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Reese CGOC announces final awards

The Reese Air Force Base Company Grade Officer Council held its final meeting Wednesday, announcing the Company Grade Officer of the Year for 1996 and the CGO of the Quarter for October-December 1996.

Dr. (Capt.) Colin Mihalik, 64th Medical Group dental flight was selected as the CGO of the Year. Capt. Tadia Whitner, 64th Flying Training Wing judge advocate's office, was selected as the final CGO of the Quarter.

Mihalik actively pursued quality dentistry, providing a variety of services and training for all active duty Reese personnel and their families. Through his tenacious approach to dentistry and preventive dentistry, the 64th MDG dental flight was rated "Best in the Air Force" with 98 percent of all rated and 95 percent of non-rated personnel in dentally qualified readiness status.

The dentist also assumed the responsibility as the base's preventive

dentistry officer, benefiting military personnel and their families with a myriad of dental health activities. Besides doing school visits and presentations, conducting a dental health coloring contest for children and producing a very successful Dental

Health Fair, he also ensured that the dental flight has sufficient dental supplies through base closure.

According to Col. Kodak Horton, 64th FTW commander, "Dr. Mihalik is my personal dentist. His steady hand, desire and experience helps me

keep my teeth in good shape."

Other nominees for the CGO of the Year were Capts. Anne Coverston, 64th Civil Engineer Squadron; Douglas Hammen, 54th Flying Training Squadron; and Tadia Whitner.

Whitner was the claims officer for the JAG, collecting \$64,000 in hospital recovery claims during the first quarter of fiscal year 1997. According to Lt. Col. James Moody, the Reese Judge Advocate, this is phenomenal for a closure base having only a clinic rather than a hospital.

She was instrumental in overturning a \$2.5 million environmental claim against the Air Force. She demonstrated absolute absence of Air Force liability in a medical malpractice claim, saving the United States over \$10,000.

Whitner also directly led Reese Air Force Base being at the top of 19th Air Force in Article 15 processing times. The base had 94 percent of all cases processed within six days.



Mihalik



Whitner

1998 budget proposal unveiled

Master Sgt. Gary Pomeroy
Air Force News Service

WASHINGTON — The Defense Department's portion of the president's fiscal 1998 budget proposal contains \$250.7 billion in budget authority and includes \$61.3 billion for the Air Force, a senior Defense Department budget official said Feb. 5.

The proposal includes a 2.8 percent pay raise for the active-duty force in fiscal 1998 and 3 percent in fiscal 1999 and protects commissary benefits, the official said.

The official said the Air Force budget proposal maintains the service's top priorities: People First programs, readiness, and keeps core modernization programs on schedule.

Air Force's portion of the budget proposal contains provisions to build, replace or improve 3,523 family housing units; build or renovate 21 dormitories, and eliminate "gang latrines" in dorms. These provisions are sched-

uled to be completed by the end of fiscal year 1999.

Other provisions include:

Funding of the Overseas Tour Extension Incentive Program.

Supporting operation of 84 family support centers.

Funding two new dining facilities: one each at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., and Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Funding to build one new child development center at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

Constructing or renovating two physical fitness centers: one at Maxwell AFB and one at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Air Force's modernization programs are prioritized in four categories. The fiscal 1998 budget proposal supports:

Near-term - global mobility:

\$2.2 billion for nine C-17 Globemaster III airlifters.

Early mid-term - bomber upgrades:

\$157 million for airframe modifications and \$524 million for procurement of precision-guided munitions.

Later mid-term - air and space technology:

\$92 million for evolved expendable launch vehicles; \$561 million for space-based infrared systems; and \$157 million for airborne lasers.

Far-term - air superiority:

\$2.15 billion to fund engineering manufacturing development for the F-22 program and \$458 million for the Joint Strike Fighter program.

The official also provided several comparisons to illustrate how the Air Force has downsized since fiscal 1990. Air Force active-duty and civilian force will be 372,000 and 174,000, respectively, by the end of fiscal 1998. These figures compare to 539,000 and 249,000 at the end of fiscal year 1990.

Over the same period, major installations will have decreased from 139 to 87; active fighter wings will have decreased from 24 to 13.

Reserve and Guard fighter wings will dip from 12 to seven; bombers will be down from 301 to 138; and intercontinental ballistic missiles down from 1,000 to 550.

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Infant tooth decay preventative directions

Baby bottle tooth decay destroys primary teeth of infant

Dr. (Capt.) Colin Mihalik
Chief, dental flight

If you're a new parent, you may not realize the importance of caring for your infant's teeth. The Reese Dental Clinic wants you to know that serious tooth decay may develop by a child's first birthday. Even though the child's primary teeth will eventually be replaced with permanent ones, the primary teeth are critical for proper chewing, speaking and appearance.

Baby bottle tooth decay is a condition that destroys the primary teeth of an infant or young child.

This dental disease develops when a baby frequently receives a bottle of milk, formula, fruit juice or sweetened liquids to serve as a pacifier. It may result when the child often is allowed to fall asleep with a bottle during naps or at bedtime.

Prolonged demand breastfeeding may also cause this condition. Although the teeth most likely to be damaged are the upper front teeth, others may be affected.

Tooth decay is caused by bacteria, which are present in a thin film of plaque that constantly forms on the teeth.

The bacteria use sugar as an energy source. In the process, the bacteria produce acids that attack tooth enamel. Frequent, lengthy

exposure to sugary liquid can result in acids attacking the child's teeth. After many such attacks, tooth decay can occur.

