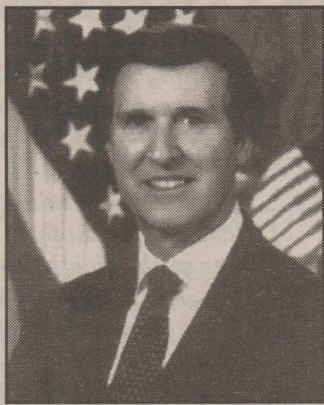


SECDEF sends message to military members



Cohen

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — New Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen sent a message Jan. 24 to the men and women of the armed forces. He conveyed his pride in their collective achievements and called for a re-dedication on the part of all who wear the uniform to the ideals of protecting our nation.

Cohen also sent letters to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, unified combatant commanders, service secretaries and chiefs of staff.

The letters acknowledged their

enormous responsibilities in accomplishing the vital tasks of ensuring the security of the United States, and protecting and promoting our national interests.

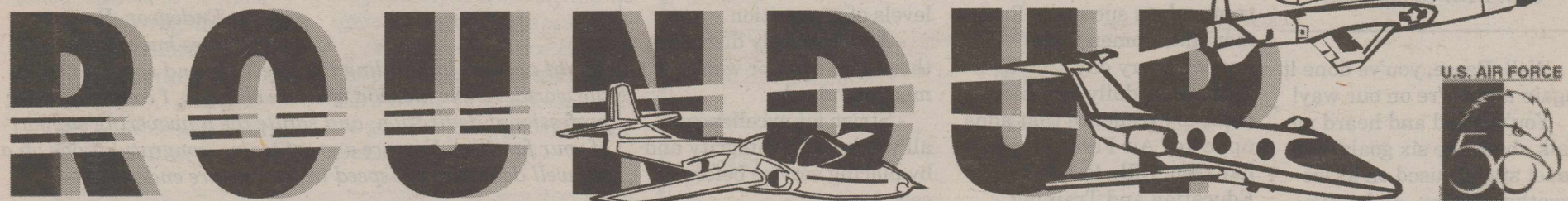
Cohen asked the service secretaries to convey his sincere appreciation to the many civilians who work in the departments for their tireless efforts in support of the uniformed military and the defense of the nation.

Cohen emphasized to both senior military and civilian leaders that he takes the Quadrennial Defense Re-

view process very seriously. He acknowledged that achieving a proper match of strategy, programs and resources to meet U.S. security needs of the present and coming years poses a major challenge.

"The reductions of recent years have exhausted all the easy options and, properly done, the QDR will present difficult choices," Cohen said.

The former senator was sworn in as the 20th secretary of defense by Vice President Al Gore during White House ceremonies Jan. 24.



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Reese AFB, Texas

Reese honors civilian employees of the year "Final Chapter" luncheon ceremony announces eight winners

Rose Trost
Civilian personnel officer

Reese Air Force Base announced its "Final Chapter" 1996 Civilian of the Year winners.

Eight winners were announced and presented plaques by Col. Kodak Horton, 64th Flying Training Wing commander, in a luncheon ceremony in the Reese Club Jan. 30.

Two categories were presented this year: Non-Appropriated Funds (NAF) and Appropriated Funds.

In the NAF category Irene Johnson was selected as the junior level winner. Johnny Rodriguez was the mid-level winner and Carlos Melgar was selected as the senior level winner.

In the appropriated fund category, Melody Jacobs was the junior level winner. Sheryl Owens was selected as the administrative winner; Sandra Franks was the technical winner; Cheryl Ortiz was the intermediate level winner; and Cindy Beeson was the senior level winner.

Johnson, assigned to the 64th Services Squadron bil-

leting office, has an extensive background in lodging. She shared her experience with her fellow workers from working the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Rodriguez, 64th SVS, currently manages the Reese Club. He was directly responsible for six specialized undergraduate pilot training graduation special functions during 1996. He also oversaw numerous awards banquets during the year.

Melgar, director of youth activities at the Reese Youth Center, coordinated and implemented all youth center sports activities including summer programs.

Jacobs, 64th Logistics Squadron, accomplished special inventories on 150 on-hand line items involving 3,296 individual units. Her efforts resulted in 99 percent overall inventory accuracy for the quarter and 98.7 percent for the year. She is also a member of the personal property inventory team counting and recording items to be redistributed or transferred to the city of Lubbock for possible reuse.

Owens, assigned to the civilian personnel office, not only works administration, but also works injury compensation



The 1996 Civilians of the Year for Reese Air Force Base pose with Col. Kodak Horton, 64th FTW commander (center). The winners are front row, left, Cindy Beeson, Irene Johnson, Melody Jacobs and Sheryl Owens. Back row left are Carlos Melgar, Johnnie Rodriguez, Cheryl Ortiz and Sandra Franks.

cases. She voluntarily assumed education/training coding responsibilities, monitored two Thrift Savings Plan Open Seasons, and was the Quality Council president for the 64th Mission Support Squadron.

Franks, 64th SVS, organized the Reese AFB 1996 Services Squadron Summer of Fun Youth Program. The program received the 64th Flying Training Wing commander's

Unit Excellence in Quality award.

