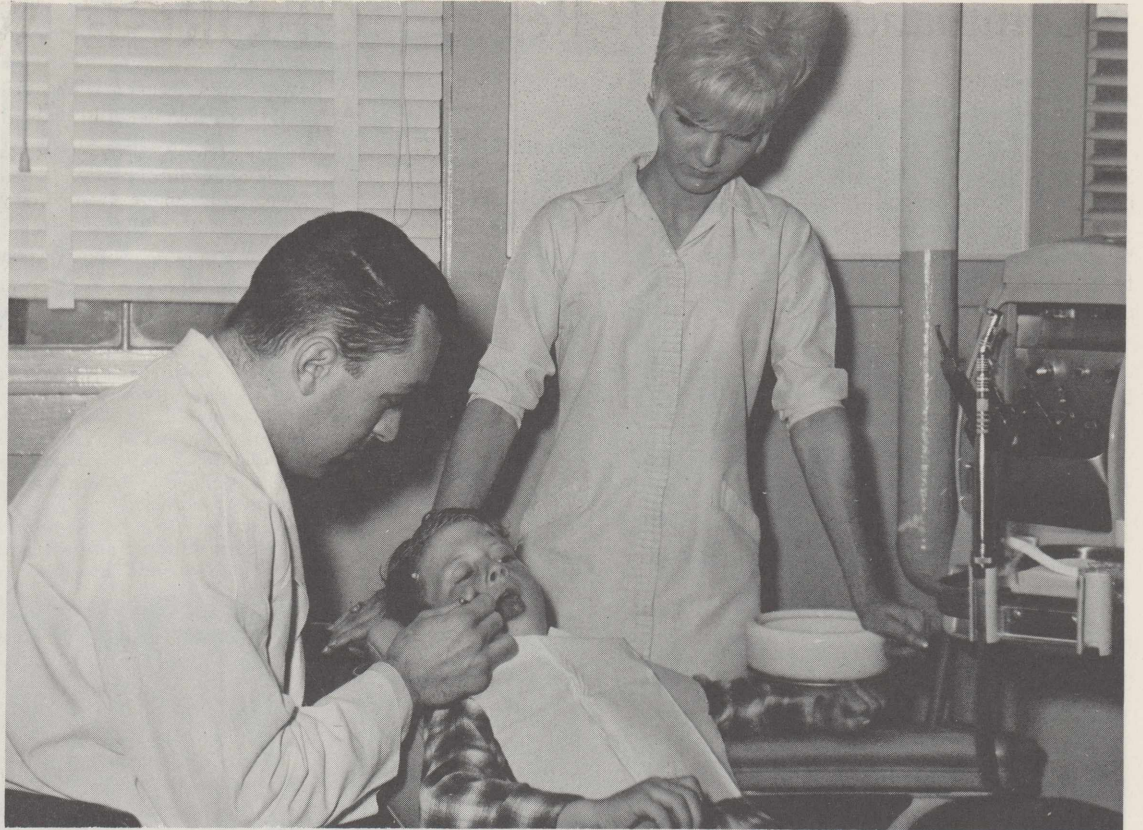
sports he is interested in is sky diving which also adds to his experience with parachutes and enhances his parasail instruction.

Prior to entering the Air Force, Oct. 1965, Sergeant Mestrez was a lifeguard.

Engineers Construct Phu Cat Hangar

The superstructure of what is destined to be one of the largest aircraft hangars in Southeast Asia is rapidly taking shape at Phu Cat AB, Vietnam. The huge structure is the first to be constructed entirely by Air Force civil engineers in Southeast Asia and possibly throughout the Air Force.

