

TROOPS HAVE DIVERSE VIEWS ON MOON TRIP

Now that three Americans have gained a close look at the moon from Apollo 8, do you think it is worth the expense, trouble and risk to land a man on the moon?

Sample reactions to this question from members of the North Carolina Air National Guard were gathered yesterday. Compare their feelings about the United States' space exploration program with your own.

"I think this accomplishment has built up our personal and national pride in our country."-A1C Allen E. Shook, 145th USAF Dispensary.

"The moon is one far-reaching answer to our ever increasing population problem and possibly a new source of material for the world."-Sgt. Stephen M. Horton, 145th Spt. Sq., Data Processing Section.

"No, to the best of my knowledge there does not seem to be any scientific or military gain by going there. Funds made available for the moon program should be diverted to domestic use."-Lt. Col. William V. Elliott, commander, 156th MAS.

"No, it is not practical to colonize the moon. Any mineral wealth found there would be too expensive to transport back to earth. All this energy and money should be spent on further study of the ocean."-Sgt. William T. Roberts, 145th Supply Sq.

"Yes, because it's there, it's a new frontier. This accomplishment contributes much to the U.S.'s standing in world opinion."-Lt. Joel Canady, Food Service Officer, 145th Support Sq.

"No, why go to the moon when even the astronauts didn't like what they saw. The expense is so great and the rewards are so few. I can not justify the cost when the money could be put to better use."-Sgt. Forrest O. Kenley, Hq, 145th MAG.

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Next Incentive Flight Going To Laredo, Texas

The fifth of the series of incentive flights, originally scheduled for the Republic of Panama, has been changed to Laredo, Texas. The flight has a crew and passenger show time of 0600 hours on 8 Feb. and an estimated arrival time back in Charlotte of 2000 hours 9 Feb.

The Panama flight was cancelled because of new restrictions on travel caused by political unrest in the area.

Of the fifteen Air Guardsmen who had signed for the last incentive flight which was to Miami, Fla., only six showed for the flight's departure.

Troops scheduled to make the trips are urged to notify base operations if they will not be able to show. Failure to help the project with cooperation of this type will jeopardize chances of future flights.

The NCANG continues to support the war effort in Vietnam. Recently, a C-124, commanded by Brig. Gen. William J. Payne, commander of the NCANG, transported a 105mm Howitzer which was urgently needed by the Army to the war zone.

Other global missions scheduled include Hot Springs, Ark., 22 Jan; Brazil, and Panama, 25 Jan.; Southeast Asia, 1 Feb.; Spain, 1 Feb.; Brazil, 8 Feb.; Germany, 15 Feb.; Panama, 15 Feb.; Southeast Asia, 1 Mar.; and Spain, 1 Mar.

W-2 Forms On The Way

The 1968 Wage and Tax Statements, W-2 Forms, have been printed and are being released. All will be released by 31 Jan.

Statements are being sent to addresses on the master pay file as of 23 Dec. 1968, which is the same address to which pay checks are mailed. Statements represent all taxable wages paid for performance data submitted by the CBPO to the Accounting and Finance Center in Denver, Col. The base CBPO will answer questions about the statements.

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

By Col. Robert W. Brooks Jr.
Group Commander

In view of recent trends toward more colorful and "mod" dress and grooming habits for men, I reemphasize that there are regulations which provide directions as to dress and appearance for military personnel. I expect compliance with these regulations:

Dress and Appearance. Each member of the Air Force must be well-groomed and ensure that his personal appearance at all times reflects credit upon himself and the Air Force. Each will meet the following minimum requirements:

a. **Appearance of Uniform.** When uniforms are worn, they must be clean, neat, correct in design and specification, and in good condition. Uniforms will be kept buttoned, and shoes must be shined and in good repair. Metallic insignia, badges and other metallic devices, including the blue service uniformed buttons, also must be maintained in the proper luster and condition.

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CHAPLAIN'S
CORNER



January, 1969, offers us not only the opportunity to begin a new year armed with appropriate resolutions but the opportunity to begin the year with a new government administration. This is the time to give voice to our prayers and to express what we would like the new year to mean for our country. The following are my sincerest hopes for 1969.

1. May this year see the establishment of new priorities and values for the people of the world. Specifically may it mean peace in Vietnam and in the Middle East and in every other trouble spot. May it mean peace at home in our cities and among the races. And may that peace be known to all of us personally in our every relationship.

2. May compassion and justice mark the administration of every government agency as we seek to meet the needs of the aged, the poor, the untrained and the unemployed.

3. May this year see a rededication to the fundamentals of education. May this administration make the opportunity for the very best education available to all and may all desire to upgrade themselves and to stretch their intellectual capacities.

4. May safety and success accompany our astronauts in our effort to attain dominion over space.

5. May there be a resurgence of the old-fashioned virtues of honesty, integrity, and loyalty among all our citizenry.

6. May there be great break-throughs that will enable us to heal the cancer patient and feed the starving multitudes so that none of God's children suffers unduly.

7. May each individual make new strides in learning the difficult lesson of selfless love to the end that reconciling harmony might exist between husbands and wives, parent and children, neighbor and neighbor, race and race, and nation and nation.

8. May Thy Kingdom come and Thy will be done on earth even as it is in heaven.

--Chaplain S.D. Maloney

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b. Personal Appearance-Men:

(1) The face will be kept clean-shaven, but a short, neatly trimmed mustache may be worn. A beard may be worn only when temporarily approved by medical officials for medical reasons. Such approval will be limited initially to three months, but may be extended if considered necessary by the medical authorities.

(2) Hair must be neat and closely trimmed. It may be clipped at the edges of the sides and back, but must present an evenly graduated appearance. Long and conspicuous sideburns are prohibited.

(3) Articles such as pencils, pens, watch chains, fobs, pins, jewelry, handkerchiefs, combs, cigars, cigarettes, pipes, and sunglasses cases will not be worn or carried exposed on the service uniform. The wearing of wristwatches, identification bracelets, and rings is permitted. Conservative sunglasses may be worn, but not in military formations.

All people wish to be recognized as individuals--each distinguished from his fellow man by some discernible something of appearance, character, personality, ability or accomplishment. There is an ingrained stubbornness against being "molded." This is a human characteristic and it provides the drive toward all the progress and improvements of our society. It also explains why a democracy is the most acceptable of all forms of government. It does not, however, explain or excuse the individual who makes a spectacle of himself through dress or manner under the claim of "personal freedom." Freedom in this country was fought for by individuals who gave up their individual preferences in the military so a united effort could be made to protect the more basic freedoms, such as life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

More than any other segment of our society, the military must have a singleness of purpose; it requires more conformity among its members. Military regulations are not designed to stifle the individual, but they are designed to limit techniques or practices which might detract from united effort.

So, all applicable regulations and con-

Air Guardsmen Outnumber USAF Men In Korea

The crew of the USS Pueblo may be free, but more than 3,000 Air Guardsmen activated when the ship was seized a year ago still were on duty in Korea early this month.

Air Guardsmen on active duty outnumber Air Force personnel actually on duty in Korea itself, according to reports from the National Guard Association of the U.S. The association, in a summary of Guardsmen on active duty overseas, also reported that Air Guard fighter crews in Vietnam have flown more than 13,000 combat sorties and destroyed or damaged more than 12,000 enemy fortifications, bunkers or sampans. The 110 Air Guard pilots, thus, have averaged 121 sorties each in their first five months of duty in the Vietnam conflict. Air Force officials have repeatedly said the Guard fliers were "real professionals" whose performance is on a par with that of career pilots.

More than 10,000 Air Guardsmen were activated in a two-stage call up nearly a year ago and some 2,000 of them were sent to Vietnam between May 3 and June 15. Guardsmen primarily man five of the 14 combat squadrons in Vietnam providing close air support with F-100 Supersabres.

In all, nearly 6,000 of the 10,300 mobilized Air Guardsmen are serving at overseas posts. The Air Force has announced that they will all be returned to the U.S. for release from active duty before next June 30.

MENU FOR FEBRUARY DRILL

Saturday

Roast pork with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, buttered carrots, cabbage, salad, devil's food cake, cook's choice soup.

Sunday

Vegetable soup, grilled steak with mushrooms, potatoes, buttered succatash, combination salad, apple pie.

trols must be observed -- not just parts or sections which we might individually approve.

EBERTON, TWO OTHER OFFICERS GET PROMOTIONS

One officer has been promoted to Major and two to First Lieutenant this month.

Promoted to Major was Capt. Irving M. Eberton of the 156th Military Airlift Squadron. Major Eberton is a pilot with the NCANG.

He resides in Greensboro, N.C. and is employed with York Corp. of Greensboro as a Sales Engineer.

Receiving 1st Lieutenant bars were Lt. Julia F. Cahoon and Lt. Joseph L. Canady, III.

1st Lt. Cahoon is a Flight Nurse with the 156th Aeromedical Evacuation Flight.

A resident of Charlotte, she is employed as a nurse with Charlotte Rehabilitation Hospital.

1st Lt. Canady is assigned to the 145th Support Squadron as Food Service Officer.

He is employed as Field Manager for Ford Motor Company, Charlotte, N.C.

145th Has New Ambulance

The 145th Dispensary has a new ambulance --a 1969 Plymouth-- in its inventory.

It replaces the 1958 Pontiac, which lasted the North Carolina Air Guard for 7,000 miles and 11 years. The old ambulance was replaced because of age.

WOODS NAMED HONOR GRAD

Airman Richard E. Woods, of the 156th Aero-med Evac Flight, was designated an honor graduate just before Christmas of the Medical Materiel Specialist Course at Sheppard AFB, TEX. There were twenty students in the class.

Airman Harry M. Spoon Jr., of the 145th Support Sq., graduated with honors from a training course for site development specialist. He completed the course in November at Sheppard AFB, Texas.

FUTURE DRILL DATES

22-23 Feb. 22-23 March 19-20 April

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"I know of not real justification for the expense of going to the moon. However, the moon does offer a challenge to man as the climbing of Mt. Everest once did--Major Paul D. Webb, Navigation Training Officer.

"Yes, because of the money spent so far. Why invest that money if not to investigate further? It is just as Columbus did. He investigated further and found the new World. With the World's population explosion, we will have to have some means to live because the world will not be able to handle this problem."--Sgt. Mike Cole, 145th Support Sq., Fire Station.

"It is the nature of man to venture forward into the new and the unknown, to pursue knowledge and truth. To turn our backs on this would be the height of foolishness."--Chaplain S. D. Maloney.

"Yes, because the United States is the leader of nations only because it pursues the challenge of the future. Who knows if we didn't pursue the odyssey of space, the communistic nations with their conquest of space could jeopardize our defense of freedom."--Sgt. Carl C. Tinch, Jr., 145th Camron Sq.

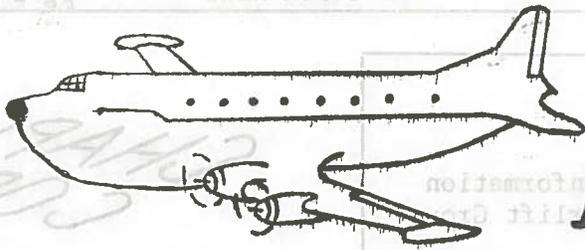
Trip Still Available

You can still sign up for the "National Guard Holiday in Europe," schedule for June 1969.

Being arranged through the National Guard Association of the United States, the plan includes either a 21-day trip or a 14-day trip. Both schedules will be at Normandy for the National Guard's participation in the day-long dedication ceremonies of the monument commemorating the World War II invasion there.

For full information contact the National Guard Group Travel Consultants, 711 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022.

Costs range from the all inclusive 21-day trip for \$544 to the 14-day trip for just air fare and dedication day accomodation for \$225.



N. C. Air Guard 'Socks' It To Troops

NCANG UNDERGOES TEST ON EMERGENCY PLANS

The North Carolina Air Guard's emergency plans were given a workout Saturday in practice Operational Readiness Inspection Test (ORIT).

The activity emanating from the Command Post in the O&T building was to test procedures 145th units would use in various emergency situations. The simulated situations were similar to those guardsmen would cope with in an ORI conducted by Military Airlift Command inspectors.

Such tests are conducted periodically by inspection teams from the 21st Air Force. The practice exercise which was conducted by units during the current Unit Training Assembly was designed to prepare for the ORI by MAC and to check plans and procedures which are updated on a continuing basis.

Brig. Gen. John W. Harrell, vice commander of the 21st Air Force, will visit the NCANG informally next Wednesday, Feb. 26. And an advisory staff visit from the 21st Air Force is scheduled March 4-6.

120th Logs 5,000 Sorties

WASHINGTON--(NGAUS)--The first mobilized Air National Guard Jet Fighter squadron--Colorado's 120th Tactical Fighter Squadron--logged its 5,000th combat sortie on January 30, slightly less than nine months after its arrival in the combat area.

The North Carolina Air National Guard will fly hundreds of socks and crutch pads to Vietnam veterans in California on 1 March.

The items were donated from all across the nation--from Miami, Fla. to Burbank, Calif.--in response to a plea in a nationally-syndicated column by Pat Trexler of Charlotte.

More than 750 socks and crutch pads will be delivered to the Oakland, Calif. Naval Hospital by the NCANG before the guard plane departs for Southeast Asia.

The flight will be commanded by Lt. Col. William V. Elliott.

Other global missions for March are: Spain, 1 March; Spain, 8 March; Rio, 15 March and Panama, 29 March.

The next incentive flight will be to New Orleans on 7 March. The flight will leave at 1300 hours and will return to Charlotte at 1600 hours on 9 March.

DOUGLAS, SPRINGS RECEIVE ACCIDENT-FREE AWARDS AT GROUP FORMATION

Two N. C. Air Guardsmen were presented accident-free flying awards during brief ceremonies at the Sunday morning Group Formation.

MSgt. Harry H. Springs has flown accident-free 10,000 hours.

Major Edward M. Douglas has recorded 5000 hours of air time without an accident.

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The North Carolina National Guard Association comprises 9,000 individuals with at least one thing in common--service in the Air or Army National Guard. By supporting the association they have extended their military service an extra step, however small.

Many, of course, do much more than belong. By serving as officers and on committees, participating in conventions and pitching in on association projects, they contribute much more than the few pennies a month paid in dues.

In my opinion, association members receive much more in benefits from their participation, major or minor, than they give. The rewards, of course, can't be measured in dollars and cents. Association membership pays off in making Guard service to one's nation more meaningful, in the sense of accomplishment that comes

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Jesus' disciples once rebuked a woman who broke a costly jar of perfume in order to anoint the Master. They argued that the ointment might have been sold and the money given to the poor. Jesus in turn rebuked them. He said: "You always have the poor with you, and whenever you will, you can do good to them; but you will not always have me."

In the broad sweep of history Christians have hidden behind this saying. Preferring to worship Jesus they have ignored the poor. The time when men would will to minister to the poor never came. Poverty was accepted as inevitable.