Ortiz works at the family support flight. She led the Junior Smooth Move and initiated the Teen Smooth Move for children relocating. She initiated a Relocation Outbrief for graduating SUPT students, and coordinated the acquisition of 369 volunteers for Reese programs. She also continued the Family Services

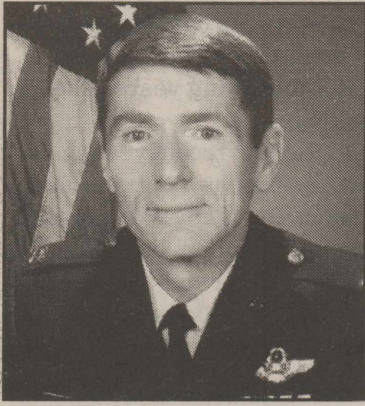
Layette Program.

Beeson, assigned to the CPO, has worked two other base closures. At least 250 of Reese's 348 permanent employees now have firm jobs or other commitments. She co-hosted two pre-retirement seminars for 88 employees and developed comprehensive PCS Brochures for 348 employees.

Congratulations to all the winners and nominees.

Photo by Ron Bailey

First goal achieved, what's next? Boles sends congrats



Col. Kodak Horton
64th FTW commander

Well, Reese, you've done it again and we're on our way!

You've read and heard me talk about the six goals we must stay focused on as we weather change, and we've already met the first one: provide the same quality pilot training to the last

class of students that the previous 25,331 graduates of Lubbock Army Air Field and Reese Air Force Base received. We did that and it culminated in the best graduation ceremony ever.

I appreciate all of you participating in not only Class 97-04's graduation, but the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award presentation as well. The AFOUA presentation was an ideal way to pause and reflect on the tremendous successes Reese men and women make happen every day.

It's your daily commitment to excellence that adds up to key Air Force people like Gen. Billy Boles, Air Education and Training Command commander, and Lt. Gen. John "Clark" Griffith, AETC vice com-

mander, taking notice that what you do is done with integrity and service before self. It's obvious you are not OK with "just doing OK."

Now that our first goal is complete, the other five still need your continued focus:

- Safely transfer our remaining aircraft in fully mission capable status.
- Complete the best closure seen to date.
- Keep rewarding our top performers with proper levels of recognition.
- Appropriately discipline those who can't or won't meet standards.
- Strive for excellence in all we do, with integrity and by placing service before self.

I'm extremely proud of our team—you should all be very proud of yourselves.



Boles

fought and led in building the finest air and space power in the world. As the mission of Reese changes, I commend your professional dedication, and salute the unwavering support of your families. You are a great team—congratulations on a job well done and godspeed in your future endeavors.

Congratulations to the officers, men and women of the 64th Flying Training Wing.

With the graduation of Class 97-04, another chapter in the rich history of the U.S. Air Force and Reese Air Force Base comes to a close.

Since Jan. 22, 1942, Reese has produced 25,349 skilled, motivated and dedicated pilots. From World War II to operation Joint Endeavor, Reese graduates have flown,

With highest regards
Gen. Billy Boles

Problems?

Concerns?

Call the Careline

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A Careline column provides one of many opportunities for a commander to find out what people are thinking, what's bothering them, and what they like. If you've wondered why we do something, or just want to make a

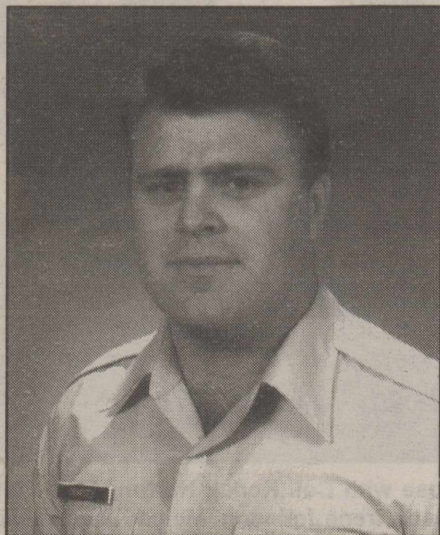
comment, don't hesitate to call. You can call the Careline 24 hours a day at 3273. If you leave your name and telephone number, we'll get back to you and answer your concern by telephone.

Calls of interest to the Reese

community will be published, without the caller's name, in the Roundup the following week.

Public Affairs
and the
Roundup

Bama boy says 'Bye y'all,' ends career on Roundup



Dempsey

Senior Airman
Tim Dempsey
former editor

The *Roundup* has gone through many changes since I arrived at Reese Air Force Base Jan. 7, 1994. We've gone from a single-theme cover to a more informative cover with stories and photos. In June, the layout and design changed to a funded paper without advertisements.

Before I put my pen down for the final time, I would like to thank the many agencies who help produce the *Roundup*. The *Roundup* could not be

printed on a weekly basis if it wasn't for a joint effort by many people.

The staff at the photo and graphics lab are responsible for taking many of the photographs used in the paper.

They process our numerous rolls of film and make prints of the photos we need. They also help us with their creativity through illustrative artwork.

Diane Peets, wing staff, and the public affairs staff who proofread the paper prior to publishing are integral to our successful weekly publication.

And a big thanks goes to the people of Reese who submit their articles and ideas for the paper.

Because of this joint and quality effort, the *Roundup* was recognized for three awards in the 1996 Air Education and Training Command Media Contest. The *Roundup* took first place in Large Funded Newspapers; Mike Parrish, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas (who recently departed our photo lab), took first place in Illustrative Art; and I placed third in Sports Writing. The two first place categories will now move on to Air Force level for competition.

