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Celebrating Pope's 60th anniversary.

Bravo C-130 locates stranded crew

The U.S. Air Force and Greek military forces combined efforts to save 20 Greek members from the freighter *Eurosailor*, which was burning out of control approximately 35 miles from Iraklion, Crete, Tuesday afternoon.

The elements involved in the rescue were a Pope AFB C-130 Hercules, a Greek Air Force C-119 Flying Boxcar, Greek air traffic controllers and two Greek Navy destroyers.

The flight began as a routine airlift mission for the American crew composed of Capt. Douglas J. Walton, 39th Tactical Airlift aircraft commander; 1st Lt. Jeffrey L. Harber, 39th TAS co-pilot; Capt. Lawrence R. McGirr, 41st TAS navigator; Sgt. Kenneth

Desvignes, 39th TAS flight engineer; and A1C Alexander A. Aller, 41st TAS loadmaster.

All are stationed on temporary duty at Hellenikon AB, Greece. The crewmembers are presently assigned to Bravo Squadron. Bravo Squadron, which is made up of air crewmembers and support elements from here, is presently on rotation at RAF Mildenhall, England.

"Part way through a routine flight we received a call from a civilian airliner that had spotted a ship on fire," said Captain Walton. "At the time we were approximately 100 miles from the location reported by the airliner."

After notifying the Greek Air Traffic Control Center of the

situation, the C-130 diverted to the last reported location of the ship. A few minutes later the search radar made contact with the ship. Then, the flight engineer spotted a billowing smoke column on the horizon.

Within 20 minutes of the initial radio transmission the C-130 aircraft was circling the burning ship which appeared to be abandoned.

"Our first sight of the ship was the billowing smoke and the flaming decks," said Captain Walton. "We circled the ship trying to determine whether anyone was still onboard. We concluded that there wasn't anyone else on board and that one lifeboat was missing.

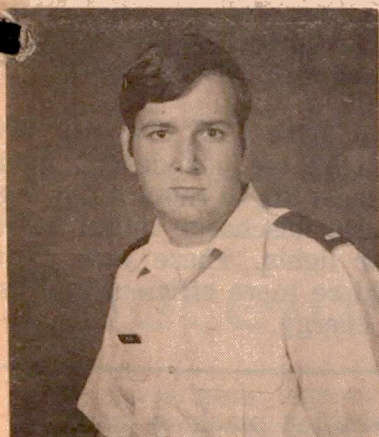
The crew then began a search pattern downwind from the Greek freighter. Five minutes into the search pattern the crewmembers located the lifeboat with 20 passengers on board.

"They were waving their arms and appeared to see us. We radioed in our location and began circling the lifeboat," said Captain Walton. "The Greek Air Traffic Control Center informed us that rescue vessels were enroute to the scene."

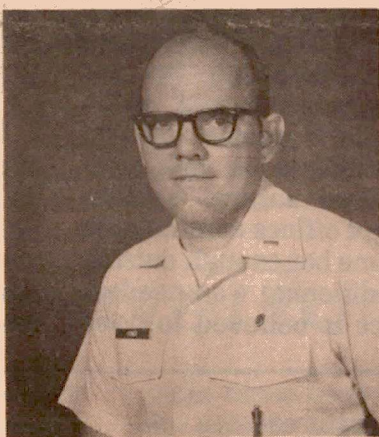
Thirty minutes later the American aircraft was relieved by a Greek Air Force C-119. Later reports from Crete indicated that two Greek Navy destroyers were on the scene and taking on the survivors.

PFMP Week

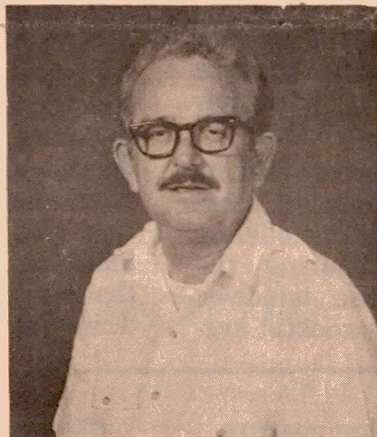
Air Force people solving financial problems



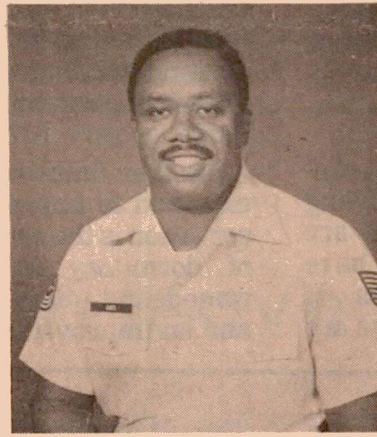
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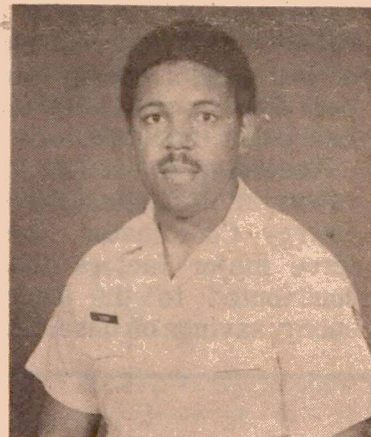
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MSgt. Thomas Jones



SSgt. Larry Spencer

By SSgt. Larry Spencer &
Mr. Bill Kinlaw

The Personal Financial Management Program is two-years old this month. In observance of this second anniversary, the Military Airlift Command has designated July 23-27 as PFMP week.

Commanders here have enthusiastically endorsed this program from its infancy. In turn, the program has helped them by helping their people.

The program has three financial areas: information, education, and consultant services. The

wing comptroller is charged with the implementation of the overall program which also involves directorates of personnel, information and judge advocate.

The information phase provides general and localized information on a variety of topics and news items relating to financial management. Examples are consumer savings tips, benefits and services from commissary and base exchanges, and other information which provides a means of obtaining more for your money.

The educational phase is presented in a classroom situation.

The course covers information on budget preparation, check book maintenance, housing, consumer protection and credit interest rates, estate planning and other subjects relating to financial management and personal affairs. At the completion of this course a person should have the basic financial knowledge to make the most of their personal resources in a world of increasing costs.

The consultant service phase of the program is designed to provide confidential financial guidance to people seeking per-

sonalized assistance in financial matters. This is an individual "one-on-one" approach with the member and counselor participating equally in an effort to identify and resolve financial problems.