All types of sugars, including those found in bottle and breast milk, formula, fruit juices, and sweetened liquids can cause plaque bacteria to produce decay-causing acids.

Two important factors determine if an infant is attacked by these acids. They include how often a child receives a bottle containing these liquids, and for how long a time the child's teeth are exposed to decay-causing acids.

The Reese Dental Clinic says parents can help protect their baby's teeth by doing the following:

After each feeding, wipe the child's teeth and gums with a clean, damp washcloth or gauze pad, to remove plaque.

Begin brushing your child's teeth as soon as the first tooth erupts (around six months). Continue cleaning and massaging gums in all other areas that remain toothless.

Never allow your child to fall asleep with a bottle of milk, formula, fruit juices, or sweetened liquid.

If your child needs a comforter between regular feedings, at night, or during naps, fill a nursing bottle with cool water or give the child a clean pacifier recommended by your dentist or pediatrician. Never give a child a pacifier dipped in any sweet liquid.

Avoid filling a nursing bottle with liquids such as sugar water, sweetened gelatin or soft drinks.

Make sure your child gets the fluoride needed for decay-resistant teeth. Ask your dentist about recommended methods for obtaining the proper amount of fluoride.

Schedule regular checkups beginning by the child's second birthday.

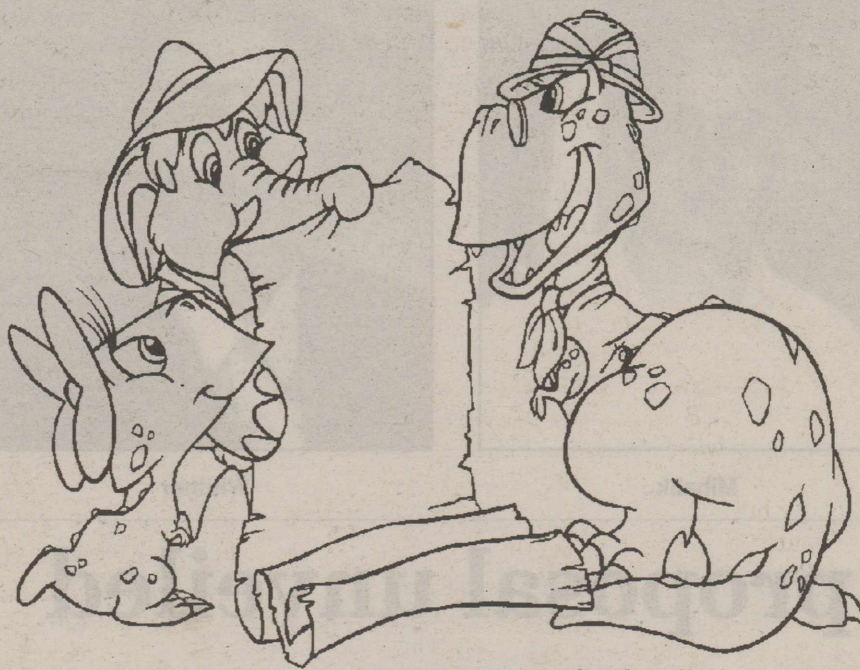
Also make sure you are taking care of your whole family's teeth by enrolling them in the Family Member Dental Plan through Concordia Dental Insurance Company.

Through this plan, family members receive cleaning and exams every six months at participating civilian dental offices at no additional charge.

For any dental questions, contact the Reese Dental Clinic at 3711.

For questions about enrolling in the Family Member Dental Plan, contact the Military Personnel Flight.

Dental insurance plans for retirees and their family members are also available. Call 885-6487 for more information.



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Problems? Concerns? Call the Care line 3273



A Careline column provides one of many opportunities for a commander to find out what people are thinking, what's bothering them, what they like, etc. 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.

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Controllers keep Reese airspace safe

Kelley Tway
intern

Reese Air Force Base is best known for its pilot training mission. Since the pilots are the most visible element of the mission, many people working behind-the-scenes go unrecognized. One of the most important behind-the-scenes jobs is the air traffic controller.

Staff Sgt. Keith Raulerson, and Senior Airman Derek Koloshinsky sit at their consoles, eyes intently scanning the skies above them.

When they receive a call from a pilot, they respond in cheerful, yet calm, voices. They said they are not afraid of heights, but it helps to be inside, perched 80 feet above the flightline in their glass enclosed "office."

"It would be different if I were outside, hanging over the railing," Raulerson said. "But we're not bored enough to dare each other to do that."

The last class has graduated, but the tower is still busy. T-1A team sorties are still using the airfield, as well as transits of KC-135s. Master Sgt. Loftis, tower chief controller, said they are an-

icipating more transit flights.

Loftis said he enjoys the job and will miss being at Reese.

"I was blessed to have these people working for me. Reese has been a great base and a great assignment."

The air traffic controllers' primary mission is ensuring that all aircraft get in and out in an orderly and safe manner.

Safety is the primary concern, Raulerson said.

Koloshinsky said it seems strange not to be working the student flights anymore, but it felt good to be a part of the last mission here at Reese. It is too bad the base has to close, he said, but he understands it is based on Air Force needs.

It is good personally, said Koloshinsky, because he can go back to school and pursue a communications degree and eventually get in radio.

Raulerson said he is also sorry to see the base close. But he is looking forward to moving on.

Raulerson's next assignment is Columbus AFB, Miss., and he and his wife will be closer to home.