I've enjoyed working with the people of Reese, and I hope everyone will continue to support Tech. Sgt. Dave Brown, editor, in producing Reese's award-winning *Roundup*.

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64th SVS announces closure changes for Reese

Col. Kodak Horton
64th FTW commander

We have successfully accomplished Goal #1: the last pilot training class received the same high quality training the previous 25,331 graduates were given.

Goal #2, transferring our aircraft in "fully mission capable" status, is on track.

Part of having the "best closure seen to date" (Goal #3) involves planning and communication.

The schedule listed at right shows the plan for closing ser-

vices functions.

Our goal is to render service to the Reese community as long as possible. However, if patronage drops to a point where it is no longer financially responsible to keep the facilities open, we will close them sooner.

As of Monday, all on-duty officers, Department of Defense civilians and contract employees were authorized to dine in the Caprock Cafe dining facility. However, the 30 percent surcharge applies.

Additionally, once the Caprock closes, enlisted members living in the dorms will be given Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS).

64th SVS Closure Activities

<u>FACILITY</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Reese Club	No Dining	Feb. 1	Open for special functions and Friday night social hour
Skills Development Center	Relocates	March 1	Moves to Auto Skills
Equipment Rental	Relocates	March 1	Moves to Auto Skills
Youth Center School Age Program	Relocates	June 1	Moves to CDC
Library	Closes	June 1	
Auto Skills Center	Closes	June 1	
Ruby's Club	Closes	June 1	
Reese Club	Closes	June 1	
Caprock Cafe	Closes	July 1	
Golf Course	Closes	Sept. 1	
Base Pool	Closes	Labor Day Weekend	
Child Development Center	Closes	Sept. 30	
Fitness Center	Closes	Sept. 30	
Lodging Operations	Closes	Sept. 30	



Be conscious of when you cleaned your heating filter in your home. Avoid a problem, clean it now!

McGinty explains personnel systems, issues to troops

2nd Lt. Chris Breighner
Deputy chief, public affairs

Lt. Gen. Michael McGinty brought a clear message to all Reese personnel here Wednesday: The foundation of "Global Engagement," the vision for the Air Force in the 21st century, is quality people—



McGinty addresses all Reese personnel in Simler Theater Wednesday.

the very people he's in business to take care of.

McGinty, deputy chief of staff, personnel, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C., explained what's going on in the world of personnel for active duty officer, enlisted and civilian personnel at a briefing in Simler Theater.

"I want you to know where I'm coming from, what's happened, what we're working on, and what you can expect," said McGinty. He opened up the floor for questions at the briefing's conclusion.

Col. Jim Green, director of assignments, Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, also attended, and more than 25 Reese members met with Green one-on-one to discuss their specific assignment questions.

McGinty said his three goals in his job are providing quality people to commanders to ensure mission accomplishment, taking care of those people and their families—officer, enlisted and civilians—and "being visible."

The general used 1989 as the peak year to discuss drawdown statistics. Since that year, the Air Force's budget has been reduced by more than 35 percent, he said.

"We've also become a much more continental force," said McGinty. Sixty-six percent of overseas bases and 25 percent of major CONUS bases have closed. Major commands were reduced from 13 to eight, and the Air Division has been eliminated. He also noted that 60 percent of today's Air Force—two out of three people—have joined since the drawdown began.

In personnel numbers since 1989, he said the active duty Air Force is reduced 32 percent, or 260,000 people, with another 13,500 to go by the end

of FY01. Civilian personnel numbers are down by 80,000 or 30 percent, and another 20,000 civilians are targeted for reduction by the end of FY01.

The general also briefed officer and enlisted promotion cycles and their outlooks. He said public law governs officer promotions as well as the chief and senior master sergeant ranks. Air Force policy governs the other enlisted promotions, allowing a bit more flexibility.

The good news, said McGinty, is that after having to hold promotion rates at minimum levels for several years, promotion opportunity rates are rising. "The Air Force has been on a roller coaster for 20 years and our officer and enlisted promotion systems are intact. Look at the other services—we've been lucky in the Air Force."

McGinty highlighted several personnel issues accomplished and currently being worked for FY97 and slated for FY98. The top three concerns revealed through Air Force-wide quality of life surveys are: compensation and benefits, housing and health care. In addition, he said civilian quality of life concerns are being addressed.

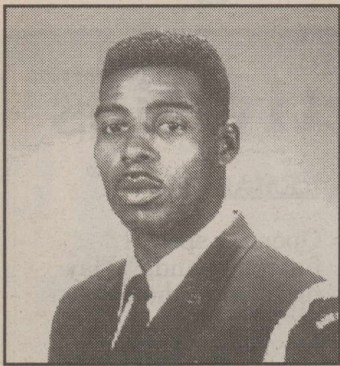
McGinty also cited that the number of troops on temporary duty overseas is rising; four times as many people are deployed today than in 1989. This is being addressed in three ways: spreading taskings Air Force-wide, using Guard and Reserve more and challenging taskings.

"Taking care of all of you. That's a big part of my job in Washington," said McGinty.

In closing comments, he challenged everyone—military and civilian—to embrace "Global Engagement" by stepping out of specialty "stovepipes" and becoming air power experts.