If you want to learn how to manage your money in the future, Bill Kinlaw or SSgt. Larry Spencer at extension 2391. If you need counseling, they will insure that a qualified counselor is available at your convenience. Ten counselors are presently volunteering their service and are very interested in helping you solve your financial problems.

ORI: Coming soon

Everyone is reminded to be prepared for the upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection. No one knows when the inspection will occur although the base is nearing the peak of its present

eligibility period.

ORIs must be conducted on a no-notice basis at least once every 18 months. Pope's last ORI was in May '78, so another one is due soon.

SURE-PAY eliminates standing in line

Few people enjoy standing in lines but, unless you subscribe to SURE-PAY, that's just what you have to do twice a month to cash your paycheck.

The people at accounting and finance can help you out. At the same time you'll be helping to save the Air Force a bundle of money!

SURE-PAY works like this. You go to accounting and finance and tell them you'd like to subscribe to SURE-PAY. That's it!

Except for a quick form to fill out and sign, the finance people do the rest. The entire transaction is usually completed within minutes.

After you're a SURE-PAY member, your bank, credit union, etc., automatically credit your paycheck to your account each payday. Since it's all done electronically, the system reduces workhours, paperwork and accounting problems. That's where the government (and the banking

facility) profit. In fact, because of the reduced cost in handling such accounts, many banking facilities offer services like free checking to SURE-PAY participants.

What's in it for you?

First, no more worrying about late delivery of your paycheck or having it lost or stolen. And, no more special trips to the cashier to cash your paycheck. You just write checks against your account. This should also give you a better record of where your

money goes each month.

How do you know how much you made? On mid-month paydays, you'll get a pay statement showing how much was credited to your account. Your leave and earnings statement takes care of the end-of-month payday.

Everyone benefits from SURE-PAY — you, the Air Force and your financial institution. Besides, paydays are good for more than standing in line.

Pope leads MAC in over-all energy savings

Figures recently released show that Pope AFB leads the Military Airlift Command in overall energy conservation for fiscal year '79.

The base is presently showing a downward trend in energy use. In comparison to fiscal year '75, the base is using 6.6 percent less energy. This figure is adjusted by 13.2 percent for new buildings constructed since 1975, which gives the base an overall 17.5 percent reduction from 1975 levels.

The new energy policy, recently announced by President Carter, calls for a five percent reduction of last year's energy consumption. Pope is presently nine percent below the 1978 level.

According to 1st Lt. John Andrews, 317th Tactical Airlift Wing Energy Coordinator, there are three major factors that have contributed to the success of energy savings on base. These are

weather conditions, facility improvements and individual effort.

Due to an early warming trend this spring, the 317th Civil Engineering Squadron was able to shut off non-essential heating on April 4. The only heat left on was in the housing and medical facilities. The air conditioning units were not turned on until May 14, leaving almost a month and a half with no major heating or air conditioning units being used.

Facility improvements provided a large portion of the overall energy savings. One improvement made on base was the destruction of an old building and moving its operations to a new existing building with no increase in energy consumption to the new building.

Another improvement that is expected to improve energy conservation is the recent remodeling of dormitory 283. During the remodeling, dual-pane windows and an improved thermostat sys-

tem were added to reduce the amount of energy required to control room temperatures.

The completion of the new security police building should contribute to energy savings also. With the design of the new building, heating and cooling costs should be drastically reduced. This is possible because of less exterior wall space for heat to escape through and a new heating system which uses electric heat pumps as opposed to a fuel oil furnace in the old building. These heat pumps are more efficient than the older furnaces.

Individual effort was also a deciding factor in base energy conservation. Although the air conditioners were turned on in mid-May, most people opened doors and windows on cool mornings and used natural ventilation. This kept offices comfortable until it became hot enough outside that air conditioning was needed. This practice is believed to have

had a significant impact on energy consumption.

Future plans to reduce energy consumption include installing an Energy Monitoring Control System, a computerized control system that provides supervisory control over room temperatures. This system would allow one computer to control up to 63 buildings automatically. Override capabilities are built into the system in the event of computer break-down or power loss.

The 1979 Energy Conservation Investment Program includes provisions to add ceiling insulation, storm windows and doors and an energy saving thermostat to the family housing units.

The 317th CES has also proposed that the incandescent lights in hangar Six be replaced by high intensity discharge metal halide vapor lights. These new lights would be more efficient and use less energy.

Energy saving tips

The 317th Civil Engineering Squadron has offered the following tips to save energy in the home:

1. Reduce lighting levels.
 - a. Use natural light whenever possible.
 - b. Turn off lights when you leave the room.
 - c. Hold outside night lighting to the minimum required for security. Low wattage bulbs should be used for this purpose.
 - d. Reduce wattage of bulbs whenever practical. Most

lighting fixtures are designed for no more than 60 watt bulbs.

2. Hot Water consumption. (Hot water heaters are one of the largest consumers of energy in living quarters.)
 - a. Lower temperature settings on the hot water heater to the minimum required to assure a supply of hot water (120-130 degrees F).
 - b. Shower rather than tub bathe whenever possible.
 - c. Consolidate dishwasher and

washing machine loads as much as possible.

- d. Consider cold water laundering whenever feasible.
- e. Report suspected hot water leaks promptly to Civil Engineering.
3. Cooking.
 - a. Consider summertime recipes that minimize use of the range and oven.
 - b. Use the exhaust fan to remove heat generated from stove top cooking.

Graduates association installs officers for coming year

Chapter 50 of the Noncommissioned Officers Academy Graduates Association here recently installed its new officers for the coming year.

Colonel James L. Brake, 317th Combat Support Group commander, was the guest of honor, and installed the new officers.

The new president is TSgt. Jack W. Paules, 317th Headquarters

Squadron. Also installed were MSgt. Dan Hignight, vice president, 3rd Mobile Aerial Port Squadron and TSgt. James L. Larsen, secretary, 317th Tactical Airlift Wing.

Honored guests included several of the squadron commanders from the base. Outgoing President, MSgt. Eugene Kobisky of the 317th Civil Engineering Squadron was presented a gavel

in recognition of his outstanding service. A letter of recognition was also presented to MSgt. Harold J. Williams Jr., the outgoing vice-president. MSgt. Dan and Mrs. Phyllis Hignight were also presented a plaque recognizing them as the Chapter 50 Man and Woman of the Year 1978-79.