"It is sad in a way because Reese has been a part of Lubbock for 50 years. I'm sure the



Photo above: Senior Airman Derek Koloshinsky monitors the computer and air traffic voice net for any aircraft traffic coming into Reese. Photo below: Staff Sgt. Keith Raulerson points to aircraft traffic on the computer monitor as new traffic approaches Reese.

people of Lubbock will hate to see it go," he said.

After learning the basics, they have eight months to a year of on-the-job training. Controllers have strict regulations regarding the number of hours they can work and how much downtime they have to take.

Raulerson said he will continue working in the tower at Columbus AFB.

"Regardless of where I go, I will always take pride in my job."



Photos by Senior Airman Tim Dempsey

Commanders discuss next assignments

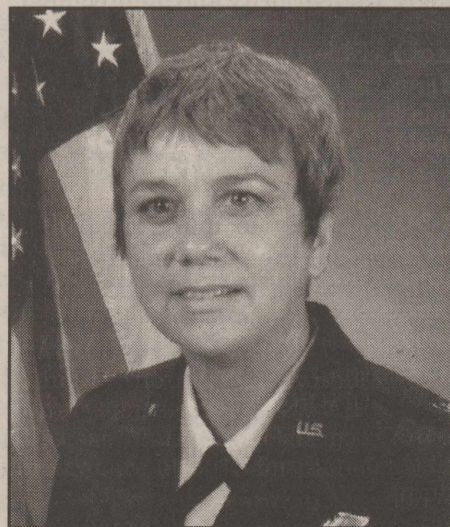
Tech Sgt. Dave Brown
editor

Those personnel attending the briefing by Lt. Gen. Michael McGinty, chief, Air Force Personnel Center, heard the assignment selection for Col. Edward DeJulio, 64th Support Group commander, and Col. Monica Figun, 64th Medical Group commander here.

Both are going to larger units with assignments at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., and Tinker AFB, Okla.

DeJulio will command the 95th Air Base Wing at Edwards AFB. He is one of the two percent of colonels (O-6s) who are fortunate enough to become a wing commander, per McGinty.

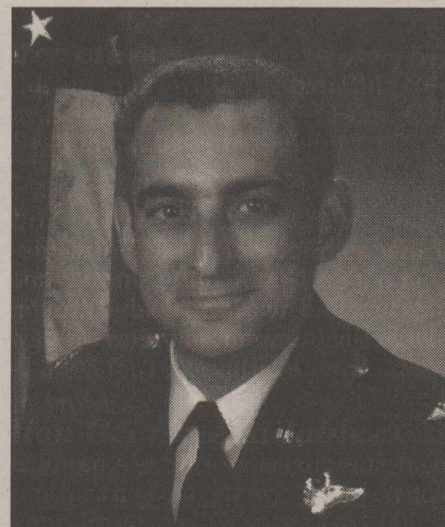
"The people at Reese made this job easy," he said regarding his present job. "They have done the job so well that commanders up the chain have



Figun

noticed and made selections accordingly."

Edwards AFB is a "neat place to go" DeJulio said. He said his children are anxious to see shuttle landings and F-22 aircraft flying. They also hope to play soccer at the local high



DeJulio

school.

Figun will command the 72nd Medical Group, a 35-bed in-patient services hospital.

She said that under normal circumstances, group commanders do not become group commanders at

other installations, except in the medical field. Because medical groups are classified small, medium and large, commanders can become group commanders at larger facilities than where they left. And Tinker is a larger facility than Reese.

"There are limited opportunities in the medical field for commanders," she said. "There were over 130 medical facilities at one time but they have dwindled down to 86 throughout the Air Force. So opportunities are not as good any more."

Figun echoed DeJulio's statement regarding the personnel under her here. "I couldn't get the job done without great people accomplishing the mission," she said. "The Air Force system isn't a stand-alone thing anymore. There has to be a team effort and I've got one of the best teams anyone could ask for."

Neither colonel gave an indication of report dates to their next assignments.

Deployed chaplain doesn't mind long hours

Tech. Sgt. Johnny Rea
JTF-SWA public affairs

ESKANVILLAGE, Saudi Arabia (AFNS) — A Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, chaplain deployed to Saudi Arabia is working more hours than ever, but says his job satisfaction has never been greater.

"Every day is a work day for the chaplains here," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Paul L. Yeun, a medical staff chaplain with the 59th Medical Wing at Lackland's Wilford Hall Medical Center. He's been serving as the senior chaplain with the 4409th Air Base Group (Provisional) here since late December.

With the help of two other Air Force chaplains, Yeun manages the religious and humanitarian programs at two military sites in the area as well as several embassies throughout Saudi Arabia. Twelve-hour days, seven days a week are the norm.

"Supporting the spiritual needs of our men and women deployed from their homes and families is extremely satisfying for me," said the

17-year Air Force veteran. "We put in long hours, but we're providing a valuable service to the folks deployed in the area."

The 4409th ABG(P)'s primary mission is providing support for the nearly 1,800 military members of Eskan Village. Among the chaplain's customers are members of Headquarters Joint Task Force-Southwest Asia, who coordinate Operation Southern Watch, a coalition of U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps members, as well as British and French forces. The coalition conducts flying missions to ensure compliance with United Nations Security Council resolutions that prohibit Iraqi military flights and ground troop movements in the southern half of Iraq.

Yeun and his staff conduct 12 worship services weekly at the "Oasis of Peace," a makeshift tent chapel that accommodates up to 120 people, plus nightly study sessions and a Sunday school program. He also makes himself available for counseling sessions — both spiritual and work-related

— around the clock.

Last month alone, the native of China said he personally met more than 1,200 people.

