



**TOP 76-08 GRADUATES** - Wing Commander, Col. Edward Mendel congratulates the six award winners from UPT Class 76-08. The award winners were (left to right): 2nd Lt. Patrick L. Carlton, Leadership Award; 2nd Lt. Michael B. Baum, Citizen Award; Capt. Dennis J. DeLuca, Academic Training Award; 2nd Lt. Brian R. Odell, ATC Commander's Trophy, Flying Training Award, outstanding graduate; 2nd Lt. John J. Visco, outstanding graduate; Col. Ben M. Pollard, guest speaker; and 2nd Lt. Thomas J. Whitmire, outstanding graduate. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

## Lubbock, base plan July 4th activities

A wide variety of activities will be offered by both Reese AFB and Lubbock in celebration of AMERICA'S 200th Birthday.

The following is a list of these activities so that you might plan to attend as many of these as possible.

### Reese AFB

Reese activities, that are tentatively planned begin July 2 and will continue through July 5, according to Capt. Carson F. Grimm, staff Judge Advocate Division, ext. 2505, this years coordinator of the Reese Bicentennial planning. Plan to attend the following activities now.

**July 2:** Inter Squadron slowpitch softball games. Street dance at the NCO Club, beginning, 6 p.m. with refreshments and food. The bands start, 9 p.m.

**July 3:** Continuation of the softball games and a dance at Mathis.

**July 4:** Swimming meet and slow pitch softball game.

### Lubbock

The city of Lubbock has a full slate of activities starting July 2 through July 5. These are:

**July 2:** Arrival of Longhorn Trail Drive at the Ranching Heritage Center, 5 p.m. Ranching Heritage Center dedication, 6 p.m.

**July 3:** Downtown parade, 10 a.m. Barbecue at Ranching Heritage Center, noon. Picnic at city parks, 5 p.m.

**July 4:** Sunday morning worship in city churches, "One Nation Under God" theme. Community Sing at Lowry Field, 8:45 p.m.

**July 5:** Sporting competitions will be held from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the city parks.

## WAPS to undergo changes in FY 78

**RANDOLPH AFB, Tex. (AFNS)** - Three far-reaching changes have been announced in the weighted airman promotion system (WAPS). They will be effective with the fiscal year 1978 promotion schedule. The revisions shift promotion cycles and eligibility requirements for grades E-5 through E-7.

Technical sergeant and master sergeant promotions will convert to annual cycles. This is a move to align these grades with procedures now in effect for E-8/9 ranks.

A second change moves the two cycles for E-5 to Feb. 1 through July 1, and Aug. 1 through Jan. 1. This is a change from the present June 1 through

Nov. 1, and Dec. 1 through May 1 timeframes.

A third significant revision increases by 12 months the minimum time-in-grade (TIG) requirements for consideration to grades E-6 through E-9. Airmen no longer will be promotion-eligible by attaining minimum time-in-grade for a particular rank by the end of the respective promotion cycle. They will now have to meet the same TIG requirement by the first day of the month before the first month of the promotion cycle.

Officials at the Air Force Military Personnel Center say the first change in annual cycles will occur in January 1977 when the

authorized testing period for E-6/7 will be run through March. These promotions will be effective in increments beginning Aug. 1, 1977.

The switch to annual cycles for E-6/7 is aimed at streamlining administration of promotion programs for these grades. It will mean that the numerous events surrounding the two cycles will now be one-time actions. Such things as rescoring of tests for the second cycle of a promotion year will no longer be necessary. Nonselectees will also have more advance notice to prepare for the next cycle.

Most importantly, this change

will not reduce promotion opportunity. Rather than selecting six per cent of the eligible population twice yearly, it means choosing 12 per cent annually. It puts the top four enlisted ranks in line for a promotion year beginning Aug. 1. The switch has been considered previously but was not feasible until recently when promotion quotas could be forecasted more accurately.

Realignment of the E-5 cycles will allow consolidated base personnel offices to conduct these promotion cycles during low-peak workload periods. It will also mean that people promoted to E-5 within a particular cycle will all be eligible during the same future cycle for E-6.

The TIG change will insure all individuals have at least one performance report obtained in their current grade before being considered for promotion. Present rules allow some first-time eligibles to compete for promotion without an airman performance report in their current grade.

Based on an analysis of average TIG of promotion selectees, the proposed changes to TIG and annual E-6/7 cycles will still provide ample opportunity for "fast burners" to be promoted ahead of their peers and allow multiple promotion consideration to each grade for the average noncommissioned officer.

## Dogs are man's best friend but, they may be liabilities

By Capt. (Dr.) Gilber M. Stay

A dog may be man's best friend, but, without precautions it may also be one of Man's biggest liabilities.

Biting is probably the most "criminal" activity a dog can perform. The habitual biter is condemned to an early death. A vicious dog bite may leave a pet owner in a financial situation that threatens everything he owns. Don't make the mistake of believing it can't happen or that a dog's first incident doesn't count.

Whether on a military installation or living in the civilian community the pet owner is responsible for his dog. For example, it is against both base and city ordinances for

dogs to run loose. By failing to obey such mandates, the pet owner is needlessly subjecting himself to the risk of his pet doing harm for which both he and the pet may have to pay.