Chapter 50 was chartered here by Headquarters, Military Airlift Command in November 1978, and

charged with "Promoting Professionalism through Performance." The NCOAGA meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Pope NCO Club.

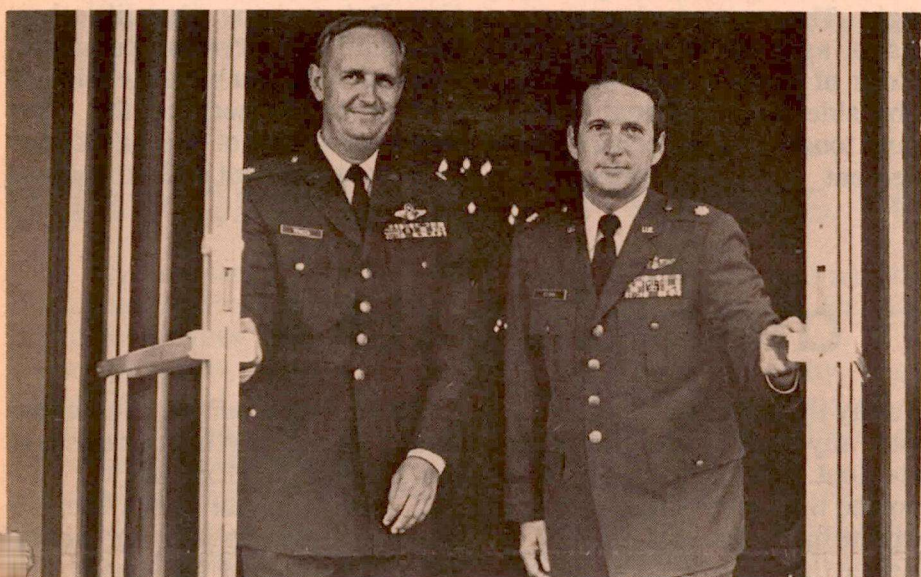
Membership is open to any graduate of NCO Leadership School, or the Senior or Command NCO Academies either correspondence or resident. If you are interested in joining, contact the new president at 394-4681.



Col. Tom Boe, new Deputy Base Commander, goes over what will be his busy schedule with Ruth Dillard, secretary for the 317th Combat Support Group command section. Colonel Boe became the deputy base commander July 16 replacing Col. John M. Gatt who has been assigned to Munich, Germany.



Lt. Col. Ron C. Peoples reviews a squadron aircrew folder with MSgt. Edwin V. Gerbig, a flight engineer with the 40th Tactical Airlift Squadron. Colonel Peoples took over the command of the 40th TAS July 20 in a formal change of command ceremony. He was formerly the operations officer for the 39th TAS. Colonel Peoples replaced Lt. Col. Rolland F. Clarkson who has been transferred to Headquarters, Military Airlift Command.



Lt. Cols. (left to right) Stanley F. Tencza and John B. Stark leave the Officers' Club following the 317th Field Maintenance Squadron change of command ceremony held there. Colonel Stark, former operations officer with the 40th Tactical Airlift Squadron, assumed command of the squadron from Colonel Tencza July 11.

BTZ

Promotion eligibility to come earlier

Effective immediately, airmen stand a better chance of being promoted below the zone to senior airman because of two recent changes in the below-the-zone system.

First, the percentage of all senior airman promotions reserved for below-the-zone eligibles will be increased from 10 to 15 percent.

Second, the below-the-zone date-of-rank "window" will be increased from six months ahead of the regular date-of-rank cutoff to 12 months ahead. This means that if the date-of-rank cutoff for regular promotion is, for exam-

ple, March 19, 1976, then the below-the-zone eligibles would include airmen first class with dates of rank between March 20, 1976, and March 19, 1977.

The change means an airman can be eligible for below-the-zone promotion for four quarters instead of two.

The percentage of eligible airmen a unit commander can nominate for below-the-zone promotions will remain at 10 percent. However, because there will be about twice as many eligibles, a unit commander can nominate nearly twice as many airmen.

Space-a-travel for people on leave only

Air Force Audit Agency audits continue to reveal many people violate Air Force leave procedures when they apply for space-available travel. No fewer than 25 percent of people on Space-A lists apply for flights when they are not actually on leave.

"Confusion arises when people misuse the 'three days before or after' guidelines for the start of leave," according to audit agency officials.

The provision that leave can be

valid three days before or after the effective date shown on the AF Form 988 is an administrative measure, they said.

It is designed to reduce paperwork when an airman, due to events beyond control, must begin leave before or after the effective date. Applying for Space-A travel is not an event beyond an airman's control, they added.

The Air Force Manpower Personnel Center says that provision was never meant to be used to

sign up for space-available travel in advance of the effective leave date, thereby avoiding a leave charge.

Defense Department policy requires all Space-A applicants to be on leave when they apply for travel. Air Force officials say this rule will be enforced. MAC terminal people cannot accept applications for Space-A travel before the effective leave date shown on the AF Form 988.

Some people claim the enforced

Space-A leave procedure signals a benefit loss. However, this is not true, say MAC transportation officials.

They said leave procedures of other armed services do not provide "three days before or after" clauses.

MAC supports the Defense Department position that an effective date procedure provides the most equitable opportunity for Space-A travel.

Pope credit union offers ways to fight inflation

By Ms. Linda Kunert,
Marketing Director

The credit union has many services that can help you with your financial needs and goals. Their latest service is the Sharedraft-Sure-Pay account, which is similar to interest bearing checking accounts—only better.

There is no minimum balance required, no maximum number of drafts that can be cashed each month, and no monthly service charges to you. In fact, they pay you interest on all unused funds in

your account.

Sharedrafts look like personal checks and are easily accepted by merchants. When you write a draft, you automatically make a carbonless copy for your records.

Ask your finance officer to have your entire paycheck deposited automatically into the credit union, by using the Sure-Pay program.

Never again will you have to worry about your check getting lost or stolen in the mail; battling traffic on payday; and waiting in

line to make a deposit.

The credit union reports that the Sharedraft program is a big success. They invite everyone to come in soon and find out about all of their services.

In keeping with your changing needs, Open-End credit is coming Sept. 1. Fill out one application and you will never have to requalify for your future loan needs.

