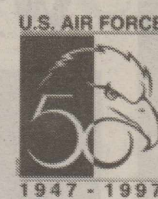
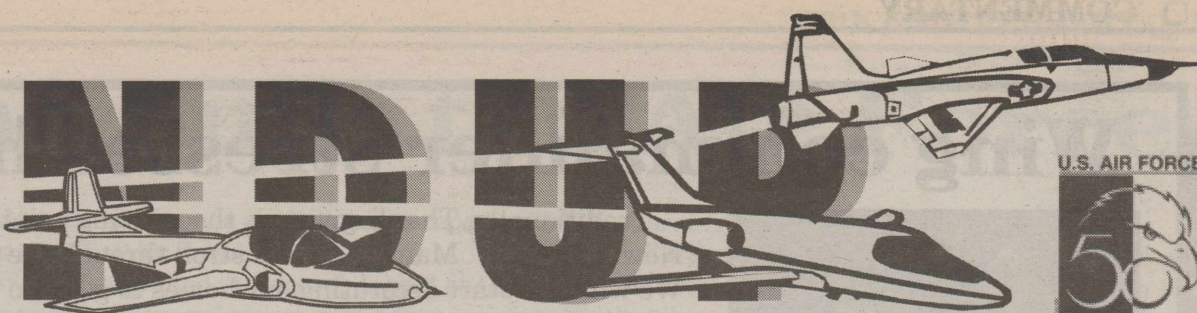


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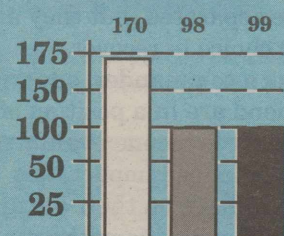
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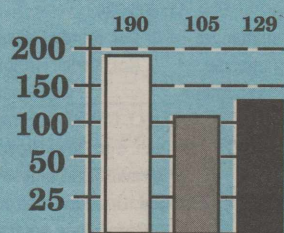
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Required for December Required as of Tuesday Flown as of Tuesday

Members of the 64th Security Police Squadron deployment team are welcomed home by their children at the Lubbock International Airport Dec. 6 following the team's return from a three-month deployment to Saudi Arabia.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Dave Brown

64th SPS deployment team returns

Tech. Sgt. Dave Brown
Editor

Eleven members of the 64th Security Police Squadron returned from a 90-day deployment to Saudi Arabia Dec. 8.

The group returned to a joyous crowd of spouses, family members and friends after a three-month temporary duty assignment supporting the contingency operation Desert Focus.

"This group volunteered for this deployment," said Maj. Jennifer Perry, 64th SPS commander. "They brought a lot of real-world experience home. We are extremely proud of them."

Master Sgt. Ronald Rucker led the team on this deployment. He directed everything from perimeter defense of both King Fahad Air Base and Prince Sultan AB to law enforcement.

"I volunteered to go on this TDY," Rucker said, who went to Saudi Arabia earlier this year. "I knew what to expect and was able to provide some valuable assistance to those going for the first time."

His valuable assistance was more than that. In fact, Rucker was lauded by the ground defense force com-

mander for his management and supervisory skills while establishing all security functions at Prince Sultan AB in minimal time.

Living conditions provided a real challenge for some of the team. Privacy was not available, but the team stuck together and worked out all the problems and different bugs that arise in a situation such as this.

"The living conditions were the biggest challenge for me," said Airman 1st Class Richard Vangalio, one of the team members. Living in an air conditioned tent wasn't all that hard, agreed the team members, but when there are between eight and 14 people living in the same tent, privacy is not a factor to be considered.

"There wasn't a lot of privacy," Vangalio said. "Showering in front of people really took some getting used to."

Senior Airman Steve Butler felt the working conditions were his biggest challenge on the deployment. "We had help from other security police folks who were TDY there," he said. "But 12-hour shifts turned into 15- to 16-hour work days. Building sand bags and setting up barriers were just part of the job. Moving them around

to different locations got to be a bit of a hassle.

"Setting up shift rotations and establishing a safe and secure work and living environment was hard," he continued. "But it was really good to see the final product put into action."

Rucker said he felt the actions this team took were just the impetus needed to make Prince Sultan AB the most secure base in the entire area,

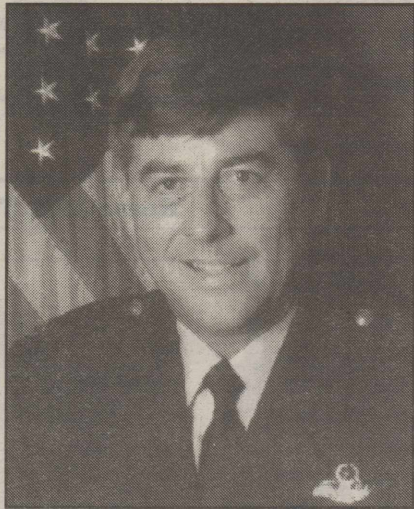
and if anybody could help, Reese did.

The team members on this deployment with Rucker, Butler and Vangalio included Staff Sgt. L.D. Harper, Senior Airmen Brian Blackwood, Eric Mayo, Marshall Taylor and Christopher Torres. Also included were Airmen 1st Class Jeremiah Simmons, Paul Milinazzo, Timothy Seeley, Matthew Meyers and Gene Villalpando.



Senior Airman Christopher Torres, 64th SPS, receives a warm welcome home from his wife, Patricia, following his return from Saudi Arabia, Dec. 6 at the airport.

Wing commander stresses holiday safety



Gelwix

Traditionally, Thanksgiving is the starting point for holiday celebrations that will last through New Years Day. Many of us will stroll through the mall, looking for that special gift for a loved one. We will also start decorating our homes to get into the holiday spirit.

Along with the holiday cheer comes many festive engagements such as parties and dinners. With celebration comes the possible increase in alcohol use and sometimes abuse. Combining drinking and driving is a sure way to create a holiday accident. Every year hundreds of Americans take to the highways but never return. Air Force families were included in the injury and fatality statistics during last year's holiday season. In many mishaps, Air Force family members were the innocent victims.

As responsible adults, we owe it to each other to de-glamorize alcohol. Plan to "close the bar" at least one hour before the end of the party. Never force drinks on your guests; if they say "no," don't insist. Never let a guest drive away from your party under the influence. Plan ahead by establishing a designated driver, or call a taxi. Taking care of each other is simple, and is everyone's responsibility.

If you're leaving the local area, plan your trip in advance. Ensure your vehicle is in good working order. Make sure you are well rested before starting out and allow plenty of time to get to your destination. Schedule periodic rest stops to avoid fatigue and slow down if the weather turns bad.

Most importantly, **WEAR YOUR SEAT BELT!**

The watch word for this holiday season is moderation; be responsible and know your limits. Again, this is a time to enjoy friends and family and share in the season's festivities; don't allow an avoidable incident to ruin your celebration. Your safety efforts will pay off for you, your family and loved ones and friends.

RANDALL C. GELWIX, Colonel, USAF
Commander

Saving a life or ending a career ... the choice is yours

by Staff Sgt. Glenn Stanton
Behavioral medicine

As a substance abuse counselor of seven years I have seen commanders mistake a referral for substance abuse evaluation as a career ending move. This is not true,

Air Force Instruction 36-2701 states that separation must be based on documented failure to meet Air Force standards, not on the use of alcohol alone. That means if an individual came forth and said he or she had a problem with alcohol, without having an incident, no punitive action would be taken.