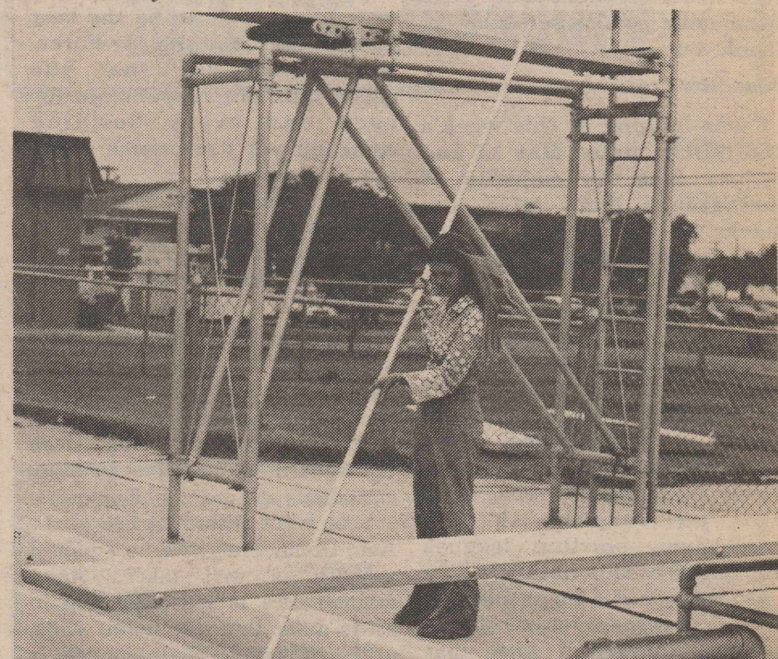
At an Air Training Command base a small girl was severely bitten about her face by a dog with a history of injuring young children. In the end, the claim was \$140,000. There are numerous other cases of pet owners having to bite the bullet for what their dogs have done. A 56-year-old truck mechanic was bitten in a junk yard and wound up with a claim for more than \$25,000.

A police officer who returned a lost child to its home was bitten by the child's dog and again the pet owner was held liable. In another case a

dog with a record of biting children attacked a youth, biting the child's nose off and costing his owner \$10,000.

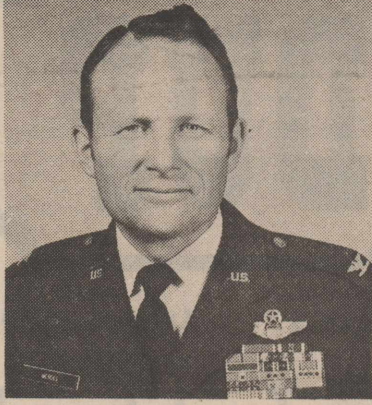
The law does provide some exceptions for the pet owners who take precautions against their pets running loose. However, this is an area of the law in which the courts are showing less and less compassion.

Keep your dog a friend to man. Make sure as a pet owner you obey leash and license laws. Vaccinate the dog annually, spay or neuter pets to help combat the pet population explosion. Keep your dog from barking excessively and prevent destruction of other's property by your pet.



**OPENS SATURDAY** - Loretta Bryan performs some last minute maintenance on the pool behind the NCO Open Mess. Both pools will open Saturday. Patches must be brought this year for admission to the pools. The patches may be purchased at the pools and will cost \$3 per person or \$10 (maximum) per family. Those not purchasing patches will pay a 25 cents per day fee. All guest will pay 50 cents per day. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Amn Gary Dybvig)

# FROM THE TRAIL BOSS



Col. Edward Mendel  
Wing Commander

As a Nation, Monday we observe Memorial Day. The occasion brings to mind two significant thoughts. First, we must appreciate why we set aside this holiday. Second, we must make every effort to observe the holiday safely.

Memorial Day is traditionally the time at which all Americans honor those who have given their lives in the defense of this great country of ours. Whether we are participating in observance ceremonies or merely enjoying the holidays, we should remember that in our military profession we must also be prepared to make the same sacrifices that our

predecessors have made over the last 200 years.

As a military person, you must be completely dedicated to service to your country. We are professionals, and should be totally committed to our profession and our mission of keeping the peace. Those who are dedicated can take pride in their service in the same way that we are proud of those we honor this Memorial Day.

Enjoy your days off in your own fashion, have fun, see old friends, but whatever you do — use reasoned play, seasoned judgement, and with safety first in thought and deed.

## Commander's CARE Line

(Editor's Note: THE ROUNDUP will publish Commander's CARE Line calls which are of basewide interest. Names of callers will not be published, but callers should leave their name and duty extension in case their problem needs clarification. All calls are reviewed by Wing Commander Col. Edward Mendel. Reese people are urged to use their chain of command or the office of primary responsibility to air complaints or comments, if possible. If not, call the CARE Line by dialing C-A-R-E (Ext. 2273). Please provide your name and duty section when calling.)

Dear Sir:

I would like to know why some water coolers on base which are for drinking fountains are being utilized and others may not utilize theirs. I think this is a discriminatory practice and I would like for you to address the area in question.

Perhaps we just didn't get the policy out clearly enough, but it should be by now. In case you haven't heard, here it is . . . "If you work in an air conditioned building your water cooler should not be turned on. If you work outside, or your building is not air conditioned, you are authorized to have your water cooler on." The purpose of this policy is to conserve energy. It may seem like a small thing but every little bit counts when it comes to conserving.

Dear Sir:

I am curious as to why our base commander is wearing the insignia of a lieutenant colonel and wears the rank of full bird colonel on his vehicle?

You caught us with our plates mixed. The proper "Base Commander" plate got switched by mistake and our colonel selectee got an early unofficial promotion. We fixed the plates to avoid the problem and are still looking forward to the time (soon) when our Base Commander puts those eagles on. Thank you.

Dear Sir:

I was looking at this week's ROUNDUP, dated May 14 and noticed that the majority of photographs don't have any Blacks in the pictures. I see some Spanish in one and only in the officers are there two Blacks. That is natural, because while you left in the officers you certainly can't leave out the other races. I don't like looking at the newspaper and just seeing all the other races represented and not ours. Surely there must be some of us who participate in the gymnasium, bowling leagues and things of this nature.

As I mentioned in our phone call, I think our newspaper people do give unbiased coverage. I agree that pride in heritage is important. It is one of the major themes for our Bicentennial celebration. I also agree with you that there is a

continuing need for all segments of our base population to be represented in THE ROUNDUP, not just Caucasians or Mexicans or Blacks. Our newspaper editor and his staff strive for balanced coverage of base, command-wide, and Air Force news. In so doing, they do not operate on any sort of racial "quota" system as to which pictures will be used in any given issue. Instead, they strive to cover newsworthy events and interesting feature stories, regardless of race. Perhaps the best way to improve coverage in the paper for those of your race or for any group is to let the Information Division, in particular the newspaper editor (Ext. 2843) know what is going on. All too often good stories are missed because the newspaper staff is not informed. Of course, everything can't be printed, the paper just isn't big enough, but our effort is made to get the newsworthy items printed. If you look at a number of back issues of THE ROUNDUP as I did, you will find our newspaper staff is doing a good job of reporting.