Photo by Senior Airman Tim De...sey

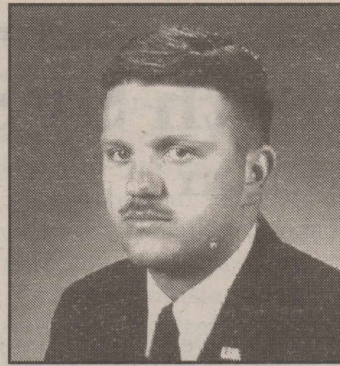
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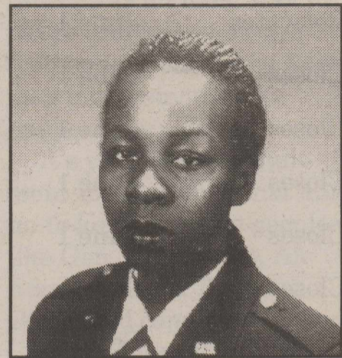
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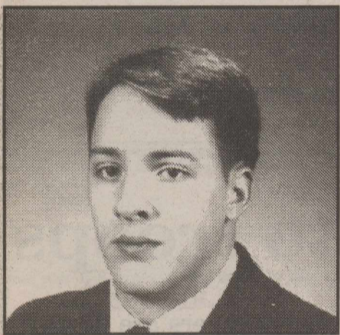
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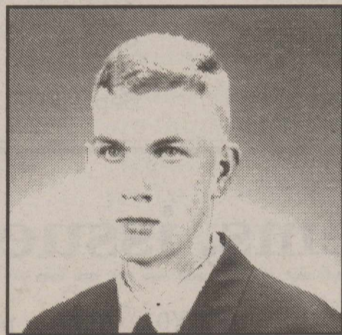
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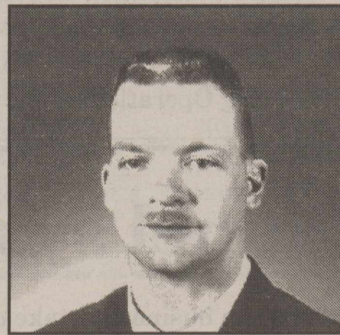
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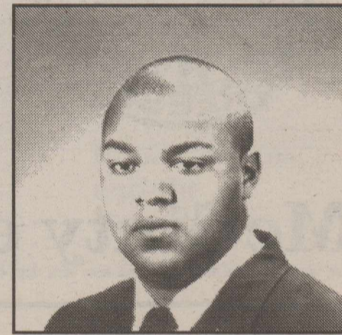
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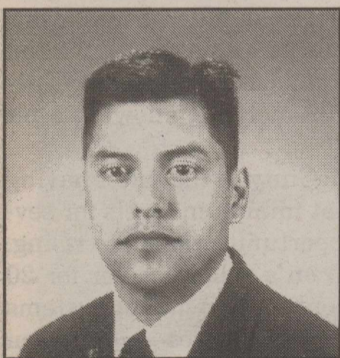
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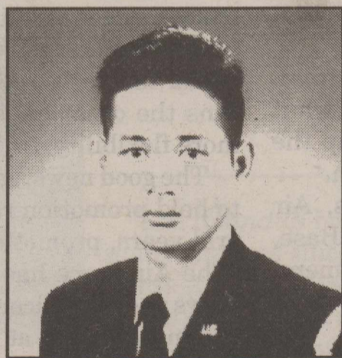
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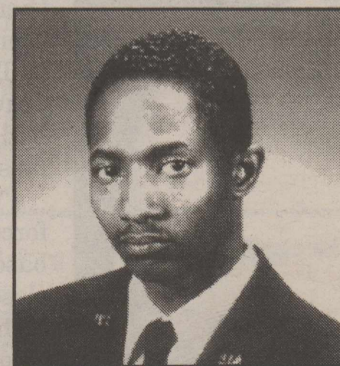
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64th Services Squadron



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64th Civil Engineer Squadron

'To honor with pride and dignity' - Honor Guard

Kelley Tway
Public affairs intern

During 1996, the Reese Honor Guard exemplified the Air Force core values--*integrity first, service before self, excellence in all we do*--at 150 military and public ceremonies. It requires commitment, above and beyond, but each honor guard member is extremely proud of their contribution to such a patriotic and visual group.

Staff Sgt. Teri Johnson, 64th Operations Support Squadron, has been a member of the Reese Honor Guard for four years. She joined after being encouraged by a friend, and she liked what it represented.

"I truly believe in what we do," Johnson said. "Our purpose is to provide a service and reflect a positive image on the Air Force. I believe all 25 members on the Reese Honor Guard are dedicated to that commitment."

The honor guard provides

honors and ceremonies for military funerals, change of command ceremonies and color guards for many civic activities. Members also travel to area schools to talk to children about the Air Force.

Many of the members spend much of their off-duty time with the honor guard. Johnson said she feels it shows a strong sense of pride to make that kind of commitment.

She said her favorite ceremony is the military funeral because the people sacrificed everything and being on the honor guard is a chance to pay one last respect to those who died for what she has.

"Being in the honor guard means being a representative of Reese Air Force Base and the Air Force in the civilian community," said Senior Airman John Fox, 64th Logistics Squadron. "It means honoring our fallen comrades who fought for our freedom. Also, it means honoring our flag and the country as a whole."

"To honor with pride and dignity" is the motto of the Reese Honor Guard. Since the



Reese Honor Guard members Senior Airman Marnie Ryder, left, and Staff Sgt. Kevin Johnson, right, pose with Master Sgt. Curtis Bartells as the Reese Air Force Base quarterly award winners for October - December 1996 as the Airman, Noncommissioned Officer and Senior NCO of the Quarter.