On the other hand, if that same individual had suffered a DWI and then came forth, they would probably get an Article 15. The punishment would be a result of the DWI, not the use of alcohol. Nowhere in AFI 36-3208, Administrative Separation of Airman, does it state someone can be discharged for consuming too much alcohol, but they can be separated for failing treatment

for alcohol abuse.

A common occurrence among patients in treatment is they have been enabled to abuse alcohol for quite some time. Often, supervisors have tolerated alcohol abuse by sending the individual home because of a hangover or giving them easy jobs due to poor performance related to the effects of a long night of drinking. Supervisors have thought that they were helping the individual, when they were actually enabling the abuse of alcohol to continue. Sometimes supervisors have drinking problems themselves, and as a result tolerate alcohol abuse in others.

The sad part about individuals being allowed to continue abusing alcohol is that others, along with the individual suffer. Family members are often abused or neglected because of alcohol abuse, which has a serious impact on society.

National statistics show that 40 percent of all traffic fatalities (the leading cause of accidental death) are alcohol related. A recent review of Coast Guard reports suggests possible alcohol involvement in 60 percent of boating fatalities

(including persons who fell overboard).

Reduction of alcohol related incidents can occur with early intervention and treatment.

Based on research and personal experience, counselors strongly believe people who receive assistance for an alcohol problem in the Air Force tend to fair well. Although some individuals refuse treatment or simply fail the program, most who enter into treatment become more productive in both their professional and personal lives.

Most prefer someone who previously abused alcohol but has received treatment and is successfully going through a lifetime of recovery. There are many success stories and there are those who failed treatment and were separated, but they all had an opportunity and a choice to recover.

So, the next time you as a commander, supervisor, family member, or friend are in a position of providing information to have someone evaluated for an alcohol problem consider the impact that continued alcohol abuse will have on their life and the lives of others. One can have a life without a career, but not have a career without a life.



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The men who built the Air Force

Air Force history of 50 years ago points to President Harry Truman and such military leaders as Gen. Henry (Hap) Arnold and Gen. Dwight Eisenhower.

They made public pronouncements that the nation's security demanded an independent Air Force.

These leaders believed the Air Force, based on its accomplishments during World War II, had earned a rightful place alongside the Army and Navy.

"The treatment of the Army Air Corps prior to World War II by Army decision makers stemmed from their perceptions of how the next war would be fought and their limited understanding of the potential capabilities of air power," said retired Gen. Jacob Smart in an Air Force history report on the 1945-47 period.

Smart, who held key staff positions in the post-war Army Air Forces, explained how "those conscientious (Army) men were the products of their respective experiences, education and imagination.

"Thus, they were unable to foresee air warfare becoming significant other than as a supporter of ground warfare, and were skeptical of the airmen's assertions about potential air capabilities."

At the end of World War II, however, Army leaders such as Eisenhower held no such doubts about the future impact and importance of air forces,

said historian Herman S. Wolk in his report about this period of Air Force history.

Wolk also pointed to General Arnold as the "advocate and visionary" who shared a firm belief that the United States needed to build an integrated national security structure based on unity of command in Washington and in the theaters of operation.

Not surprisingly, Arnold and other AAF leaders of the time came under fire from those in the Army and Navy who did not believe in a separate Air Force or even a system of unified command in which a single commander would control air, land or sea forces.

Fred Korth, former secretary of the Navy, assistant secretary of the Army, and AAF commander, said he remembers "heated arguments" in the Pentagon about what to do with this "new Air Force."

"You'd see James Forrestal (the secretary of defense in 1947) shake his head, or General Spaatz raising his voice. It was a time when those in charge of land and sea power wanted to keep what they had. The war was over, but the role of the air forces was still undecided," explained Korth during a recent interview with Air Force News Service.

"I think President Truman had a firm commitment to U.S. air power, and that may have made all the difference in the decision process of creating a

separate Air Force."

Korth went on to explain how Stuart Symington (the first secretary of the Air Force) realized in 1946 that it would be difficult for Army and Navy leaders to envision an air arm with the same authority as their services.

"In many ways it came down to money," he said. "After the war, every defense dollar was to be accounted for. Spending more money on a new Air Force was controversial."

In late 1946, backers of the new Air Force planned strategically to get their way. Before taking the big jump that would become the National Security Act of 1947 — legislation that approved a separate Air Force — the Sherman-Norstad Agreement was sent to President Truman for his approval.

In short, Wolk said, the agreement called for commands to be set up by functions rather than by geography.

"The Joint Chiefs of Staff would exercise strategic direction over the unified commands and assign them missions and tasks. The component commander would deal directly with his own service on issues of administration, supply, training, finance and construction.

For each command operating under JCS missions, either the Army chief of staff, the chief of naval operations, or the commanding general, AAF, would be named executive agent for the Joint Chiefs," said Wolk of the Sherman-Norstad Agreement.

On December 14, 1946, Truman approved this command plan. Next, a draft of a national security bill featuring an independent Air Force would be on Truman's desk.

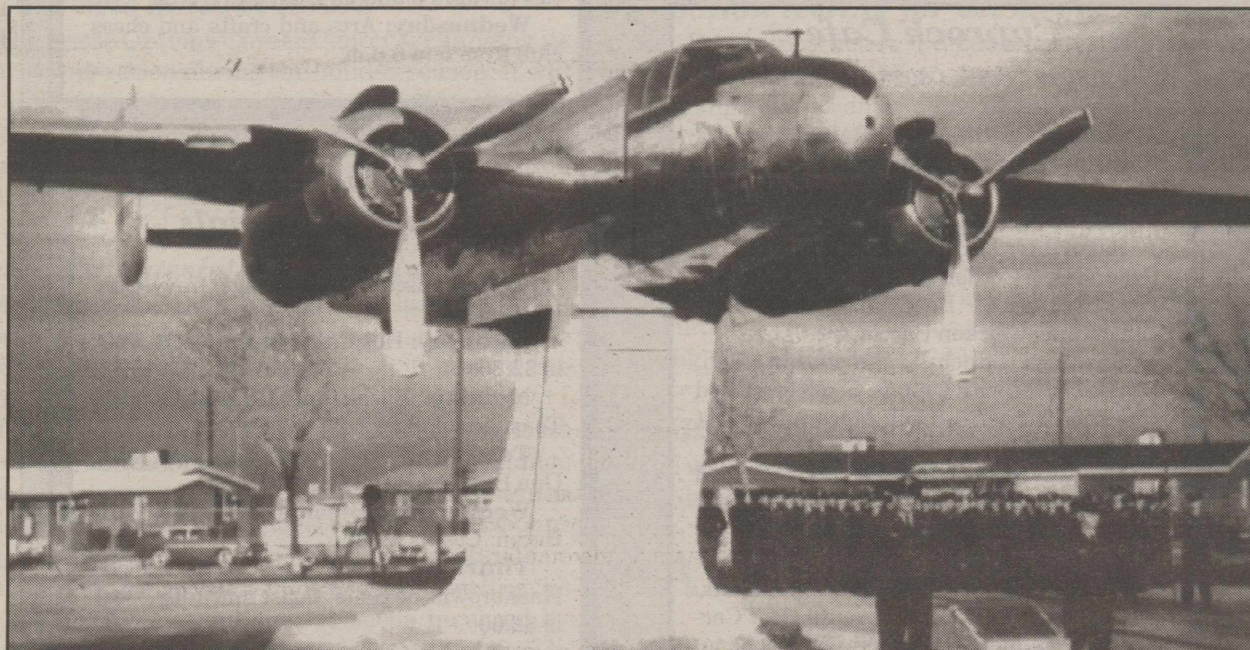
Wolk pointed out that the development of the Air Force as a new and coordinated member of the U.S. defense establishment was eventually appealing because it introduced new methods of waging war.