In 1962 Michael Harrington published his study of the extent of poverty in the nation. It shocked the Kennedy administration and sparked the war on poverty. It was entitled The Other America: Poverty in the United States. In it Harrington reveals the harsh reality that we live in a divided country. On the one side is the highly visible nation of the affluent who perpetuate an economy of abundance and waste. On the other side is the highly invisible nation of poverty. The latter is a culture of extreme privation, a people whom history and progress have passed by.

Millions of impoverished Americans are so far out of the current of America that they do not even benefit from welfare. As Harrington stresses: "The poor get less out of the welfare state than any group in America." They are a people apart, and all the forces of conservatism are set against them.

The poor are found in the rural south, the urban north, in the ghetto slums, and on skid-row and, in Jesus' words, whenever we will we can do good to them. The moral question is "when will we will to do the

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VATTS, ROBERTS HEAD PROMOTION LIST

Two airmen recently received their SMSgt. and MSgt. stripes. They are MSgt. Fred C. Watts, 145 Communications Flight, and TSgt. William T. Roberts, 145 Support Squadron.

Other promotions:

To SSgt.:

Dennis A. Baker, Thomas A. Burke, William H. Calvert III, Freddie W. Cuthbertson, Clarence W. Doss, Jr., Jerry M. Duckworth, Ernest B. Faires, Jr., William L. Flowers, William J. Griffin, Jerry C. Guy, Johnny E. Haney, Richard P. Hord, Jr., Leonard A. Johnkin, Edward D. Johnston, Jr., James C. Kennedy, Jr., Gary L. Kruegar, Tommy J. Lail, Floyd T. Lawing, Daniel C. Lewis, Colin K. Little, Michael R. McClamrock, James L. McConnell, Jr., William B. McKinney, Ernest H. Mackey, Danny C. Martin, Frank J. Merchant, Lawrence B. Murray, Stephen F. Nance, Kenneth E. Nantz, Jr., Jack B. Phillips, Floyd A. Queen, Jr., William A. Randle, Jr., Jerry L. Rollins, Ed V. Simpson, Edward D. Smith, Ronnie L. Sneed, Paul R. Stanley, Darryl F. Starnes, Michael E. Teague, Neil L. White and Terry A. Whitner.

To Sgt.:

Terry P. Alexander, Michael L. Atwell, Paul F. Bock, Wayne L. Brown, Roger D. Burroughs, Ronald L. Burton, Harold J. Caldwell, Jr., Thomas B. Chafin, Thomas R. Cline, Jr., William L. Cowan, Jr., Julius A. Duncan, Jr., Michael W. Faggart, David P. Fortin, Stephen B. Gunnells, Gary F. Jones, William G. Klutz, Jr., Leslie L. Givens, Robert E. Lineberger, Jeris C. Lowder, Benjamin S. Lucas, Jr., John McArthur, Jr., John A. McRae III, Cloyd F. Miller, Hugh A. Padgett, James P. Panther, Jr., Michael R. Payne, Thomas M. Payne, William O. Rankin, Charles W. Robinson, Herbert E. Singletary, Jr., Richard D. Tucker, Terrence M. Wilson and Stephen S. Woodrow.

To AIC:

Monty B. Barbee, Fred W. Barnett, Robert D. Baucom, Alan W. Caldwell, James G. Carpenter, Jr., James P. Clontz, Jr., Ronald Collins, Jimmy H. Costner, William J. Cullen, Robert E. Dalton, Michael D. Dodgin,

Linwood G. Fitzgerald, William F. Garrison, Roger D. Ginn, Richard L. Hamorsky, Jerry L. Hartsell, Reginald A. Henkle, Don R. Herman, Richard W. Holt, John M. Hulse, Michael E. Lambert, David L. McConnell, Jr., David M. McKenzie, Michael E. Mitchell, Reuben S. Pace, Charles R. Payne, David F. Rives, James A. Rumpfelt, Steven C. Small, Dennis E. Smith, Harry M. Spoon, Jr., Robert E. Strawn, Jr., William A. Summerville, Bobby R. Treatt, John B. Trotter, James C. Tweed, Ronald L. Wesson, Glenn A. Wise and Barron H. Wright.

MONROE HONORS HORD

Captain Robert E. Hord, Medical Administrative Officer in the 145th USAF Dispensary recently was named the Outstanding Young Man of the Year for 1968 by the Monroe Jaycees.

Hord is an auditor for Griffin Implement and Milling Co. in Monroe. The award was made for his civic, church and youth work.

Hord, a graduate of Duke University, has been in the N. C. Air Guard since 1958.

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from participating in policies and decisions of an important organization and from the exchange of ideas and fellowship shared in association functions.

An individual's personal contribution is amplified by unison with that of others, so that the whole becomes larger than the sum of its parts. All Guardsmen benefit, but those who participate have the added knowledge that they have helped create whatever the association builds.

Not the least of the benefits of membership is the privilege of participating in the association's insurance program, which I heartily recommend.

FUTURE DRILL DATES

22-23 March 19-20 April 17-18 May

CONSTRUCTION SLOWS

Weather and shortages of labor and money have conspired to make the past month one of nonprogress on construction at the NCANG base.

The new snack bar, the only construction project currently on the active list, has been held up by lack of labor on the few days in recent weeks when the weather would have allowed work, Lt. Col. William C. Polk Jr., staff civil engineer, reported. Work is expected to resume soon, he said. The foundations for the small building have been poured where the old water tank once stood.

Seven other projects have been approved but funds have not been allocated, Col. Polk said. They include a new parking lot and storm drains at the intersection east of the Base Supply building.

Also included is alteration of one of the C121 nose dock buildings to add shops, construction of a storage shed behind the C124 nose dock, an emergency power installation and a new gate house at the front entrance to the base.

During the past month contractors completed the relocation of power lines made necessary by the altered ramp and building layout.

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good?" The tragic irony is that in the precise moment in history when men for the very first time have the means to end poverty they lack the will to do it. The affluent are blinded by their possessions and the politicians by their pride.

But there are signs of encouragement. Some people are becoming concerned. Some Senators are revealing the facts. I pray that we have not waited too long.

--Chaplain S.D. Maloney

MENU FOR MARCH DRILL

Saturday

Grill steak, french fried potatoes, buttered peas, corn pudding, tossed salad, bread and butter, soup and pecan pie.

Sunday

Spaghetti with meat sauce, white corn, buttered broccoli, slaw, garlic bread, soup and spice cake.

NCANG Bowling Teams

Going To Minneapolis

Two North Carolina Air National Guard teams will be entered in the eighth annual National Guard Invitational Bowling tournament May 9-11 in Minneapolis.

The tournament, sanctioned by the American Bowling Congress, is being hosted by the Minnesota Air National Guard.

One team will be composed of Phil Carrigan, Dennis Hovis, Emmette Bolin, Clarence Kuykendall and Lawrence Murray. The other will have Billie D. Fish, Arlen Annas, Donald Dennis, Ernest Kanupp and Hazel Armstrong.

Guardman From Badin Recognized By A.F.A.

CMSgt. Donald B. Carrick, assigned to the 263rd Communications Squadron in Badin, recently was recognized as a "well-qualified Air National Guardsman" by the Air Force Association.

The recognition came as a result of Sgt. Carrick being entered in the Airman of the Year competition. He won honorable mention.

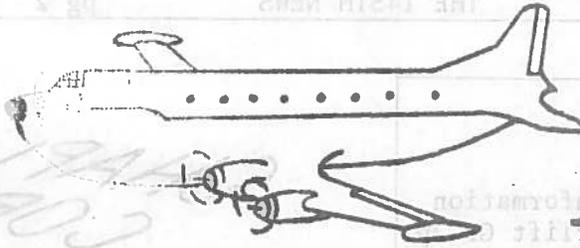
SMSgt. Tim E. Wheeler, Flight Engineer in the 197th Aeromedical Airlift Squadron of the Arizona Air National Guard, was chosen the "1969 Outstanding Airman."

Visitor Assisted

The North Carolina Air National Guard is always ready to lend a helping hand. And that's just what CMSgt. Robert L. McAnulty and MSgt. James H. Powell did Friday night.

A T-39 Sabreliner from the Alaskan Air Command was on taxi strip A at Douglas Municipal Airport when it lost hydraulic pressure and ran into some mud.

Sgt. McAnulty and Sgt. Powell, both assigned to the 145th Camron, took an Air Guard tractor and tow bar, and pulled the plane out.



MAC Seeks More Support

The Military Airlift Command has asked the Air National Guard for additional airlift support in a move that probably will significantly increase overseas flying by the North Carolina Air Guard.

The NCANG and other units flying C124 aircraft have been asked to supply information necessary to schedule airplanes and crews needed by MAC on a long-range basis-- six to nine months in advance. The National Guard Bureau is drafting the schedules.

The NCANG would fly weekly round trips between Dover AFB, Del., and Southeast Asia

under the tentative schedules. An increase to once-a-week runs to Southeast Asia probably would boost the NCANG's average flying time by upwards of 100 hours a month, according to Lt. Col. William V. Elliott, commander of the 156th MAS. The unit currently is averaging about 470 hours a month.

The increase in Southeast Asia flights also probably would necessitate some reduction in other overseas flying schedules, Col. Elliott said.

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CAPT. LANE RECEIVES BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Capt. Roger V. Lane, a N. C. Air Guard pilot, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Air Medal during ceremonies at formation today.

The awards were made as a result of Capt. Lane's service in Vietnam as a Division Airlift Controller, Control Element, 834th Air Division, Bien Hoa Air Base in 1968.

Capt. Lane received the awards for his efforts "while engaged in ground operations against an opposing armed force...his outstanding knowledge, skill and leadership contributed immeasurably to the vital flow of ammunition and supplies to units engaged in battle.

"His ability to identify and preclude problem areas resulted in sustained delivery of cargo despite the ever changing variables of forward airstrip limitations, tropical weather phenomena and hostile flareups at

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Col. Brooks Campaigns For Assn. Presidency

Col. Robert W. Brooks, commander of the 145th Military Airlift Group, will be running for president of the North Carolina National Guard Association at the group's ninth annual convention April 25-26 in Greensboro.

The convention will be held at the Statler Hilton Inn and guardsmen wishing to attend should contact their unit representatives during the current UTA. Each unit is authorized one delegate and one alternate delegate for every 50 association members.

Maj. Joseph Stephenson of the N. C. Air Guard currently is serving as one of the association's vice presidents.

Maj. William Bundy is managing Col. Brooks' campaign for election to the association's top office.

Col. Brooks has been a member of the N. C. Air Guard since 1951. Prior to that he was in the Army Air Corp from 1942 until 1944. From 1949 until he joined the Air

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



In a special report on marihuana in the February Airman, the editor gave the following as a reason some people use drugs: "Once people come to believe they can't change a world they don't like or don't agree with--and find almost impossible to tolerate--they seek alternatives. There really aren't too many around, but since they can't change the world, they change their perception of it; they alter the state of consciousness by which they exist in it."

Three thoughts occurred to me as I read this article. The first is what do the people do who cannot tolerate a world in which there is promiscuous drug usage? How can we change our perception of a world that is stained by the wide-spread use of marihuana, LSD, alcohol, tobacco, and other stimulants, depressants, hallucinogens, and harmful chemicals? This is a part of the world I would like to turn off.

A second thought--one of major importance--is that there is another alternative to this world than drugs. That is the alternative for the Christian. The Christian, while in this frequently intolerable world, is not of the world. The Christian is turned-off to the world and turned-on to God. He needs no mind expanding drugs for he has his own visions; he is spiritually oriented.

The third thought is that the world can be changed. People can make their presence felt for good. Paul was accused of "turning the world upside-down" and many Christ-inspired men since Paul have transformed their communities in every age and in all the world. Christianity in its very center is redemptive. It has changed lives, made homes, and redeemed societies. Christ has been the hope of a sinsick world in the past and He is the hope of the same world today.



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In times past, bright, pleasant days like we've had in Charlotte recently, always meant "spring cleaning" time to the housewife--and in many cases it still does. As I've remarked in this space before, Air base could use some spring cleaning, and more attention to "housekeeping" from day to day.

But there's more to spring cleaning than soap and water. The bright, refreshing days of springtime also are a good time for a little mental housekeeping. Winter weather often is somewhat depressing, and that fact sometimes is reflected in our attitudes and appearance. The sunshine should help give us a mental boost.

So let's make springtime a time to sharpen up and brighten up. And keep in mind that close attention to some minor housekeeping details can make the base a brighter place for us all.

PRIORITIES REVISED

The Air Force has revised the priorities assigned applicants for enlistment in the Air Guard without prior military service.

Under the new system first priority is given applicants between 17 and 18 1/2 years old, second priority to those between 18 1/2 and 20 and third priority to those over 20. The latter may be accepted only after a commander determines that qualified men in priority one and two are not available.

The NCANG waiting list of applicants for enlistment has been revised in accordance with the new priorities, with the category of individuals based on their age when they initially applied for enlistment. As of the March UTA, the NCANG waiting list had 438 names.

There have been no openings for non-prior service recruits recently. The unit, however, does have vacancies for service veterans in certain specialties.

Select Field Training Dates Now

All North Carolina Air Guardsmen are being asked this weekend to select their 1969-70 field training dates. It is important that they notify their unit representatives so that the proper man days may be requested for budget purposes.

Field training periods for the 1970 fiscal year are scheduled 2 Aug. until 16 Aug.; 26 Oct. until 8 Nov.; 31 Jan. until 14 Feb.; and 2 May until 16 May.

Chaplain . . . Cont.

The Apostle Paul expressed the transforming power of Christ very well when he wrote to the Church at Corinth: "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come."

--Chaplain S. D. Maloney

New Ambulance Coming

The 145th USAF Dispensary soon will get a remodeled 1964 military truck ambulance to replace the 1953 vehicle now in use.

FUTURE DRILL DATES

April 19&20

May 17&18

June 21&22

3 NCANG PILOTS

RECEIVE PROMOTIONS

Three North Carolina Air Guard pilots have received promotions, headed by Maj. George B. Reighard's elevation to Lt. Col.

Robert M. McComas was promoted to Capt. and William C. Looper to 1 Lt.

Col. Reighard, as a civilian, is a sales executive with Broyhill Furniture Co. in Lenoir. He is married and has three children.

Captain McComas is a medical sales representative for Baxter Laboratories in Cary. He is married and has two children.

Lt. Looper is also a pilot in his civilian occupation. He flies for Eastern Air Lines, stationed in Washington, D. C. He lives in Oxen Hill, Md., is married and has one child.

MENU FOR APRIL DRILL

Saturday

Grilled steak, french fried potatoes, buttered peas, corn pudding, tossed salad, bread and butter, soup and pecan pie.

Sunday

Spaghetti with meat sauce, white corn, buttered broccoli, slaw, garlic bread, soup and spice cake.

Photo Contest Open

The Fifth Annual National Guard Bureau-National Guard Association of the United States Photo Contest for the 1969 year is open. Entries may be submitted between now and 5 Sept.