Photo by Ron Bailey

honor guard represents the Air Force, they strive to exceed the standards set forth by the Air Force. The honor guard is a liaison between the Air Force and the public, a job the members take very seriously.

Johnson said although the members take their duties seriously, there is also a lot of camaraderie and fun.

Honor Guard member Senior Airman Vibol Ros, 64th Security Police Squadron, said he likes being a part of a close, tight-knit family. He said he enjoys helping the community and meeting the public's needs.

"I consider honor guard to be the image of the Air Force, the best of the best. I really got into it, being part of the team.

I like voluntary work."

While most of the members volunteer for the honor guard, Fox was volunteered by the squadron commander. But he said he liked it so much he stayed in.

"We are what the public wants to see," said Ros. "Each member has well represented Reese Air Force Base and their respective units."

Global attack expands Air Force reach

(Editor's note: This is part of a series on the Air Force's core values and core competencies.)

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—From its early days as a separate service, the Air Force has continually stretched its combat arms as fast as its aircraft can fly.

Air Force leaders reaffirmed global attack as one of the service's core competencies in its new strategic vision, "Global Engagement: A Vision for the 21st Century Air Force."

The other Air Force core competencies are air and space superiority, rapid global mobility, precision engagement, information superiority and agile combat support.

One aspect of global attack is the ability of the Air Force to use stateside bases and forces to attack anywhere. In the Cold War, Air Force long-range bombers and, later intercontinental ballistic missiles, shouldered the nation's first priority of deterring nuclear war.

"Although nuclear weapons

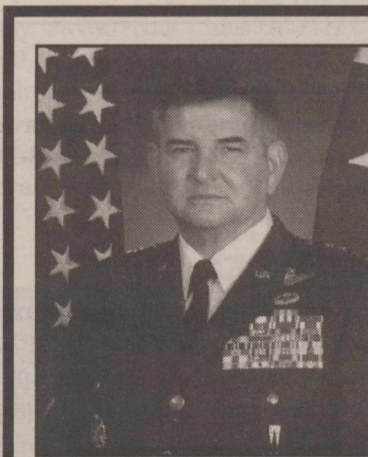
no longer play as central a role in America's national security strategy as they did during the Cold War, we recognize the dangers posed by the efforts of rogue states and others to acquire them," said Secretary of the Air Force Sheila E. Widnall.

She said the Air Force will sustain its work in the nuclear area and strengthen its response to the growing risk of proliferation.

Meanwhile, she said, the Air Force will use global attack as the basis to maintain the bomber and land-based ballistic missile legs of the triad even as it prepares for any force reductions.

The Air Force will also keep its commitment through global attack to support nuclear requirements of theater commanders, said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman.

"The Air Force is absolutely determined to maintain its record of excellence as the custodian of nuclear weapons by ensuring the safe and secure operation of those weapons,"



We will develop new ways to do mobility, force deployment, protection and sustainability in support of the expeditionary concept.

Gen. Ronald Fogleman
Air Force chief of staff

he said

In addition, the general emphasized that long-range attack forces have increased their conventional abilities and are able to "provide versatile, responsive combat power able to intervene decisively when necessary.

"The ability of the Air Force to engage globally, using both lethal and non-lethal means, is vital to today's national security strategy of engagement and enlargement," he stated.

The other aspect of global attack is providing expeditionary forces with sustained com-

bat power.

The Air Force has developed and demonstrated the concept of using rapidly deployable air expeditionary force from the United States.

Fogleman said this expeditionary force can be tailored to meet the needs of the joint force commander, both for lethal and non-lethal applications.

This force can launch and be ready to fight in less than three days.

"We will develop new ways to do mobility, force deployment, protection, and

sustainability in support of the expeditionary concept," the chief of staff said.

The Air Force is increasing the role of expeditionary forces to maintain its global engagement capability.

But in the future, Fogleman said, "capabilities based in the continental United States will likely become the primary means for crisis response and power projection.

At the same time, long-range air and space-based assets increasingly fill the requirements of the global attack core competency."

Around Reese

Simler Theater (4888)

NOW SHOWING

Today: "Get on the Bus" (R) 7:30 p.m. Fifteen African-American men, strangers to each other, leave behind the hard streets of South Central L.A., as they begin a journey to the Million Man March.

Saturday: "My Fellow Americans" (PG-13) 7:30 p.m. Two ex-presidents find themselves on a cross-country trip, evading pursuers and investigating a scandal involving the current president (starring James Garner and Jack Lemmon).

Sunday: "Mars Attacks" (PG-13) 6:30 p.m. Tim Burton's take on a space invasion is a little different from what we've seen so far. An all-star cast is kept busy keeping up with his vision of how various earthlings react to an attack by the war-mongering Martian hordes.

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

Caprock Cafe

(6027 - voice / 6028 - menu)

Today: Lunch—Grilled Salisbury Steak, Tempura Fried Shrimp, Oriental Chicken Stir Fry. Dinner—Baked Chicken, Roast Loin of Pork, Ground Beef Cordon Bleu.

Saturday: Lunch—Spaghetti with Meatballs, Fried Catfish, Chicken Parmesan. Dinner—Baked Canned Ham, Jaegerschnitzels, Lemon Baked Fish.