As to when the plan was formally talked about to make the Air Force a separate service, Wolk said it was 55 years ago, in the Fall of 1941.

"Arnold asked his confidant, Brig. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, to craft a reorganization plan which would formally recognize the AAF as an autonomous entity coequal with the Army's ground and service forces.

"The War Department rejected Spaatz's plan, but Arnold in November 1941 proposed to the War Department a similar reorganization, stressing the need for unity of command."

The War Plans Division of the War Department eventually approved Arnold's plan. Thus, the Air Force was born. (AFNEWS)



The B-25 was placed on static display at the front gate of Reese Air Force Base in 1955 following the aircraft's last flight. The ceremony was highlighted as well by a student pilot graduation.

19th AF SEA visits Reese

Chief Master Sgt. Warren DuBose, the 19th Air Force senior enlisted advisor, will visit Reese Air Force Base beginning Monday.

The chief will be visiting each of the squadrons on base.

DuBose entered the Air Force in 1967 as a passenger service clerk. He had various assignments in this career field to include Lajes Field, Azores; Barksdale AFB, La.; Ton Son Nhut AB Republic of Vietnam; various bases in Thailand and Anderson AB, Guam.

He retrained in 1981 into the first sergeant career field. His assignments included such bases as LUKE AFB, Ariz.; Howard AFB, Panama; Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea; Lackland AFB, Texas and Randolph AFB, Texas.

The chief graduated from the Military Airlift Command NCO Leadership School, the Strategic Air Command NCO Academy and the USAF Senior NCO Academy; he also has associate degrees from Georgia Military College and the Community College of the Air Force.

WORTH REPEATING



"All the ills of democracy can be cured by more democracy."

—Alfred E. Smith
(1873-1944)
U.S. politician

Around Reese

Ruby's Lounge

(3156)

Today: Hobby and talent contest from 10 p.m. until closing. More than \$100 in prize money. Social hour begins at 4:30 p.m. with free hors d'oeuvres and beverage specials. Shuffleboard tournament with prizes at 7 p.m.

Saturday: Frog Pond opens at noon.

Sunday: Frog Pond opens at noon.

Monday: Main lounge opens at 3 p.m. Monday Night Football with food and beverage specials.

Tuesday: Main lounge opens at 3 p.m.

Wednesday: Main lounge opens at 3 p.m. Taco night from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday: Main lounge opens at 3 p.m. with beverages specials. Boss and Buddy Night with free food at 5 p.m.

Reese Chapel

(3237)

Catholic services: Mass -- Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m., Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Confessions -- Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. and weekdays by appointment.

Protestant services: Sunday worship 11:15 a.m.

Bible Study: Wednesday at noon with Chaplain Janner. A light lunch is provided.

Catholic Religious Education is Sunday from 11 a.m. to noon.

For information on other worship opportunities in the local community call 885-3237.

Library

(3344)

Holiday Display: Through the month of December.

Holiday Cooking Display: Through the month of December.

Check out "It Takes a Village" by Hillary Clinton. Look for it on the bestseller fiction list at #9.

Hours of Operation: Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Fridays, holidays and goal days.

Auto Skills Center

(3142)

Hours of Operation: Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center is closed on Sunday, Monday and holidays. Open on goal days from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free safety inspections throughout December.

The facility is designed for self-helpers. All self-helpers must obtain a safety card to be authorized use of the facility and equipment.

Simler Theater

(4888)

NOW SHOWING

Today: "The Ghost and the Darkness," (R) 7:30 p.m. One hundred years ago, two lions went on a man eating rampage that claimed over 130 lives and stopped Britain's plan to build an East African railroad. This is the story of the two men hired to find and kill the demon beasts (starring Val Kilmer and Michael Douglas).

Saturday: "2 Days in the Valley," (R) 7:30 p.m. Hitmen are hired to kill the philanthropist ex-husband of an Olympic athlete. Ten citizens of the San Fernando Valley become linked after the murder of the husband (starring James Spader and Danny Aiello).

Sunday: "The Associate," (PG-13) 6:30 p.m. Whoopi Goldberg is a resourceful player in the competitive and aggressive corporate game. Even though she is a financial genius, the realization comes that her gender is holding her back. The solution... she creates a phantom partner that puts Wall Street in a spin (also starring Diane Wiest).

Ticket price for adults is \$1.50 and \$1.25 for children under 12 years old.

Caprock Cafe

(6027 - voice / 6028 - menu)

Today: Lunch — Beef Ball Stroganoff, Barbeque Ham Stroganoff, Barbeque Ham Steak. Dinner — Beef/Cheese Manicotti, Fried Fish Portions, Herbed Baked Chicken.

Saturday: Lunch — Spinach Lasagna, Ground Beef Cordon Bleu, Barbeque Spare-ribs. Dinner — Beef Pot Roast, Fish Almondine, Chicken Cacciatore.

Sunday: Lunch — Parmesan Fish, Braised Liver with Onions, Southern Fried Chicken. Dinner — Chili Macaroni, Roast Fresh Ham, Tuna Casserole.

Monday: Lunch — Beef Stew, Grilled Salisbury Steak, Lime Cilantro Sole. Dinner — Roast Beef, Stuffed Green Peppers, Pineapple Chicken.

Tuesday: Lunch — Country Style Steak, Savory Baked Chicken, Ground Beef Cordon Bleu. Dinner — Sukiyaki, Onion-Lemon Baked Fish, Fried Chicken.

Wednesday: Lunch — Swedish Meatballs, Roast Veal with Herbs, Chicken Enchiladas. Dinner — Beef Stew, Grilled Ham Steak, Creole Fish Fillets.

Thursday: Lunch — Grilled Top Sirloin Steak, Parmesan Fish, Sweet and Sour Pork. Dinner — Chili Macaroni, Braised Liver with Onions, Roast Turkey.

*Menu subject to change.

Reese Club

(3466)

Today: Wing Christmas party with social hour at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Short order line from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Smokin' Hole opens at 4 p.m. Social hour at 5 p.m. with free hors d'oeuvres and beverage specials.

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed.

Monday: Short order line from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday: Texas Barbeque Buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$3.95.

Wednesday: Short Order Line from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Check for sandwich specials every Wednesday. Smokin' Hole opens at 4:30 p.m. Taco Night from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$2 for members and \$5 for nonmembers. Thirty-minute drink special.

Thursday: Chicken Fried Steak from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$3.95. Smokin' Hole opens at 4:30 p.m.