Loans are available for a car, motorcycle, mobile home, boat, school tuition, or whatever your

special needs may be.

On Nov. 1 the credit union will begin offering second mortgage-home improvement type loans for amounts up to \$25,000.

Currently they offer Sharedraft-Sure Pay accounts, passbook savings, money market certificates, and share certificates. Also, they sell travellers checks, money orders, and notarize documents.

The credit union is open 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

DUI conviction

Drinking and driving can be costly

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article is reprinted with permission of AIDE Magazine.

Occasionally, a news item mentions an auction where a connoisseur has paid thousands of dollars for a single bottle of rare wine. Few of us would consider such a purchase anything less than frivolous. In fact, few of us would even dare risk the financial consequences of offering even a playful bid at such an auction. Were the gavel to fall on our bid, we might find payment an unnerving and unpleasant experience.

Many highway users figuratively have made exorbitant bids for various bottled spirits. And the gavel, not of an auctioneer but of a judge, called their bids to redemption.

Would you pay \$300, \$500, \$1,000 or even more for a surfeit of ordinary cocktails? Or a six-pack of beer? Or a last one-for-the-road martini? Those prices are possible, in fact actually have been paid, by motorists cited for and convicted of Driving Under Intoxication.

The high cost of DUI

Aside from the financial sting of court costs, a stiff fine, probation fees, legal expenses, and three years of higher insurance premiums, a DUI apprehension and conviction carries with it additional unpleasant consequences. The ride to jail (usually in handcuffs for DUI offenses), booking, confinement, the bail process - all are particularly traumatic for ordinary citizens. And most DUI offenders are ordinary citizens, not

hardened habitual criminals. Then comes the mental anguish of court appearances and the ignominy of notoriety before family, friends, peers and supervisors. It's difficult, if not impossible, to keep knowledge of a DUI conviction from friends or neighbors or employer.

Is there a bright side?

These things are always difficult to "prove," but statistics suggest that drunk drivers involve themselves yearly in something like 400,000 accidents which produce serious injuries. Even half of that is a ghastly thought. The amount of property damage appears to be in the millions of dollars. The possible bright side is a national trend toward tougher, less tolerant enforcement of laws concerning

DUI.

As another trend, most motorists stopped for and convicted of DUI seem to make dramatic changes in their drinking habits. Most remain one-time offenders, alive and far luckier than the 20,000 or so killed each year by drunken drivers - some of whom themselves are killed - in auto accidents. Still, it's too bad the lesson could not have been learned by listening instead of doing.

Much more could be said about the seriousness of today's DUI problem and the consequences of a DUI apprehension and conviction. But we hope what little has been said will serve as a reminder the next time you have a choice of silence or further bidding. The unexpected rap of the gavel can be both unpleasant and expensive.

Pope no exception

National crime rising at alarming rate

By TSgt. Donald R. Lineberger
317th Security Police Squadron

Figures just released by the FBI indicate the national crime trend is rising at an alarming rate. In the Southeast United States, the rate is climbing faster than in any other area of the country.

Experts attribute this increase to inflation but this is little consolation to the victim of a crime. The one thing we can all count on is if we don't secure our homes and property, sooner or later we will be a victim.

Whether we live on base or off, it does not matter. Reports re-

ceived daily by Security Police prove this fact. Many bicycles have been stolen from car ports in base housing. In most instances they were not secure.

The base swimming pool does not have a safe place to store property, but people still leave money, radios, watches and bicycles insecure for the taking. Many of these people have returned from swimming to come face to face with the cold hard facts of life - leave something insecure and unprotected and there will always be someone around who cannot resist the temptation to take it. And they will.

To say that a thief will steal just about anything is not an overstatement. Some people have reported the theft of their laundry from the barracks wash rooms.

Under the Project ID program, everyone is encouraged to mark their property for easy identification in case of theft. This discourages theft to a great extent, but the program was never intended to replace good old-fashioned common sense.

Crime prevention is a community effort and requires the eyes and ears of everyone. There are things we can all do to support the crime prevention effort in addition to marking our property.

Let's all watch out for each other and if we see anything suspicious call Crime Stop (Ext. 4111).

If your neighbor has a bicycle on his car port and it's not locked up, remind him of the hazard. We must not fool ourselves into thinking that because we live on base that a magic barrier surrounds us keeping out all evil. Unfortunately, the Security Police cannot be everywhere all the time.

Do not tempt would be thieves by making it easier for them. Don't be the victim of a needless crime. Secure your property. The odds are in your favor when you do.

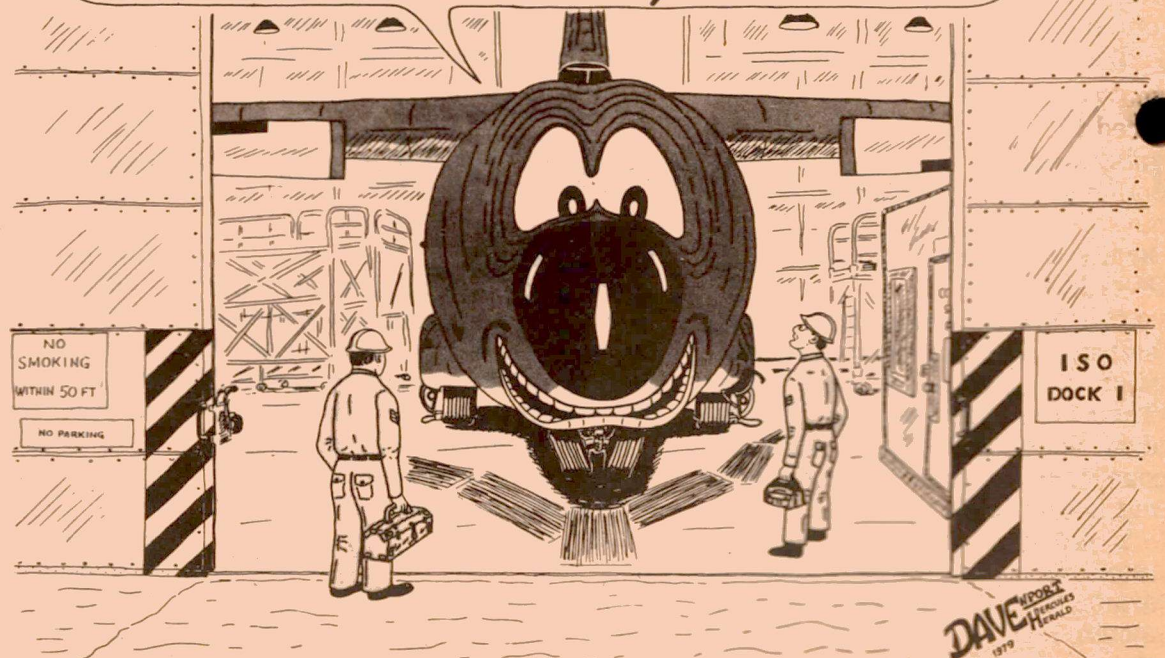
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OKAY, YOU GUYS - I WANT 4-BARREL CARBS, DUAL EXHAUSTS, CHOPPED, CHANNELLED, LOWERED, NAUGAHYDE ROLL'N PLEAT, CANDY APPLE RED METALFLAKE, AND