Sunday: Lunch—Country Style Steak, Chicken Fajitas, Tuna Noodles Casserole. Dinner—Barbeque Beef Cubes, Tomato Meatloaf, Lemon Basted Sole.

Monday: Lunch—Stuffed Green Peppers, Fried Shrimp, Roast Turkey. Dinner—Pepper Steak, Herbed Baked Chicken, Stir Fry Chicken with Broccoli.

Tuesday: Lunch—Country Style Steak, Baked Ham, Macaroni and Tomato, Chinese Five Spice Chicken. Dinner—Spinach Lasagna, Veal Paprika Steaks, Corned Beef.

Wednesday: Lunch—Sauerbraten, Grilled Bratwurst, Spicy Baked Fish. Dinner—Salisbury Steak, Roast Fresh Ham, Mexican Baked Chicken

Thursday: Lunch—Roast Beef, Herbed Baked Fish, Chicken A-La-King. Dinner—Lasagna, Roast Veal, Szechwan Chicken.

Menu subject to change

Bowling Center Breakfast Specials (6555)

Today: 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: Short Stack with Bacon. Cost is \$2.30.

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

Thursday: Two Eggs with Bacon, Hashbrowns or Grits, Toast and Jelly. Cost is \$3.20.

Ruby's Lounge (3156)

Today: Social hour begins at 4:30 p.m. with free hors d'oeuvres and beverage specials. Shuffleboard tournament with prizes at 7 p.m. Variety DJ from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Lounge hours: Saturday and Sunday opens at noon, Monday through Thursday opens at 3 p.m.

Reese Club (3466)

Today: Social Hour and Bar, 4 to 9 p.m.

Community notes

Seminars offered

A variety of seminars are being offered by the family support flight. A networking seminar is Feb. 19, from 12 to 1 p.m. A job availability seminar is scheduled for Monday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. or from 12 to 1 p.m. An interviewing seminar is set for Feb. 27, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. For more information or to sign up, call Kay Dyer at 3305.

Medical services

Pap and mammogram screening appointments should be made no later than the middle of May due to the extended follow-ups these screenings may require. Patients should schedule an appointment at their receiving base if they are within one month of a PCS move. Call Maj. Phyllis Craft at 6149 for more information.

Optometry services phase out

The last day for eye exams by the optometrist and the last day to order military glasses is Feb. 27. All optometric services here will cease March 28. Call optometry at 3338, or primary care at 3515 for more information.

Air National Guard recruiting

The Air National Guard is recruiting in both Rhode Island and California. For information on the California unit, call Master Sgt. Ed Heinbaugh at DSN 359-9082, ext. 5622. For information on Rhode Island, call Kristina McElroy at DSN 476-3246.

Give Parents a Break

The child development center is having a "Give Parents a Break" night tonight from 6-10p.m. Call 3541 to register.

Tax assistance

The legal office began the 1997 tax assistance program Monday. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) representatives will assist in filling out income tax forms. Call 3505 for an appointment or more information.

Pre-registration

Pre-register for South Plains College spring semester at building 920, through Thursday. Term dates are Feb. 19 - May 8.

Phaseout date extension

The Jan. 1, phaseout date for the olive field jacket has been extended to July 1. The single and double-breasted all-weather coat is an authorized outer garment with the battle dress uniform.

Computer classes

The following classes will be held in Bldg. 36 during February: Excel, Tuesday through Thursday, 8-11a.m.; Access, Feb. 25-27, 8-11a.m. Call Data Monitor Systems at 3299 to register.

Vehicle dispatch closes on weekend

Effective Monday vehicle operations will be open 5:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday only. They will be closed on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Be my valentine

Communication Skills for Couples will be presented Feb. 14 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the family support flight. The brown bag workshop will focus on ways to improve communication with one's mate. Call 3305 for reservations.

Education grants available

The Air Force Aid Society is currently accepting applications for the Gen. Henry "Hap" Arnold Education Grant Program. Grants of \$1,000 will be given to selected children of active duty, retired and deceased Air Force members who qualify for undergraduate studies. Call Elsa Summers at 3305 for more information.

Youth center activities

The Reese youth center is having a breakfast burrito sale from 7 to 10 a.m. Wednesday. They will deliver on base and in Reese Village. They are selling carnations on Valentine's Day, and will also deliver these on base and in Reese Village. Call the youth center, 3820, for more information.

SR-71 Blackbird back in business

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AFNS) — The SR-71 Blackbird reconnaissance aircraft now stands ready for deployment for the first time since its retirement seven years ago.

Two SR-71 aircrews and planes were declared mission ready Jan. 1.

"My goal was to bring the SR-71 back quickly, within budget, and most importantly, in a safe manner," said Brig. Gen. Robert Behler, 9th Reconnaissance Wing commander at Beale. "I'm proud to say we've accomplished this goal and we look forward to demonstrating a mobility capability later this year."