Youth Center

(3820)

Today: Christmas caroling party from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Parents are invited to attend. Cost is free. Movie from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Monday: Computer Club for ages 8 and up from 5 to 6 p.m.

Tuesday: Science club and indoor activities for ages 5 and up from 5 to 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Arts and crafts and chess club from 5 to 6 p.m.

Bowling Center Breakfast Specials

(6555)

Friday: Biscuits and Sausage Gravy. Cost is \$2.30.

Saturday: Hot Cakes with Bacon. Cost is \$2.30.

Monday: Bacon and Cheese Omelet, Toast and Jelly. Cost is \$2.80.

Tuesday: Silver Dollar Pancakes with One Egg and Ham. Cost is \$2.25.

Wednesday: Breakfast Burrito with Bacon. Cost is \$2.30.

Thursday: Two Eggs with Bacon, Hashbrowns or Grits, Toast and Jelly. Cost is \$2.60.

Child Development Center

(3541)

Wednesday: Field trip for 3- and 4-year olds to Dairy Queen from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Dec. 21: Give parents a break respite care program from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reservations must be made by Wednesday.

Skills Development Center and Equipment Rental

(3141)

The Center has framed photos and prints. It has reduced prices on wood furniture sets and displays. Custom framing is available. Color prints by John Ficklin (T-1A, T-37B and T-38A). Reese souvenir T-shirts available in various designs.

Christmas sale is ongoing. Look for super discounts on Reese commemorative items.

Camping equipment, pop-up trailers, gardening tools and camcorders with tripod for rent.

Community notes

Deadline for Roundup articles

The last issue of the *Roundup* for 1996 is the Dec. 20 issue. Public Affairs will resume publishing the *Roundup* Jan. 10. Any articles needed to be published between this time frame, should be submitted by close of business Dec. 23.

Holiday safety briefing scheduled

The mandatory holiday safety briefing is scheduled for Monday at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. All Reese personnel must attend one of the briefings.

64th Support Group holds cookie drive

The 64th Support Group is conducting their annual "Cookies for Airmen" cookie drive. The goal is to deliver holiday cookies to all single airmen living in the dorms. Bring your donations to the family support flight, Bldg. 310, on Monday or to 103 Andrews on Saturday and Sunday. Call ahead to 3305 no later than today to say how many cookies you plan on donating. For more information, call Elsa Summers at 3305 or Becky De Iulio at 885-4841.

Cookies will be delivered to airmen living in the dorms Tuesday. Single airmen living off-base can pick-up their cookies at the family support flight Wednesday morning.

ROCC sets holiday hours

The Reese Options Career Center is changing its hours of operation during the holiday season. It will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The center will return to late Thursday hours Jan. 9 (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.). For more information call Kay Dyer at 3305.

Relocation assistance available

As part of the DoD instituted Relocation Assistance Program, a Smooth Move workshop is scheduled for Wednesday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the family support flight classroom.

The program is designed to address the most commonly asked questions about permanent change of station moves and to reduce the confusion which can often accompany the move, whether stateside or overseas. Overseas base information packets will be available, which will describe customs as well as the common problems and special needs incurred by military members and their families upon arrival in a foreign country.

Reservations are required by Monday to 3305.

Equal Opportunity 101

Q. Out of the 237 Medal of Honor winners during the Vietnam Era, how many were Black/African-Americans?

(Look for the answer in next week's Roundup.)

Last week's question:

Q. What ethnic group established the first American Presbyterian Church and the first American Methodist Church?

A. Irish-Americans

(Submitted by Capt. Eric Bass, 64 FTW/SA)

Submit equal opportunity questions and answers to 64 FTW/SA. The name will be published along with the information provided.

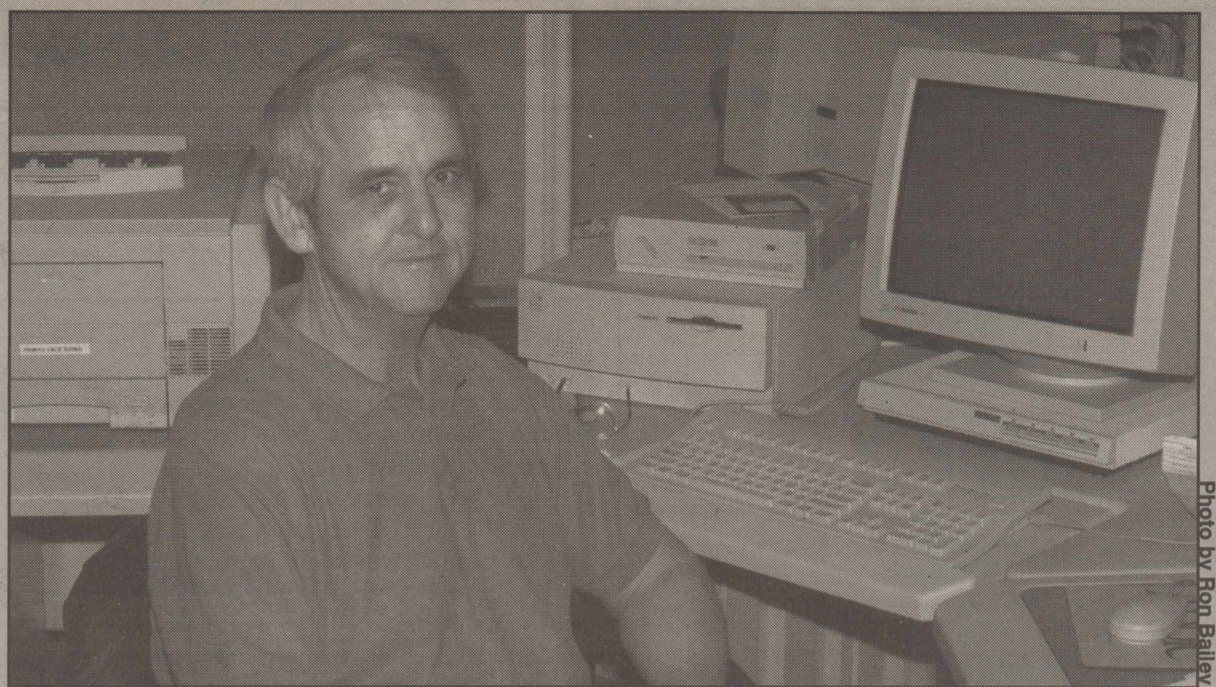


Photo by Ron Bailey

Caught In The Lasso



Name: Bob McGraw

Organization: 64th Communications Squadron/photo lab

Education: Bachelor of science from Troy State University

Last movie seen: "American Presidents"

Hometown: Ozark, Ala.

Hobbies: Drawing

Favorite actor: Robert Duvall

Favorite music group: ABBA

Words of wisdom: "War Eagle!"

Promotion testing for all members

Air Force Instruction 36-2605 states that all members must test prior to departure on permanent change of station or deployment if the departure date is during the test cycle. The testing section needs to be notified as soon as possible of these occurrences.

Also the skills knowledge test (SKT) exemption period for retrainees is being expanded from 18 to 24 months regardless of skill level. Obtain further information from Lynn Dodds at the education and training flight at 3634 or 3145.