Dear Sir:

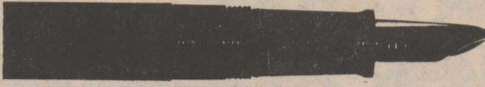
I am concerned over the appearance of the base especially the many areas that need grass cutting and cleanup. Although there has been some improvement, we need to set the example so we can be the best base in ATC and the Air Force. Regulations say that the custodians are responsible for each and every building assigned yet I see some areas not being done. . . .

What about the regulation forbidding people to work on their cars in places other than the Auto Hobby Shop?

A concerned NCO  
Thank you for your interest. All of us should be concerned about keeping a neat appearing base. We should all "pick up and police up", specially during our spring "clean up" season, to help our building custodians and our Civil Engineers.

Your point regarding use of the Auto Hobby Shop area for repair of vehicles is well taken. Major maintenance is not permitted in areas other than the hobby shop, although minor maintenance is permitted providing safety and cleanliness standards are maintained.

Col. Edward Mendel



## Dear Editor

By Sgt. Jim Newcomb

Commanders and supervisors are supposedly concerned with morale but when it comes right down to it, do they (the commanders and administrators) really care? I doubt it.

For example, why the gross difference on officer and enlisted quarters? Granted rank has its privileges, but we should not be treated like second class citizens. We are forced to live in dorms with central hallways and central entrances (which are more expensive to build than the BOQ style dorms), there are normally two people to a room (rooms range from 9'X9 to about 12'X15'), cooking facilities are prohibited, female visitors are not allowed in the dorm, and senior noncommissioned

officers must live in the same facilities as first term airmen.

Recently the USAF Hospital lost half of its rooms due to an influx of Civil Engineering people. If the Hospital gets one or two new people in we'll have to borrow rooms from other squadrons. What became of unit integrity? This crowding has also caused tension and low morale among the single hospital technicians.

I'm certain this problem was foreseen. If someone had taken the time to explain the situation to us and had asked for suggestions, we wouldn't feel as violated as we do. Has anyone considered changing a BOQ into an NCO dormitory? Why require officers to live on base if they can afford and prefer to live downtown? This would give quite a bit of room to the airmen and would

give NCOs the type of treatment they deserve.

This is only one area causing poor morale. Flight line personnel bust their butts with little or no thanks, Hospital personnel are constantly under criticism, and are stuffed into dorms like animals in kennels.

If people in positions of responsibility would discuss proposed changes with people the change will affect most directly, then morale would increase immeasurably.

During our barracks meeting to inform us that we all would have to move into one wing, one sergeant said as he left the room, "I want you all to remember this the next time they want you to reenlist." Is there any doubt why we have lost our motivation?

## Memorial Day Message

*"Memorial Day is a traditional time for Americans to remember with pride and appreciation the more than one million fellow citizens who have died in the defense of our country. As we pay tribute to our military dead, we must do more than applaud their legendary courage; we must rededicate ourselves to the heritage of freedom for which they gave their lives. By acting in a way that reflects credit on their patriotism, we can honor their memory and*

*extend that heritage to future generations.*

*"On this Memorial Day our defenses are strong, and we are more determined than ever to keep them strong; not strong for the sake of war — but strong for the sake of peace. A grateful Nation, rejoicing in two hundred years of freedom and independence, we salute our Armed Forces — past and present — and acknowledge their inspiring contribution to our national security and way of life."*

Signed: Gerald R. Ford

### Chaplain's Corner

## No clear teachings exist in Bible regarding divorce

By Maj. James W. Millsaps  
Protestant Chaplain

Divorce is an issue which directly affects almost every family at Reese. It is one of the most sensitive areas that shall be discussed in this series.

No clear doctrine or systematic teaching about divorce is anywhere present in the Bible. There are differences in the Old Testament and the New Testament teachings about divorce. Matthew and Mark indicate some differences in what Jesus said about it (Matthew 5:32 and 19:9 and Mark 10:11-12). There is difficulty in making compatible Jesus' teachings and Paul's teaching as reflected in 1 Corinthians 7:10-11.

Jesus makes reference to divorce in Matthew 5:31-32; 19:3-9 and Mark 10:2-12. All three of these are

capable of being interpreted to mean that in cases of sexual immorality Jesus allowed divorce.

Paul in 1 Corinthians 7:10-11 expresses the Lord's Opinion and in verses 12-16 he sets forth his own view: "I say, not the Lord . . ." This was that a believer married to an unbeliever should not divorce but that if the unbeliever chose to separate, the believer could " . . . let it be so . . ."

What about divorce and remarriage? The Mosaic Law implies that a person could remarry even though the reason for divorce was not adultery (Deuteronomy 24:1-2). In Matthew 19:9 Jesus seems to imply that the one who had not committed adultery was free to remarry. While some of the Biblical teachings on divorce are quite clear, others are not. Indeed, many

perplexing questions are raised by a careful study of the Bible and divorce.

There are no easy answers. I certainly do not claim to have them. This one thing I do know; the Holy Scriptures are given for the good of mankind. It is not my place to express negative actions toward any person for not making it in marriage. Almost every day I cry deep inside as I witness the war and woof of hurt and selfishness, of hate and pain, as these things flows from many homes. There are times you see when some of those same things flow in my own home, but we have determined that by the Grace of God and through His power and presence we shall continue to become the man and woman in Christ (i.e. "one flesh") that God willed for us.

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# Writing bad checks is a serious matter

You may not always like your husband's new duty station. The climate may be extreme, the people foreign, or the location isolated, but the worst place that anyone in the military can live is beyond their income.

Unlike our government that operates on a system of checks and balances to stay out of trouble, some military people and their families have adopted a system of checks without balances — and trouble is what they get into.

There are some popular misconceptions about rubber checks that have gotten even the most decent of folk into a mess. For instance, they write a check without sufficient funds on Friday because Monday is payday and they can make a deposit to cover it before the check clears the bank. That's only fudging a little and no harm is done, right?