Construction of the large complex is being accomplished by the 819th Civil Engineering Squadron, an Air Force unit responsible for all construction at Phu Cat. It is scheduled for completion March 31. (AFNS)



YOUNG PATIENT ONE OF MANY CHECKED—Dennis F. Turner, dentist, checks over the teeth of Bill Thompson, one of 485 students who had their teeth looked at. Mrs. Judy Smith, dental

assistant watches as the doctor makes his check. (AIR FORCE PHOTO by A1C Grover T. Williams)

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TWO REESE UNITS ANNOUNCE 100 PER CENT PARTICIPATION

Two Reese AFB units, 429S Field Training Detachment and resident auditor, were the first to report 100 per cent participation in the International Service Agencies and National Health Agencies

fund drive, according to Maj. Charles C. Gaylord, project chairman for the campaign.

Both units, reported Major Gaylord, achieved the feat on the first day of the drive.

One other organization, 3500 Organizational Maintenance Squadron, achieved 34 per cent participation following one full week of the campaign.

The drive, which began Feb. 1, will conclude here March 15. Weekly progress reports will be issued by Major Gaylord, with the second report being published yesterday, too late for "The Roundup" deadline.

Taking part in the campaign for funds this year are, among others, The National Association for Mental Health, an organization which is seeking an answer to the my-

stery of mental illness through research.

Another unit, National Association for Retarded Children, works to establish programs to help retarded children grow to useful adulthood as one of its goals.

Not so long ago, there was little hope for babies born with cystic fibrosis, but today through medical advances, many of these youngsters are enjoying longer lives. Much of the credit goes to the National Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation, another member of the campaign for funds.

Fighting the battle against birth defects is the task of the National Foundation — March of Dimes, the organization that provided funds for polio research.

(Next week, "The Roundup" continues capsule reports of organizations participating in the campaign for funds.)

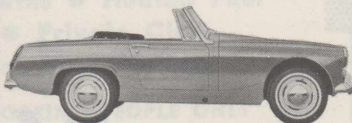
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WIVES MAKE DONATIONS—Mrs. Richard Roberts, treasurer of OWC, and Mrs. Arlie Royal, treasurer of NCO wives, present Capt. Joseph R. Thiesen, project officer for Children's Dental Health Week checks for their donations to dental health week. Doctor Thiesen praised

the wife's clubs for their help, and thanked them for making a part of the program possible. The wives club donations were used to help defray some of the expenses for the toothbrushes, and items concerned during health week. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

Officers Wives Sponsor Western Party

By Mrs. Muriel Proctor
All OWC members are reminded of the Western Party Saturday in the Officer's Open Mess.

At The Movies

TODAY — "Billion Dollar Brain" starring Michael Caine, mature, increased admission.

TOMORROW — "The Ride to Hangman's Tree," with Jack Lord and Melodie Johnson, mature—young people.

TOMORROW MATINEE — "Munster, Go Home", with Fred Gwynne and Yvonne De Carlo, family.

SUNDAY — "Grand Slam", with Janet Leigh and Edward G. Robinson, mature—young people, increased admission.

TUESDAY — "Games," with James Caan and Katherine Ross, mature.

WEDNESDAY — "Bikini Paradise," starring Janette Scott and Alexander Knox, mature—young people.

THURSDAY — "Wait Until Dark," starring Audrey Hepburn and Efram Zimbalist Jr., mature—young people, increased admission.

New Members Join

Reese NCO Wives Club held their monthly business meeting Tuesday night at 7:30 in the NCO Open Mess dining room.

Three new members were present for the occasion. They were Mmes. Betty Harper, Karen Harms and Judith McKnight.

Also, a new member was elected to the board of governors. She is Mrs. Joyce Heath.

Don your western duds and come out for a party of fun at 7 p.m.

The Hail and Farewell Coffee originally planned for yesterday will be held Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the Officer's Open Mess. Hospital wives will be the hostesses. Decorations will be appropriate for George Washington's birthday. All permanent party wives and student wives are encouraged to attend.