Vet clinic changes hours of operation

The veterinary clinic changes hours of operation beginning in December. A veterinarian is available

two days a month. The scheduled dates are today, Jan. 16 and 17, Feb. 13 and 14, Feb. 27 and 28, March 20 and 21, April 17 and 18 and May 15 and 16.

The appointment answering machine continues to be available at 3535.

Youth center collects winter garments

Children and staff members at the youth center are collecting winter garments no longer used by Reese members. They are collecting sweaters, jackets and coats. Donations can be dropped off at the youth center. Contributions will be distributed around the Reese community and adjacent areas. Deadline for contributions is Dec. 21. For more information call Sandy Franks at 3820.

AAFES shoppers cash in with Bonus Bucks

DALLAS — Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) customers are cashing in and saving big this holiday season with the new Bonus Bucks program.

It's true, since Bonus Bucks arrived Nov. 22, AAFES shoppers have earned more than \$629,731 in savings.

The savings are real and Bonus Bucks are easy to use. For every \$20 in purchases, customers will receive discounts up to 5 percent back in the form of Bonus Bucks from their local exchange. These AAFES Bonus Bucks may be used for future purchases made through Jan. 27.

"I really like the program," said Army Sgt. 1st Class Debra Lindsey from Fort Carson, Colo. "It really gives me an incentive to

shop at AAFES."

"The Bonus Buck program is a super Christmas present," said Air Force Lt. Col. Michael Hazen from Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. "As a customer, I feel it's a well-appreciated thank you from AAFES."

For total purchases more than \$500 per shopping visit, customers will receive double Bonus Bucks. Bonus Bucks are awarded based on all products purchased during a single shopping visit. In other words, customers may not take the aggregate of several small purchases from separate shopping visits to meet the \$20 minimum requirement necessary to earn Bonus Bucks.

"With only days before Christmas and all my money spent, I

always seem to forget something," Lindsey said. "This year I am saving all my Bonus Bucks to ensure I can get those last minute items I always need."

Bonus Bucks come in denominations of \$1, \$5 and \$10. Customers may earn Bonus Bucks through Christmas Eve on all retail items with the exception of alcohol, gas, catalog sales and uniform and accessory issue items.

In addition to the great values and exceptional service available at AAFES, with Bonus Bucks, it truly pays for AAFES customers to do their Christmas shopping at their local exchange.

And don't forget, AAFES earnings are returned here to Reese's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Programs.

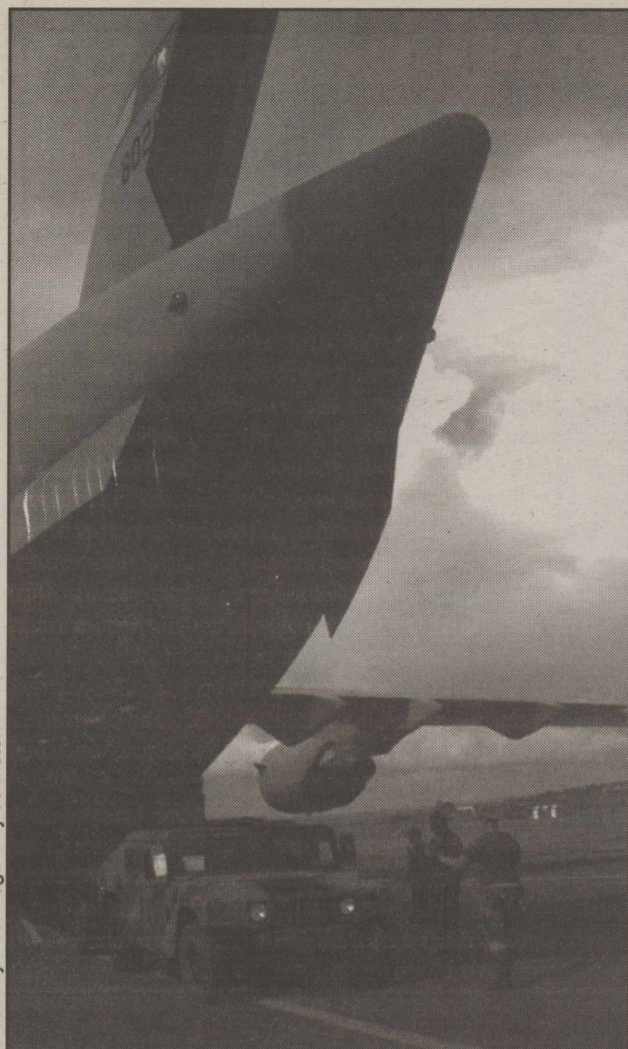


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Billy Johnston

Air Force people and equipment arrive at Entebbe International Airport. This initial deployment is in anticipation of providing logistic support to help Rwandan refugees return home. This marks the first time a C-17 Globemaster III has landed at the airport.

AF sets up base in central Africa

Master Sgt. Dale Warman
USAFE public affairs

ENTEBBE, Uganda, (AFNS) — The U.S. Air Force has returned to this airport in central Africa, and leaders say airmen here are prepared to take the next step and contribute to a possible humanitarian effort in Rwanda.

No definite mission has come down for the airmen or the forces from other nations who have set up base here; however, planners continue to follow the plight of Rwandan refugees, which will contribute to any decision.

More than 200 airmen have set up base at Entebbe, consisting primarily of a Tanker Airlift Control Element, or TALCE, which is responsible for loading cargo and servicing the aircraft that would carry it in. C-130 Hercules aircraft from the 37th Airlift Squadron at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, have also arrived.

"We've got folks here and aircraft here prepared to take the next step once given further direction," said Col. Michael Smith, Air Force commander at

Entebbe. "We're prepared to do whatever we're asked to do."

Entebbe could become a cargo hub for the operation. Larger Air Force cargo planes, such as the C-5 and C-17, could land here and unload their cargo, which would then be transferred to the C-130 for delivery throughout the theater. The condition of any possible airfield would also play in the decision whether to land there, plus other factors such as runway length and navigation aids.

The man heading the unit that would load that cargo says his people are on the ground and ready.

"We're pretty well established at Entebbe," said Maj. Joe Ramirez, commander of the 615th TALCE from Travis Air Force Base, Calif. "It's important that the Air Force lean forward and position some of its troops ahead of time, specifically the TALCE."

Ramirez' unit includes aerial port people, aircraft maintainers, and others who would operate the airfield.

Hundreds of thousands of refugees began streaming across the border from Zaire into Rwandain late November, just after the international community decided to mount an aid effort. Ironically, the U.S. military saved many of the same people 28 months ago with another mission to get fresh water to refugee camps.

Safety Tip of the Week

Many people prefer to smoke their turkey for Christmas rather than cooking it in an oven or electric roaster. When you finish smoking your turkey, don't throw your hot coals into a dumpster until they have been thoroughly extinguished with water and cooled down.

Postal Service unveils stamp honoring Air Force

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Air Force Thunderbirds will launch first-class mail throughout the nation by late next year.

The U.S. Postal Service made that official Dec. 5 in a Pentagon ceremony to unveil the design of a commemorative postage stamp. It recognizes the Air Force's first 50 years as the world's premier air and space force.

The stamp is the image of the Thunderbirds flying the F-16 Fighting Falcon. The Thunderbirds perform precision aerial maneuvers at air shows throughout the world to demonstrate the capabilities of Air Force high-performance aircraft.