The contest is open to all guardsmen. All photos must depict National Guard activities--training operations, exercises including joint activities etc.--preferably showing individuals and equipment clearly identifiable with the Army or Air National Guard.

A total of 44 prizes will be awarded. Prizes of \$150 will be awarded for the best in show--black and white categories. Prizes of \$75 will be awarded for the runners-up in the black and white in best in show competition. The other 40 winners--20 in black and white and 20 in color--will receive Certificates of Merit.

Club Schedule Heavy

April offers an almost continuous program of activities at the NCANG Airmen's Club.

Family night, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary, is scheduled for 5 April. This will be a covered dish supper with the auxiliary furnishing drinks and bread. Plans are for the club to open at 6:30 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm, and bingo for the whole family at 8:00 pm. Bring the wife and kids and let them enjoy a night out. Wives of club members are invited to inquire about membership in the Ladies Auxiliary. The next scheduled meeting of the auxiliary is 24 April.

April 12 is the big dance night this month. Members and their dates and guest are invited. The club will be open at 8:00 pm with music by the Enchanters from 9:30 pm to 1:00 am.

The three stag nights in April will be the 1st, 15th, and 29th. The club features one of the best steaks in town for the money on stag night. Cost to members is \$1.50 and guest pay \$2.50.

Lane --- Cont.

at delivery destinations."

Capt. Lane has been a member of the NCANG since 14 Dec. 1968. He was in the Air Force from February 1956 until November of last year.

A graduate of the University of Alaska, Capt. Lane is a World History teacher at Sun Valley High School in Monroe. He is a native of Wood, Pa.

Capt. Lane is married to the former Jeanette Claudine Ferguson of Monroe. The Lanes have three children.

Brooks --- Cont.

Guard, Col. Brooks was a member of the North Carolina National Guard, assigned to headquarters 30th Infantry Division.

He is a 1940 graduate of the University of North Carolina. He is married and has three children.

Delegates and alternate delegates for the convention should be selected by the close of the current UTA. Names of individuals selected must be submitted to State Headquarters by 23 March.

9th PLANE ASSIGNED

The NCANG has an additional C-124, making a total of nine assigned, but two are temporarily out of service. The unit later will get another plane and two will be retired.

The ninth C-124 arrived recently from Kelly AFB and is already in use.

However, one plane is currently undergoing wing modification and another is being inspected.

Recently, the Air Force conducted a study of C-124s and decided that all of the Globemasters judged worthy would receive wing modifications. Two of the NCANG planes, it was determined, should not be modified and will go to the David Monahan AFB to be placed in mothballs. They will not be taken out of service until the NCANG reaches a point it can operate without them.

The next of the incentive flights for 1969 will be to San Juan, Puerto Rico 11 April. The May and June flights to New York and Chicago have been canceled because of lack of interest.

Increase --- Cont.

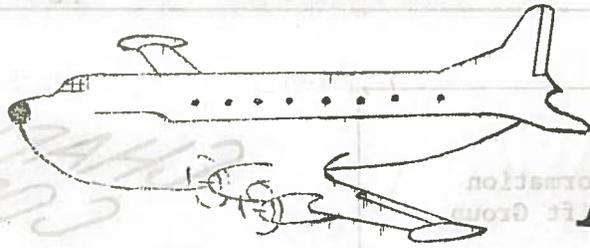
The increase in Southeast Asia flights also probably would necessitate some reduction in other overseas flying schedules, Col. Elliott said.

In advising units of the MAC requirement, the National Guard Bureau said MAC needs airlift support for outsize cargo, the type for which the C-124 is well suited. MAC has been reducing the inventory of Globemasters operated by active duty units and the Air Guard and Reserve units have thus become a significant source of outsize cargo airlift capability.

In the future the Air Force expects much of its outsize cargo requirement to be met with the Lockheed C5 Galaxy currently being tested by Air Force and contractor personnel at Marietta, Ga. A six month delay in scheduled delivery of the C5 was announced earlier this month with the first operational aircraft now scheduled for delivery next Dec.

Equipping of C5 squadrons will be delayed proportionately, the Air Force announcement said. Under the original schedules the first operational C5 squadron was to be formed at Charleston AFB, S.C., next October.

FUTURE DRILL DATES
April 1969
May 1968
June 1967



For 5,7 Levels

SKT Tests Value Is Reduced

**NCANG, s Brooks, Reid
Williamson Running
For Assn. Office's**

Three North Carolina Air National Guards-
men headed by Col. Robert W. Brooks' cam-
paign for president, are seeking office in
the N.C. National Guard Association.

Maj. Billy J. Reid is seeking one of the
association's vice presidential positions
and MSgt. Richard H. Williamson is running
for a council post.

Elections are scheduled April 26 at the
association convention.

The convention is being held April 25-
26 at the Statler Hilton Inn Greensboro.

There are 27 delegates and 13 alternates
from the N.C. Air Guard scheduled to
attend the convention. There are places
for 14 more alternates. Anyone interested
in attending should contact SMSgt. Eural C.
Clippard in the O & T Building,

Maj. William Bundy is managing Col.
Brooks' campaign. Any guardsman interest-
ed in helping with the campaign should
contact Maj. Bundy.

Col. Brooks, commander of the 145th
Military Airlift Group, will be opposed by
Capt. Douglas B. Whitley of the Army
Guard.

Col. Brooks has served as chairman
of the association's Resolutions committee
and has also served on the Nominations

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Skill Knowledge Tests no longer are re-
quired for elevation to the five and seven
levels by the Air Force or Air National
Guard units.

This does not mean that airman will have
any easier time reaching those levels, how-
ever.

In the future it will be the commander's
responsibility to judge each airman's qual-
ifications. The SKT results will be used in
upgrading to the three level and in con-
sidering promotions.

Under the new concept, which became
effective 1 April, action by a mandatory
classification board will be required prior
to final approval for passage of five and
seven level recognition.

Classification boards will review:

- (1) An airman's records to assure com-
pletion of Career Development Course and
passing scores on End-of-Course test (Qual-
ification on EOC is now mandatory when CDC
is available)
- (2) supervisor's certification
of proficiency
- (3) job knowledge and train-
ing records and
- (4) whether mandatory re-
quirements are met as specified in Table 6-5,
AFM 35-1, and Specialty Qualifications, AFM
39-1).

Final approval for upgrading to the five
and seven levels action is delegated to the
Adjutant General, who may delegate this
authority no lower than group level. Norm-
ally, this function will be by ANG CBPOs.

The National Guard Bureau will continue
to review waivers of mandatory requirements.

Air Force Manual 35-1 is currently being
revised to show the elimination of the SKT

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

By Col. Robert W. Brooks, Jr.
Group Commander

Two extremes: Friendly, polite, helpful - - -rude, discourteous, unpleasant. And sometimes, these twain do meet.

At our base, no individual would wish to be described as the second of these extremes and almost everyone would consider himself to be the first. Its always the other fellow who is inconsiderate and abrasive. Remember that to the people you encounter, you are that "other fellow".

Every visitor to our base - whether air crew, motorist or pedestrian - military or civilian - should be met with an attitude of welcome. And certainly new members of the Air Guard should be made to feel at home and that they belong here.

You are a member of the NCANG. As such you share some of the responsibility of a host. If our base is not a friendly, pleasant place - some of the fault may be yours.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



From the University of Hawaii to Harvard student unrest exists. We should all be intensely concerned about this sociological phenomenon for the future of our country could well depend on what is happening on our campuses.

Many people--perhaps most--instinctively react negatively to student-led disturbances. They regard this student generation as consisting of spoiled, unshaved, over-indulged, over-sexed brats who ought to be made to toe-the-line. Parents, police, and university administrations should adopt a get-tough policy with them and not give in to their demands.

Others believe that the wide-spread student unrest suggests not a conspiracy to be counter-attacked but a genuine and long over-due sensitivity to deep-seated ills that pervade our country.

The truth probably lies somewhere between these two extreme reactions. If that is so, it indicates that many of the student demands should be heard. Our system of government and economy, while the best in the modern world, is far from perfect and unquestionably not satisfactory to many. We should all work together, students and adult leaders, to improve our society.

One serious complaint students have is that education is prostituted to the narrow ends of the military-industrial complex that dominates much of life today. This complaint is reflected in demonstrations in opposition to compulsory ROTC units on campuses, the draft and to the Vietnam war. Other demonstrations are geared to the changing of curriculums students consider outmoded and irrelevant.

Another serious grievance, mainly left black students, is that our white institutions are still unrepentantly racist and

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CLUB SCHEDULE SET

The May Airmen's Club schedule begins on 30 April with stag night. Other stag nights are scheduled for 6 and 20 May. The Club opens on stag nights at 6:30 PM with steaks coming off the grill beginning at 7:00.

Dance night this month is scheduled for 24 May. Club doors will open at 8:00 PM with music by The Enchanters beginning at 9:00 PM. Other Club activities include Ladies Auxiliary Meeting on 29 May. The Club will be open tonight after drill and again on 17 and 18 May from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM following drill.

The annual election of Club officers is not far off. Your nominating committee headed by MSGT Emmette Bolin is open for suggestions.

TSgt Awards

Two airmen recently received their TSgt stripes. They are SSGT William K. Brock and SSGT Donald L. Rogers.

Other promotions:

- To SSGT: TSGT. Thomas E. Bryant was promoted to SSGT. TSGT. Caleb H. Barnhardt Jr., Steve R. Berrier, Philip L. Hall, Robert E. Holt III, Ronald V. Jackson, Franklin D. Mack, Joseph J. Mantak, John E. McNutt, Gary B. Morgan, Stephen A. Robinson, Robert V. Warner, Charles R. Webber, and Robert C. Wilson.

To SGT:

- Clement L. Abennethy, III, Andrew B. Anderson, Jr., Carl F. Baker, Jackson C. Battle Jr., Donald R. Bittcliffe, Forrest E. Brinson Jr., Max P. Brownstein, Adam L. Brunner Jr., Danny A. Burton, Henry B. Bush, John D. Calder, William C. Canaday, William E. Cato, Gary L. Cornelius, Jerry D. Davis, Stuart A. Fligel, Hubert R. Harr, Jr., David H. Kerley, Gwyn E. Hollar, Edward H. Kerley, Lawrence O. Kuykendall Jr., Robert F. Mastin Jr., Philip R. Maulden, Harold G. Messer, Jimmy B. Purser, Douglas W. Seaman, Gary M. Silverstein, Donald R. Simpson, Jerry L. Smith and Jerry M. Sutton.

To ALC:

- James W. Bailey, Wilford E. Capps, Jr., Don D. Dancy, Chalmer P. Davidson, Jr., Horace E. Deese, Edgar R. Dimmette, Jr., John R. Huffstetler, Curtis E. McPherson, Adon N. Smith III, Luell L. Thomas and Richard E. Woods.

MAY MEALS

SATURDAY

Baked ham, home fried potatoes, glazed carrots, buttered peas, pickle melish, cole slaw, bread, strawberry short cake, tea, coffee.

SUNDAY

Roast beef, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered green beans with mushrooms, whole corn, tossed salad, brown rolls, tea, coffee.

CHAPLAIN'S CONT.

The regular management inspection by the Air Force is scheduled May 14-18. In addition to ignore the needs and contributions of minority groups. All in all, students want to have more of a say in the policy and decision-making on our campuses. They recognize they are the ones most directly affected. It is suggested that the wise administration will neither tolerate violence nor ignore demands of students. Both groups must work together. The struggle is broader than the university. It is a struggle to reform society itself. In this reformation Christians

There are 2 overseas flights scheduled for NCANG crews between now and the May 19th. The state is flying to Savannah 18-20, 21-23, 24-26, 27-29, 30-31. Other trips are Savannah to San Juan May 17-18, June 21-22, July 19-20. 18 missions between 19 and 29 Aug.

May 17-18	June 21-22	July 19-20
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annan (2 planes) 4 July, Raleigh to Fort

Puerto Rico Trip --- Real Incentive

Puerto Rico. It's a great place. Just ask the 78 N.C. Air Guardsmen who made the incentive flight to San Juan last weekend.

"I'm ready to go back right now," said one officer who made the trip, which departed Charlotte about 9 p.m. 11 April and arrived in Puerto Rico approximately seven hours later.

The guardsmen spent their two days there sight seeing, taking tours and visiting casinos and other places of interest.

"It was one of the finest incentive flights, yet," said one airman..... "You can quote me as saying-it is a highly recommended trip."

Although the trip is regarded as the best of the incentive flights, there were a number of guardsmen who missed the trip and caused some inconvenience to the flight crew.

Originally there were 150 who requested spaces on the C-124, which was commanded by Maj. William Bundy. Approximately 50 later canceled. However, another 20 failed to appear at show time and they may not be permitted to sign up for another incentive flight for a year.

The next incentive flight will be to Alaska in July. Anyone who signs for the trip and later discovers that he will be unable to go is reminded that cancellation must be made prior to show time in order to be eligible for future flights.

There are 5 overseas flights scheduled for NCANG crews between now and the May UTA, SEA, Spain, Tripoli, Germany, and Panama. In addition, there are two trips scheduled to Savannah and Detroit.

NCANG AIDS IN GUARDLIFT

The North Carolina Air National Guard will again take part in Operation Guardlift this summer. NCANG crews will fly 18 missions between 13 Jun and 29 Aug.

The slate begins with two planes flying troops from San Juan to Savannah 13-14 Jun.

Other trips are Savannah to San Juan (2 planes) 28-29 June; San Juan to Savannah (2 planes) 4 July; Raleigh to Fort

Bryant, Cooper Win Rifle Pistol Awards

The North Carolina Air Guard rifle team recently took first place over six Army guard teams in the N.C. National Guard small bore match at Raleigh.

TSGT. Thomas E. Bryant won the CWO Edgar Smoak Award as the highest shooter in the match.

Last weekend, Bryant, in the master division, excelled in the N.C. State Big Bore Rifle Match at Camp Lejeune by winning trophies in the 200-yard rapid fire, rapid fire aggregate and 600-yard slow fire competition.

In the same match SSGT. John K. Rogers won in the 600-yard slow fire in the expert division and SGT. Frank Swearngan received a trophy in the 600-yard slow fire in the marksman division.

In other competition last weekend, TSGT. Walter Cooper won first place in the Spring 2700 Aggregate Match at the Charlotte Rifle and Pistol Range.

SGT. Cooper won first in the center 1, first in the 45 caliber and first in the .22 caliber competition.

Anyone who is interested in shooting for the NCANG rifle or pistol teams should contact Maj. William Bundy or MSGT. Fred Hallman in the O & T Building.

Inspectors Coming

Inspectors will be on the base during the May 17-18 Unit Training Assembly.

The regular management inspection by 21st Air Force is scheduled May 14-18. In addition, a no-notice Operational Readiness Inspection is scheduled during May or June.

Either would satisfy regulations requiring an annual federal inspection of Guard units.