Bowling substitutes are still needed for the OWC bowling league which meets each Friday morning. Please call Mrs. Albert S. Martin, SW 5-0197, if you can

Notice Change

Texas 1968 vehicle registration plates will go on sale at 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and again on March 4 and 5 in the Mathis Service Club.

Vehicle owners are required to bring '67 registration receipts, title to their vehicles and the cost of the new license plates.

The new passenger car fees are: \$12.50 from 3,500 pounds; \$22.30 from 3,501 to 4,500 pounds; \$30.30 from 4,501 to 6,000 pounds and 55 cents for each 1,000 pounds over 6,000 pounds.

Boat trailers, motor scooters, etc., fees are established at a \$5.30 minimum fee. CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

In addition to the above purchasing dates and times, plates may be purchased at the Tax Assessor-Collector's Office in the Lubbock Court House prior to midnight, April 1.

Reese 1968 base decals will be available after March 1.

Hawaii Air Guard Seeks Thunderbolt For Hall Of Fame

HICKAM AFB, Hawaii (AFNS) —A search continues for an F-47 Thunderbolt to represent the hundreds credited with helping to turn the aerial tide of World War II in the Pacific.

The Thunderbolts were a plentiful commodity following the war. Dispensed freely around the globe, a number were assigned to the Hawaii National Guard in 1947.

The Guard's 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron flew the F-47s until 1954, when they were replaced by F-86s. Today, 199th pilots fly F-102s.

The F-47 holds a special place in the hearts of 199th crews.

Prior to becoming a Guard unit, 199th pilots flew F-47s in the Pacific as members of the 464th Fighter Squadron. The outfit received a distinguished unit citation in 1945.

Now the Hawaii Air Guard wants an F-47 to complete its Aircraft Hall of Fame. So far it has been frustrated in its efforts to find one.

Guardsmen have hiked mountains to investigate sites where F-47s were known to have crashed in hopes of finding a wing here, a tail there, to reconstruct one. Pieces were too badly demolished.

Requests have gone out to various aircraft graveyards, where many former military planes are still to be found, but to no avail.

The Hawaii Air Guard is willing to purchase a plane from private ownership. Squadron members also are prepared to dismantle an aircraft for airlift to Honolulu for reassembly and reconditioning.

Anyone with knowledge of an available aircraft is asked to contact the Public Information Office, 154th Fighter Group, Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

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POTATOES COLORADO RUSSETS 8-LB. BAG **25¢**





MASTER KEY—Leo J. Hoffman left, resident engineer for the Army Corps of Engineers, presents Lt. Col. Allen W. Nicola, chief of Civil Engineering the master key to the new BOQ. The building was turned over to Colonel Nicola Feb. 8. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

HELICOPTER PILOT

Officer Lauded For Airmanship

A HH-43B Huskie helicopter pilot was honored Feb. 9, when Col. Clyde J. Morganti, wing commander, presented the pilot with his first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Maj. John J. Elliff, commander, Detachment 13, Western Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Center, received the award for dis-

tinguishing himself while stationed in Vietnam.

Citation accompanying the award reads:

"Major Elliff distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as an HH-43B Rescue Crew Co-Pilot near Vung Ro Bay, Republic of Vietnam on April 28, 1967.

"On that date, Major Elliff flew to recover the crew of a light observation aircraft downed by hostile groundfire. With complete disregard for his own safety, Major Elliff left his aircraft to direct a ground party. He continually exposed himself in full view of known hostile gun positions so that he might better aid in the search.

"Displaying an exemplary knowledge of rescue techniques, he assisted in the recovery of a deceased airman amid severe hazards such as high gusty winds, sheer rock formations and the close proximity of hostile ground forces.

"By these actions, Major Elliff demonstrated great determination and superior airmanship."

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Bullet Hits Seat Parachute Of B-57 Pilot

Looking back over 150 combat missions in B-57 Canberra jet bombers of the 13th Tactical Bombardment Squadron at Phan Rang AB, Vietnam, Maj. Philip H. Lacy described one mission during which 13 bullets struck the aircraft.