Larry Speakes, U.S. Postal Service senior vice president for corporate and legislative affairs, presented a framed rendering of the stamp design to Secretary of the Air Force Sheila E. Widnall during the ceremony.

"This stamp pays tribute not only to the dazzling technology and strategic importance of this aerial department," said Mr. Speakes, former press secretary to President Ronald Reagan, "but it honors the men and women who dedicated their careers and sometimes gave their lives to protect our country and preserve our freedom."

This year the Postal Service, the Air Force and the nation are celebrating the Air Force's golden anniversary with local, regional and national ceremonies throughout the country.

"When children in years to come collect stamps from 1997, they will see this 50th anniversary stamp surrounded by others featuring the best of America," Widnall said. "The stamp's design depicts the Air Force's air power mission along with the pride and professionalism of its service members. We are honored to be selected as a stamp subject celebrating America — its heroes, history and humanity."

The Department of the Air Force was created when President Harry S. Truman signed the National Security Act of 1947. The Air Force thus entered an era in which air power became firmly established as a major element of the nation's defense and one of its chief hopes for deterring war.

Recently, the service unveiled "Global Engagement: A Vision for the 21st Century Air Force," which charts the course of the Air Force well beyond the year 2000.

This is the first commemorative stamp the Postal Service has designed highlighting the Air Force. In 1957, a

six-cent airmail stamp featuring the B-52 bomber was issued to honor 50 years of airpower beginning when the Air Force was a part of the Army Air

Corps.

The Postal Service will issue and start selling the new stamp Sept. 18.

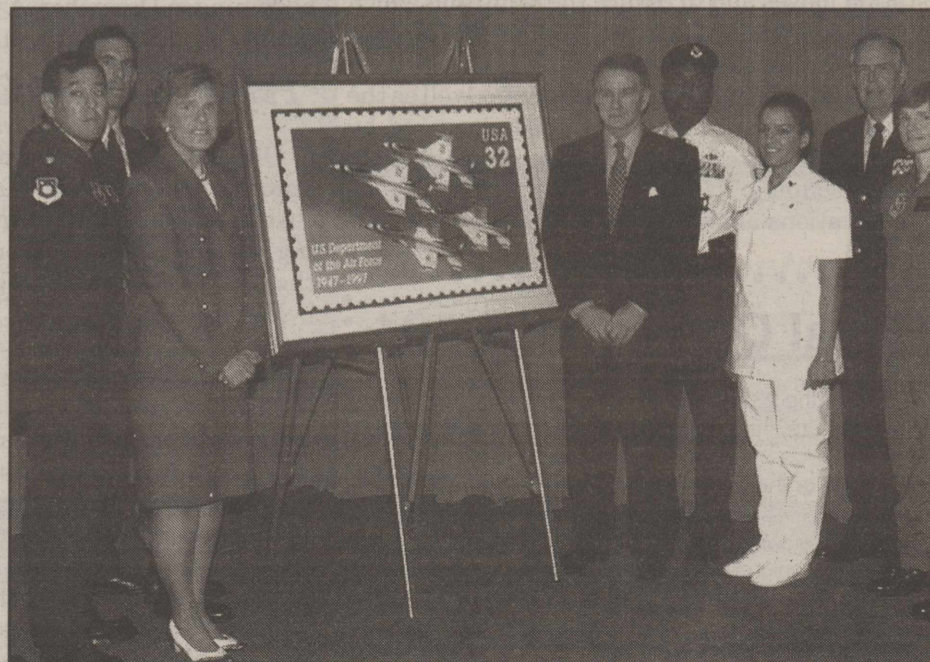
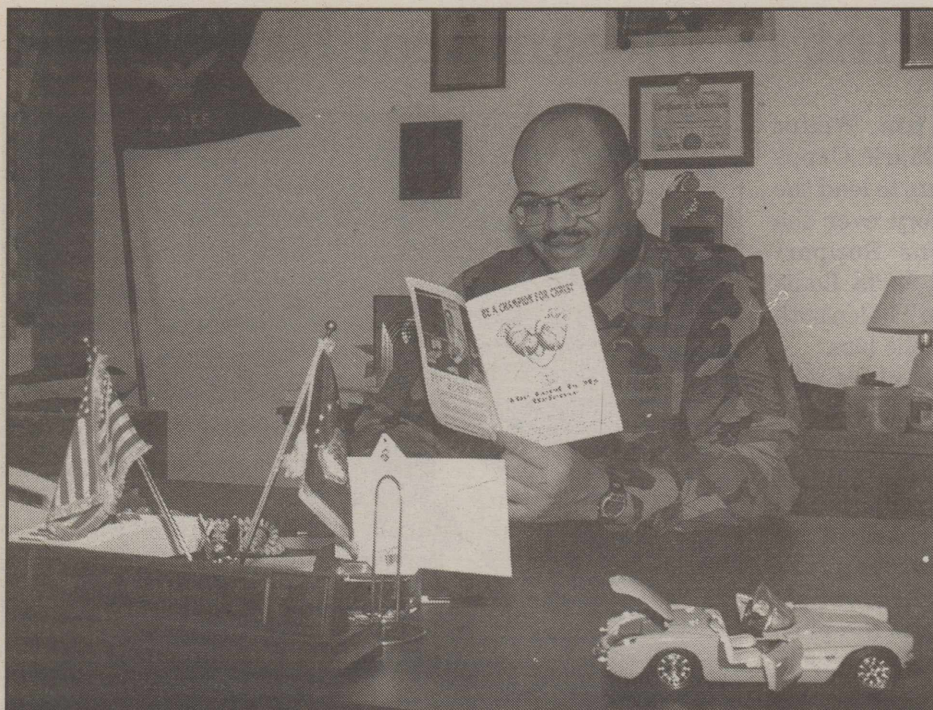


Photo by Staff Sgt. Angela Stafford

Air Force Secretary Sheila Widnall (left of stamp), Larry Speakes, U.S. Postal Service Senior Vice President for Corporate and Legislative Affairs (right of stamp) and Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Thomas Moorman Jr. (second from right) stand with Air Force personnel during a Pentagon ceremony to unveil the commemorative U.S. Air Force stamp. The stamp, the image of the U.S. Thunderbirds flying the F-16 Fighting Falcon, recognizes the Air Force's 50 years as the world's premier air and space force.

Volunteer medal awarded to 64th CES troops

Photos by Senior Airman Tim Dempsey



Master Sgt. Harry Washington reviews one of the pamphlets that he wrote to assist teens in drug prevention and interdiction. His efforts helped him receive the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

2nd Lt. Chris Breighner
Deputy chief, public affairs

"Top of the mornin'," spouts Master Sgt. Harry Washington, 64th Civil Engineer first sergeant, as he answers his phone in an office alive with Disney movie memorabilia and curtains handmade from vintage-car decorated fabric.

This enthusiasm is what helps Washington do as much as he does as a first sergeant, husband to his wife Audrey, father to Harry IV and community volunteer.

Tech. Sgt. Jan Cutrona, noncommissioned officer in charge for the 64th CES commander's support staff and recent information manager of the year, is no less enthusiastic about what she does on and off duty.