Local youths hold a variety of jobs on base



Linda Crosby prepares to file folders for the Airlift Center. She is one of 65 youths working on base in the Comprehensive Employment Training Act program.

The 1979 Cumberland County Summer Youth Program began June 25 and will continue through Aug. 17.

In this program, 65 youths from the local community are employed on base in a variety of jobs ranging from clerk typists to maintenance aides. These youths are 16-21 years old and are enrolled in local high schools and colleges.

During the eight weeks they work here, they are paid minimum wages through the Comprehensive Employment Training Act. A normal week for them consists of 35 working hours. They work eight hours a day for four days and three hours on the fifth day.

One of the people working in this program is Linda Crosby, an 18 year-old sophomore at Ben-

netts College, Greensboro. This is her second year working on base. During this time, she has learned a lot about the CETA program and what it offers her. Commenting on the program, she said, "I think the CETA program is very nice because it helps young people in high school or people starting college. It provides them with money for school tuition and clothes as well as keeping them occupied and out of trouble. It also offers me experience in typing, filing, and other areas that will be helpful to me in the future."

While here, these youths are required to participate in job training sessions. Ms. Sandra Hazel, 317th Combat Support Group, Civilian Personnel Office, is coordinating with base duty sections to insure the success of this program.

Base and union officials reach contract agreement

A new contract between the American Federation of Government Employees, Local 2364, and Pope AFB was negotiated and signed last week.

This is the first AFGE contract to be negotiated since the enactment of the Civil Service Reform Act.

With both union officials and management officials recognizing the mutual benefits to be derived from cooperative labor-management relationship, negotiations concluded with only 20 hours of actual negotiations.

The management team consisted of Lt. Col. John P. Stokenburg, lead negotiator, Capt. David Brennan, and Ms. Linda Ross. The union team consisted of Her-

man A. Barrier, lead negotiator, Johnnie J. Chalmers, Ray Baker, and Roberta Hart.

Several noteworthy changes benefitting appropriated fund employees were added to the three-year contract.

Col. James L. Brake, 317th Combat Support Commander, and Mr. Chalmers, AFGE Local 2364, were the principal signers of the contract.

Pope AFB has a history of excellent union management relations. Approximately a year and a half ago, a contract for the non-appropriated fund employees was negotiated. This too was accomplished in a spirit of cooperation and congeniality.



Col. James L. Brake, 317th CSG, commander, and Mr. Johnnie Chalmers, AFGE Local 2364 president, sign the new three-year contract affecting Air Force civilian employees.

Father tells son what freedom means to him

EDITOR'S NOTE: SrA. Karla Hessler, of Minot AFB, N.D., was awarded the George Washington Honor Medal Award by the Freedoms Foundation for the following essay.

Dear Danny,

Hello, son. By the time you are able to read and understand this, you won't be the chubby, grubby faced little boy I left behind. The many deaths and the constant bombings have made me realize I may never see you again and there are things you should know. It saddens me to have missed your growing up. You see, I love your mother and you with all my heart. If the circumstances were the same, though, I'd leave again because, son, I believe in our country and what it stands for.

This uniform, though dirty and torn, means a lot to me. It stands for freedom and for life. Without men fighting in defense of our country, you might never live to experience all the beautiful things in

this world, and that would be a tragedy. This uniform and what it stands for are what allows your mother and me to raise you in the manner we feel is right. It is more than cloth — it represents the blood, sweat and tears of brothers who have died for the cause. Wearing this uniform, I'm helping others to be able to live the same kind of life you have, and I'm insuring you the rights you deserve.

But, son, I'm not being self-sacrificing. This uniform is important to me. It represents pride — pride in my country and most important, pride in myself. Son, I hope you can understand what I'm trying to say. Just like I held you as a baby and watched you grow, this uniform has done the same for me. It has helped me to grow and mature and become a more independent, thinking person. My ideas and opinions are much clearer and I'm more tolerant and understanding of those things foreign to me. While

you were growing, Danny, so was I. My horizons have broadened and I've seen things I've never believed possible. Some were good, some bad, but all lasting. I've gained an education that money can't buy — the education of experience.

Dan, it's not easy to watch people die but I'm doing what I can to make their dying a little easier. Because of this piece of cloth I wear, I've made some of the best friends a man could ever have. True friends who would give their life for me, and that's a treasure all the money in the world couldn't buy. And I've learned that what I can't accomplish alone is easy when you use a little teamwork. Even with friends this is a lonely place. I miss you and your mother, son. But I've proved to myself that I can make it. Under the most terrible circumstances imaginable I've been able to survive, to live within the rules, discipline myself and be satisfied

with what I am. Because of my suffering, I've learned to appreciate life. Now I get more out of one day than I used to get in a week — probably because I know tomorrow may never come. If I should die tonight, I'd feel that I left an important part of myself behind. Chances are that I won't die a hero, but I will die a person that your mother and, I hope, you can be proud of.

Son, never let anyone tell you my death was needless. I died for what I believed in. I'm scared and lonely like everyone else here and I wish I could be at home with my arms around your mother, bouncing you on my knee. But I have a purpose here — to make a better world for you. So I'll stay. I love you, son, and even if I never see you again, I hope you'll know what kind of man I was by this letter. Goodbye, son — take care of your mother for me.

Love, Dad

Civic leaders attend demonstration

Sixty-two civic leaders from the McGuire AFB and Fort Dix, N.J. area visited here July 16 and 17.

Accompanying the civic leaders were Maj. Gen. Thomas M. Sadler, 21st Air Force commander, and Brig. Gen. Rano E. Lueker, vice-commander.