SiII (2 planes) 19 July; EI Paso to Wilmington, Del. (2 planes) 20 July; Ft Sill to Raleigh (2 planes) 1 Aug; Ft Wayne, Ind to Boise, Ida. 2-3 Aug; Boise to Ft Wayne 15 Aug; Toledo to Boise (2 planes), 16-17 Aug; Boise to Toledo (2 planes) 29 Aug.

These will be both troop and cargo missions for the NCANG's C-124 Globemasters.

AF Offers 500 Scholarships

Know any high school students looking for cash to attend college?

The Air Force may have that cash.

There are 500 college scholarships available for students who will be eligible to enroll for the 1970-71 college year. The money is available through the Air Force ROTC financial assistant grant program.

Basic requirements are that winners of the scholarships participate in the Air Force Reserve Officers Corps at the school they attend and then serve for five years with the regular Air Force.

Grants include full tuition for four years, a textbook allowance and \$50 per month tax free.

Applicants must be able to pass the appropriate U. S. Air Force test, be a citizen of the United States, be at least 17 years old at the time of college entrance and not be more than 25 years old at time of commissioning.

Those meeting the eligibility requirements will be judged on a basis of scholastic aptitude and Air Force Officer Qualifying tests, high school academic record, extra-curricular and athletic record, personal references and medical qualifications.

The Air Force reports that applicants' chances are better if they rank in the top 10 per cent of their high school class and make a combined score of at least 1150 on the College Entrance Examining Board SAT test, which must be taken before December 6, 1969.

Interested people who meet the basic requirements should contact Maj. William Bundy in the O & T Building.

Local colleges with Air Force ROTC programs include the University of North Carolina, Duke University, N.C. State University, East Carolina University, North Carolina A & T College, The Citadel, University of South Carolina and Clemson University.

Recipients of Air Force grants will be required to enter into a contract with the Air Force. The contract would require:

(1) Completion of four years of pres-

cribed aerospace studies to include corps training, field training, and flight instructor training (2) enlistment in reserve component of the Air Force for a period of eight years or until all commission requirements are completed and commission is received (3) acceptance of an Air Force commission as a regular or reserve officer and (4) agree to enter a flying officer training program and serve on active duty for at least five years after receiving pilot or navigator rating.

NCANG . . . Cont.

Committee.

Col. Brooks has served the Air National Guard as the Group Commander since the group was first authorized in July 1957. He has been a member of the N.C. Air Guard since 1951.

He is a 1940 graduate of the University of North Carolina, is married and has three children.

Maj. Reid is Chief of Administrative Services in the 145th MAG and has often received highly favorable reports on Officer Effectiveness Reports. As a civilian he is Coordinator, Division Labor Relations for Riegel Paper Corporation.

Sgt. Williamsón has been in the NCANG since 1949 and was called to active duty during the Korean War. He is married and has two children.

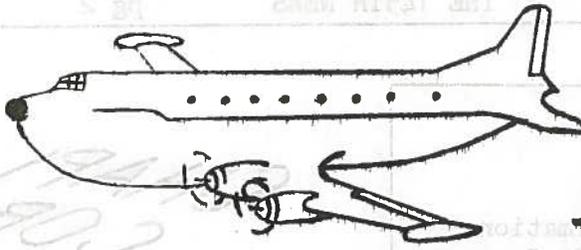
SKT . . . Cont.

as a requirement for upgrading to the five and seven levels.

For North Carolina air guardsmen, final approval for upgrading to the five and seven levels has been delegated to CBFO, 145 MAG.

All recommendations for upgrading must be fully justified including completion of Section 1, Par D, AF Form 623, Consolidated Training Record. Appropriate personnel will review this justification prior to being submitted to classification board.

The SKT results will be used in computing airmen promotion scores under system to be adopted by the active Air Force.



ORIT - Where The Action Is

An inspection team from the 21st Air Force was to complete its reports Sunday on the Operational Readiness Inspection of the 145th MAG conducted during the current Unit Training Assembly.

The inspection included a series of tests Saturday of various emergency plans

and procedures of the 145th units. Simulated situations included emergency dispatch of aircraft and personnel overseas, an aircraft accident, exposure to nuclear fallout and tests of base security.

The Operational Readiness Inspection Test began with a pre-dawn alert of key personnel Saturday and continued through the day. It was based on a simulated situation in which the National Security Council concluded that the U.S. was in grave peril following "a rare show of unity" by the nation's enemies.

Following threats in both Europe and Asia, the simulated bulletin reported, "Enemy forces have been detected deploying to staging areas...it is estimated that sufficient forces could be in a position for a pre-emptive attack of the U.S. and its allies within the next few hours."

Against this background the NCANG was directed to dispatch planes and personnel to Europe, Asia and Africa. The base was placed on maximum security status and emergency plans tested. At one point NCANG functions were ordered to respond to a simulated crash of a C-124 north of the base.

Reports on the inspection were to be completed Sunday afternoon and a general critique was scheduled at 4 p.m.

The inspection team was headed by Col. Thomas E. McCabe, deputy inspector general of the 21st Air Force. Other team members and their functional areas were:

Lt. Col. Clarence E. Wolgemuth, Maj. Harry R. Rearick, Capt. George E. Heggan Jr., operations and training; Maj. Douglas L. Gipson, CMSgt Pete A. Mangum, MSgt Clyde R. Gilstrap, aircrews; CWO(4) Leonard J. Sokoloski, SMSgt George S. Haussman, aircraft maintenance; Capt. Strother S. Copland Jr.,

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3 AIR GUARDSMEN ELECTED TO POST IN ASSOCIATION

Three members of the Air Guard have been elected to officer or executive council posts in the North Carolina National Guard Association though Col. Robert W. Brooks was defeated in his bid for the association presidency.

Maj. Billy J. Reid was named third vice president and MSgts Ernest D. Caldwell and Richard H. Williamson elected to executive council posts at the association convention April 25-26 in Greensboro. Capt. Reid is administrative officer of the 145th Support Squadron of which Sgt. Williamson is a member. Sgt. Caldwell is in CAMRON.

Col. Brooks, commander of the 145th MAG, polled 49 delegate votes to come in second in the hotly contested race for the presidency. Capt. Douglas B. Whitley of the 30th Infantry Division's First Brigade in Clinton won the top spot with 80 votes.

Col. Brooks showing was considered excellent in the light of the Army Guard's

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

By Col. Robert W. Brooks Jr.,
Group Commander

During a tour of our facilities last Thursday, Col. Thomas McCabe (Dep. Inspector General, 21st Air Force) commented on the good appearance of the base and remarked that it obviously represented persistent effort. The thought occurs to me that we don't always realize the value of well-directed persistence.

Sometimes the difference between success and failure is just one little extra effort and all of us can benefit by being reminded that our efforts and persistence in our work can be reflected in the entire organization. It's amazing how many jobs never get completed for the want of a little persistence and it should be remembered that the incompleteness of some simple task could easily mean failure for the total group effort.

Have you been persistent in accomplishing your assignments? Are you up-

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Response to my article last month on student unrest prompts me to make additional insights. I want to emphasize that apart from technologically and professionally oriented students who know where they will fit into "the system" student discontent is widespread and deep-seated. The following comments are by respected and qualified educators.

The president of Amherst College wrote President Nixon last month: Student unrest "will continue until you and the other political leaders of our country address more effectively, massively and persistent the major social and foreign problems of our society. Part of this turmoil in universities derives from the distance separating the American dream from the American reality. In yesterday's New York Times it is reported that five officers in your Cabinet 'seemed to agree that the disorder was caused by a small minority of students.' Our conviction is that such a view is seriously in error if it is taken to mean that no legitimate and important reasons exist for the anger and sense of impotence felt by many students and faculty. The pervasive and insistent disquiet on many campuses throughout the nation indicates that unrest results, not from a conspiracy by a few, but from a shared sense that the nation has no adequate plans for meeting the crises of our society."

In a recent address a Nobel Prize winning professor from Harvard said: "Unless we are to assume that students have gone crazy all over the world, or that they have just decided that it's the thing to do, it must have some common meaning... Over these past few years, I have felt increasingly that something is terribly wrong--and this year ever so much more than last. Something

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ASSOCIATION, Cont.

numerical superiority in association representation, according to Maj. William T. Bundy, his campaign manager. Third place in the campaign went to Army Guard Maj. Joe Eakes with 27 votes.

Capt. Whitley succeeds MSgt. Ted Perkins in the presidency. Other new officers are Lt. Col. David L. Britt, first vice president; CWO Fred R. Harper, second vice president, and Lt. F. Douglas Phelps, secretary-treasurer.

The Air Guard was represented at the convention by 32 delegates and alternates, many of whom brought their wives to the gathering at the Statler Hilton Inn. The program featured addresses by Lt. Gov. H. Patrick Taylor, Jr.; Maj. Gen. Claude T. Bowers, state adjutant general; Maj. Gen. James F. Cantwell of New Jersey, president of the National Guard Association of the U. S., and other guest speakers.

Besides election of officers, formal convention business included committee reports and action on a variety of association affairs. Issues stirring considerable discussion from the floor included a proposal, which was defeated, to expand the scope of the association's foundation. Maj. Gen. William J. Payne, assistant adjutant general, air, was one of the speakers against the proposal.

The association voted to hold its convention next year in Durham with the 1971 session planned in Charlotte.

An unusual feature of the Greensboro session was a "Politicking Party" where members could meet informally candidates for association offices.

A detailed report on the convention will be carried in a forthcoming issue of the Tar Heel Guardsman, the association magazine.

Fifteen presidents of the United States served as members of State Militia or National Guard.

Chaplain, Cont.

has gone sour, in teaching and learning. It's almost as though there were a widespread feeling that education has become irrelevant....I think that this whole generation of students is beset with a profound uneasiness, and I don't think that they have yet quite defined its source....What is more, I share their uneasiness....I think I know what is bothering the students. I think that what we are up against is a generation that is by no means sure that it has a future."

These professors are saying that students today have lost confidence in the adult controlled institutions of this world--the government, the military, the large corporations, the universities, the Church. If this is so we who represent these institutions are in for more criticism and disruption than we can now imagine or care to anticipate.

For the Church that would minister to these young people, this means we must re-examine our fundamentals of faith and explore new ways of communicating "the hope that is within us." It must be terrifying to live in the world without confidence in the future.

Chaplain S. D. Maloney

Three Flights To SEA Scheduled In May

North Carolina Air Guard Globemasters will fly three more trips to Southeast Asia this month and flights are scheduled to England, Spain, Panama, Germany and Libya before next drill.

Flights scheduled and departure dates include: 24 May, Southeast Asia, England, Panama; 31 May, Southeast Asia, Southeast Asia via Kelly Air Force Base, Spain; 7 June, Germany; 13 June, San Juan--two flights, and 14 June, Libya via Spain and a flight to Panama.

FUTURE DRILL DATES

June 21&22 July 19&20 August 23&24

Club Opens Doors To Prospective Members

The Airmen's Club May-June schedule offers a continuous round of activities.

Stag-Nite will be held beginning at 1900 hrs. on 20 May, 3 and 17 June.

Beginning with the June Stag-Nites, Guardsmen who have been in the Guard for two years or less and are prospective new club members are invited to attend Stag-Nite and enjoy the delicious food and games.

They will check in with the Club Night Manager and present their ANG ID cards. They will not be allowed to bring any guests.

The 24th of May offers Dance Night with music by The Enchanters. The June dance will be held on the 14th with music by The Swing Set. Both dances begin at 2100 with the club opening at 2000.

Members are encouraged to bring a crowd and make both of these big nights.

June 7th is the night for Ladies Auxillary. Supper with the monthly meeting is set for June 26th. The Club will also be open until 2000 hrs. on 18 May, and 21 and 22 June following Drill.

Any Club member interested in running for an office in the annual election in August is urged to contact MSgt. Bolen.

COMMENTS, Cont.

to-date? Is your section always ready to be visited by an Inspector?

If not, you have a job to do--one that must not be postponed.

Long Named Honor Grad

Airman Ronnie H. Long of the Aero-medical Evacuation Flight was named an Honor Graduate of the Medical Service School at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

He received a certificate given only to students who maintain an average of 90 or above on training materials and "demonstrate excellent personal habits and character."

NCANG Unit Wins Award

A handsome wall plaque bearing the inscription "Outstanding Communications Flight-1968" is now being proudly displayed in the office of NCANG's 145th Communications Flight.

The unit headed by Maj. Wilton L. Hipp recently scored 1785 out of a possible 2350 possible points to capture the annual Tactical Communications Area trophy. TCA units in Tennessee, West Virginia, North Carolina, Ohio, Kansas and Virginia vieing for the coveted annual award were judged in seven areas: percentage of personnel operationally ready, mobility equipment readiness, unit manning, SKT passing rate, excessive OJT, UTA and field training attendance and Inspector General findings.

The N.C. unit copped highest marks in most of these areas and garnered the top total score for each quarter of 1968--finishing well in front of other challengers. Also taken into account were annual training achievements and reports form advisory units and senior advisors.

TSgt. Linwood E. Simmons, Technical Advisor for the 145th Comm Flt also won the outstanding TCA Technical Advisor award. He received an engraved pen and desk set.

INSPECTION, Cont.

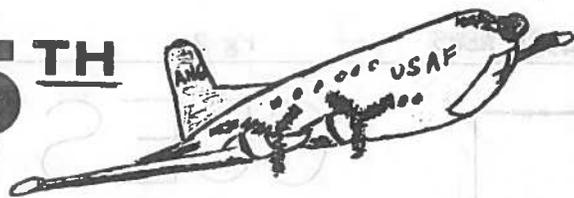
MSgt Arnold K. Burke, supply/services; Maj. Sam A. Perrine, Mr. Robert E. Haley, transportation; MSgt Fred C. Simonsen, MSgt Paul J. Kunstek, personnel/administration; Maj. Kenneth A. Pucker Jr., Mr. Robert T. Colbert, security police; Capt. Samuel S. Young, TSgt Curtis M. Ellison, TSgt Leonard F. Fullerton, SSgt Phillip R. Macey, medical services; 1 Lt Carl E. Taliaferro Jr., civil engineer, and Sgt. James W. McKinney, project NCO.

JUNE MENU

SATURDAY Fried Chicken, Chicken gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, buttered corn, bread, chocolate cake, orange juice, coffee, tea.

SUNDAY Country style steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, green beans, slaw, bread, cherry pie, tea, coffee.

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85 ON HAND FOR FIELD TRAINING STINT

About 85 Air Guardsmen formed on the ramp last Saturday to answer the roll call initiating the fourth and final field training period of fiscal 1968-69.

The session, which continues through June 7, will close out the eight year that the NCANG has held its field training sessions in Charlotte under the year-round training concept. Prior to 1962 guardsmen moved en masse to Savannah for two weeks of togetherness at Travis Field.

Since then field training has been spread over a series of sessions at the home base. The number of sessions has varied--as few as three and as many as six--before the current practice of having one each quarter was adopted.