One bullet lodged in the parachute on which he was sitting. Two crashed into the cockpit, and another hit one of his fuselage tanks, causing fuel to stream out. "I felt the aircraft shudder,"

the pilot said. "There was a loud noise." Despite the battle damage, he continued hitting the enemy, and made three bomb passes before returning to Phan Rang.

Fuel from the punctured tank was leaking in the bomb bay. Major Lacy recalled that when he stepped out of the aircraft and surveyed the damage, "I said a little prayer of thanksgiving." (AFNS)

♥ Service Wives Must Be Versatile ♥

(Editors Note: Pacific Air Forces provides this tribute to the Air Force wife. The author is anonymous.)

An Air Force wife is mostly girl.

But there are times, such as when her husband is away and she is mowing the lawn or fixing a flat tire on a youngster's bike, that she begins to suspect she is also boy.

She usually comes in three sizes: petite, plump and pregnant. During the early years of her marriage it is often hard to determine which size is her normal one.

She has babies all over the world and measures time in terms of places as other women do in years.

"It was at Wright-Patterson that we all had the mumps . . . In Tokyo, Dan was promoted . . ."

At least one of her babies was born or a transfer was accomplished while she was alone. This causes her to suspect a secret pact between her husband and the Air Force providing for a man to be overseas or on temporary duty at times such as these.

An Air Force wife international. She may be an Iowa farm girl, a French mademoiselle, a Japanese doll or a German frau. When discussing service problems, they all speak the same language.

She can be a great actress. To heartbroken children at transfer time, she gives an Academy Award performance: "Arizona is going to be such fun! I hear they have Indian reservations . . . and tarantulas . . . and rattlesnakes."

But her heart is breaking with theirs. She wonders if this is worth the sacrifice.

An ideal Air Force wife has the patience of an angel, the flexibility of putty, the wisdom of a scholar and the stamina of a horse.

If she dislikes money, it helps.

She is sentimental, carrying her memories with her in an old footlocker.

One might say she is a bigamist, sharing her husband with a demanding entity called "duty".

Veterans and their survivors received a total of \$4.4 billion in compensation and pension checks during 1967, the Veterans administration estimates.

When duty calls, she becomes No. 2 wife. Until she accepts this fact, her life can be miserable.

She is, above all, a woman who married an airman who offered her the permanency of a gypsy, the miseries of loneliness, the frustration of conformity and the security of love.

Sitting among her packing boxes with squabbling children nearby, she is sometimes willing to chuck it all . . . until she hears the firm step and cheerful voice of that lug who gave her all this.

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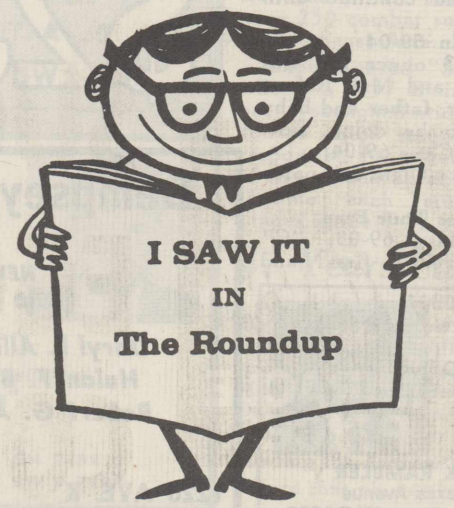
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NEW OFFICERS—Newly elected officers of the Teen Club work out some new plans. Elected for 1968 are (l. to r.) Jim Kilpatrick, sergeant of arms; Ken Garrett, first vice presi-

dent; Jim Pendleton, president; Linda Slagel, secretary and treasurer; and Happy Lutz, second vice president. (AIR FORCE PHOTO)

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Pharmacist-Pilot, Birth Top Class News

First solos, a pharmacist pilot, a baby birth, bowling league, and parties highlight Class News this week.