Both noncommissioned officers were recently awarded the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal here. This award is presented to members of the armed forces of the United States who perform outstanding volunteer service of a sustained, direct and consequential nature. It recognizes exceptional community support over time and honors direct support of community activities.

Washington was involved with the Jim Kimbel Center, a local drug addiction center for teens, until its recent closure due to lack of funding. He obtained counseling training through the Lubbock Mental Health and Mental Retardation Agency in April 1992 and volunteered many off-duty hours to work with adolescents at the center.

Using first-hand knowledge he gained from the counselors and teens he worked with, Washington put together videos for both drug prevention

and intervention. He also ensured that every teen graduating from the center received personal recognition, a gift and a pamphlet he wrote challenging them to take control of their lives.

Washington said he drew on his life experiences, including being an Air Force heavyweight champion, to write the pamphlet. "I write and teach that you don't have to step into a boxing ring or onto a track field to become a champion. A person who is drug-free and allowing God in his/her life is a true champion," he said.

Cutrona devoted her time and energy to the Arizona Children's Home from 1992 to early this year. The home provides services to Arizona's emotionally troubled or abused children. As a member of the planning and implementation committee, she contributed to raising almost \$50,000 during the "Walk Among the Stars" fund raiser.

She also worked with the Multiple Sclerosis Society's "Walk on the Wild Side" fund raiser which raised \$200,000. At Reese, Cutrona has been involved with Special Olympics and Camp Blue Yonder.

Married for fifteen years to her high school sweetheart, Andy, the Cutronas have two boys, Karl, 14, and David, 9. With both sons in the Boy Scouts of America, Cutrona's involvement has grown. As a den leader, she has helped scouts develop the fundamentals of teamwork, creativity and self-reliance, and in turn, she says she discovered organizational and creative skills she didn't know she had.

In her other spare time, Cutrona enjoys spending time with friends, riding rollercoasters and just staying involved. "I feel an incredible amount of joy when I'm helping someone else," she said. "We accomplish so much more when we help each other."

COPS Corner

Law Enforcement patrols responded to the following items from Nov. 29 to Dec. 5:

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| Nov. 29: | 3:26 p.m. - Patrol response/Vehicle lockout/Bldg. 550 |
| Nov. 30: | 11:53 a.m. - Patrol response/DWI/Bldg. 1101 |
| | 5:35 p.m. - Patrol response/Lockout/Reese Village |
| | 8:42 p.m. - Patrol response/Unsecured building/Bldg. 310 |
| Dec. 1: | 00:05 a.m. - Patrol response/Loud noise complaint/Reese Village |
| | 4:53 p.m. - Patrol response/Fire alarm/Bldg. 930 |
| | 8:11 p.m. - Patrol response/Unsecured building/Bldg. 350 |
| | 10:01 p.m. - Patrol response/Unsecured building/Bldg. 900 |
| Dec. 2: | 10:48 a.m. - Patrol response/Unsecured building/Reese Village |
| | 1:10 p.m. - Patrol response/Damage to private property/Bldg. 500 |
| | 4:24 p.m. - Patrol response/Assistance rendered/Reese Village |
| | 7:45 p.m. - Patrol response/Assistance rendered/Reese Village |
| | 10:40 p.m. - Patrol response/Possible fire/Reese Village |
| Dec. 3: | 10:00 a.m. - Radom Vehicle Inspection/Golf #2 |
| | 6:00 p.m. - MWD Inspections/Bldg. 629, 731 and 735 |
| | 9:07 p.m. - Patrol response/Vehicle lockout/Bldg. 820 |
| Dec. 4: | 5:00 a.m. - MWD Inspection/Bldg. 1150 |
| | 9:24 a.m. - Patrol response/Unsecured building/Bldg. 3011 |
| | 7:10 p.m. - Stray animal capture/Feline/Reese Village |
| Dec. 5: | 9:30 a.m. - Random vehicle inspection/Main gate |
| | 9:39 a.m. - Patrol response/Vehicle lockout/Bldg. 2002 |
| | 10:07 a.m. - Patrol response/Fire alarm/Bldg. 930 |
| | 11:00 a.m. - Patrol response/Soliciting/Reese Village |
| | 3:45 p.m. - Courtesy vehicle inspection/Lockheed |

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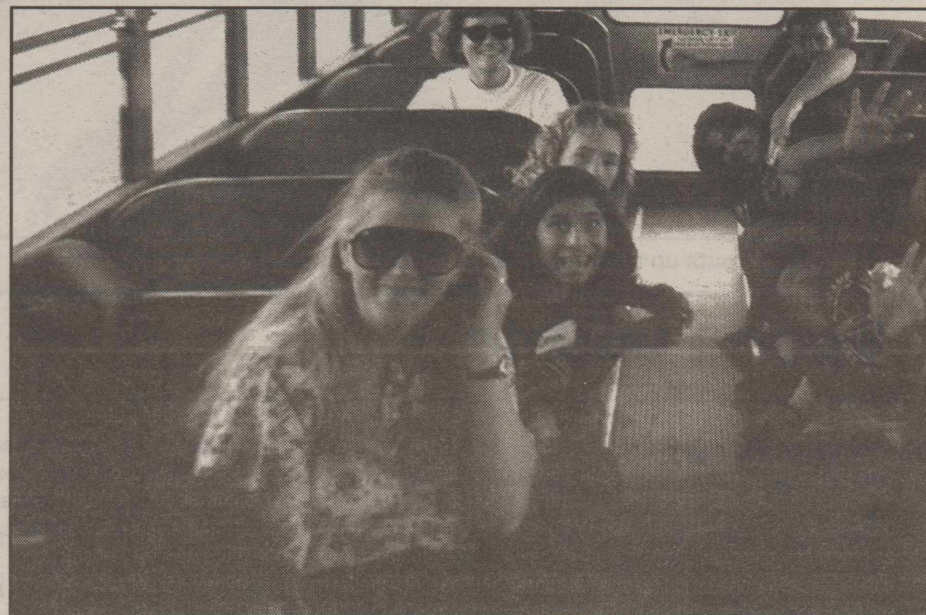
- 35 facilities inspected by MWDs
- 44.8 hours permed walking patrol in housing and main base

LOST AND FOUND:

In the last several months, the following items have been turned into the security police as lost and found property: 1 gold ring, an AAFES bag containing clothing items, bicycle helmet, two bicycles, a pair of eyeglasses, master trigger lock, vacuum cleaner, and several sets of keys. If you have lost any of these items and can identify them, contact Staff Sgt. Richard Holtswarth/Noncommissioned Officer In Charge of Security Police Investigations/3999.

COPS TIPS:

Help yourself and the security police; document serial numbers, photograph, and mark all of your personal property with your social security number. This will deter thieves from stealing your property and make it easier to identify the owners of recovered stolen property. If you have any questions, contact Tech Sgt. Larry Burks, Security Police Recourse Protection at ext. 3946, or Holtswarth at ext. 3999.



Tech. Sgt. Jan Cutrona, as a counselor during the last Camp Blue Yonder held here. Cutrona was also very involved as a volunteer during her last assignment. She worked with the Arizona Children's Home, Multiple Sclerosis Society and the Boy Scouts of America, earning her the Military Outstanding Volunteer Medal.