Next year's schedule begins on 2 August

SORRY 'BOUT THAT

Today is a holiday for a lot of people, including N.C. Air Guard Technicians--but not for air guardsmen attending field training.

Regulations require that Air Guard personnel receive 15 days of training each year, and 15 days means 15 days. So there will be no weekend break and no Memorial Day holiday.

Saturday, 7 June, also is scheduled to be a full training day. Pay checks will be distributed that day

with a period ending 16 August. Subsequent periods are 25 Oct.-8 Nov., 31 Jan.-14 Feb. and 2-16 May.

Most units are represented in the group currently on field training. In keeping with regulations, personnel are used in direct support of mission requirements, with some general military training sessions scheduled over the weekend.

The number actually present varies as some personnel attend for only a portion of the 15-day period and meet part of their field training requirements stateside and overseas flying missions.

PART-TIMERS PITCH IN WITH BASE PROJECTS

The N.C. Air Guard base is getting spruced up a bit, thanks to efforts of some field training troops.

Capt. Victor D. Rackley has had a crew of eight men busy cutting grass, repairing floors in several buildings and making other minor repairs. In addition the workers from the Base Civil Engineers Section installed a security light behind Base Supply and painted and installed wiring in the new snack bar.

Elsewhere, field training personnel are making up some of the work time lost to the Air Technician Detachment in the four-day week resulting from Memorial Day. Lt. Col. Gilbert L. Gaffney said field training troops are helping get three aircraft ready to depart on overseas missions this weekend.

Flight crews, many on field training, are scheduled to take two Globemasters to Southeast Asia and another to Spain, all with Saturday departures

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GUEST COLUMNIST

(Ed Note: Maj. Riggs, ranking officer for the current field training period, is accounting and finance officer for the N.C. Air Guard.)

By Maj. William E. Riggs

I have been an accounting and finance officer for many years. Payday has always been a day of high morale.

In years past we had payments in cash and any old timer remembers the pay formation on the 30th of each month. For many this was the first time they had had cash money since a day or two after the last payday.

The pay system has gone through many stages of evolution. We moved from cash to check payments, from one payday per month to two. We no longer have pay formations in the formal sense.

On most active duty bases the pay checks are placed in envelopes and either placed in the members personal mail box or mailed to his account at a bank of his choice.

Electronic Data Processing equipment has played a large part in the rapid changes in our payments procedures. The computer age has made it possible to get paid from a distant finance office in a very short time.

Accordingly, those members who are spending the full 15 days here and who will be here on Saturday, the final day of field training, will be paid by a check that should arrive from Denver, Colo, just in the nick of time...we hope.

GUARDSMEN SHOW SKILL IN ANNUAL SHOOTOUT

The Gaston Wildlife Club's firing range resounded with carbine fire Wednesday as 69 Air Guardsmen on field training took their annual trek for familiarization firing.

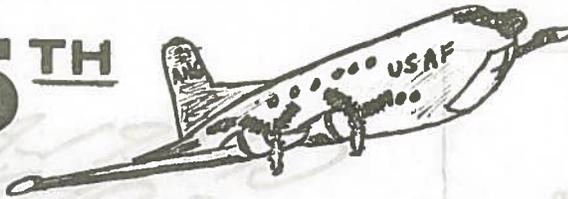
The aim was cooler than the sun as all but two qualified on the 70-round course the first time and more than a dozen shot perfect scores, according to MSgt Fred Hallman, range NCOIC. The two qualified on their second try.

Range officers were Lts. Nelson M. Castevens and I.R. Ellington.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Have you ever thought of what a vast power source the G-124 is? Yet, without a crew or destination it could never get off the ground or reach a designated place. How give the same thought to the human mind.....who's in the driver's seat in your mind?.....Do you have control of this vast storehouse of energy or is it running amuck without any potential destination.....Think about it! - Sgt. Roger D. Burroughs

Andrew Jackson was the Adjutant General of Tennessee when he was called to Federal service during the War of 1812 and led 2,000 militiamen in defeating 12,000 British Regulars in the Battle of New Orleans.



'Riot' Climaxes Annual Training

SCOTT, HUNTLEY RECEIVE MEDALS, BEGIN RETIREMENT

Two veteran N.C. Air Guard officers going into retired status after the June Drill were awarded the State Distinguished Service Medal and certificates of service from the National Guard Bureau Sunday.

Closing the active segments of military careers that began before World War II were Lt. Cols. John A. Scott and Marvin Huntley. Brig. Gen. William J. Payne, assistant adjutant general, air, presented the medals and certificates at the Sunday morning formation.

Col. Scott and Col. Huntley and their wives were Gen. Payne's guests at coffee following the formation.

Col. Scott's latest assignment in the NCANG was deputy commander for material of the 145th MAG. Col. Huntley has been commander of the 145th Support Squadron since 1966.

Succeeding Col. Scott in the deputy commander post will be Maj. Francis K. Trimmer Jr. Maj. William E. Riggs takes the helm of the Support Squadron.

Col. Huntley's military career dates from November, 1937, when he enlisted in the N.C. National Guard. He was called to active duty in January, 1941 and was commissioned in October, 1942. He reverted to reserve status in 1946 and joined the N.C. Air Guard in February, 1954.

Col. Scott received an ROTC commission from N.C. State college upon graduation in 1941 and went on active duty with the Army Air Force in October of that year. He returned to the Air

"Snipers!"

"Take cover!"

This cry rang out near the mess hall Sunday afternoon as shots whistled down from a nearby window.

NCANG Security Police were immediately alerted. They arrived, stormed the building and apprehended the gunmen.

Soon afterwards, though, a crowd gathered and began beating on cans, shouting threats and hurling water balloons at air guardsmen.

Bravo Squadron was summoned and soon arrived on the scene. They swiftly dispersed the crowd - putting an end to the unruly rioting.

These simulated conditions climaxed a weekend of riot control training for over 450 N.C. Air Guardsmen. All units were involved except medical and flying personnel.

The purpose of the troop training, according to Lt. Col. Thomas C. Mc Neil, Jr. was twofold: first, to learn skills and develop discipline to counter actual riots and second, to prepare mentally for rock throwing, cursing, spitting and taunting which accompany them.

"The men were taught what they can expect and how to react to riots," said Lt. Col. McNeil. "The key, of course, is not to react or become emotionally involved. Guardsmen must 'keep their cool' because if they are goaded into action, they become a part of the actual riot." The riot problem is then compounded.

The third annual riot control training was administered by Lt. Col. McNeil, Maj. George M. Cobb, Maj. Robbie L. Porter and the Security Police in accordance

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Why do I hope for a glorious future for man on this earth when all the signs point toward certain doom? Why hope when society is well advanced in decay, threatened by communism without and within, beset by racial turmoil and campus rebellions, confronted by rising taxes and a declining stock market, and faced with the problems of the poor and the ghetto-enslaved? You will have to answer for yourself why you continue to have hope, but I can tell you why I maintain a strong hope in the future.

First of all, I know that my ability to read the signs of the times is quite limited. Men have never been able to accurately appraise their situation or to predict the future. What on the surface appears to be at misfortune for our nation may turn out to be blessings in disguise.

Secondly, I am a part of the world in which I live and I can exert some small influence upon it to guide it into more wholesome and beneficial ways. Thirdly, my experience is that life is good and the world is filled with wonder. Marvelous things are constantly happening and there seems to be no end to power and mystery in the universe. I believe I can build upon the promises God has built into His creation.

In the fourth place, I am impressed with the winning power of love. I cannot ignore the revelation of God's love to man nor the phenomenon of love among men. I bet that love is stronger than hate and good stronger than evil. I believe that to love is to flow with the current of human development while to hate and to resort to violence is to move against the current.

Finally, I am sure that existence has meaning and that our true existence is basically spiritual in nature. Consequently, I cannot believe that life is only a material thing. The highest values are spiritual. I am confident men will come to their senses

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

By Col. Robert W. Brooks Jr.
Group Commander

The satisfactory completion of our last annual inspection was the result of a lot of hard work by a lot of good people. I wish to express my personal appreciation to those of you who, through loyal determination and conscientious effort, caused the units of the 145th Military Airlift Group to receive plaudits from 21st AF inspection personnel. The findings of this inspection verified that much improvement has been made since last year and they confirm that a little extra effort will produce valuable returns. This is not to say that we have arrived at some milestone of achievement where we can rest and contemplate the past twelve months. If we are presently considered to be a "successful" organization it should be our aim to continue the dedicated resolve to improve until we are the very best - nothing less. Our success can vanish overnight unless we individually and as a team make certain that we protect it.

Busy Troop, Cargo Flight Schedule Set

The NCANG will tote troops and cargo to various U.S. and overseas destinations during the next month. The next incentive flight is scheduled to Alaska on July 4.

Two C-124 Globemasters each will load 25,000 lbs of cargo at Savannah for deliv-

Col. Elliott Takes Helm Of NCANG Officers Club

Lt. Col. William V. Elliott has been elected president of the N.C. Air Guard Officers Club, succeeding Capt. James H. Morton.

Other new officers elected at the annual meeting of the club following the Saturday drill were: Maj. Francis K. Trimmier, Jr., first vice president; Capt. Jack D. Grooms, second vice president, and 2nd Lt. Nelson M. Casstevens Jr., secretary-treasurer.

Under the club organization the first vice president is the social chairman and the second vice president is house committee chairman and the club's representative on the board of governors of the N.C. Air Guard Recreation Center.

SERIAL NUMBERS FADE OUT

The old serial number is due to fade away completely at the end of this month.

As announced many months ago, the Air Guard and other military units are phasing out serial numbers and using social security numbers in their place. The process is scheduled to be completed July 1.

After that time instead of "name, rank and serial number" it will be "name, rank and SSAN (Social Security Account Number)." The social security number will be used on payrolls, personnel records, rosters and most of the other places identification numbers are needed.

In the Air Guard the SSAN will have a suffix of "FG" for officers and the same letters as a prefix for airmen. In some cases the social security numbers will be written with hyphens as they are on social security cards, but in other cases they will be written without spacing or hyphens.

The computer, we are told, understands.

FUTURE DRILL DATES

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ery to San Juan on June 27. A Guard plane will carry 12 basic training graduates home from Kelly AFB on July 12. Also the 155th Weather Flight will go by Globemaster to Alpena, Mich. on July 19 for summer camp.

Troop flights are scheduled to Fort Sill, Okla. via Raleigh-Durham on July 19 and to Warner Robbins via Winston-Salem on June 24.

Overseas field training flights are planned to Southeast Asia, July 5, Japan, July 5 and England, July 12.

SCOTT, HUNTLEY, Cont.

Force Reserve in 1946 and joined the Air Guard in September, 1957.

Both saw overseas service during World War II, including action in North Africa by Col. Scott and duty in Brazil by Col. Huntley. Col. Scott is an engineer with the Porter-Hayden Co. in Charlotte and Col. Huntley, a Monroe businessman for many years, recently joined Tool Service Engineering Co. there.

Maj. Riggs moves into the squadron commander's slot from the comptroller's office where he was accounting and finance officer. Maj. Trimmier formerly was administrative officer in State Headquarters.

CHAPLAIN, Cont.

before they destroy civilization, and that a new genesis undergirded by a strong sense of the spiritual will launch mankind on a new and higher pilgrimage than ever before. The future is in God's hands and my faith in Him delivers me from despair and doubt.

--Chaplain S.D. Maloney

JULY MENU

SATURDAY Roast Beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, tomatoes, tossed salad, rolls and butter, coffee, tea, pie, ice cream

SUNDAY Baked Ham, potatoes, corn on the cob, green beans, slaw, bread and butter, strawberry shortcake, limeade, coffee.

New Brass Shines, Nurses Are Added In Officer Ranks

There's a great deal of new brass shining around the N.C. Air Guard base as a result of recent officer promotions and appointments.

The distaff side is notable in the new officer classification with the appointment of two new flight nurses. And Maj. Elizabeth G. Smith, a veteran flight nurse here, was promoted to major.

The new nurses, both first lieutenants, are Daisy A. Hope of Kannapolis, a civilian nurse at Cabarrus Memorial Hospital in Concord, and Bonnie W. Raye of Morganton, a nurse at North Carolina Center there.

Four Guardsmen have discarded their railroad tracks for new major's leaves. They are Kenneth R. Harris, comptroller for the 145th MAG; Roland L. Mayberry, dentist in the 145th USAF Dispensary; John W. Thompson, installations officer, and John C. Markey, a navigator in the 156th MAS.

John E. Chandler III, a dentist, and Roger J. Lindsay of the Supply Squadron, were boosted from first lieutenant to captain. Thorne K. Page, a navigator, changed to a silver bar with his promotion from second lieutenant.

Another newcomer is 2nd Lt. Robert S. Northington Jr., a recent N.C. Air Guard graduate from Officer Training School at Lackland AFB.

RIOT, Cont.

with a new Air Force Pamphlet. It consists of eleven lessons - about half classroom instruction and half outside practice. Classroom sessions were held both Saturday and Sunday of the current UTA. Actual riot techniques were practiced in the afternoons.

What are the chances of the ANG being called up for riot control? According to Lt. Col. McNeil, the ANG is included in the state riot plan, but the Army Guard would be alerted prior to the Air Guard. If Army Guard forces proved insufficient to handle the situation, the Air Guard riot control forces would be mobilized. Also the Air Guard could be called for riot duty if the Governor deemed it necessary to avert a possible riot situation.

WE PASSED

The 145th Military Airlift Group was rated "satisfactory" on the annual management inspection conducted during the May drill.

During the visit by the inspectors from the 21st Air Force, the Group participated in a "no notice" ORI. The Group capability of C-2, next to the highest readiness rating, was confirmed by the inspectors.

In addition an ORIT was conducted during the ORI. "As far as we know", said Col. Robert W. Brooks, Jr., Group Commander, The Group received a passing score on the test."

"This was one of the best inspections we have ever had," said Col. Brooks. "The inspection did uncover some discrepancies but these have been or are being corrected."

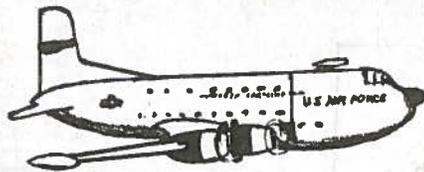
Marksmen Score High In Two Tournaments

North Carolina Air Guard marksmen have brought in another load of trophies to add to the already crowded display in the lobby of the O&T Building.

During the past month Tar Heel shooters participated in the All-Air Force High Power Rifle Match at Camp Bullis, Texas and the annual Marine Corps rifle competition at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Other services and civilian teams were represented in both events.

In the Air Force match a new trophy recognizing the top shooter who had not previously competed in that match went to TSgt Joseph H. Wilson of the NCANG State Headquarters. SSgt Thomas E. Bryant of the 145th Support Squadron, the other NCANG competitor in that match, scored second place in both 200 and 300 yard rapid fire and the aggregate rapid fire events.