Pharmacist Pilot, Class 68-F
Second Lt. Robert E. Grisnik, Class 68-F, has been recently licensed by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy to practice pharmacy in Texas. He is also licensed to practice pharmacy in Pennsylvania.

Six members of the Class participated with the 3501 Squadron basketball team, which are the current intramural basketball champs. They were Second Lieutenants Grisnik, Skip Hall, Roger Stauffer, Jack Wiley, Hugh McGarity, and Harlan Long.

Lieutenants Grisnik and Stauffer were presented certificates of appreciation for their part in the December Explorer Scout Olympics at Reese.

Lieutenant Long returned to the flight line last week after two weeks in the base hospital.

68-07 Vignettes
Class 68-07 is finishing up the T-38 contact phase of flying and beginning to launch navigation "out and backs" to Davis-Monthan, Tinker and Dyess AFBs.

First formation sorties are being flown by the members leading the time-line.

The class is planning a party tomorrow at the base community house.

Work on the class yearbook is progressing with individual "tiger shots" photos taken Feb. 5.

'08 Highlights
Second Lt. Gary D. Bohn, Class 68-08, became the first member of the class to solo.

Second Lt. William F. Quinn became the second member of D-2 flight to solo.

Sunday was the birth of a new undertaking for Class 68-08. Married members of the class met at the home of Capt. Eric E. Wheaton to form a bowling league.

The catchy title, "Class 68-08 Mixed Doubles Bowling League," was approved by the members. Officers of the new league are, Captain Wheaton, president; Mrs. Marianne Clark, secretary; and Mrs. Kitty Price, treasurer. The league will meet every Monday evening, and continue until May 27.

Birth In 69-04
A 7 pound, 3 ounce girl was born to 2d Lt. and Mrs. Robert Martinez. Mother, father and baby are reported to be doing fine. The father is in Class 69-04.

The class held a flight suit party Saturday.

69-03 Wives Tour Base
Wives of Class 69-03, "C" Flight, were given a first hand

opportunity to observe their husbands training Wednesday afternoon during an orientation sponsored by the flight.

Lt. Col. John H. Koller, commander, 3501st Pilot Training Squadron, briefed the wives on the aspects of pilot training and what is required.

Following the briefing the wives were taken to the tower where they were explained the function of the tower's mission.

Next on the agenda was the Runway Supervisory Unit, a mobile control unit. The wives were able to see the aircraft take off and land.

Also the wives were taken to the T-37 Synthetic Trainer section for an orientation ride in one of the trainers. Following this they went to the flight line to see a static display of the aircraft.

The ladies day came to an end with a dinner at the Party House.

Family Services Volunteer Captures February Spotlight

In the Family Services Spotlight for the month of February is Mrs. Mary Burger, the wife of Sgt. Donald Burger.

Though Mary has three young children she has been very active in Family Services.

Twice Mary was elected volunteer of the month. She has served as assistant chairman and chair-

man of both the lending closet and publicity committees, and she is now the assistant coordinator.

At the last Family Services awards coffee she received an award for 500 hours of volunteer work. Family Services salutes Mary and all the volunteers who work with her.



Mrs. Burger

Talons Brought In

Three instructor pilots from the 3500 Pilot Training Squadron went to Laredo AFB, Tex. and brought back three Northrup T-38 Talons Monday afternoon.

Bringing in the new planes were Capt. T. Rex Morris, 1st Lt. Steve E. Dean, and 1st Lt. Gary W. Spence.