Wrong. Writing bad checks is a serious matter, and you might

outsmart yourself. More and more financial institutions are using computers and electronic funds transfer, and your check could very well clear on the same day. A bounced check is no joking matter.

Writing a bad check is a crime in all states, as well as in the military. The offense is complete as soon as the check is written. Even if you cover it after it is returned, you can still be prosecuted.

In the past, the practice in civilian and military

communities was to give the party writing a bad check a chance to make the check good, without any criminal action being taken.

But things are changing. Present financial conditions have made merchants less tolerant of bad checks, less inclined to make collection, and more enforcement-minded.

Law enforcement authorities in many areas have stated they will no longer collect bad checks. There will

be no chance to redeem a bad check; they will simply prosecute.

In light of these changes, you must assume that the number of bad checks you can write without penalty is zero. It takes effort to keep a budget balanced, pay bills, and provide operating funds for your family. Sometimes you can get ahead of yourself. But, take care — writing a check before the money is deposited in the bank just doesn't make good dollars and cents. (AFNS)

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## Defense Manpower Commission report supports military benefits

WASHINGTON (AFNS) - The Defense Manpower Commission report to the President and Congress was released recently.

One area of interest to Air Force men and women, in light

of the current emphasis on perceived erosion of benefits, may be the commission's comments on a "Bill of Rights" for military members.

The report addressed this subject by saying:

"Removal of real or perceived benefits, regardless of the reason, can, and frequently does, produce service reactions out of proportion to the savings involved. Such presumed savings then become illusory for two reasons: trained personnel who might have been motivated toward a career leave the service at the first opportunity; and those who have chosen a military career feel that the Government has broken faith with them. The investment in recruiting, training, and experience of those lost may well exceed any savings originally contemplated. The adverse impact on the morale of those remaining should be obvious and a cause for deep concern.

"The significant point in these actions is not in the rationale or justification for the act itself. The serviceman may not be aware of these or, if he is, may reject the premise as being irrelevant. As an example, it is hard for a man on a destroyer, on duty 70 hours a week and living in a confined space, to understand why his commissary benefits are being removed as an economy measure."

"The Commission believes that a 'Bill of Rights' should be enacted specifying the benefits that accrue from military service. This 'Bill of Rights' would provide that such benefits would only be changed or eliminated prospectively and changes would not apply to those already in the service. In other words, we feel that for whatever reason, the serviceman now feels that his benefits are in jeopardy. His

trust and confidence in the system have been shaken to the point where legislation may be necessary to restore it."

The Defense Manpower

Commission was created by Congress in 1973 to conduct a comprehensive study of overall manpower needs of the Department of Defense.

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## AIR FORCE NEWS SUMMARY

### B-1 Flies Twice Speed of Sound

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### House Approves Reserve Callup Bill

On May 3, the House of Representatives approved a bill to permit ordering reservists to active duty for a limited time. The bill would allow callup of 50,000 reservists for up to 90 days without declaration of national emergency or war. The bill has passed the Senate and must now go to the President for signature to become law.

### Matlovich's Return To Air Force Disapproved

WASHINGTON (AFNS) - The Air Force has notified Leonard P. Matlovich that the Secretary of the Air Force, Thomas C. Reed, has approved the recommendation by the Air Force Board for the Correction of Military Records denying Mr. Matlovich's application to correct his records and reinstate him in the Air Force.

Mr. Matlovich was administratively discharged for being a practicing homosexual. He was given an honorable discharge, however, due to his meritorious service record.

## mission measure

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# Air Force issues guidelines on new enlisted organization

WASHINGTON (AFNS) - The senior airman rank starts June 1. This is the top step in the apprentice trainee tier (E-1 through E-4 senior airman) of the new enlisted force organization.

Enlisted grades are being placed into three tiers to better define roles and responsibility for each grade.

When promoted to E-4, an individual is designated a senior airman. All existing E-4 pay and entitlements will be given but individuals will be addressed as "senior airman" or "airman".

Upon reaching 12 months' time-in-grade and completion of a noncommissioned officer (NCO) orientation training course, airmen having a good record and recommendations by their reporting official and unit commander receive an appointment to NCO status and may be called sergeant.

To visually distinguish senior airmen and below from E-4/sergeant and above, a new insignia has been developed. The

basic design is the same as the current E-4 insignia, except airmen (senior airmen and below) will wear a blue star. NCOs will continue to wear the current insignia with the silver star.

While there is no change to the time-in-service or time-in-grade for promotion to E-5, and E-4 must have attained NCO status before he may be promoted to E-5. The changes will apply only to those airmen promoted to grade E-4 on or after the June 1 implementation date. Those already in grade E-4 at that time will remain NCOs and wear current E-4 stripes.

Personnel in grades E-2 and E-3 will not have to change stripes until their next promotion.

The present criteria for promotion to E-4 will remain the same. A person must have a 5-skill level and eight months' time-in-grade as an E-3.

Airmen who demonstrate abilities can be promoted to E-4 (senior airman) up to six months earlier under the new below-the-zone (BTZ) program.

Officials say the 12 months' time-in-grade criteria cannot be waived. This time allows senior airmen a chance to demonstrate to supervisors and commanders they are ready to assume NCO responsibilities.

Reenlistment is not necessary to make E-4 NCO. Normally, eligibility for appointment to E-4 NCO status will occur at the 43/44 month of service. Air Force officials say this timing was selected specifically to allow the airman who was doing an outstanding job, but did not play to make the Air Force a career, the opportunity to become an NCO prior to leaving the Air Force.

Air Force officials say the new NCO criteria is not intended to establish a new pay grade or to take entitlements away from anyone. Rather, it is a management action to insure that each individual has the training, experience, and maturity to assume the responsibilities of being an NCO.

## Should tax records be kept?

By Lt. Col. Alfred C. Brinson  
Chief, Civil Law  
Yokota AB, Japan

Are you required to keep income tax records? Definitely, yes.

I once talked with an upset person who had been audited by the

Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The IRS had denied his \$1,500 church contribution deduction. He had made his contributions in cash and had not obtained receipts or a statement of contributions from his church.