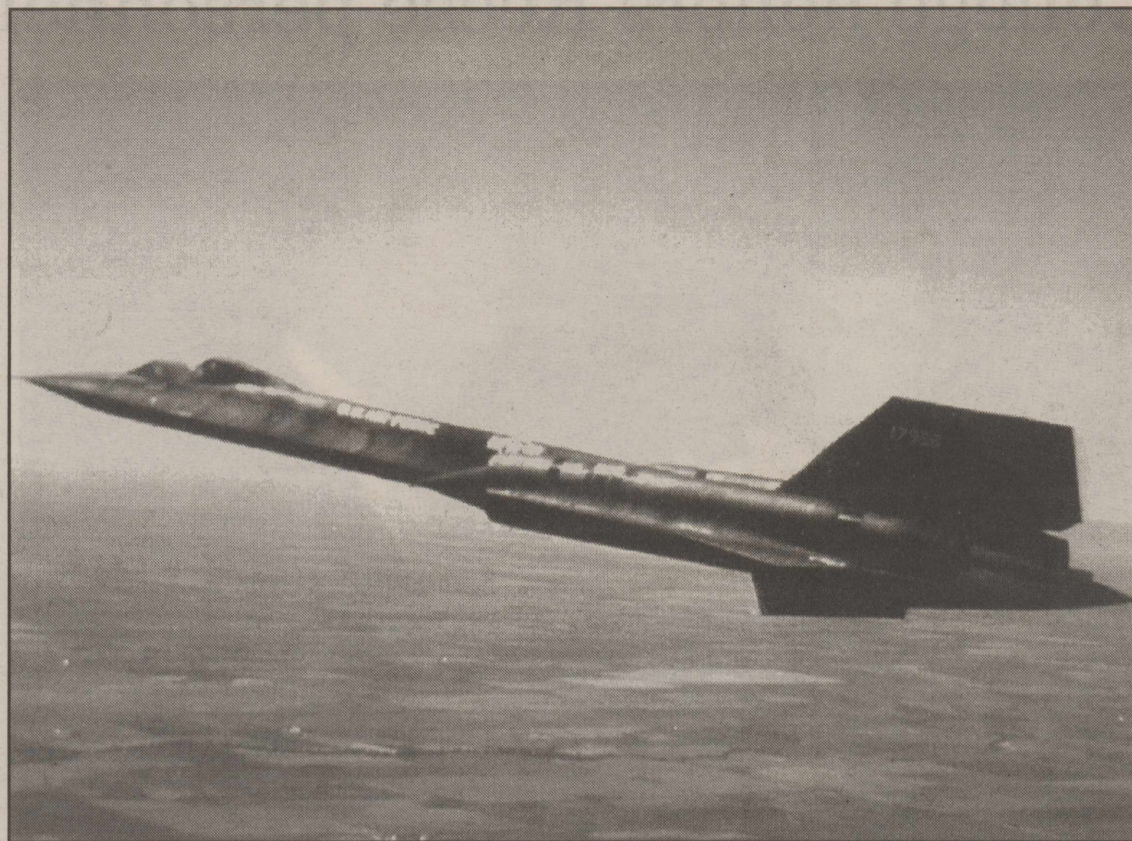
Mission ready means the Blackbird can fly operational sorties when the Joint Chiefs of Staff determine the aircraft's altitude, speed and sensor capabilities best meet a theater commander's mission need. The SR-71 is equipped with reconnaissance sensors, including the Ad-

vanced Synthetic Aperture Radar system that provides near-real time, all-weather, day or night imagery.

Congress directed the Air Force to bring the SR-71 out of retirement in 1994 because of the need for a highly survivable, manned, air-breathing reconnaissance platform to provide synoptic, multi-sensor, broad-area coverage.

The 32-year-old Blackbird remains the world's fastest, highest-flying production aircraft. It can fly at more than three times the speed of sound (Mach 3), or more than 2,000 mph, and it routinely cruises at altitudes exceeding 80,000 feet (15 miles). The aircraft can also survey more than 100,000 square miles of the Earth's surface in one hour.

Although assigned to the 9th RW at Beale, SR-71 aircraft currently operate from a detachment at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. (Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service)



U.S. Air Force photo

An SR-71 Blackbird is refueled at high altitude by a KC-10 refueling aircraft. Two SR-71s have been declared mission ready by the commander of the 9th Strategic Wing at Beale Air Force Base, Calif. The SR-71 is the highest flying air-breathing aircraft in the U.S. Air Force inventory, capable at flying at Mach three at altitudes of 100,000 feet.

Reese airman nets \$1,464 for submitting suggestion

While examining the excavation site where a Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) unit was to be installed, Staff Sgt. Darrell Rieves, 64th Civil Engineer Squadron, noticed something was wrong.

He identified a power source that was 573 feet closer to the unit than

what was originally planned and budgeted for.

His idea subsequently saved the government over \$25,000 in costs associated with the installation of the electrical power.

Rieves submitted his idea on an Air Force Form 1000 and was rewarded

handsomely in the amount of \$1,464.

The Air Force solicits great ideas like this through the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness (IDEA) Program (previously known as the AF Suggestion Program).

All Reese personnel are encour-

aged to utilize this program by submitting their ideas on an AF Form 1000 THROUGHOUT THE BASE CLOSURE PROCESS. Please submit your ideas to Staff Sgt. Charles Lewis, 71 FTW/MQ, 246 Brown Parkway Suite 225, Vance AFB, Okla., DSN: 448-7558.



Photo by Ron Bailey

64th Medical Group honors newly promoted personnel

The calendar 1996 Medical Professions Selection boards chose 686 officers for promotions. Reese had four members of the 64th Medical Group receive promotions from these boards. The calendar 1996 Central Major Medical Corps and Dental Corps selected 444 captains for promotion. The promotees to major are Dr. Colin Mihalik and Dr. Ronald Breininger. Being promoted to captain are Bin Chao and Anthony Marici. Featured in this photo are Chao, left, Breininger and Marici. Mihalik was on temporary duty at the time of the promotion presentations.