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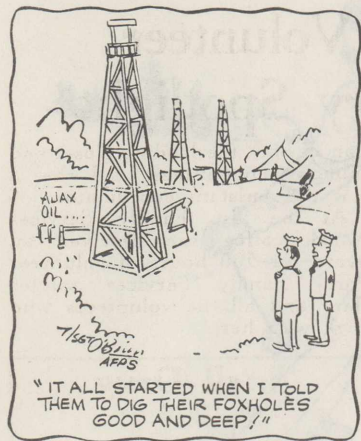
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5BX May Have New Twist

WASHINGTON (AFNS) —The Air Force's physical training program — 5BX — borrowed from the Canadians some years back, may become a thing of the past if a new program developed by an Air Force Systems Command medical officer survives a test period, involving five major commands.

Labeled simply physical fitness program, it is the product of Maj. Kenneth H. Cooper, staff member at AFSC's Aerospace Medical Laboratory (Clinical), at the Wilford Hall Hospital, Lackland AFB, Tex.

The program uses aerobic exercises and is intended to intensify training for physical fitness and cover more areas of the human body than is attained by the five basic exercises in the Canadian program. Included are body muscles, circulation and the respiratory system.

Air Training Command has been given primary responsibility to conduct a pilot program, intended to provide sufficient data for Air Force to make a decision relative to implementation or rejection of the proposed program.

Major Cooper and Maj. Harold Walter, Air Force Academy, Colo., will assist ATC in the pilot program.

Among factors to be determined during the pilot program will be whether it should be a mandatory or voluntary effort on behalf of Air Force members and whether it should be accomplished on duty, off duty, or a mixture of both.

Major Cooper said the purpose of the program is "to develop a higher level of fitness among airmen of all ages, by providing an easily followed, interesting but somewhat demanding program. The exercises are only those that will stress the heart and lungs thereby producing a desirable training effect."

He said the required time for daily exercise is not excessive, but does require faithful participation.

Major Cooper described 5BX exercises as isotonic or isophasic. While more beneficial than isometric exercises, that contract muscles without moving anything, he said they lack the capacity to produce the desired changes of a cardiovascular fitness conditioning program.

There is the possibility of becoming "over-muscled" or "over-fat" and the heart suffers in either situation, Major Cooper said.

"Exercises that require continual submaximal to maximal effort for periods of at least four minutes are aerobic exercises. Running, fast walking, swimming, cycling, rowing and cross country skiing fit this category," he said.

Personnel Services had not yet received word on the program by publication date.



SCOUT TOUR—Lubbock Boy Scouts touring Reese AFB during Boy Scout Week were shown a T-38 Talon (above) and oxygen mask and helmet (below) as part of their tour. (AIR FORCE PHOTO by Amn. Bruce A. Fagerquist)

Handball, Old Gold Basketball Tournaments Get Underway

The base handball tournament started Tuesday afternoon with Sonny Williamson winning over John Claudy. A total of 16 games were played by the end of the day on Wednesday. Doubles start Monday.

The Old Gold (those over 30) basketball tournament started Wednesday when DCM met the 3500 PTS at 7:30 p.m. and DCO met ABGp at 8:30. The winner of DCO-ABGp played the Students 6 team yesterday, and the winner of the DCM-00th PTS played Rescue. The final game will be Monday at noon; the time is subject to change.

Intramural volleyball play will start as soon as the basketball games are finished.

The base basketball team lost in the ATC tournament at Lackland AFB, Texas last week. They lost their first game to Lowry 98-81 but won the second game from Webb by a score of 75-74. The team lost out by losing to Craig 93-62 in the double elimination tournament.

The base also entered the ATC handball tournament, but didn't place.

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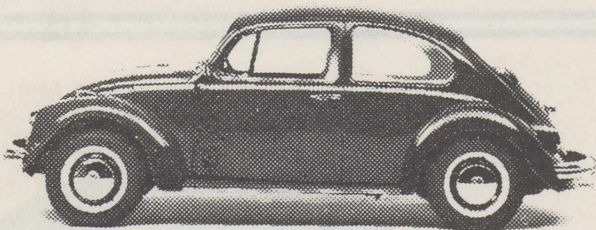
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Rumor Quelled

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — "There is no 'freeze' on discharges and retirements in any of the services," the Department of Defense said the last week in January, replying to rumors following the call-up of certain reservists.