At Camp Lejeune four North Carolinians brought home 10 trophies from five individual and five aggregate wins. The winners were: SSgt John K. Rogers Jr., TSgt Victor A. Brawley, Msgt Fred A. Hallman Jr. and Sgt Franklin A. Swearingen.



Tar Heel Relatives Told U.S. Trying To Assist Captured GIs In Vietnam

About 100 North Carolina relatives of servicemen missing in action or captured in Vietnam have been reassured by a high ranking Pentagon official that every effort is being made to obtain release of the GIs.

Richard G. Capen Jr. visited Charlotte Saturday after meeting earlier in the week with families at Pope and Seymour Johnson Air Force Bases. Mr. Capen is deputy assistant secretary of defense for public affairs and the Defense Department's foremost spokesman concerning prisoner of war matters.

He was met in Charlotte by Brig. Gen. William J. Payne, N.C. assistant adjutant general, air. Gen. Payne and other NCANG officers attended a press conference conducted here by Mr. Capen.

The Defense Department official said the nation should be proud of the dedication and patriotism of relatives of prisoners of war and men missing in action. The plight of the relatives, he said, is made very difficult by North Vietnamese refusal to identify U.S. prisoners it holds, refusal to abide by provisions of the Geneva Convention, and inhumane treatment of prisoners.

He said the government had pledged that the men listed as missing or captured will not be forgotten. More than 1,300 U.S. military personnel are so listed, he said, including more than 800 airmen downed over enemy territory.

Mr. Capen has made several trips to various parts of the country to meet with wives, parents and other relatives of the missing or captured servicemen. Some 450 the relatives live in the Southeast, he said.

N. C. SERVICE MEDALS AWARDED TO THREE

Three Air Guardsmen were awarded the North Carolina Distinguished Service Medal at the Sunday morning formation.

Honored for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the N.C. Air Guard" were:

--Lt. Col. Kenneth E. Nantz, executive officer, 145th MAG.

--MSgt. George H. Auten, materiel facilities supervisor, 145th Supply Sq.

--MSgt. Yates T. Caldwell, food service supervisor, 145th Support Sq.

The awards were authorized by order of the governor and presented by Brig. Gen. William J. Payne, assistant adjutant general, air. The recipients' wives, who were brought to the formation for a surprise visit, pinned on the medals.

After the ceremony the honorees and their wives joined Gen. Payne for coffee.

The citations recognized "outstanding qualities of professional skill, leadership and devotion to duty" in the Air Guard dating to 1948 by Col. Nantz and Sgt. Auten and to 1950 by Sgt. Caldwell.

GET THAT HAIRCUT

Unit commanders have announced that increased attention is going to be given to haircuts and other grooming matters.

The word going out to troops is that those showing up for training assemblies without proper shaves and haircuts will not be credited with the drills. Those who have to be sent from a UTA to get shaves or haircuts will lose pay and credit.

While they may be fashionable in some civilian circles, sideburns, long hair, bangs, ducktails and moustaches (except the small, neatly trimmed variety) are strictly verboten at Air Guard drills.

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Group Commander

All of us are thrilled by the epic mission of the Apollo 11 astronauts who, barring any change in schedule, should have landed on the moon by the time you read this.

And each of us will walk with them when they take man's first steps on the moon sometime tonight.

For it is a triumph of the human spirit, of technology and hard work and training and--to use what has become almost a dirty word--the Establishment.

As Air National Guardsmen, we are members of the Establishment. We are a vital part of the United States military structure, that structure that brought freedom to the infant nation in 1781, that helped beat down tyrants in several major wars, and that has, as much as any power, helped keep America free to rocket into space.

It's not jingoism for each of us to feel a special touch of pride in this incredible and valiant achievement, a walk on the moon by mankind.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



If all goes well with the moon landing tonight, civilization will be entering a new era. July 20, 1969, will become a more important date in the world calendar than 1492. Twenty or thirty years may pass before the world realizes just how significant a moment in the history of mankind today is, but sooner or later all men will know that in 1969 a monumental event took place. Men for the first time will have set foot on something other than earth.

Some sensitive people will be aware tonight that human history will never again be the same. An event as important as when our progenitors first came out of the trees to live on the ground will have occurred.

From the first creation of sentient life, animals and men have been earthbound. Wolves have howled at the moon, owls have flown in its eerie light, and men have written poems about it and wondered at its mysterious power over lovers and tides. But from today on man will be able to claim the moon as his proper domain. The moon our ancestors worshiped will become as familiar to man as the barren places of earth.

Neil Armstrong's first step on to the moon's surface will also be man's first step toward more distant planets. We are privileged to be living in such a time and even more privileged to be citizens of the country that was able to unite its resources and knowledge to make such a step upward possible.

My prayer is not only for the safe return of three astronauts. My prayer is that this event might mark a new era in human aspirations, that men might "leave their low-vaulted past," that each new aspiration might be nobler than the last until at length man is free--free in spirit as he has become free from the earth.

We should also soberly realize that matter how far or high we attain we have not escaped our need of God or his claim upon us.

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New Taxiway Added To Construction List

A new taxiway has been added to the list of pending N.C. Air Guard construction projects, and a project that has been on the list for several months--the snack bar--has been advanced to the "completed" column.

Progress also has been made on two other projects left over from the fiscal 1969 construction authorizations.

TROOPS OFF TO CAMP, COURTESY OF AIR GUARD

N.C. Air Guard Globemasters will transport several hundred troops to and from field training in addition to meeting regular overseas cargo flight schedules during the next month.

The 156th Weather Flight was flown to Alpena, Mich., Saturday for its field training stint. Two Globemasters were used Saturday to take Honest John rocket units of the N.C. Army Guard to Altus Air Force Base, Okla., for their field training at nearby Fort Sill.

On 1 Aug. a C-124 will pick up the Weather Flight and two planes will return to bring the Army Guard troops home. Also on 1 Aug. a Tar Heel flight crew will fly to Toledo, Ohio to take an Ohio Air Guard unit to field training at Boise, Idaho.

Also scheduled before next drill are four trips to Europe and two to Asia.

Flights to Germany and Spain depart 26 July and return five days later. Another flight to Germany departs 2 Aug, the same day a Globemaster departs for Vietnam via Kelly Air Force Base, Texas.

Japan will be the destination of a flight departing 9 Aug. and a flight to Norway is scheduled 16 Aug.

The new taxiway will be financed by the Air Guard with the City of Charlotte providing engineering and inspection services, according to Lt. Col. William C. Polk Jr., staff civil engineer. It will extend from the Air Guard ramp to the northeastern end of northeast-southwest runway, parallel to and on the east side of the north-south runway.

Col. Polk said a design conference on the project is scheduled later this month, with completion to be scheduled next year.

Except for furnishing, the snack bar situated where the old water tower used to be is complete. Arrangements are being made to move the snack bar operation from the C-124 nose dock to the new air conditioned building.

Work has also begun on a new paint shop and AGE (aerospace ground equipment) storage shed behind the nose dock. Drainage facilities have been installed for a new parking lot east of the Base Supply building and grading is scheduled to begin on the site this week, Col. Polk said.

Officers Visit Service Schools For Professional Education

Tar Heel Air Guard officers are sharpening of their professional skills by taking advantage of training offered by military educational institutions.

Lt. Col. Thomas C. McNeil Jr. leaves next month for 10 months of graduate study at the Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Maj. James H. Nash returned late last month from a two-week orientation course at the National War College in Washington.

Earlier four officers attended the two-week Air Reserve Forces Command and Staff Officer Course at the Air University at Maxwell. They were Lt. Col. William I. Crowell, Lt. Col. Gilbert L. Gaffney, Lt. Col. William C. Polk Jr. and Maj. Billy J. Reid.

CHAPLAIN, Cont.

We worship the God of all the universes. The psalmist knew this when he wrote: "Whither shall I flee from thy spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend to heaven, thou art there!"

--Chaplain S.D. Maloney

FUTURE DRILL DATES

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3 Masters Top Big Airman Promotion List

Three promotions to master sergeant topped one of the longest promotion lists in the N.C. Air Guard's history.

The list included five promotions to tech sergeant, 37 to staff sergeant, 49 to sergeant and 22 to airman first class.

The new six-strippers are Jimmy L. Richardson and Donald I. McCollum of the 156th Military Airlift Squadron and Robert E. Mannin of the 145th Dispensary.

Promoted to tech sergeant were: Support Sq.--John M. Hall, Charles W. Hurt; Airlift Sq.--Dennis L. Hovis, Barry N. Rumpfelt; Weather Flt.--Howard S. Edwards.

To staff sergeant: Support Sq.--Larry Baker, Donnie P. Bess, Michael F. Cole, James A. Crockett, Jr., Johnny W. Dellinger, William K. Easley, Louie P. Hunter, Jr., Bryce R. Jones, Plumer W. Kendall, Jr., Edwin L. Pinion, James W. Trantham, Jimmy T. Crawford, James R. Dutton, Jr., Stephen M. Barton; Cam Sq.--Charles R. Calloway, Calvin Crisp, James W. Dutton, John E. Grentzer, Robert L. Hall, Walter S. Hayes, Norman W. Helms, James B. Hinson, Quentin C. Hutchins, Jr., James A. Raines, Meredith R. Rawdon, Robert W. Smith, Donald R. Turbyfill; Support Sq.--Myron L. Slutsky; Airlift Sq.--Wade Howey, Jr., Walter R. Burris, Jr., John McRae III, Richard D. Payne, Thomas M. Payne; APO Flt.--Rufus W. Carruth, Thomas D. Fatta, Terrell E. Robinson; Hq 145 MAGp.--Manny M. Pigg.

To sergeant: Support Sq.--John E. Puett, Richard F. Harris III, Robert J. McCoy, Alfred Morgan, Jr., Melvin S. Schneck, William B. Smith, James R. Stewart; Cam Sq.--George E. Len, Nick D. Allred, Grady E. Childers, Thomas A. Faggart, Myers T. Hambright, Jr., David V. Harrelson, Daryl R. Hutchins, Don Murphy, Larry D. Panther, Michael B. Payne, John L. Stover, Jr., Edwin P. Swicegood, James Tucker, Richard D. Turner, James F. Walker, Robert D. Voncannon; Supply Sq.--Thomas M. Add, Ben L. Edwards, Cyril B. Herman, Jim C. Ross, Michael F. Keener, Robert J. McNaulty; APO Flt.--Wesley O. Howall, Glenn R. McCallum; 5USAF Disp.--Albert W. Cartledge, Frederick Cloninger, Larry M. Coggins, Eddie D. Helms; 6 MASq.--Archie C. Hartis, Thomas E. Hastings, Irvin W. Helton; 156 Weather Flt.--William E. Bernathy, Jr., Charlton E. Smith, Stanley L. Edom; 156 AEFlt.--Gary H. Clontz, William L.

Koehler, Robert E. Sides, Donald M. White; 145 Comm Flt.--Curtis D. Courtney, Raymond E. Freed; Hq 145 MAGp.--David M. Kiser, Theodore F. Phillips.

To Airman First Class: Cam Sq.--Charles W. Archer, James W. Blanton, Jerry W. Donkle, Leland S. Helms, Gary W. Holbrooks, David A. Jenkins, Billy F. King, Robert D. Pittman, Jr., Barry D. Smith, Larry G. Smith; Support Sq.--Randy J. Bates, Claude C. Keeney, Tony H. Lee, Wesley C. Sheets, Ernest C. Webb; 145th USAF Disp.--David L. Dermus, Michael H. Harrill, Julian F. O'Conner, Jr; 156th MASq.--Larry D. Grant, William D. Hardy, Larry E. Parks; APO Flt.--Alfred M. Lewis.

Officers Move Up, Too As Three Mak Lt. Col.

Three N.C. Air Guard officers have traded their gold leaves for silver, moving up to lieutenant colonel, and five others have been promoted.

The new light colonels are Dr. David E. Graham, flight surgeon in the dispensary; William E. Riggs, newly appointed commander of the 145th Support Sq. and Francis K. Trimmier, Jr. who last drill was named deputy commander, materiel. In their new jobs Col. Riggs and Trimmier succeeded, respectively, Lt. Cols. Marvin Huntley and John A. Scott who retired last month.

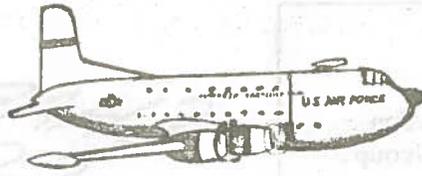
Three officers were promoted from Captain to Major. They are Robert L. Bradley, Jr., a navigator, Richard H. Stofan, a pilot, both with the Airlift Squadron, and Wade T. Fox of the Support Squadron who recently succeeded Col. Riggs as accounting and finance officer.

Irvin R. Ellington, Jr., maintenance officer in the 145th CAM Sq. was promoted from first lieutenant to captain and Verna L. Randall, a nurse in the 156th Aeromedical Evac Flt. was upped from second to first lieutenant.

AUGUST MENU

SATURDAY Spaghetti with meat sauce, graded cheese, green beans, carrots, mixed salad, dressing, garlic bread, orangeade, chess pie, butter, coffee.

SUNDAY Roast pork, gravy, apple sauce, mashed potatoes, corn, breaded tomatoes, cole slaw, bread, butter, ice cream, choco-



Big Aviation Event Set Oct. 5

For only the second time in nearly 10 years the N.C. Air Guard and the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce are teaming up in a major effort to show Carolinians what's happening in military aviation.

Carolinas Aviation Day on Sunday, 5 Oct. will bring to Charlotte the Thunderbirds, crack Air Force precision flight team; the Golden Knights, the Army's parachute team, and an array of displays that includes some of latest weapons in the nation's air arsenal. The last such event held here was in April of '60 when an estimated 50,000 persons turned out to see the Thunderbirds perform and to look at displays.

Since then the Thunderbirds have traded in their F-100 Super Sabres for bright new F4E Phantom II airplanes. The team consists of five of the supersonic jet pilots plus the ground support crew which travels in a C-130 Hercules.

The Thunderbirds are scheduled to arrive at 10:45 a.m. on 5 Oct. and immediately do their "arrival show" which will include low passes over the Charlotte area and attract attention to the show. The displays open at 11:00 a.m.

The Thunderbirds regular show begins at 3:00 p.m. The team's narrator, Capt. Tom Gibbs will explain the diamond loops, change-over loops, bomb bursts and other maneuvers performed by the team headed by Maj. Joe Moore.

Between formation maneuvers solo pilot Capt. Mike Kerby will demonstrate a variety of maneuvers by a single aircraft. Members of the team will be with their airplanes in the display area both before and after the show to answer questions and sign autographs. The Thunderbirds performance will follow

the 2:00 p.m. jumping exhibition by the Golden Knights from Fort Bragg, N.C. The ace parachutists are all volunteers from the paratroops or the Green Berets.