To avoid such an unhappy experience, we should keep proper records of all deductible items such as charitable contributions, real estate taxes, and interest paid.

It is advisable to pay deductible items by check and keep the statements, receipts and cancelled checks. Make yourself a personal file and include in it these statements, receipts, and cancelled checks. Also include in your file a copy of each income tax return you have filed.

Some tax records and copies of returns should be kept indefinitely. For example, if you have converted a former home into rental property, you need your records as long as you own the rental property to figure the allowable depreciation. You must keep your records as long as their contents are material in administering any Internal Revenue Service law.

The law requires you to have records to clearly establish your income and source, and your deductions and credits claimed. (AFNS)



NEW LOOK - Amn Lerone Gunter wears the new Security Police beret while guarding the main gate to Reese. The beret was added to the police wardrobe by Maj. Gen. Thomas M. Sadler. Security Police can be seen wearing these berets even indoors since it is authorized for personnel bearing arms to be "under cover". (U.S. Air Force Photo by Amn Gary Dybvig)

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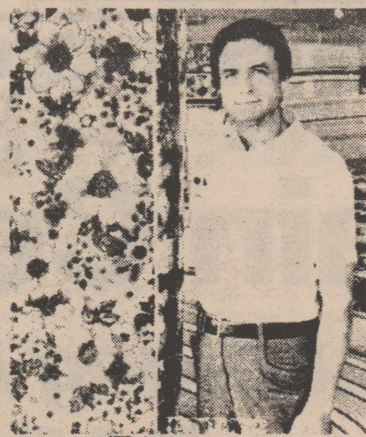
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## Crosswinds

# Special events highlight week

By 1st Lt. Clifford E. Napolitano

This past week has been special with a few interesting events. The monthly Commander's Call and flying safety meeting finally took place at the club as planned and that seems to be the best way to get a majority of the squadron over to the club on a Friday night.

The influx of new people and farewells to personnel is tops on the list of things that are happening. It seems as though the departures are ever increasing and the replacements fewer and fewer.

Among our new replacements is Capt. John Thompson who also received an award from the 17th Air Force as the outstanding

reconnaissance aircraft commander for the last six months in the entire 17th Air Force. The award was presented by Col. Richard Ingram. Congratulations John and welcome to the squadron.

Other newcomers included Amn Gilda Cuevas, a new addition to the dispatch section; 1st Lt. Doug DeBruler, entering F flight; Capt. Tim House, back from the student squadron entering P-Qual Section; Capt. Larry Blameuser, from RF-4's at Bergstrom AFB, Tex., checking out in P-Qual; 1st Lt. Hans Hardin, from T-41's at the United States Air Force Academy; Capt. Rhett Rehage, from B-52's at Beale AFB, Calif.; Capt. Buzzy Frysinger, from KC-135's at Loring AFB, Maine. Welcome to you all.

The personnel leaving the squadron are Capt. Mort Lacey, going to AFIT at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; Capt. Mike Rossi, going to R&D at Hill AFB, Utah; Capt. Walt Wagner, to Braniff Airlines; 1st Lt. Bruce Hollister, to Academics; Capt. Bruce Dubbs, to PIT; 1st Lt. Joe Dye to the student squadron and SSgt. Greg Thier to

Korea. Gentlemen we salute you and wish you well. We will miss you one and all.

The squadron is adjusting to some new changes. Our prettiest addition is Mrs. Terri West, the new squadron secretary. Maj. Larry Sproul and Capt. Tom Capps have both returned from Bootstrap. Captain Capps will be the Assistant Section Commander for Section Two. Major Sproul will be with us until he goes PCS to Tinker AFB, Okla.

Capt. Joe Grinder has taken over as the "C" flight assistant flight commander. First Lt. John Boggs has moved down the hall to check section. First Lt. Mike Truax has moved into squadron scheduling and 1st Lt. Bob Winkler has moved into "A" flight.

This month's IP of the Month for the 35th is 1st Lt. Mike Truax. Lieutenant Truax was cited for his outstanding work as the "A" flight Scheduler and his work with new QIP syllabus. Congratulations Mike.

Second Lt. Don Barton received a

letter from the 559th FTS at Randolph AFB, Tex. for being the honor graduate of the PIT class. Congratulations "hands" Barton.

Also the band of "Flat foots" who marched as part of the graduation parade received an "Atta Boy" from the DO, Col. Richard Ingram and also a free pass to sleep through the next two parades. I have heard that all the marchers were aided by a small rock placed in their left hands to aid in directional control.

The biggest event of the week was the "Great Race" between the tortoise and the hare. To the untrained eye the race would have appeared to be only a lieutenant colonel and a first lieutenant running the aerobics test. However, the squadron was well aware that 1st Lt. "Flash" Dye had spotted Lt. Col. "No Guts, No Glory" Keller three minutes in the mile and a half run. With much struggle and no breath at all they approached the finish line amongst the cheering of the crowd. As it turned out both age and beauty crossed the finish line before Lieutenant Dye. Youth has been humbled again.

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Monday at 7 p.m. the Mathis weekly tournament winners will play for the club table tennis championship.

## Future Dances

Mathis is preparing to welcome June with a series of exciting dances. The ever popular "American Peddlers" will appear for a dance and show June 4. The exciting new group "TNT" will provide the music for dancing June 18. "Mr. Payne, the disco man" will provide his groovy recorded sounds for dancing June 11 and 25. The disco dances will begin at 10 p.m. and will last until 2 a.m. Refreshments will be available.

## Trip Planned

Due to the tremendous interest in the Big Bend Canoe trip, Mathis has scheduled a trip to the racetrack at Ruidosa Downs, N.M. in June.

The tour price of \$59.95 includes roundtrip transportation from Lubbock, two nights deluxe accommodations at the Villa Inn, two days entry to the racetrack, two days admission to the Jockey Club, and all tips and gratuities.

This horseracing enthusiast's delight leaves at 7 p.m. June 11 and returns at approximately 11 p.m. June 13.