At present, there is no authority to extend enlistment contracts for enlisted men.

El Paso county in Texas is larger in land area than the state of Rhode Island. The town of Dallas, Texas has more population than that state.

9 Lieutenants Make Regular

Nine first lieutenants received regular commissions this week in a staff meeting of the 3501 Pilot Training Squadron. Those receiving the regular were First Lieutenants David G. Bump, Felix (Newt) Courington, Michael Gayor, Grant Hachman, James Mardis, Charles Potter, Larry Rider, Kenneth Stallings, and Lynn Jackson.

Among the new additions to "B"-flight are two officers with widely varying experience in Southeast Asia.

Capt. Jim Sears was stationed at Da Nang AB, Republic of Vietnam, where he completed 100 missions over the North in F-4Cs. Capt. Sears has recently been notified that an aerial engagement with a MIG-21 north of Hanoi is a confirmed "kill." Confirmation had been delayed for some time because just after Captain Sear's aircraft launched a Sparrow missile at the enemy aircraft, both the aircraft and the missile disappeared into a cloud.

Capt. Tom Skinner was assigned to the 815th Troop Carrier Squadron at Tachikawa AB, Japan, flying C-130s. During his tour in Japan, Captain Skinner flew many Air Evac flights and over 250 combat support missions in Southeast Asia.

Capt. Conrad "Ski" Biegalski, who is a T-37 IP in B-flight, has been reassigned within the squadron to check section. He will be responsible for administering many of the graded check rides that determine each student's flying grades in the T-37 program.

47 Years Pass By

On July 4, 1960, the flag of the United States carrying 50 stars, was raised officially on the staff of Fort McHenry, Md. The 50th star was added for Hawaii. One year previously, on July 4, 1959, the 49th star was added to the flag for Alaska, the 49th state. Before that no star had been added since 1912.

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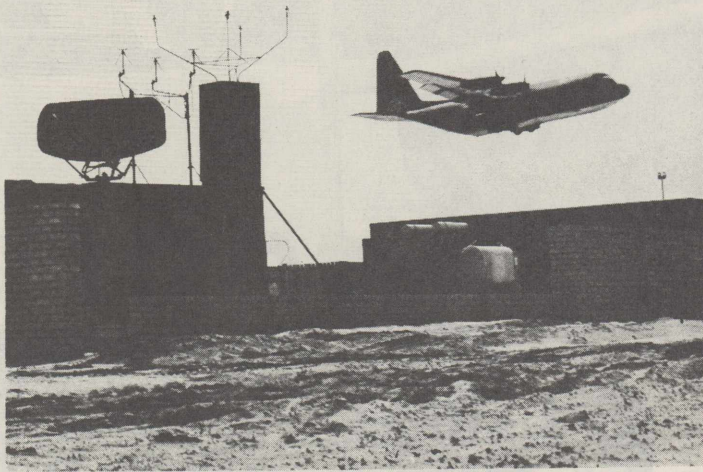
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RADAR CENTER—An Air Force C-130 takes off over radar approach control complex at Tuy Hoa AB, Vietnam. The unit gives air traffic controllers the capability of working precision radar approaches. The controllers are members of the 1884th Communications Squadron.

Rescue Unit Has Awards Ceremony

Two Air Force Commendation Medals, one plaque and two certificates of achievement awards were presented to five Rescue airmen here Feb. 9.

Receiving Commendation Medals for meritorious service while serving in SEA were Sergeants Edward W. Mann and Richard E. Roberts.

An Aerospace Rescue Recovery Service plaque was presented to SSgt. Alexander Montgomery. The sergeant was selected as Maintenance Man of the Year for 1967. The selection came for his performance in SEA and at Reese.