"That's a large part of our job here — to get out and meet people," he said. "With the high turnover in personnel, I enjoy introducing myself to new folks and getting to know them. It's also a great opportunity for me to introduce our programs."

"Having the chaplains here has been a great boost for our morale," said Staff Sgt. Ivan Towell, a medical readiness noncommissioned officer from Goodfellow AFB, Texas, currently assigned to the Eskan Hospital. "I've got five children at home, and found that I needed someone to talk to. And Chaplain Yeun has been there for me."

While Yeun is the first to admit he misses his wife, daughters and mother, he claims time passes quickly by staying busy.

"When I'm not working, I enjoy the many sports and recreational activities offered here," he said. "The people deployed here have always tried to make this place better than it was when



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Johnny Rea

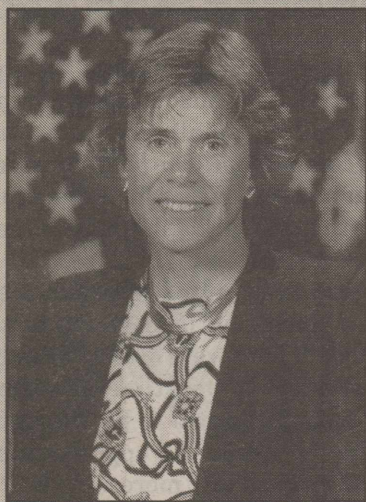
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Pal Yeun, senior chaplain with the 4409th Air Base Group (Provisional) at Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia, stands in front of the "Oasis of Peace," a makeshift tent chapel that can accommodate up to 120 people.

they arrived, and that's benefited us all."

The chaplain said he hopes to learn more about the local culture, and see more of Saudi Arabia before

leaving in April. "It's the most rewarding job I've ever had, long hours and all." (Courtesy of JTF-SWA News Service)

Rapid global mobility delivers worldwide power



"The ability to move rapidly to any spot on the globe ensures that tomorrow, just as today, the nation can respond quickly and decisively to unexpected challenges to its interests."

Secretary of the Air Force
Sheila Widnall

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

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — When a crisis erupts without warning anywhere around the world, the United States will need to rapidly deploy forces thousands of miles from bases in the continental United States to

deter a potential aggressor or defeat an adversary.

The need for this fast response led senior Air Force leaders to reemphasize rapid global mobility as one of the service's six core competencies in its new strategic vision: "Global Engagement: A Vision for the 21st Century Air Force."

The other core competencies are

air and space superiority, global attack, precision engagement, information superiority and agile combat support.

"Rapid global mobility provides the nation its global reach and underpins its role as a global power," said Secretary of the Air Force Sheila Widnall.

"The ability to move rapidly to any spot on the globe ensures that tomorrow, just as today, the nation can respond quickly and decisively to unexpected challenges to its interests," she said. "As the number of forward-deployed forces declines and the need for immediate response to overseas events rises, the Air Force's global mobility forces will be in great demand by future joint force commanders."

When an operation must be carried out quickly, airlift and aerial refueling will be the key players, the secretary said. She added that rapid global mobility builds the air bridge for joint forces, enables multinational peace efforts or speeds tailored forces wherever they are needed.

"Rapid deployment will remain the future joint team's most important combat force multiplier," said Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, Air Force chief of staff.

In the Global Engagement vision of the 21st century, rapid global mobility will be multifaceted. The speed with which forces are moved will increase, and airlift and air refueling capabilities must be able to deliver tailored forces operating in a smaller area.

"Rapid global mobility is driven by the nation's needs," Fogleman said. "Because we are going to have a CONUS-based contingency force, we've got to have the capability to get that force to the fight."

"That is what rapid global mobility does not only for combat operations, but for peacekeeping or humanitarian efforts."

"Airlifters and tankers give the national command authorities the ability to reach out and influence events around the world. This trend," he concluded, "will continue as far into the future as we can imagine."

Prayer focus of last National Prayer Breakfast

Tech. Sgt. Dave Brown
editor

The power of prayer was the focus of the final 1997 National Prayer Breakfast held here Feb. 6.

Retired Chaplain (Col.) Albert Hockaday led the service held in the base chapel for about 190 people. The traditional breakfast traces its origins to President Harry Truman's administration and was officially ordained by presidential order in 1955 by President Dwight Eisenhower.

Hockaday thanked Col. Kodak Horton, 64th Flying Training Wing commander, for the opportunity to come "home." Coming home meant providing a chapel service after 28 years of active service for the retired Air Mobility Command command chaplain.

The focus of Hockaday's sermon was "Prayer - global power within our reach." Emphasizing the importance of prayer to the gathering, he called it the "gymnasium of the soul — a two-

way conversation with God."

Hockaday recognized the importance of the day for all involved as he spoke with a reporter.

"Reese has had a lot of important days, especially recently with the graduation of the last class," he said. "This day is important as well for us to ponder the significance of prayer in our lives as leaders and individuals, keeping life in focus."

Describing the significance of prayer, the retired chaplain explained what happens when we pray. "We are blessed in a very special way," he said. "Prayer centers our attention and focus on God. It moves us in the direction of our need rather than our desires."

Prayer gives us the courage to make the decision we have to make and know there's a higher power taking charge. We learn to let go and let God."