Villa Inn has deluxe rooms, heated pool, cocktail lounge, and dining room.

For those who would rather ride the horses than bet on them, riding will be available. Also there are several golf courses in the area.

Only 22 people can go on the tour. Reservations will be on a first come first served basis. Reservations must be made and paid for by June 8. The money is not refundable unless verification of emergency is received from an immediate supervisor and squadron commander.

Only active duty military personnel and dependents, retired military and dependents, and federal employees of Reese are authorized to participate in the tour.

# Entertainment Flick Flack

Feature films at the Simler Theater begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. The box office opens 30 minutes before each show time. The Saturday Matinee begins at 2 p.m.

**Tonight:** Charles Bronson, Ben Johnson and Jill Ireland in "Breakheart Pass", rated PG.

**Tomorrow's Matinee:** "How to Frame a Figg", rated G.

**Tomorrow Evening:** Jack Elam and Chuck Pierce in "The Winds of Autumn". Set in 1884, the film is a story of events that occurred in the Montana Quaker community, when three members of a farm family were brutally murdered by a passing gang of outlaws. Rated PG.

**Sunday:** "Kung Fu Gold", a story of how 12 men seek their fortune panning for gold in the hills outside the city of Hong Kong.

**Wednesday:** Robert Redford and Bo Svenson in "The Great Waldo Pepper". A story about a daredevil barnstorming pilot of the 1920's. Rated PG.

**Thursday:** Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw and Richard Dreyfuss in "Jaws", rated PG.

# At Open Messes

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**Tonight:** Beef 'n' bubbles, \$4.50. Sunny Daze Band in the Ballroom and George Brown in the Lounge.

**Tomorrow:** Prime Rib au jus, \$5.25.

**Sunday:** Open mess closed.

**Tuesday:** International Night featuring chicken in wine sauce, \$2.50.

**Wednesday:** Chicken fried steak, \$2.50.

**Thursday:** Fried chicken, \$2.50.

**Don't forget:** "Spring Fire" is coming June 14-19 in the Main Lounge. All Hawaiian Reveu and Luau June 2. Better than last years luau because of Lei Kukui's terrific floor show and dance band.

## NCO OPEN MESS

**Tonight:** Disco and the Singing MA.

**Tomorrow:** The mess is featuring great entertainment, Jeffrey Eden floor show, Clarence Nieman and The Rangers, dance band, backed by Bob Suggs and the Rangerettes.

**Monday:** The mess will be operating on a holiday schedule. The NCO open mess dining room is open from 5-9 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

# Youth Activities

**Tonight:** Free movies at 7 p.m.

**Tomorrow:** Little league baseball at 10 a.m. Dance from 8-12 p.m. Members 50 cents, nonmembers one dollar. All guests must be signed in by member. No one admitted if 18 or out of high school.

**Sunday:** Coed recreation at 1 p.m. Chess instruction at 3:30 p.m.

**Monday:** Memorial Day, special events all day. Check with staff for details.

**Tuesday:** Little League baseball and coed softball at 7 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Tap, ballet, gymnastics at 1 p.m. Little League baseball. Teen pool tournament at 7 p.m.

**Thursday:** Piano lessons, Little League baseball, Youth Center officers' meeting at 3 p.m.

# Inside the Loop

**Sunday:** Natural History exhibit at the Museum.

**Monday:** Elvis Presley Concert at the Municipal Coliseum. Tickets may be purchased at the Coliseum box office.

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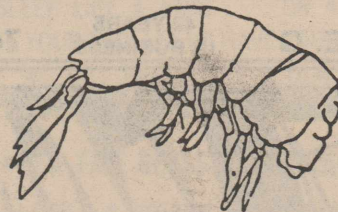
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# Patton delivers opening address

By 1st Lt. Jim Nelson  
64th Student Squadron

"Roasts and Toasts" were enjoyed by all last weekend at the Wing Dining-In sponsored by the 64th Student Squadron. In his normal brilliance, Mr. Vice, Capt. Gary Boystel, rang true to the occasion. The guest speaker was Brig. Gen. Robert B. Tanguy, deputy director of Legislative Liason, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force, Washington, D.C. With an opening address by George C. Scott on film from "Patton", this Dining-In will be hard to match for some time to come.

First Lt. Ron "I fly jets" Cone is finally back in the squadron following leave and R&R at Charm school. It's funny though, he doesn't seem any more charming at all.

Class 76-10

Section One managed to get everyone over FPC's and our congratulations to Tiger Dave and Large and Lethal Gary for passing the contact check. Second Lt. Robert Criag took the honors (BB Award) for shooting a visual approach to a cow pasture and then questioning the controller's concern about a safe approach to the real runway. Runnerups included: 2nd Lt. Thomas McKee as TWO checking in the flight, and for his solo ride for offering the lead to his wingman after determining his 4SI was bad. Lead suggested FAST SLAVE to which Lieutenant McKee replied, "It's OK now." Second Lt. Karl Gabrys for attempting to taxi at night without lights; and 2nd Lt. Kevin Smith at our picnic for disregarding all no swimming signs and eluding the shore patrol and deciding to go swimming clothes and all, pausing only to remove his shoes. Our thanks to him for organizing the picnic.

Class 76-11

Now that Reese has survived everyone's initial solo, we are continuing to make a name for our class by inventing new procedures such as "CFT - climbing final turn," and "CCT - cross country taxi". Section One's newsworthy event of the week was their "Fair Haired Boy", 2nd Lt. David Young and his gallant and successful attempt to ward off the women of the Diamond Doll armed only with a wedding ring at 2nd Lt. John Janson's bachelor party. Meanwhile, Section Two's 2nd Lt. Paul Kelly continues his attempt to make his mark in the Guinness Book of World Records for the longest time spent in a "G" suit.

Class 77-01

Section One has attacked the T-38 this week. We found them all lined up in this building, but why are there only 12 of them? We have survived our first week in Academics, amazingly enough so has 1st Lt. Guy Davis. We'd like to

say hell-o to our new "Buzzard" flight IPs, wherever they are. We had a "Fryer's" roast for our T-37 IPs last week. To say the least, everyone left medium rare. A suggestion to Capt. George Porter - Put pillows in the learning Center. We sleep there anyway.