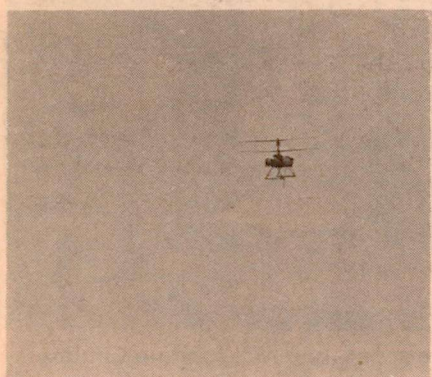
While here, they were hosted by Col. Duane H. Erickson, 317th Tactical Airlift Wing commander, members of the staff, and the Pope Special Activities Committee.

The PSAC is a group of Pope military personnel and civic leaders from Fayetteville and Spring Lake.

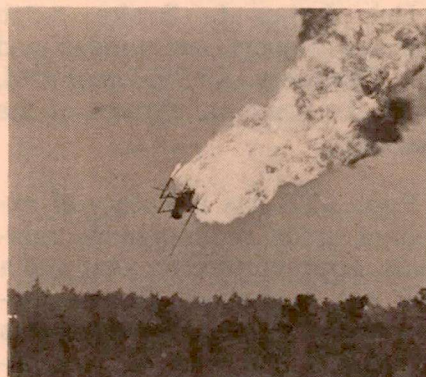
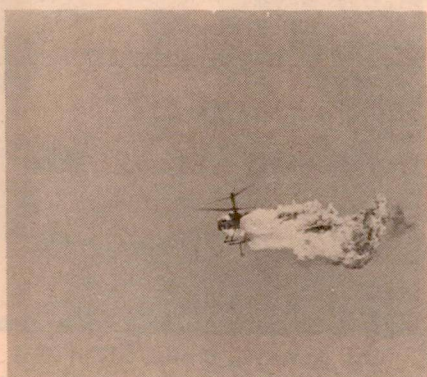
During their stay here the visitors received wing mission and historical briefings, and toured operational and maintenance facilities. In addition, to these tours, they observed an Air Force-Army airborne capabilities exercise on Sicily Drop Zone and an Air Force-Army firepower demonstration at Observation Post 5, Fort Bragg.



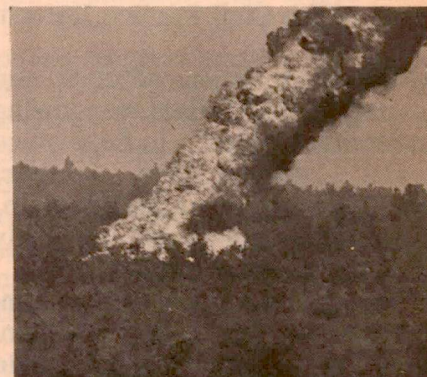
A C-130 makes a low pass in preparation for a Low Altitude Parachute Extraction System delivery. This sight was witnessed by civic leaders from the McGuire AFB Fort Dix area last week at Sicily Drop Zone on Fort Bragg.



A helicopter drone is shot down by a Vulcan anti-aircraft cannon at Observation Post 5 on Fort Bragg. This joint Air Force - Army training fire-power demonstration was witnessed by civic leaders visiting base last week. Air



Force F-4 Phantoms and A-10 Thunderbolts participated in the exercise along with an Air Force Reserve F-105 Thunderchief.



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Today 7:30 p.m.
THE PASSAGE (R)
Anthony Quinn & James Mason
Running Time - 98

Tomorrow 2:00 & 6:30 p.m.
Walt Disney's PINOCCHIO (G)
Animated Feature
Running Time - 113

Tomorrow 8:30 p.m.
THE CENTERFOLD GIRLS (R)
Andrew Prine & Tiffany Bolling
Running Time - 94

Sun., Mon., & Tues., 7:30 p.m.
THE CHINA SYNDROME (PG)
Jane Fonda & Jack Lemmon
Running Time - 122

Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
THE BOYS IN COMPANY C (R)
Stan Shaw & Andrew Stevens
Running Time - 129

Thursday 7:30 p.m.
DREAMER (PG)
Tim Matheson & Susan Blakely
Running Time - 92

Aug. 3, 7:30 p.m.
PLAGUE (PG)
Daniel Pilon & Kate Reid
Running Time - 90

Aug. 4, 2:00 & 6:30 p.m.
THE MAGIC OF LASSIE (G)
James Stewart & Lassie
Running Time - 100

Aug. 4, 8:30 p.m.
THE MODELS (R)
Vanessa Clarke & Sue Vinton
Running Time - 86

Aug. 5 & 6, 7:30 p.m.
BATTLESTAR GALACTICA (PG)
Richard Hatch & Dirk Benedict
Running Time - 125

Aug. 7, 7:30 p.m.
MIDNIGHT EXPRESS (R)
Brad Davis & Randy Quaid
Running Time - 123

Aug. 8, 7:30 p.m.
THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY (PG)
Jeff Goldblum & Donna Summer
Running Time - 89

Aug. 9 & 10, 7:30 p.m.
A PERFECT COUPLE (PG)
Paul Dooley & Marta Heflin
Running Time - 112

Completing your military move

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the final part of a three-part series dealing with permanent change of station moves.

In any military household goods move, you have the right to be paid for damage to your property. If your goods are lost or damaged during the move or while in storage, immediately notify your destination Transportation Management Office.

You may file a claim directly against the mover, warehouseman or third party for the loss or damage, but you also have the right under the Military Personnel and Civilian Employees' Claims Act of 1964 to file a claim with the government. You may file both claims at the same time.

In filing your claims, it is your duty to cooperate with the judge

advocate or claims officer in preparing a demand on the party responsible for the damage or loss, and to sign the demand. The liability of the other party is normally limited to 60 cents a pound for each article on stateside and overseas shipments. Unless there is an expressed value declaration in the case of a nontemporary storage, there is a limitation of \$50 an article.

Although the payment received will sometimes be sufficient to cover your loss, do not count on being fully reimbursed by the mover. The amounts they may be forced to pay for damages are limited, and are normally insufficient to cover your entire loss.

In filing a claim against the government, it is important to be aware that payment is subject to several specific limitations. For

details on these and any other questions about loss or damage claims, contact your local judge advocate or claims officer.