His second point was directed at what happens when we give wings, hands and feet to our prayer. "God is placed at the very center of our focus," Hockaday said. "Our prayers become

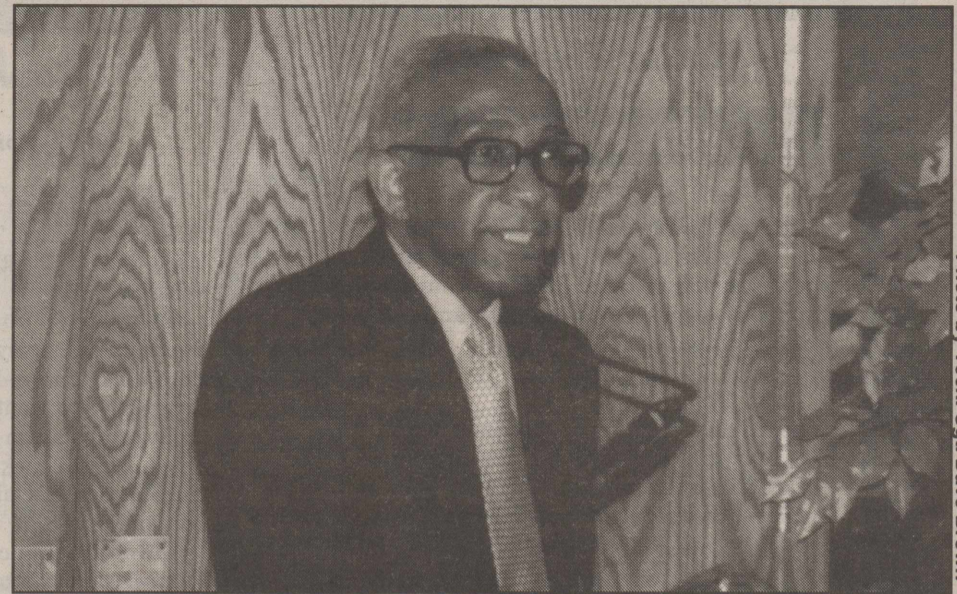


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Dave Brown

Retired Air Force Chaplain (Col.) Al Hockaday delivers the message at Reese's final National Prayer Breakfast Feb. 6. The chaplain discussed the power of prayer, who and how it affects people.

global because others receive God's blessing. We become blessed and so are others.

"Sometimes we seem to lose our ethical compass," he said. "We will do anything to help us focus on life as

humans, as leaders."

Hockaday is presently a chaplain resident in the Clinical Pastoral Education program at Methodist Hospital, Lubbock, Texas. The program concludes in August.

Air Force ROTC, OTS realign under one umbrella

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE Ala. (AFNS) — Air Force ROTC and Officer Training School will merge as the Air Force Officer Accession and Training Schools during a ceremony here Feb. 14.

Combining ROTC and OTS will place three-quarters of the Air Force officer production under one command.

The two organizations come together under the command of Brig. Gen. Brian A. Arnold, the current Air Force ROTC commandant.

Col. John A. Brantner will assume command of Air Force ROTC, and Col. Stephen M. Malutich will continue to serve as commander of OTS.

The realignment is expected to reduce duplication of effort and streamline administrative and reporting procedures within Air University. Bringing both organizations under AFOATS will not affect day-to-day operations of either program, Arnold said, but should result in significant benefits to their overall management.

"The benefit is that we will be able to provide maximum

flexibility to determine the optimum production between these two officer accession programs," Arnold said.

ROTC is the largest and oldest source of commissioned officers for the Air Force, and has its headquarters here.

OTS moved to Maxwell from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in 1993 as part of the Air Force chief of staff's vision to put all officer education and training programs under Air University.

Air Force ROTC recruits, educates and commissions officer candidates through college campus programs, and currently conducts programs at 144 campuses nationwide with approximately 16,000 cadets.

The Junior Air Force ROTC program, offered at 609 high schools, provides activities emphasizing citizenship and leadership to more than 91,000 junior cadets in the United States and Europe.

Officer Training School, considered the flexible partner in officer commissioning, has two important training programs, according to OTS

officials.

Basic officer training is an intense 13.5 week program leading to a line officer commission as a second lieutenant.

Commissioned officer

training is a four-week program that provides initial officership training to new, already commissioned judge advocates, chaplains and health profession officers.

This year, ROTC will pro-

duce about 2,000 officers, while OTS will commission about 500, and provide military orientation and training for another 2,000. (Courtesy of Air Force ROTC Public Affairs.)



Photo by Air Force ROTC Cadet Peter Aguirre

Chief Master Sgt. Andy Potter, Air University senior enlisted advisor, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., discusses advantages to staying in school and participating in the Air Force ROTC program with members of the Texas Tech AF ROTC detachment in Lubbock, Texas. Potter made a visit to the Tech campus Wednesday to view the ROTC program on campus and talk with the students in the program. Potter has a mission of recruiting, training and educating beginning with the Junior ROTC program to the Joint Officer War Fighting course at Air University.

Around Reese

Simler Theater

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NOW SHOWING

Today: "Jerry Maguire" (R) 7:30 p.m. Tom Cruise is a high energy sports agent who loses his job after writing a mission statement suggesting less clients, and more personal attention.

Saturday: "Ghosts of Mississippi" (PG-13) 7:30 p.m. An electrifying dramatization of the events surrounding and following the murder of civil rights worker Medgar Evers.

Sunday: "One Fine Day" (PG) 6:30 p.m. Two single parents facing crucial career events find out they are stuck with their children for the day. Michelle Pfeiffer and George Clooney juggle kids, careers and mutual dislike.

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

Caprock Cafe

(6027 - voice / 6028 - menu)

Today: Lunch —Barbeque Beef Cubes, Mustard Dill Fish, Turkey Nuggets. Dinner —Yankee Pot Roast, Savory Baked Chicken, Fried Shrimp.