A succession of jumpers will leap from an aircraft from more than 13,000 feet, performing various formation and individual maneuvers in free falls that last as long as 70 seconds at speeds of 120 to 180 miles an hour. The jumpers carry smoke devices on their boots so their paths can be followed easily from the ground. In the event there is a cloud cover

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250 TO SEE DUTY FOR AVIATION DAY

Though Carolinas Aviation Day does not fall on a drill day, more than 250 N.C. Air Guardsmen are expected to participate in the military aviation spectacular.

Guardsmen, along with local and state police, will direct traffic, guide visitors and keep the anticipated throngs of spectators in the proper areas to view the aerial shows and static displays. Others will greet dignitaries, explain static displays to visitors and man medical and other emergency facilities.

Five clear areas not normally open to vehicles will be opened to visitor parking. The Air Guard paved parking lot east of the O&T Building, the area in front of and west of the O&T Building, and the grass lot in front of the O&T Building will be reserved for VIP

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Additional information for personnel assigned Aviation Day duties and a parking map are included on page 5 and 6 of this issue of the 145th News.

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Traveling in the rear of "Old Shakey" across the Atlantic gives a person plenty of time to think. The noise is too great to permit easy conversation, so one is virtually alone with oneself--or alone with God. Being alone with God is certainly much better company than merely being with oneself.

The flurry of check lists and station reports I was privileged to monitor stimulated me to think that we all ought to have check lists to begin, live, and end each day. In addition to our normal morning grooming routines we should add: "check face for smile, check voice for a pleasant tone, check attitude for positive optimism."

We should have a prayer list that begins by properly orienting us to God and our environment. We should begin the day with a prayer that we might do our work with care, competence, and honesty. We should breathe a prayer for all the people we expect to meet that day that we might be sensitive to their needs and their problems. Perhaps we can be God's instruments of help and encouragement.

We should have a special check list for the intense and hurried times of the day, prayers to control our irritability and tempers. We should have emergency procedures for times of crises, prayers for calm and poise and common sense, prayers for deliverance from fear, prayers for God's strength and guidance. We should have a check list to remind us always to act in love.

And when the day is over we should have an "after landing" check in which we confirm that we have righted all wrongs done to others during the day and that we can retire bearing no grudges or ill-will. We should mentally "write up" all failures and breakdowns in communications that these might be attended to. And finally, we should conclude the day with a prayer of thanksgiving and for God's watchful guidance during "crew rest."

--Chaplain S.D. Maloney



COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

By Lt. Col. Daniel P. Lefler
Acting Group Commander

Sometimes we wonder why the Air Force and the Air National Guard lay such heavy stress on training. It's train, train, train, in the classroom, on the job, in the field.

If you want to see how training pays off, don't miss the demonstration by the Air Force Thunderbirds during Carolina Aviation Day on 5 October here at Douglas Municipal Airport.

You'll see a precision jet flying team do spectacular things with F4C aircraft. You'll see some of the tightest formation aerobatics that's ever been done.

Such skilled flying is no coincidence. It's the result of experience and training. Each of the Thunderbirds has spent uncounted hours polishing his skills and developing the close teamwork needed by the precision flying team.

And that's what training is all about.

(Col. Lefler was acting group commander 20 Sept. in the absence of Col. Robert W. Brooks.)

MENU FOR OCTOBER DRILL

Saturday

Roast Beef with gravy, Mash Potatoes, Scollop Tomatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Blue Cheese Dressing, Brown and Serve Rolls, Butter, French Apple Pie and Coffee, Tea, or Milk.

Sunday

Breakfast Eggs to order, Cream Beef on toast, Cereal, French toast, Maple Syrup, Jelly, Toast, Grits, Coffee, Milk, and Orange Juice.

Lunch Baked Pork Chops, Home Fried Potatoes, Parsley Collie Flower, Cream style Corn, Cole Slaw, Bread, Butter, Tea, Coffee, Milk, Ice Cream and Cake.

OVERSEAS FLIGHTS SET TO ENGLAND AND SPAIN

Two overseas flights are scheduled by N.C. Air Guard Globemasters in the three-week period between the September and October Unit Training Assemblies.

Cargo hops are to depart on 4 Oct. to both England and Spain.

Two domestic missions are scheduled 12 Oct. A Globemaster will take 70 Guardsmen from Rome, N.Y., to Allentown, Pa., on a special training mission. Another Tar Heel plan will fly delegates from Charlotte and Raleigh to the National Guard Association conference in Mobile, Ala.

Guardsman Recouperating

Former Air Guardsman Al Pollard is in the Charlotte Rehabilitation Hospital, recovering from an airplane crash.

The visiting hours at the Rehabilitation Hospital are from 7-9 P.M. nightly plus 2-4 P.M. on weekends. Visits from his friends in the Guard will be appreciated.

The Charlotte Rehabilitation Hospital is located on 1610 Brunswick Avenue.

FY69 Callups Affect 60,000 Guardsmen

(Reprinted from The National Guardsman)

Nearly 60,000 National Guardsmen were ordered to State active duty in Fiscal Year 1969 to cope with emergencies ranging from avalanche control in Stevens Pass, Wash., to the "zap-in" disorder in Zap, N.D., reports to the National Guard Bureau show.

But the volume and intensity of emergency duty fell well below that of 1968—the year of the widespread riots in the wake of assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King.

Of the 59,984 Guardsmen performing emergency duty in the year ended last 30 June, about seven out of eight, or 52,524, were called to deal with 67 civil disturbances in 23 States. In the previous Fiscal Year, 104,665 Guardsmen were employed to quell approximately 77 civil disorders in 29 States.

In the same period, Guardsmen battled the forces of nature in 19 States on 34 occasions. Fourteen of the callups were for flood control, with nine calls for snow or ice storm duty, and seven for tornadoes.

Ten Governors called up Guardsmen for emergencies other than civil disturbances or natural disasters. Alabama led the list with 10 of the 28 instances, as Alabama Guardsmen aided civil authorities in such diverse emergencies as an armory fire in Huntsville, a power failure in Rainsville, and six missing person searches.

At no time during the Fiscal Year were National Guardsmen Federalized. The last such instance occurred during the April, 1968, riots.

Uniform 'Optional'

Uniforms are optional—summer or winter—during October. Beginning November 1 summer uniforms may not be worn but the year-round uniform is authorized. Year-round uniform items, however, may not be mixed with winter uniform items.

Civil Engineers To Be Separate Flight

A new flight will soon be formed in the 145th Military Airlift Group in accordance with re-vamped plans of the National Guard Bureau.

Civil engineers, now assigned to the

Snack Bar's New Home Is Big Improvement

The plush new 145th snack bar opened its doors to thirsty and hungry airmen for the first time this drill period.

Located adjacent to the parachute shop, the new facility is air-conditioned for summer comfort and electrically heated for winter warmth.

It's a far cry from the makeshift operation formerly located in the back of the hanger.

Opening of the new snack bar also eliminated a possible safety hazard by removing the machines and traffic from inside the back of the hanger.

The snack bar has the latest equipment, too, including standup tables on which airmen can place their food and drinks.

Work began about the first of the year on the snack bar and was completed in late summer.

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the jumpers have a show which can be performed from lower altitudes.

A large group of dignitaries are expected to be on hand for the event and a reception at the Air Guard Officers Club following the show.

The more than 20 aircraft to be on display besides the Thunderbirds' planes, include other century series fighters, helicopter troop carriers and gun ships used extensively in Vietnam, and a number of planes flown by other Air National Guard units.

FUTURE DRILL DATES

11 & 12 October 1969

22 & 23 November 1969

13 & 14 December 1969

145th Support Sq., are scheduled to be removed from the organization "subsequent to 1 Oct. 69" to form their own flight.

The new unit will probably be known as the 145th Civil Engineers Flight and will be responsible directly to Group Headquarters. Maj. John W. Thompson will be the commanding officer of the flight.

The move is similar to other recent reorganization changes which removed communications personnel from the support squadron to form the 145th Communications Flight.

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parking.

Guardsmen in uniform designated for duty during the Aviation Day event will park in the recreation center lot and the field adjoining it.

Maj. John D. Thompson is in charge of parking and Maj. Robbie L. Porter is in charge of crowd control. Local police and the Highway patrol are in charge of traffic direction and their forces are being augmented by Air Guard security police.

Other functions are being performed by various sections and are being directed by the commanders involved. Personnel designated for duty during the Aviation Day event will receive drill credit for a day of the 11-12 Unit Training Assembly.

Freedom Foundation Letters Are Urged

The National Guard Bureau has urged Guardsmen to participate in the Freedom Foundation's annual letter writing contest for which prizes up to \$1,000 are awarded for letters on the theme "My Hopes for America's Future."

In last year's contest 42 Guardsmen received awards.

Deadline for submitting the letters, which may not exceed 500 words, is Nov. 1. Full information may be obtained from Maj. Bundy in the State Headquarters office in the O&T Building.

Instructions For Aviation Day Duty

The uniform for personnel assigned duties during Carolinas Aviation Day is 1505 with the service cap with visor (not flight caps.)

Those assigned parking and crowd control duties will report at 0800 at the C-124 hanger. Security police report to the Central Security Control office at 0800.

Guardsmen in uniform will park in the Recreation Center parking lot and the field adjoining it (No. 1 on the map). they will use the back road off Airport Drive that normally is closed by a breakaway barrier. This road will be open only for the event, and only uniformed guardsmen will be admitted.

Guardsmen are urged, whenever possible, to use a single car for two or more persons to ease traffic problems.

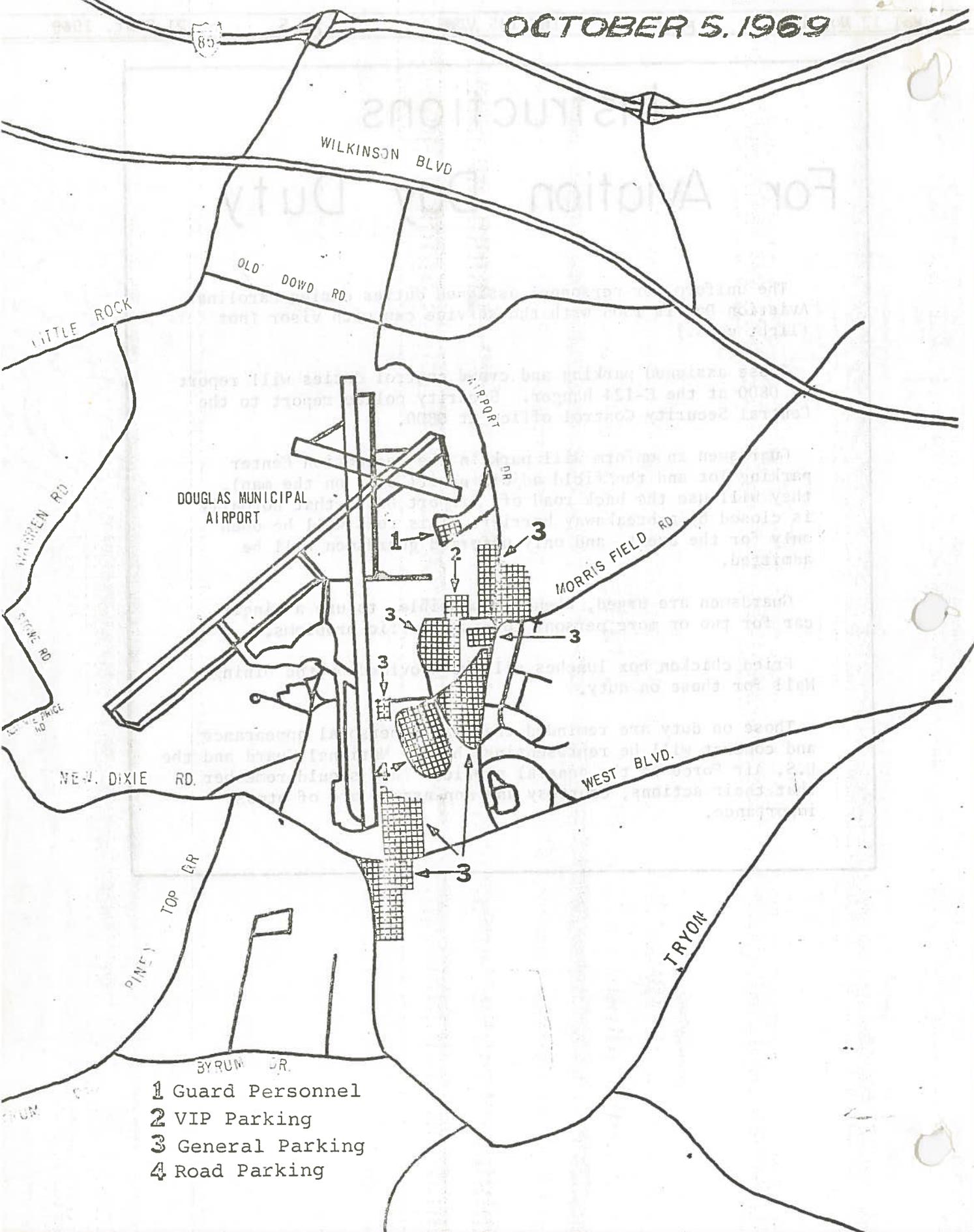
Fried chicken box lunches will be provided by the Dining Hall for those on duty.

Those on duty are reminded that their personal appearance and conduct will be representing the Air National Guard and the U.S. Air Force to the general public. They should remember that their actions, courtesy and appearance are of utmost importance.

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3 General Parking
4 Road Parking

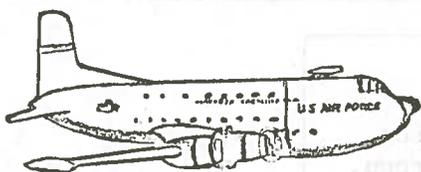
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Come One, Come All

If you want to draw a crowd, team up the Air Force Thunderbirds and the Army's Golden Knights parachute team, add an impressive array of military aircraft, mix in a lot of publicity--THEN LOOK OUT!

That formula worked in a big way for the North Carolina Air National Guard and the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce when they staged Carolina Aviation Day at Douglas Airport last Sunday.

The N.C. Highway Patrol reported the crowd was the largest they had ever encountered in this area--outstripping even the turnout for the annual World 600 stock car race. The Thunderbird team itself said the Charlotte show was the most successful of their 180 performances this year.

Nearly 100,000 spectators swarmed to Douglas Airport from Charlotte and the Piedmont, but Eastern and Western North Carolina were also represented. Scores of S.C. license tags were seen. A few came from as far away as Richmond and Atlanta.

The throngs were rewarded with a breathtaking show of precision flying by the Thunderbirds in their new F4E Phantom II supersonic jets, the Golden Knights' amazing aerial didos and a close-up look at more than a dozen aircraft on static display.

Though the performers couldn't hear them, spectators repeatedly applauded and shouted their approval as the five brightly painted Thunderbird jets roared through a 30 minute series of complex tight formations and solo maneuvers.