Class 77-03

This past week brought about an event that will not be forgotten - Initial solo. A time when your IP closes his eyes, crosses his fingers, removes his wings, and turns you loose. Of course, 1st Lt. Lou Shaefer was always waiting to greet you with his devious mind on your return. I must admit that Lou has the hands of a surgeon when he ices you down and takes you for a swim. "C" flight would like to congratulate Captain Lamontagne on his F-111. He will also visit the pool before he leaves.

It may also be mentioned that 2nd Lt. Michael Townsend's new name is "Gear Check".

## Talon Talk

# Ranft chosen IP of Month

Star Date: 76.149

Captain Henri' Restricted reporting for Talon Service News. Personnel changes highlight the news for this week.

Here we go. Capt. Jim Lenord has moved from "F" flight commander to the squadron exec position; Capt. Cal Agustin has moved from "E" flight assistant commander to "F" flight commander; Capt. Jim Walters has moved from "E" flight to "F" flight assistant commander; Capt. Mark Sievers has moved from "F" flight to the ACE program; Maj. Ken Bramble is now "E" flight assistant commander; and 1st Lt. Bruce Grueling has moved from "H" to "E" flight. New IPs to the 54th are First Lieutenants Staib, Eberhart, Martin, and Bryant. They got to G,F,A, and D flights respectively. Lost to the 54th is 1st Lt. Don Luehm who will become the new Foreign Training Officer.

Congratulations for IP of the Month go to 1st Lt. A. J. Ranft (the R is silent) for April and to 1st Lt. Al Jackson for May (which is strange since he was on leave during May).

Speaking of leaves, your roving entertainment reporter on the Talon Staff has just returned from a hard tour scoping out the beautiful beach of Waikiki in Hawaii. If any members of the 54th ever catch a hop over there the place to stay is at the Halo Koa (House of the Warrior) at Ft. Durusy. Not only is it on the best part of the beach but it is run exclusively for the military and

their families. It was built from nonappropriated funds collected from BX's, officer and NCO clubs from around the world. Reservations, however, must be


made at least three months in advance.

Definition of the week: Flight Service Station: Place where you gas up.



WHO ME? - With a look of pure surprise, 1st Lt. Andrew J. Ranft learns of his selection as the 54th Flying Training Squadron Instructor Pilot of the Month. Lieutenant Ranft was cited for his superior performance in the RSU and in scheduling. (U.S. Air Force Photo)


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# Reese News Summary

## YWCA SUMMER REGISTRATION BEGINS

Summer class registration is being accepted now at the YWCA, 3101 35th St. Classes for preschoolers, elementary and teens, and adults, will begin June 7. Swimming classes begin June 1 and must be registered for at the YWCA pool, 3102 36th St. Children's swim classes meet daily for two week sessions and are offered for every skill level for ages 4 through 13. Mommy and Me classes for 1 through 3 year olds, meet daily for eight lessons, and are scheduled at 9:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 6 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. For further information call the YWCA, 792-2723.

## BASE SIGN RESERVATIONS

Effective immediately, reservations for the publicity sign at the main gate will be made by calling the Mathis Recreation Center, Ext. 2787/2722. Reservations will no longer be made at the MWR Division office. The sign will be used for entertainment and Reese community functions only.

Commissary employees a three day holiday for Memorial Day. Normal operations will resume Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Anyone interested in attending one of the briefings is welcome, wives included.

## BTZ Promotions

Four Reese Airmen were selected this week for below-the-zone promotions to senior airman (SrA). They are: A1C Tony Prince, Craig Kemnitz, Terry Smith, and Dana Davidson. SrA stripes will be sewed on Tuesday.

## AIR FORCE HAS LOWEST AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT RATE

OSD's Office of Public Affairs recently released figures showing accident rates for the Army, Navy, and Air Force. Marine Corps statistics were included in the Navy total. Records show that last year the Air Force had a major accident rate of 0.28 per 10,000 flying hours (down from 0.29 in FY '74). The Navy and Marine Corps rate was 0.73 (down from 0.75 in FY '74). The Army rate was 0.63 (down from 0.72 in FY '74).

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## ATC ACADEMY GRADUATES

Technical Sergeants Leander Black, 64th Organizational Maintenance Squadron; and Alvin R. Flowers and Robert R. McLean, 64th Field Maintenance Squadron, were among 115 recent graduates of the Air Training Command (ATC) NCO Academy, Officer Training School, Lackland AFB Annex.

## MAC CAREER MOTIVATION BRIEFING

There will be a Military Airlift Command (MAC) briefing in the Simler Theater at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. June 8. The briefings will last approximately one hour each.

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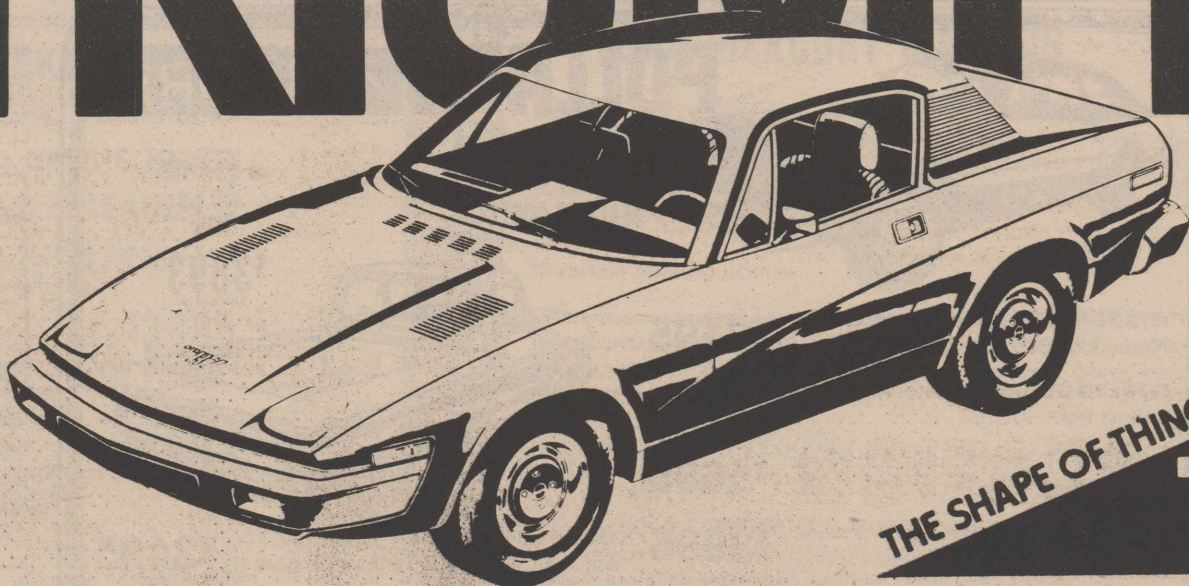
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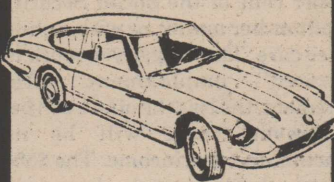
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# Survivor Benefit Plan: Something to think about