February -- A time to celebrate Black history month a time to learn

Commentary by
Capt. Eric Bass

Chief, military personnel flight
and social actions

As an American, February is not just another month. This is the month in which we recognize the precious contributions of Black/African-Americans.

Every one of us, no matter what our race and ethnicity, benefit from the creations and innovations of Black/African-Americans.

Benjamin Banneker, mathematician and astronomer, invented the first clock in America; Garrett Augustus Morgan created the first traffic light; Granville Woods created a device which powered trains by electricity rather than steam.

There are a plethora of other inventions worth mentioning as well as other accomplishments made by Black/African-Americans. However, it is up to each of us to research, study, learn and pass on information to our youth on contributions made by Black/African-Americans.

Learning vital contributions made by these people breeds a sense of appreciation for your fellow Black/African-American ... something which is invaluable to pass on to our children. Raising our children to appreciate others is a key element in the solution to end racial injustice.

Take this month as an opportunity to educate and challenge yourself ... learn something about the contributions of Black/African-Americans, then pass it on.

RESEARCH, READ, ASK, LEARN.

LCU Lady Chaps victorious over SNU

College honors Reese personnel with proclamation



Top photo: Col. Kodak Horton, 64th FTW commander, left, receives a proclamation from Lubbock Christian University president Ken Jones. Right photo: Reese Honor Guard members present the Colors prior to the start of the men's game between the Chaparrals and the Redskins of Southern Nazarene University.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Dave Brown

Tech. Sgt. Dave Brown editor

A stellar performance by Beth Capps and a last second 15-foot jump shot by Reese's own Rhonica Banks in regulation play helped the Lubbock Christian University Lady Chaparrals pull off a stunning upset of the number one ranked Lady Redskins of Southern Nazarene Univer-

sity Saturday afternoon at the LCU Fieldhouse.

The men were not as fortunate, losing to the SNU men 63-57.

The LCU women beat the SNU women 68-67 in overtime during LCU's "Reese Appreciation Day" activities.

Banks pulled up with less than three seconds remaining in regulation play to dump in her bank shot, tying the game at 61, sending the game into

overtime.

Capps dropped a 15-foot swish with 1.17 seconds remaining in the overtime period for the win. She finished the game with 30 points, leading all scorers.

SNU led at halftime 30-29.

Banks hit the net for eight points with two field goals and one three-pointer outside the arc. She also hit one of two free throws in the game. Banks and Selestine Imbaya led all

players with seven rebounds each.

Prior to the start of the men's game, the Reese Air Force Base Honor Guard presented the colors. LCU's minichorus sang the National Anthem.

LCU president Ken Jones presented Col. Kodak Horton, the 64th Flying Training Wing commander, with a proclamation at halftime of the men's game, thanking Reese for the

outstanding support the base provided the school during Reese's tenure in Lubbock.

The crowd of about 600 gave Reese a standing ovation for its contributions to the school.

Horton thanked LCU for the proclamation saying, "Reese appreciates this honor. We believe in the high standards of academics and are proud to have been a part of this fine institution's tradition."

Air Force contenders duke it out at Kelly

Oscar Balladares Kelly Observer assistant editor

KELLY AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFNS)—A few new "diamonds" were unearthed during the 1997 Air Force Box-Off Championships held at the noncommissioned officers club here Jan. 18-19.

"Overall, it was a good show by our boxers," said Osmar Alaniz, Air Force boxing coach. "We have some diamonds who need just a little polishing to really shine in the ring."

An overflow crowd of more than 400 boxing fans filled the club's ballroom to see boxing newcomer, Anthony

Griggs of Osan Air Base, Korea, dispatch Gary Hirdning of Minot Air Force Base, N.D., in the battle of the big men and claim the super heavyweight division crown.

It took all of 18 seconds of round one for Griggs to demonstrate his boxing prowess and send his overmatched opponent to the showers.

"I didn't get to see much of Griggs tonight, but what little I did see looked very promising," said Alaniz. "Although he has little ring experience, he has the right tools to be a really good boxer."

In another referee-shortened contest, it was first-year boxer Johnathan Williams from Tinker AFB, Okla., sending Jamieson Wardall of Beale AFB, Calif., crashing to the canvas in

the opening minute of round one in the title bout of the heavyweight division. Williams, at a distinct height and reach disadvantage, moved inside to work his combinations and jabs to send his opponent to the mat. The referee had seen enough, stopping the contest at the 50-second mark of the round.

"It was a right hook that eventually did it," Williams said. "I was throwing the jab a lot and when he stepped in to counter punch, the hook connected right to his chin."

In a match up of Kelly boxers, it was Everardo Armendariz outpointing Edmundo Macias III to score a first-round victory in the light middleweight division.

The boxers worked their way around the ring from the opening bell, ex-

changing combinations and jabs throughout. But, it was a flurry of punches by Armendariz, culminating with a right hook to the face, that sent Macias backward into the ropes and down. Despite repeated attempts by Macias to convince the referee he could continue, the match was called off at the 1:35 mark.

"He didn't disappoint me," Armendariz said. "I expected him to come at me pretty strong which he did. I just had a lot of luck on my side tonight."

Meanwhile, it was Samuel Aponte of Moody AFB, Ga., the service's reigning flyweight champion, moving up a class to defeat Ernesto Ramirez, Calderon Boys and Girls Club for the bantamweight title.