Move it yourself

A money-making way to move your household goods to a stateside reassignment is the "Do-It-Yourself Movement of personal Property Program", DITY. Under this program, servicemembers who move their household goods themselves can be paid up to 75 percent of the money not spent by the government to hire a professional moving company.

The program works like this: you are allowed to move yourself if, after performing a cost comparison, your TMO finds it would be cheaper to the government than a normal government bill of lading moving company's move of your things.

The TMO tells you which rental companies are authorized to do business with the government and helps you select the proper truck or trailer. Then you pack, load and move your own household goods and other personal property. To collect your DITY pay, you have to produce the weight tickets showing the weight of your moving equipment, empty and loaded.

Even though you "do it yourself", your shipment is still insured by the government for up to \$15,000. However, if damage to your shipment occurs, you have to prove it was not your fault, which may be no easy task. So far, few claims have been filed under the program.

If you are interested in a DITY move, get details from your local TMO at 396-3505.

A.F. officials offer tips for military travelers

Although local travelers may not have any problems finding gas, things could be totally different for Air Force people moving from base-to-base in privately owned automobiles.

Because many gas stations are only open during certain hours of the day, careful consideration of departure and arrival times can ease the problem of finding gas.

Trips taking five or more days should be started on Mondays. Travel should be avoided during

weekends and evening hours, when gas suppliers are usually closed. The best time of the day to start trips is between 5:30 and 9 a.m., when gas stations are usually open to serve rush-hour motorists.

Having enough cash to purchase gas at stations that don't accept credit cards can also help. The American Automobile Association reports independent stations usually have more fuel and are open longer hours, while

major oil company stations have less fuel and shorter operating hours.

If traveling on permanent change of station orders, motorists should try to buy gasoline at base exchange gas stations, since these outlets have been advised not to subject PCS travelers to state rationing restrictions.

Travelers are also being advised to allow enough travel days

to meet reporting dates, to travel along major routes and to avoid travel through states with odd-even rationing plans.

Military members are also being urged to contact new duty stations when they become stranded because of fuel non-availability.

State and city AAA offices can help members find fuel. Offices are usually located in the phone book under AAA or as the state or city name before Automobile Association -- Dayton Automobile Association, for example.

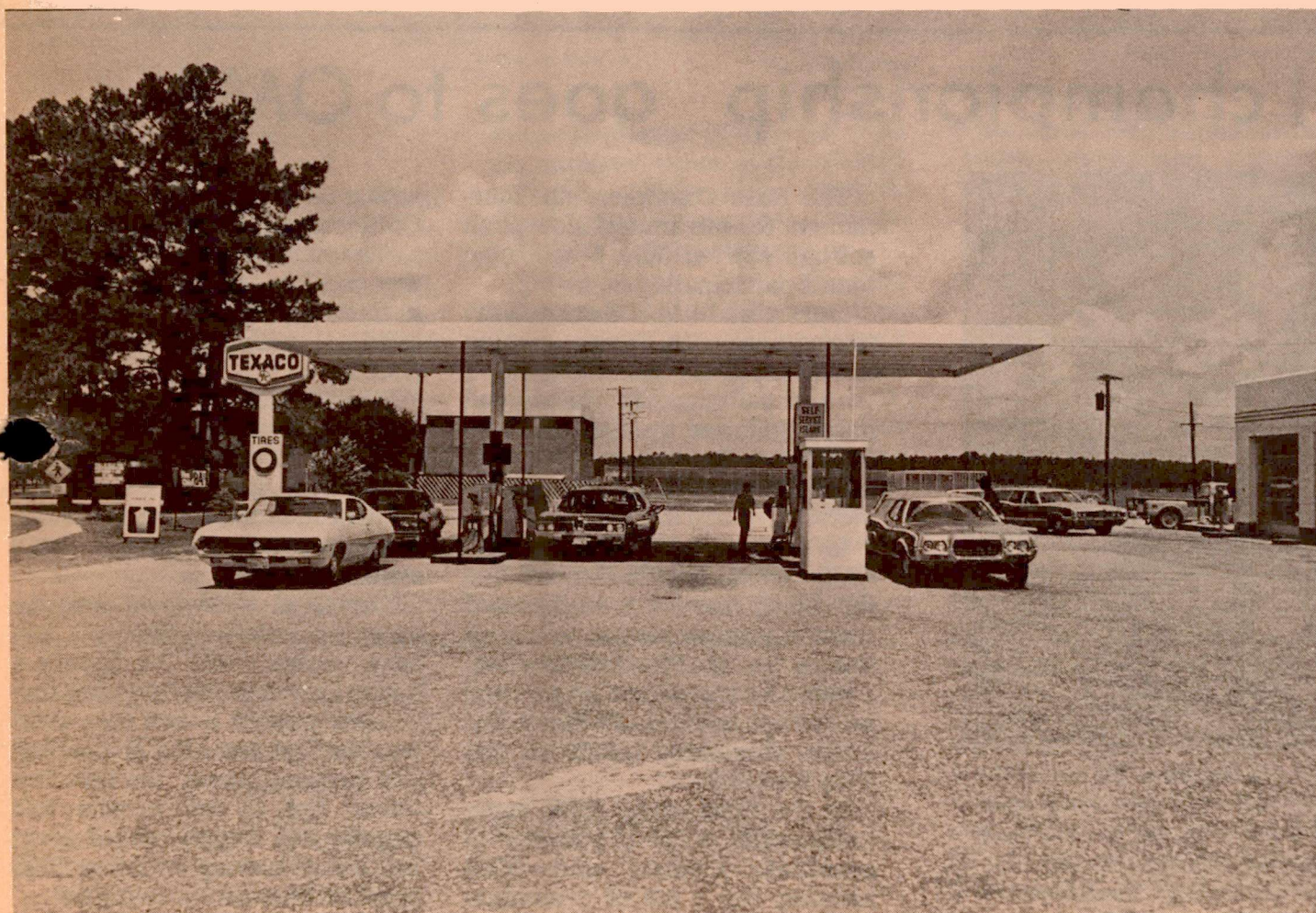
The Holiday Inn motel chain has established a toll-free number -- (800) 238-8000 ??? that can point motorists to fuel if they are provided with the name of a city or town within five miles of a Holiday Inn.

The American Trucking Association's toll-free hotline--(800) 424-2426 -- is a three-minute prerecorded tape about the trucking situation and diesel fuel availability. It is also a good source to learn of areas affected by truckers' strikes.