Saturday: Lunch —Grilled Salisbury Steak, Hot & Spicy Chicken, Stir Fry Beef & Broccoli. Dinner —Braised Beef with Noodles, Spaghetti and Meatsauce, Lemon Basted Sole.

Sunday: Lunch —Spaghetti and Meatballs, Fried Fish, Chicken Parmesan. Dinner —Barbeque Beef Cubes, Salmon Cakes, Roast Loin of Pork.

Monday: Lunch —Corned Beef, Baked Tuna Noodles, Barbeque Chicken. Dinner —Beef Pot Roast, Tomato Meatloaf, Chicken Enchiladas.

Tuesday: Lunch —Stuffed Green Peppers, Fried Shrimp, Roast Turkey. Dinner —Sweet & Sour Pork, Grilled Bratwurst, Herbed Baked Chicken.

Wednesday: Lunch —Spinach Lasagna, Grilled Pork Chops, Chicken Parmesan. Dinner —Veal Paprika Steaks, Braised Liver, Lemon Baked Fish.

Thursday: Lunch —Spicy Baked Fish, Barbeque Chicken, Ground Beef Cordon Bleu. Dinner —Cajun Meatloaf, Knockwurst, Barbeque Spareribs.

Menu subject to change

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. \$2.30

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

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 from 4 to 9 p.m.

Barber Shop: Wednesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Open to all.

Community notes

Nomination packets available

Fiscal year 1998 Squadron Officer School civilian nomination packages are due to HQ AETC by Apr 30. Candidates must be current, permanent GS-09 to GS-12 employees. Call Denise Colley at 3801 for further information.

Holiday Hours

The holiday hours for Monday, President's Day, are as follows: the shoppette will be open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. All other facilities will be closed. The commissary will be closed on Feb. 18, and will reopen Feb. 19 at 9:30 a.m.

Eat at Caprock

All on-duty officers, civilians and contract employees are authorized to eat at the Caprock dining facility as of Feb. 1. Call Senior Airman Will Hightower at 3408 for information.

Length of Service Awards

Length of Service Awards will be presented to three Reese civilian personnel at appropriate ceremonies in February and March: Dennis Ryder, 64th Civil Engineer Squadron. Ryder is currently working as a lead firefighter. He arrived here Aug. 5, 1991. Kay Dyer, 64th Mission Support Squadron, is currently working as a transition and career focus programs manager. She arrived here Mar. 7, 1993. Connie Curry, 64th FTW, is currently working as a secretary. She arrived here Mar. 30, 1987.

Seminars Offered

A variety of seminars are being offered by the family support flight. A networking seminar on Wednesday, from 12 to 1 p.m. and 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 Phyllis Craft at 6149 for more information.

Get your eyes checked

The last day for eye exams by the optometrist and the last day to order military glasses is Feb. 27. All optometric services 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 Rhode Island, California and Georgia. 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. For information on Georgia, call Master Sgt. Kelly Smith at DSN 806-8004. If you are separating from the Air Force, this is an excellent opportunity to continue serving your country.

Tax Assistance

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

Computer classes

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

Be my valentine

Communication Skills for Couples will be presented today 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 your mate. Call 3305 for reservations.

Education Grants Available

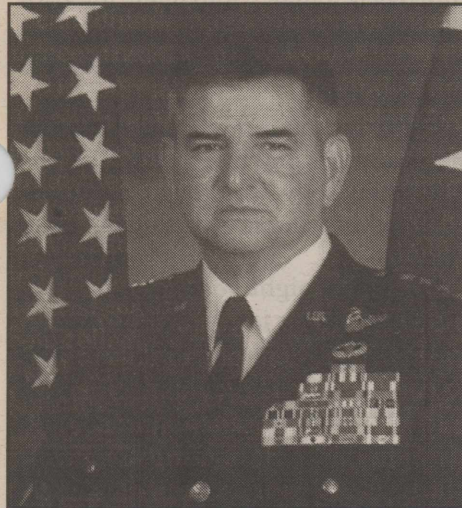
The Air Force Aid Society is currently accepting applications for the Gen. Henry "Hap" Arnold Education Grant Program. Grants of \$1,000 will be given to selected children of active duty, retired and deceased Air Force members who qualify for undergraduate studies. Call Elsa Summers at 3305 for more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

Youth Center activities

The Reese youth center is selling carnations today in celebration of Valentine's Day, and will deliver them on base and in Reese Village. Call the youth center at 3820 for more information.

CSAF kicks off professional reading program

Enlisted, civilian professional reading lists forthcoming



Fogleman

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ronald Fogleman strongly believes that professional reading is one of the most important things Air Force people can do for personal development. He tasked the Air Force History Office to create a professional reading program for officers, enlisted personnel and civilians.

Last summer, the Air Force History Office began developing the chief of staff's professional reading program. It initially focused on officers to provide the baseline for the overall program. As a result, the officer portion of the program is being implemented this spring.

Meanwhile, the history office is working with the Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Eric W. Benken to craft an appropriate program for enlisted members. Once that effort is under way, the historians will focus on readings for civilians.

Fogleman anticipates this professional reading program will help foster the growth of a unifying air and space culture throughout the Air Force. He said, "Implementing the reading program alongside other initiatives coming out of our long-range planning effort will help produce Air Force members who understand what we are about as the nation's air and space force.

"As a result, they will be better able to capitalize on the enormous potential of our air and space forces to achieve U.S. objectives in independent, joint and coalition operations.