64th SPS top seed team heading into playoffs

Twin towers dominate inside paint in intramural basketball

by Senior Airman Tim Dempsey
sports editor

Once upon a time, there was a giant who lived in the center of the paint. He was joined by a smaller giant and together they became known as the "twin towers." They were joined by many perimeter shooters all who wore badges.

They came out early in the season to cuff their opponents and prove they were the best. By stifling their opponents, they finished the intramural basketball regular season as the top seeded team.

This group of basketball players became known as the 64th Security Police Squadron.

Even though the 64th SPS (10-2) lost the final game of the season Dec. 5 to the 64th Civil Engineer Squadron (7-5), the squadron piled up enough wins to finish in first

and earn a bye in the first round of the playoffs.

"The loss against the 64th CES should refocus our team in accomplishing the goal we set at the beginning of the season, capturing the intramural basketball championship," said Harold Little, the team's coach. "We have the league's two top big men in Sonny Masaniai and Glenn Stanton who are hard to stop inside. Chris Brown gives us an added threat on the perimeter."

The 59-50 victory secured the 64th CES of the third seed in the playoffs. Joseph Walker, 64th CES, led all scorers with 24 points. Rico Dyer added 15 points and Lee Smith contributed 13 in the win. Masaniai, the 64th SPS giant, and Tony Brown scored 14 points. The other half of the twin towers, Stanton, added 13.

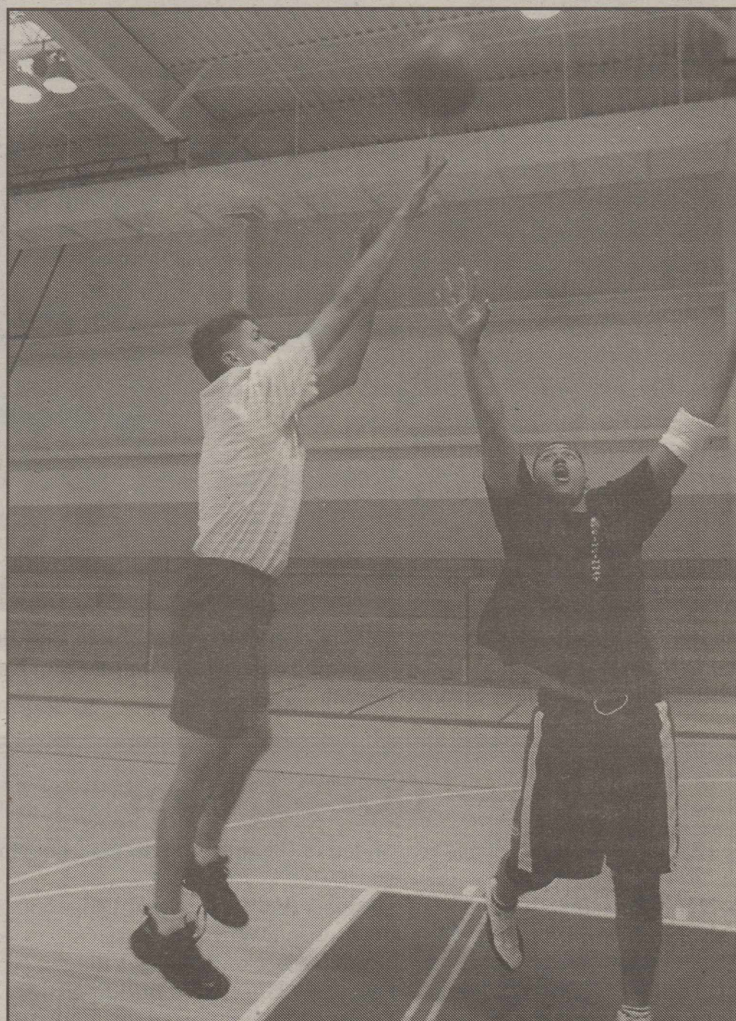
The 64th CES will battle the defending champions the 64th Logistics Squadron (4-8)

Jan. 7 at 6:30 p.m. Walter Whitfield and Mark Capps both had 12 points to lead the 64th LS to victory over the 64th Operations Support Squadron (2-10), 62-38. Louis Bridges and John Tholen both had 10 points in the loss.

The 64th SPS plays the winner of the 64th Communications/Services Squadron (6-6) and 64th Flying Training Wing (5-7) Jan. 8 at 5:30 p.m. The 64th CS/SVS kickoff the playoffs Jan. 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Armed Forces Reserve Center (8-4) heads into the playoffs as the second seed team. They were upset in their final game against the 64th FTW, 57-56. Toby Winebrenner had 13 points and Darryl Williams added 12 in the victory. Donnell Tucker and Buddy Brown both scored 13 points for AFRC. Sonny McGowan added 12 points in the loss Dec. 5.

AFRC meets the 64th OSS (2-10) Jan. 7 at 7:30 p.m.



Timothy Baldwin unleashes the ball from the free throw line with Masaniai guarding.



Stanton puts up a hook shot over Masaniai during a 64th SPS practice.

Intramural basketball playoff schedule

- Jan. 7**
Game 1: 64th CS/SVS vs 64th FTW, 5:30 p.m.
Game 2: 64th CES vs 64th LS, 6:30 p.m.
Game 3: AFRC vs 64th OSS, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 8**
Game 4: 64th SPS vs Game 1 winner, 5:30 p.m.
Game 5: Game 2 winner vs Game 3 winner, 6:30 p.m.
Game 6: Game 2 loser vs Game 3 loser, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 9**
Game 7: Game 1 loser vs Game 5 loser, 5:30 p.m.
Game 8: Game 4 loser vs Game 6 winner, 6:30 p.m.
Game 9: Game 4 winner vs Game 5 winner, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 14**
Game 10: Game 7 winner vs Game 7 winner, 5:30 p.m.
Game 11: Game 9 loser vs Game 10 winner, 6:45 p.m.
- Jan. 15**
Game 12: Game 9 winner vs Game 11 winner, 5:30 p.m.
Game 13: Game 12 winner vs Game 12 loser, 6:45 p.m. (if necessary)

Sports update

Bowling center schedule

Today: TGIF bowling for \$1 per game from 7 a.m. until closing.

Saturday: Young American Bowling Alliance bowls at 9:30 a.m. Moon light bowling for 75 cents per game from 7 p.m. until closing.

Sunday: Bowl for 50 cents per game from noon until 6 p.m.

Monday: Monday Night Football special--bowl for 50 cents per game and enjoy beverage specials.

Tuesday: Reese Recreational League bowls at 4 p.m.

Local Law Enforcement League bowls at 7 p.m.

Wednesday: Reese Recreational League bowls at 4 p.m. Mixed League bowls at 7 p.m.

Thursday: Industrial League bowls at 6:30 p.m.

Reese Recreational League standings

64th SVS	34-18
Navy	34-18
64th CES-A	33-19
64th MSS-1	33-19
64th LS	30-22

LMLM	28-24
52nd FTS-1	27 1/2-24 1/2
64th CS	27-25
64th MDG	26-26
64th SPS	25-27
64th CES-B	23-29
64th MSS-2	22-30
64th CONS/FM	21 1/2-30 1/2
54th FTS	20-32
52nd FTS-2	17-35
64th MSS-3	15-37