The formation planes, flying within a few feet of each other, specialized in relatively high sweeping rolls, pitches and formations changing maneuvers while the solo pilot did loops and other maneuvers, including a great deal of inverted flying only a few feet above the runway.

A real Crowd Pleaser came when the for-

mation planes, demonstrating slow speed maneuvering, came by at what appeared to be minimum altitude flying, only to be overtaken by the solo plane hurtling at near the speed of sound and passing beneath the extended landing gear of the formation ships.

The climax of the performance was the Thunderbirds' famed "bomb burst" in which the four formation planes flared out abruptly like Fourth of July fireworks, only to return moments later to cross paths vertically near the middle of the runway only a few feet apart.

The Golden Knights, who operate from Fort Bragg, N.C. preceded the Thunderbirds

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SMSgt. Frias Honored

Senior Master Sergeant Thomas E. Frias was made an honorary member of the North Carolina Air National Guard during a special ceremony at the Sunday morning formation.

SMSgt Frias has served as Air Advisor to the NCANG for the past ten years. He will retire on November 1 after more than 30 years of service in the Air Force.

His citation reads in part: "Sergeant Frias was one of the guiding forces in helping the North Carolina Air Guard reach its present high level of mission preparedness...the North Carolina Air National Guard is grateful for his outstanding and devoted service."

SMSgt Frias will spend his immediate retirement years in Charlotte.

The North Carolina Air National Guard will find it an extremely difficult job to replace a man of SMSgt Frias' caliber and dedication.

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

By Col. Robert W. Brooks Jr.
Group Commander

Why teamwork?

No better answer can be found than in the Air Force Thunderbirds precision flying team that performed here last weekend in the Carolinas Aviation Day air show.

Only by the tightest teamwork could the Thunderbirds accomplish their spectacular aerial maneuvers. Only by knowing what all the other pilots were doing at every split second were the team members able to perform as they did.

At such high speeds and low altitudes, a single pilot's lapse could be disastrous, not only to himself but to his wingmen and possibly to some of the viewers on the ground.

But Thunderbird teamwork, honed to perfection by endless hours of training and experience, keeps thrilling air show audiences all over the world.

We in the Air National Guard can profit from their example. With teamwork, we can accomplish our mission. Without it, we can't.



The moratorium on the war in Vietnam scheduled for October 15 will involve many of us in the dissent within our country more closely than we have ever been before. Parents may find their children taking strong and contrary stands as they join in some form of demonstration to make their feelings known. In some schools students may choose to walk out of a particular class; elsewhere they may skip several classes or a whole day. Some institutions are planning special sessions to discuss the war or to memorialize the war dead.

At those schools where the principal or the college president has taken a firm stand against any form of disruption there will be confusion over whether the students are against the war or against the school administration. Such is the confusion of the day. Adding to the disruption will be groups protesting against the protestors--even to suing those institutions where Wednesday classes have been suspended.

In the midst of the chaos, however, several points emerge clearly: widespread dissension over an issue as important as war is not healthy for a country; the no-win, no-withdrawal policy employed in Vietnam merits discussion; the opinion of young people is a force to be reckoned with.

The issue is not patriotism. Many of the young rebels are what Hubert H. Humphrey calls "patriots of dissent." The issue is what is right for us to do as a country.

Rather than placing blame on either our politicians or the young dissidents, we should pray to know what is best and best for our nation to do. Those of us who have fought through one or more wars and who continue to wear the uniform with pride will find it especially difficult

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One Commissioned, 53 Promoted

The arrival of a new officer and promotion of a master sergeant highlight the latest promotion list.

Newcomer is 2nd Lt. Hal B. Wansley Jr. who is a Distinguished Graduate of Officer Training School, Lackland AFB, Texas. He will serve as Information Officer in Group Headquarters.

MSgt. John E. Wilson, a Programs, Plans and Work Control Technician, 145 Support Squadron, received his sixth stripe on 1 Oct. 1969.

Other promotions:

To TSgt.: Arnold L. Bradshaw, David Dale, Eddie F. Holly, William T. Holmes, Claude F. Jones, Jay C. Morton, James W. Porter,

C124's Keep Busy Schedule

The Charlotte based C-124s and Air Guard pilots have another busy schedule next month with cargo flights to Southeast Asia and Italy, 1 Nov.; Japan, 8 Nov.; Spain and Germany, 15 Nov.; and Southeast Asia and Japan, 29 November.

One other flight will take basic trainees to Kelly AFB, Texas on 15 November.

Uniform Change

Beginning November 1 the summer, 1505 uniform may not be worn. The blue, year around or winter uniform is required. Year around uniform items, however, may not be mixed with winter uniform articles.

Chaplain cont'd

to understand or to condone the actions and attitudes of the young. Sanity and calm should prevail. Our desire not to give comfort to the enemy should not turn us against the children of our land. "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

--Chaplain S. D. Maloney

MENU FOR NOVEMBER DRILL

Saturday

Roast beef with gravy, baked potato, lima beans, cream style corn, mixed vegetable salad, French apple pie.

Sunday

Roast turkey with giblet gravy, shrimp cocktail, baked ham slices, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls, pumpkin pie.

To SSgt.: Max D. Abernethy, James J. Buchanan, Walter R. Edwards, James L. Finne Dale W. McConnell, Clifford A. Presley, Terrence G. Sporn, James J. Vassey, Hugh A. Walker, Jr., Fred E. Williams,

To Sgt.: Paul R. Alexander, Jr., Richard H. Baker, Michael D. Beam, Charles D. Bolick, Thomas H. Bowman, Johnnie M. Bradshaw, Vernon W. Clodfelter, Iwan B. Clontz, Donald K. Thompson, Ronald F. Collins, Benjamin D. Drake, William F. Garrison, Daniel C. Groce, Robert A. Hallman, Jr., Jerry W. Herlocker, Truitt E. Hicks, Charles H. King, Perry M. Lawing, Freddie R. McConnell, James D. McSwain, Jr., Reuben S. Pace, Lewis A. Reece, Charles A. Rhyne, Jr., Randolph S. Richardson, Michael I. Smähl, David W. Staley, William A. Summerville, Bobby P. Threatt, Ronald G. Willyard, Larry D. Wilson, Maurice O. York, Ronald I. Young.

To A1C.: Edwin C. Cavin, Jr., Robert G. Higgins, Jr., Richard E. Howard.

Aviation Day cont'd

on the program, thrilling spectators with a variety of free-fall maneuvers.

The jumpers trailed red smoke from burning grenades attached to their boots and directed their highly maneuverable special parachutes to a target area on each jump. A single jumper provided an additional thrill when he abandoned his first parachute, then opened another after a brief, tumbling free fall.

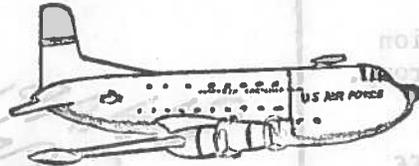
Though clouds restricted some of the high altitude maneuvers of both the Thunderbirds and the Golden Knights, the spectators were undaunted. They came early and stayed late.

Lines began forming more than two hours before the official 11 a.m. beginning of the open house and groups of spectators were still on the ramp at dusk, long after the Thunderbird pilots had signed hundreds of autographs and left the area and many of the static display aircraft had departed for their home bases.

"The event was a tremendous success," said Col. Robert W. Brooks, Group Commander. "It went off so well because of the hard work and planning of both Chamber of Commerce and Air Guard personnel alike.

"I congratulate all those air guardsmen who helped put on this show. They did an outstanding job."

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SLOT NOT NEEDED

That old hinderance to promotion, lack of a slot, has been partially removed by a recent National Guard Bureau ruling. Airmen can be promoted to sergeant or staff sergeant "irrespective of the grade authorized for the position to which assigned," the NGB message said. Four years service are required for advancement to sergeant and six years for staff sergeant, and airmen must be "otherwise qualified." Also, the Bureau said it will monitor the number of guardsmen in the two grades, and if the number assigned closely approaches or exceeds the number authorized throughout the Air Guard, a temporary suspension of promotions will be announced.

Pink Ponies Are Here

The N.C. Air Guard now has its own "Pink Pony" outfit.

Known officially as the 145th Civil Engineering Flight, the unit was given federal recognition in the November unit training assembly. It is made up primarily of the old Civil Engineering and Firefighting sections of the 145th Support Squadron.

The "Pink Pony" designation derives from the Air Force "Red Horse" term used to describe self contained Civil Engineering Squadrons capable of moving into the boondocks and building anything from outhouses to air bases. A flight, as a smaller version of the same type of operation, thus becomes a "Pink Pony."

It was announced several months ago that the Civil Engineering function would become a separate flight under the 145th Military Airlift Group. The action became official with federal recognition following an inspection by

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Honors Roll In To Flying Unit, Five Air Guardsmen

Five Tar Heel air guardsmen have brought back high individual honors from a variety of training establishments and the Air Guard's flying unit has won a new recognition for its safety record.

Receiving honors for academic achievement, were four new second lieutenants in the N.C. Air Guard and a recent graduate of the Air National Guard Noncommissioned Officers Academy.

The 156th Military Airlift Squadron received a flying safety award from the Military Airlift Command for eight years of flying without a major accident. (Actually, the N.C. Air Guard's flying safety record dates back longer than eight years, but the Tar Heels weren't assigned to MAC before that.)

North Carolinians receiving academic honors recently were second lieutenants Hal B. Wansley Jr., Robert O. Wilson, Robert S. Northington Jr., Claude D. Madison Jr., and SMSgt Eural C. Clippard Jr.

Lt. Wansley was a distinguished graduate from Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas. A public relations man with Southern Bell Telephone Co., Wansley is information officer of the 145th Military Airlift Group. He currently is attending a technical school at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

Lt. Wilson was a distinguished graduate from undergraduate pilot training at Williams Air Force Base, Ariz., and Lt. Madison was an outstanding graduate from undergraduate navigator training at Mather AFB, Calif.

Both Lts. Wilson and Madison currently are in flight training with the N.C. Guard in

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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

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Group Commander

Traditionally at this time of year, we take time out to express our Thanks for the many privileges and blessings that we as Americans enjoy. As citizens of the richest nation the world has ever known, we are also prone to take our affluence for granted. The result is that we are also the most wasteful people in the world. This does not have to be, and in fact, should not be. Even the Great resources of the United States are not limitless.

During this Thanksgiving season, let us all as responsible citizens and Air National Guardsmen, do our small share in insuring that America continues to prosper and survive through conserving and obtaining maximum utilization from whatever resources are entrusted to us in our military assignments.

Using our time fully--doing the job right the first time--taking proper care of a piece of equipment--saving a pencil or piece of paper. None of these things singularly seem very significant. Collectively, they are vitally important--they do add up--they are of great value in helping to fully utilize and wisely

CHAPLAIN'S
CORNER



Anyone can be thankful when all is going well. Who wouldn't be thankful when his business is flourishing, his family well, his table well stocked for a Thanksgiving dinner, and his nation at peace? An unbelieving pagan would be thankful under such circumstances!

The point of Thanksgiving for the Christian, however, is would he be thankful if his business were floundering, his family sickly, his table sparsely laid, and his country at war? Genuine gratitude to God is not based on material circumstances.

The psalms of praise of the ancient Hebrew were expressions of praise and thanksgiving in spite of poverty, war, and even exile. Note this example from a prayer by the prophet Habakkuk: "Though the fig tree do not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stall, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation."

A similar example of heroic faith is Job's statement when he heard he had lost his field, his flock, and his family. His utterance of resignation is also an expression of confidence in God. He said: "the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away! blessed be the name of the Lord."

America's first Thanksgiving came in a time of adversity. Half of those who came over in the Mayflower had died that first year. The harvests were far from abundant. Friendly Indians supplied them with sufficient venison for the Thanksgiving Festival. Yet they gave thanks from the depths of their hearts for the meager blessings they could count and most of all for the providential care of God which sustained them and redeemed them.

Though we are at war and sorely divided as a nation, can we do any less than those who gave thanks from their poverty? Count your blessings in a new way this year. Focus on the spiritual strengths and resources avail-

FLYERS ON THE MOVE

Tar Heel Air Guard Globemasters are scheduled for two trips each to Asia and Europe, a pair of special domestic missions and normal local flying activity between the November and December unit training assemblies.

Flights depart on 29 Dec. for both Vietnam and Japan. The European flights both leave on 6 Dec., heading for Spain and England.

On 9 Dec. an N.C. Air Guard C-124 will go to Pope AFB at Fayetteville to bring the 82nd Airborne Division band to Charlotte for a concert. The Guard plane will return the band to Pope later that evening. On 13 Dec. a flight is scheduled to Kelly Air Force Base, Texas, to take a group of Air Guard recruits to basic training.

HONORS, Cont'd

Charlotte on a full time basis. Wilson who lives in Charlotte, is a 1967 graduate of the University of North Carolina and Madison, who lives in Statesville, is a 1968 recipient of a master of business administration at the University of South Carolina.

Lt. Northington was an honor graduate of the Administrative management Course at Keesler AFB, Miss.

Sgt. Clippard won the honor flight commander's award for exhibiting outstanding qualities of leadership at the ANG NCO academy. The 145th MAG administrative superintendent also was designated a distinguished graduate for academic excellence by placing in the top 10 per cent of his class.

MENU FOR DECEMBER DRILL

Saturday

Baked Ham, buttered potatoes, buttered peas, tossed salad, Cake, Fruit cocktail, bread, butter, coffee, and tea.

Sunday

Country style steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, buttered corn, oranges, apples, bananas, tossed salad, bread, butter, Pecan pie, tea and coffee.

Tar Heels Oppose Moratorium Advocates

Air Guardsmen showed their support for the nation's Vietnam war policy in a variety of ways in connection with the recent Vietnam moratorium and related events.

Many followed the suggestion of Brig. Gen. William J. Payne, Assistant Adjutant General, Air, by displaying the American Flag, driving with their car lights on and leaving their home porch lights on.

Gen. Payne sent letters to all N.C. Air Guardsmen urging such action and indorsing a letter from Maj. Gen. Winston P. Wilson, Chief, National Guard Bureau, which was critical of the moratorium effort.

Four members of the N.C. Air Guard joined some 50 of their classmates in class 70- of the Air National Guard Noncommissioned Officers Academy in signing a letter to President Nixon supporting his stand against the moratorium.

"The Patriotic Americans have been silent," the letter said in part, "We do not wish to remain silent any longer."

The letter criticised supporters of the moratorium and urged the proclamation of an "I am an American Day" to help counteract their influence.

COMMANDER, Cont'd

conserve our resources. By so doing, each of us can contribute to our nation's future and insure that there will always be a Thanksgiving season.

Pink Ponies, Cont'd

Capt. Donald Haney of the Air Force advisor staff here.

The flight of 77 airmen and two officers is commanded by Maj. John D. Thompson.

Chaplain, Cont'd

able to you and thank God for His Presence in history and among men.

--Chaplain S. D. Maloney