Other information sources include local radio and television stations, police, citizens' band radios, newspapers, Kampgrounds of America (KOA) campgrounds and other motel chains. Military installations can also given information about on-and off-base service station hours and any state restrictions.

Military members should also keep in close contact with sponsors at their next duty stations.

Finally, contact the nearest Air Force Aid Society office if financial difficulties are encountered.



Make that "one for the road" a tank of gas when you make your change of station move. Air Force of-

ficials report there could be some problems finding gas for military travelers.

USAF photo by TSgt. Larry Enloe

Discharge changes eliminate requirements

A change to AFM 39-12 has simplified processing of some discharge cases where misconduct is involved.

The change eliminates the mandatory offer of a board hearing when an honorable or a general discharge is recommended. It covers airmen first class and below with less than eight years' service who are being discharged because of general misconduct, civil court disposition or fraudulent enlistment.

Under the new rules, their cases may be referred to a field grade officer for evaluation, just as unsuitability cases are now handled. This process protects the members' right to rebut the discharge recommendation.

Individuals will retain entitlement to a board hearing when either their immediate commander or the special court-martial convening authority considers discharge under other than honorable conditions appropriate.

bits & pieces

Effective immediately, umbrellas may be used by all Air Force members in uniform when weather conditions warrant.

Personnel in uniform may carry and commercially purchased solid-black or dark-blue umbrella as long as it has no ornamentation.

The umbrella will be carried in the left hand so that personnel can properly salute. It will not be carried during military formations or when working in areas where the umbrella would hamper safety.

Previously, only Air Force women in uniform were permitted to use the umbrella. The approval follows a test conducted in the Washington, D.C. area.

Military Airlift Command's Combat Control School will move to another base and at a later date when previously announced.

Instead of going from Little Rock AFB, Ark., to Charleston AFB, S.C., this fall, the school will move here next spring.

The change was made to take advantage of facilities not previously available.

Due to the close proximity to Fort Bragg, this site will offer better assault zone training areas and easy access to amphibious and field training areas.

School officials expect combat controller upgrade time to be reduced from 12-18 months to 18.5 weeks to save MAC training time and money.

The first class here begins in May 1980.

The Pope AFB Officers' Wives' Club will sponsor "Ladies' Night in a Turkish Bath," a comedy presented by the Pinehurst Dinner Theater in the Pope Officers' Club ballroom on Sept. 8.

A prime rib dinner will be served at 7 p.m. with the show starting at 8:30 p.m. The admission for this gala affair is \$12 each and reservations begin Wednesday. This event is open to all members and guests of the Pope AFB and Fort Bragg Officers' Club. Reservations can be made by contacting Mrs. Don Scooler at 867-3471.

The Advisory Committee of the Pope Noncommissioned Officers Club will be appointed Oct. 1. Nomination forms for this committee are available at the club cashier's cage through Aug. 15.

Four Pope AFB Noncommissioned Officers were recent graduates of the Military Airlift Command NCO Academy East, McGuire AFB, Class 79-4. They are: TSgt. Peter J. Bocompani, Jr., USAF Clinic; TSgt. Robert S. Burch, 317th Avionics Maintenance Squadron; TSgt. John C. Hamilton, 317th Organizational Maintenance Squadron and TSgt. Clifton W. Kirby, 317th Field Maintenance Squadron.

The American Red Cross is offering an Advanced Lifesaving Course at Lee Field House, Fort Bragg, which begins Monday and continues through Aug. 20, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. This class is on a first-come first-serve basis. For more information and registration call 396-1234 or 396-1231.

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation's recreation supply section is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday for equipment check-out and turn-in.

The Animal Disease Prevention and Control Facility on Fort Bragg receives an unusually high number of strays each month. This is caused by families moving who just turn their pets loose instead of taking them to the animal shelter.

While the owner hopes the animal will "make it on his own," this is not the case. These animals are usually found starving and in very poor condition. If you are moving and can not take your pet with you, contact the ADPAC at 396-9921 for assistance in disposal of the animal.

The Junior Officer Committee here hosted their counterparts from Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, S.C., for a two-day orientation visit last week. The junior officers watched an airborne capabilities exercise and fire-power demonstration at Fort Bragg and toured the base.

Base softball championship goes to OMS



USAF photo by TSgt. Larry Enloe

A picture is worth a thousand words to the members of the 317th Organizational Maintenance Squadron Softball Team. The OMS team completed their regular season undefeated and went on to win the base championship tournament. Team members are: Richard Beebe, Joe Bowens, Billy Canup, Dale Chiaroni, Mike Hall, Lonnie Hall, Steve Johnson, Clay Larson, Randy Mutter, Keith McAtee, Don Neilan, Newt Smith, Jerry Whitehead and Ken Gast. The team was coached by Stephen Wilkerson.

The Base Championship Tournament for intramural slow-pitch softball started July 9 with nine teams participating.

Comm. and 3 MAPS started the tournament with Comm. coming out on top 9-4. FMS 1 beat Hq. 1 with a 9-0 score in the second game, followed by a 10-2 rout by SPS over Hq. 2. Supply 1 then squeezed past Hq. 3 with an 11-10 victory.

In the second round of play, OMS, sporting a first round bye for being the only undefeated team in regular season, trimmed Comm. 5-4. MAPS eliminated Hq. 1 with a 6-3 score and Comm. used an 11-8 win to eliminate Hq. 3. Hq. 2 then eliminated MAPS 4-2 and FMS beat SPS 11-7.

In the third round, SPS came back with a 14-3 victory to eliminate Comm. and OMS knocked Hq. 2 out of contention

with a 5-4 win. Supply 1 then gave OMS their first loss of the year, 4-1. The only undefeated teams in the double elimination tournament finally squared off, with Supply 1 taking a 14-4 win over FMS 1.

With the field narrowed to four, the battle for the base crown continued with OMS eliminating Supply 1 by a 5-2 margin. In the first tournament meeting between the two maintenance teams, OMS squeezed by FMS, 3-2.

The final showdown set the stage for unbeaten Supply 1 and once beaten OMS. All Supply 1 had to do was to win this one game — OMS needed to win two. OMS won the first game 7-2. In the final and deciding game, the best two teams had to decide who was number one. Supply played great ball before bowing out 3-2 as OMS crowned themselves champion.