By Bill Noble

## ATC Office of Information

The Retirement Briefing had lasted more than the usual two hours. Some 40 officer and noncommissioned officers (NCO) had listened intently to information on travel, shipment of household goods, selling back leave time, Veterans Administration benefits, legal aid, CHAMPUS, insurance, and the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP).

The briefing had gone into overtime largely because most of the 40 men and women in the room reacted as though they were hearing about SBP for the first time. For most, the decision to elect or reject the SBP would profoundly affect the financial future of themselves and their spouses.

A month or two away from retirement is a little late to start estate planning. So there were questions.

What is the Survivor Benefit Plan? What are its advantages and disadvantages? What can a young career blue-suiter do now to have more options in planning for the security of his survivors?

The SBP went into effect Sept. 21, 1972 as Public Law 92-425. Basically, it provides income of up to 55 per cent of retired pay for the survivor of a deceased retiree. In many respects — largely in cost — it is superior to the Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan which it replaced.

Members of the Uniformed Services (including Reservists when

they reach age 60) are automatically enrolled in SBP, if they have spouses or dependent children. Specific action is required in writing to reject participation or to elect less than the maximum.

Those who do not plan ahead to accumulate capital or insurance are therefore faced with a tough decision. Almost without exception, once you are in SBP, you can't get out. Except for the member with no spouse or children at the time of retirement, once out, you can't get in. (The member without spouse or child can choose as beneficiary a person with an "insurable interest" in him, marry later, and change the beneficiary — within one year — to his spouse.)

Once in SBP, the amount taken out of your retired pay continues the rest of your life, even if your spouse pre-deceases you. The reduction of pay does stop in the child-only election after there is no longer an eligible child.

Offsetting this somewhat bitter provision is the fact your income tax will be based on your net retired pay after the SBP deduction.

### Cost

What is the cost? To leave 55 per cent of your retired pay to your spouse alone costs \$7.50 per month on the first \$300 of retired pay and \$10 per month (or 10 per cent) per \$100 over the first \$300. Thus, a member retiring on exactly \$1,000 per month would pay \$77.50 to guarantee his spouse \$550 per

month after death. (The cost to include children is nominal — only \$2.75 in this illustration.)

For most retirees — particularly those over 45 to 50 years of age — this is a very reasonable figure and compares favorably to term life insurance rates. The older the member, of course, the more favorably this compares.

But, like term insurance, there is death benefit only — no cash value. Like term, there is no way to get your money back if you out-live your dependents.

Another thing to consider is the so-called "Social Security offset."

Since both SBP and Social Security are Federal programs in which the Government is paying part of the cost, a widow at age 62, or with a child in her care, will see her SBP income reduced by all or part of the Social Security benefit to which she becomes entitled because of her death. The reduction will not be 100 per cent in every case. It will be prorated based on the ratio of your military service (from Jan. 1, 1957 to date of retirement) to your lifetime Social Security coverage. If all your Social Security credits were earned on active duty, the offset would be 100 per cent of the Social Security benefit at her age 62, or with a child in her care. The longer you work in "covered" employment after retirement, the less the offset will be.

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## Museum preserves SP contributions

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The museum was proposed by Maj. Gen. Thomas M. Sadler, chief of Security Police, Headquarters, U. S. Air Force. "The wealth of experience and data available from the Vietnam era and the entire professional experience of the security police career field will be lost to history unless they are preserved now," General Sadler said in his proposal. "Security Police participation in both the Korean and Vietnam conflicts was

distinctive and is deserving of lasting recognition," General Sadler said.

The museum would also serve as a focal point for the development of esprit de corps and professional unity by providing the new security policeman with a sense of history and professional pride, according to General Sadler.

The museum site will be the lobby of the building which houses the Security Police Academy. It will be open to the public. Display items will include documents, replicas, communications and personal equipment, trophies, murals, and firearms. Later, larger items, such as jeeps and armored personnel carriers, may be added.

## Senior officers transfer

Randolph AFB, Tex. (ATCPS) — Several senior officers within Air Training Command (ATC) have received assignments.

Col. Roy J. Ginder, chief, Logistics Support Division, ATC Inspector General (IG), Randolph AFB, Texas, will be assigned as deputy director for Inspection, ATC/IG. He replaces Col. Austin R. Bryan, who will become deputy commander, 7206th Air Base Group (ABG), Hellenikon AB (formerly Athena Airport), Greece.

Lt. Col. (Col. selectee) William V. Finn, commander, 64th ABGP,

Reese AFB, Tex., will replace Colonel Ginder.

Col. Alain G. Boughton, commander, 3380th Resource Management Group, Keesler AFB, Miss., will assume duties as vice commander, Technical Training Center, Keesler AFB, in June. He replaces Col. (Brig. Gen. selectee) John L. Piotrowski, who will go to Tinker AFB, Okla., as commander, 552d Airborne Warning and Control Wing in June.

Col. Roderick C. Gibson, deputy commander, 3380th Resource Management Group, will replace Colonel Boughton.

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