"When working on the Joint Staff,

at a unified command headquarters, or in an Air Force component, our people must be able to describe what air and space power brings to the table," Fogleman said. "Pursuing a professional reading program is one means of contributing to this objective."

In developing the officer reading list, the history office considered selections from the chief's personal library as well as other books recommended by Air University, the Air Force Academy, Air Force historians and other interested people.

Fogleman eventually approved a professional reading list for officers consisting of 34 books on the subjects of military strategy, air and space power history, doctrine, combat in the 20th century, joint and coalition operations and leadership.

The list is divided into three sections to provide readings appropriate for officers at different periods in their career. Selections are designed to be informative, educational and enjoyable to encourage officers to continue with a career-long professional reading program.

All of the publications on the officer list are in print and will be made available this spring for purchase at Army and Air Force Exchange Service bookstores and check out at base libraries. These facilities will also help promote the chief of staff professional reading program.

To help officers start a professional reading program early in their careers, Fogleman has authorized the Air Force to purchase the books on the basic list for every new captain, beginning March 1.

From that time on, when officers pin on captain, they will receive a shipment of all 13 books on the basic list.

They will be encouraged to have read many of the books before attending Squadron Officer School. Then, captains will have the opportunity to discuss and report on selections from the basic list while at SOS.

In messages announcing the program to Air Force commanders, Fogleman also encouraged commanders and supervisors to use the basic list books in unit mentoring and professional development programs for young officers.

"In the end," Fogleman said, "the reading program will directly support the professional development of the leaders who will provide the nation the air and space forces required in the first quarter of the 21st century. This is described in the service's new strategic vision, Global Engagement." The vision calls for the development of airmen who understand service doctrine, core values and core competencies.

"That's essential," the chief of staff

said, "if we are to provide the capabilities America will require to meet the security challenges of the 21st century.

"The unique characteristics of air and space power — speed, range, flexibility, precision and global perspective — will result in our nation's leaders often turning to the Air Force as the first weapon of choice in a crisis or conflict. Our people must be intellectually prepared to respond with war-winning air and space capabilities."

The Professional Reading List

The following is the Chief of Staff Professional Reading List:

Basic List:

- Sun Tzu, "The Art of War," William Morrow & Co.
- Phillip Meilinger, "10 Propositions," Air Force History and Museums
- James Stokesbury, "A Short History of Air Power," William Morrow & Co.
- Donald Phillips, "Lincoln on Leadership," Warner Books
- Tom Wolfe, "The Right Stuff," Bantam Books
- James Hudson, "Hostile Skies," Syracuse University Press
- DeWitt Copp, "A Few Great Captains," Air Force Historical Foundation
- Geoffrey Perret, "Winged Victory," Random House
- John Sherwood, "Officers in Flight Suits," NYU Press
- T.R. Fehrenbach, "This Kind of War," Brassey's
- Jack Broughton, "Thud Ridge," Imagination Transportation, Inc.
- Harold Moore and Joseph Galloway, "We Were Soldiers Once and Young," Harper Collins
- Richard Reynolds, "Heart of the Storm," Air University Press

Intermediate List:

- Peter Paret, "Makers of Modern Strategy," Princeton University Press
- Tony Mason, "Air Power: A Centennial Appraisal," Brassey's
- George C. Kenney, "General Kenney Reports," Air Force History and Museums
- Donald Slayton, "Deke!" Forge Books
- Lee Kennett, "The First Air War," Smithsonian Institution Press
- Thomas Hughes, "Over Lord," Free Press
- Frank Futrell, "USAF in Korea," Air Force History and Museums
- Mark Clodfelter, "The Limits of Airpower," Free Press
- Richard Hallion, "Storm Over Iraq," Smithsonian Institution Press

Advanced List:

- Carl von Clausewitz, "On War," Princeton University Press
- I.B. Holley, "Ideas and Weapons," Air Force History and Museums
- James Belasco and Ralph Stayer, "Flight of the Buffalo," Warner Books
- Walter McDougall, "The Heavens and the Earth," Johns Hopkins University Press
- Ray Fredette, "The Sky on Fire," Smithsonian Institution Press
- R.J. Overy, "Why the Allies Won," Norton
- Phillip Meilinger, "Hoyt Vandenberg," Indiana University Press
- Ulysses Sharp, "Strategy for Defeat," Presidio Press
- James Winnefeld and Dana Johnson, "Joint Air Operations," Naval Institute Press
- Roger Beaumont, "Joint Military Operations," Greenwood
- Michael Gordon and Bernard Trainor, "The Generals' War," Little Brown & Company
- John Warden, "The Air Campaign," Brassey's

Professional journal to be read by officers of all grades:

Airpower Journal

Safety Tip of the Week It is time to change your furnace filters. Remember to change those filters every 30 days to save expenses and lives.

NFL linebacker finds strength in father

Air Force accomplishments stand out in his mind

Staff Sgt. Ginger Schreitmueller
Pacific Air Forces public affairs

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii (AFNS) — After nearly 19 years, a son slowly searches for the name among 700 others. He finds the name, nestled in the 19th column, fifth row down:

Robert J. Thomas, Capt., USAF, Vietnam, 1978.

The names are etched on small brass plates carefully placed on the wall at the U.S. Army's Central Identification Lab in Hawaii. The name, rank, country and date are simple eulogies to U.S. service members whose remains have been identified by the lab and returned home to their families.