In recognition of outstanding professional accomplishments Technical Sergeants Dewey A. Kilpatrick and Floyd E. McCraw were awarded certificates of achievement.

Citations accompanying the Commendation Medals read:

SERGEANT MANN

"Sergeant Mann distinguished himself by meritorious service as a CH-3C helicopter mechanic at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Republic of Vietnam from Dec. 4, 1966 to Oct. 10, 1967.

"His outstanding professional skill and initiative immeasurably aided in identifying and correcting unique helicopter systems malfunctions encountered in the performance of his duties.

"The energetic application of his knowledge played a significant role in contributing to the success of the U.S. Air Force mission in Southeast Asia."

SERGEANT ROBERTS

Sergeant Roberts received his award for meritorious service while serving as an assistant helicopter crew chief of Detachment 2, 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron from Sept. 22, 1966, to Sept. 11, 1967.

"During this period Sergeant Roberts' outstanding professional skill and initiative aided immeasurably in identifying and solving numerous problems encountered in the accomplishment of his duties."

Maj. Alton S. Klebe, chief of maintenance, Western Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Center, Hamilton AFB, Calif., presented the five awards.



Lieutenant Named Student Of Month

A willingness to spend many off-duty hours working on extra projects has won 2d Lt. James O. Roberts, Jr., Class 68-05, Student of the Month honors, a new award authorized by Officer Training section.

Lieutenant Roberts designed and arranged for the purchase of class patches and the painting of matching helmet visors.

The lieutenant designed and directed the construction of the section-sponsored Soap Box Derby.

During his stay with the 3500 Pilot Training Squadron, he drew new area maps for squadron area control rooms and flight rooms when the new radar control was implemented.

He designed and supervised redecoration of his flight room.

During his Christmas vacation, the lieutenant devoted an entire morning to an orphan.

"He has distinguished himself by displaying outstanding leadership qualities and a sincere devotion to duty," stated training officer 1st Lt. Lesley L. Seymore.

The 50 star flag has the stars arranged in alternate rows of 6 and 5, staggered; there are 5 rows of 6 and 4 rows of 5 stars.

Skiers Organize, Plan March Trip

By 2d Lt. P. J. Schlauch
Caravans of ski-laden cars leaving the base each Friday and the myriad of Monday morning sunburns indicate that there are a great number of weekend skiers at Reese.

Reese skiers have not had the opportunity to take advantage of the potential for reduced rates for rides, accommodations, lift tickets and lessons. All that has been changed, however, by the formation of the Reese Ski Club.

The club will offer its members a variety of benefits including organized ski trips with reduced rates for lift tickets, food and lodgings. Skiing lessons taught by highly qualified and experienced skiers will be offered at a nominal fee. The Ski Club bulletin board, located in the base procurement office, bldg. T-132, will serve as an exchange point for information about rides to ski areas, snow conditions and equipment for sale.

The initial meeting of the Reese Ski Club will be held 8 p.m., Feb. 20 in the Mathis Service Club. All military personnel, Reese Civil Service personnel and the dependents of both are invited to attend. The evening's program will include a color ski film.

During the remainder of this ski season, the club plans to present talks on first aid techniques, points to look for when purchasing equipment and summer care and storage of ski equipment. The club has tentatively scheduled a mid-March ski weekend at Angel Fire, N.M. For further information about the trip or the club contact Capt. John Kreideweis, ext. 314 or 2d Lt. P. J. Schlauch, ext. 613.

'There Is A Way' Vies For 'Oscar'

The film "There Is A Way," made a year ago at the 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, has been selected by the Air Force for entry in the 40th annual awards competition conducted at Hollywood's Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

The Aerospace Audio-Visual Service (AAVS) film will compete for an "Oscar" in the documentary feature category.

"There Is A Way," shown on base in September Commanders' Calls, captures the mission-by-mission emotions of F-105 Thunderchief pilots as they fly against military targets over North Vietnam. (AFNS)

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