On this day, the son has traveled to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, to learn a little more about a man he barely remembers. Almost 5 years old when his father was shot down over North Vietnam in 1972, Derrick Thomas today stands out as one of the National Football League's premier defensive players. A linebacker with the Kansas City Chiefs, Thomas was recently in Hawaii making his eighth-straight appearance at the Pro Bowl.

Thomas was at Hickam Jan. 27, not as an all-pro linebacker, but as a member of a different team.

"Derrick and his family will always be a part of the Air Force family," said Gen. John Lorber, Pacific Air Forces commander, during a presentation in the command's Courtyard of Heroes. "His father gave his life defending the right of children everywhere to live in freedom. I know he would be proud of what Derrick has accomplished in his life, and his dedication to excellence on the field and in the community."

In recognition of the contributions made by his father, Thomas was given a framed display containing a photograph of his father wearing a flight suit.

The football star said he grew up not knowing the hero his father was or the "why's and how's" surrounding his death.

"I only have vague images of my dad. He was listed as missing in action for nearly six years and somehow I always hoped he would come home," said Thomas, who considers himself a strong supporter of the U.S. Air Force. When Thomas was nearly 10, his father's remains were returned home.

Standing 6 feet 3 inches tall and weighing about 247 pounds, Thomas holds team and league records for sacks in a career, season and game. Thomas said his father's spirit and drive has

influenced him.

"My father had to overcome some extreme obstacles to get through flight school, be commissioned and become a pilot in the Air Force," said 30-year-old Thomas. "He worked hard and stayed the path to see his dreams through to reality. The adversities he faced and the goals he reached have been the helping hand along the way for me.

"My grandmother told me how, even as a boy, my dad would spend hours at the airport just watching the planes take off and land; he really loved to fly. She said if ever there was a man who died doing what he loved, it was my dad."

In 1972, then-Lt. Thomas was the co-pilot on a B-52G Stratofortress taking part in Operation Linebacker II. The offensive strike mission involved an overall bombing campaign of North Vietnamese targets Dec. 18 to Dec. 29, 1972.

On the first night of the operation, just a day before his 24th birthday, the lieutenant joined five other crew members for the mission. Launching from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, they headed for their targets in North Vietnam. Seconds before dropping their bombs near Hanoi, the B-52 was hit by a surface-to-air missile.

The pilot and gunner were killed; the navigator, radar navigator and electronic warfare officer survived, but were taken prisoners of war. The fate of the copilot was uncertain and officials listed Thomas as "missing in action, shot down over North Vietnam."

Nearly six years later, a set of remains was returned to the lab in Hawaii for identification. After forensic reviews and matching data with records, Captain Thomas was identified and returned home to Florida.

The young Thomas faced a life growing up in a crime-ridden neighborhood without a father to steer his direction — not truly understanding what had happened and why. It was while attending the University of Alabama, Thomas began searching out those who could help him fill in the blank spots about his father and the events surrounding his final mission. Some publicity about the fact his father had been killed in Vietnam led Thomas to the surviving crew members from his father's plane.

"They told me a great deal about who my father was and what happened that day. Throughout the years, people have sent me photographs and information about my father. Just a short while ago, the man who was the crew chief for that mission sent me a photo of my dad in front of the airplane. All the information has added

up to give me bits and pieces of the puzzle," said Thomas.

As he found out more about his father, Thomas said he also realized this was an individual who stepped up to challenges and charged the obstacles in his path.

"He was a man with the courage to go after his dreams, to take the necessary steps to accomplish those ideas. Meeting people who knew him and having the opportunity to visit the Central Identification Lab are special experiences for me. It gives new meaning to what my father was all about," said Thomas.

Thomas said this visit helped clarify some areas of his father's death, but even without understanding it all, there is one day each year that puts it all into perspective for the linebacker.

"Veteran's Day is the one day everyone stops to acknowledge those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country, those who gave all they had. There is always a flyover at Arrowhead Stadium (Kansas City, Mo.) on Veteran's Day. This means more to me than any other player on the team, except Dan Saleaumua whose father was in the Army and was also killed in Vietnam.

"When those planes fly overhead, I focus on my father and all he did and it touches me and motivates me to be the best I can," said Thomas.

Following the Veteran's Day flyover last year at Arrowhead, the motivation proved a powerful force for Thomas. In a game pitting the Chiefs

against the Green Bay Packers, Thomas made two sacks — his 20th career multi-sack game — and made his 16th career fumble recovery, snagging second place on the Chiefs' all-time fumble recovery list.

"After the game, my teammates jokingly said if I played like that all the time then they would get a flyover before every game we played," said Thomas.

With only eight years in the NFL, Thomas's career is in its prime and he looks forward to watching many more Air Force fighters crossing the skies over the stadium in patriotic salutes. The father of two also sees a time when his children will be a part of those Veteran's Day fly overs, maybe in 20 years or so.

"My son is 6 years old and incredibly fascinated with airplanes. He wants to join the Air Force some day and fly. I encourage him to hold on to those dreams and reach for them. If my daughter, who is 7, wanted to join the Air Force that would be OK with me, too. I think she would rather be an aerospace engineer," said the proud father.

The information he has learned helps the images of his father get clearer, said Thomas, but there is one final stop along the journey he has traveled for nearly two decades.

"Someday I would like to go to Vietnam. Then, maybe, I'll have the closure for all this." (Courtesy of Pacific Air Forces News Service)



Kansas City Chief linebacker, Derek Thomas, poses with the American flag in the background and the B-52 Stratofortress that Thomas' father flew during the Vietnam war in the foreground. Thomas is the founder of the "Third-And-Long" organization designed to give back to the community a little of what Thomas feels was given to him during his childhood years.