

General proud of competition here



CINCMAC press conference

Gen. William G. Moore Jr., Military Airlift Command commander-in-chief, addresses media representatives at a press conference here June 8. The general was here to make the presentations to the winners of the MAC-sponsored Tactical Airdrop competition.

By SSgt. Jim Katzaman
MAC Information Staff

"The American public can be proud of what we accomplished at Pope and the dedication of their military forces," said Gen. William G. Moore Jr., Military Airlift Command commander-in-chief.

The general addressed a group of reporters June 8 prior to the MAC 1979 Tactical Airdrop competition awards ceremony here.

He said he was satisfied with the results of the week-long contest between MAC strategic and tactical airlift wings.

"We gave a lot of thought to the competition," said General Moore. He explained after weighing the pros and cons of such a contest, "We came out very solidly in favor of it. I think it was a very wise decision."

"We've got a good outfit. But a good outfit, when it's been involved in routine operations, sometimes doesn't understand what it really can do when the chips are down."

"Once in a while we need to

generate that kind of environment and pit people into it so not only do we, the leaders of the command, have the opportunity to see what these folks can do, but they also see themselves. That's very important. I think we achieved that objective remarkably well."

"The competition has been very good for morale, a good change of pace for our people and there are no losers."

"We've achieved a great deal here. We've learned a great deal."

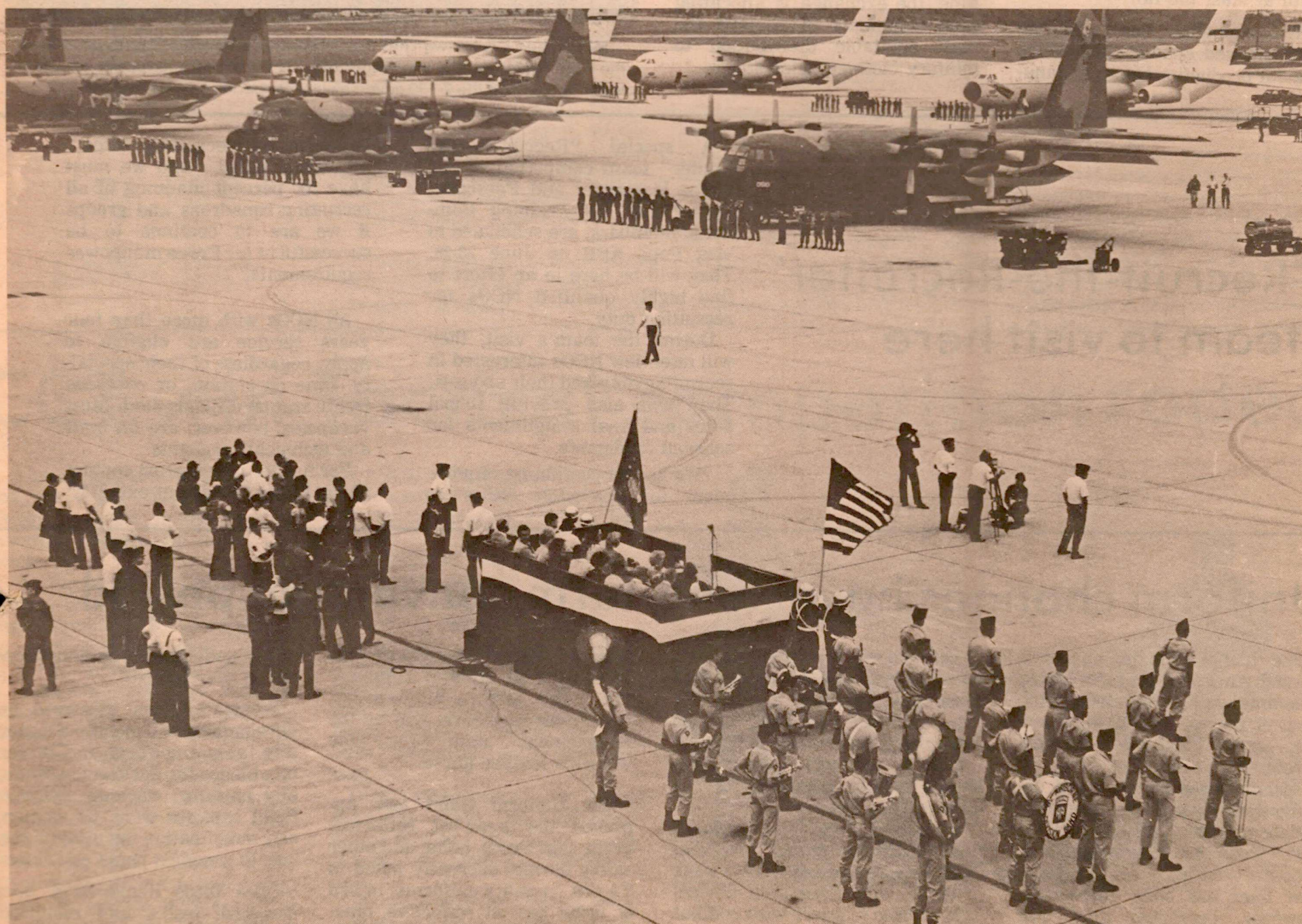
"I would be most happy, should I have to go to war again, to fly with the team which makes the lowest score. They're outstanding, professional people. We all gained in this exercise."

General Moore added praise for help given by people from neighboring Fort Bragg. "We couldn't have run this exercise without the 82nd Airborne Division and 18th Airborne Corps. They've been in there just as strong as professional and a cooperative as our own forces."

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Celebrating Pope's 60th anniversary.



Military Airlift Command aircraft and participants line up on Green Ramp for the opening ceremonies of the 1979 MAC Tactical Airdrop Competition.

More Volant Rodeo on pages 6 & 7.

Visiting officers receive C-130 AWADS briefing

Two officers from the French Military Air Transport Training Center, France, visited here June 4-6.

Lt. Col. Pierre Blancher and Maj. Robert Cruetze received an orientation on the C-130 Adverse Weather Aerial Delivery System and were briefed on the versatility of a C-130 equipped with this system.

This was an official visit arranged by the Foreign Liaison Office, Headquarters USAF.

The two instructor pilots also toured the 3rd Mobile Aerial Port Squadron and the 215th Field Training Detachment here. They went to Sicily Drop Zone on Fort Bragg to watch a troop drop and received a briefing on tactical airlift training at the Wing Training Section.

The project officer for the visit was Lt. Col. Lawrence Kinch, 317th Tactical Airlift Wing executive officer. During their stay, the French officers were escorted by Lt. Col. Leonard Lee.

Exchange officials say shirt supply short; demand high

The new Air Force, convertible-collar, short-sleeved shirt continues to be available only in limited numbers because of a fabric shortage.

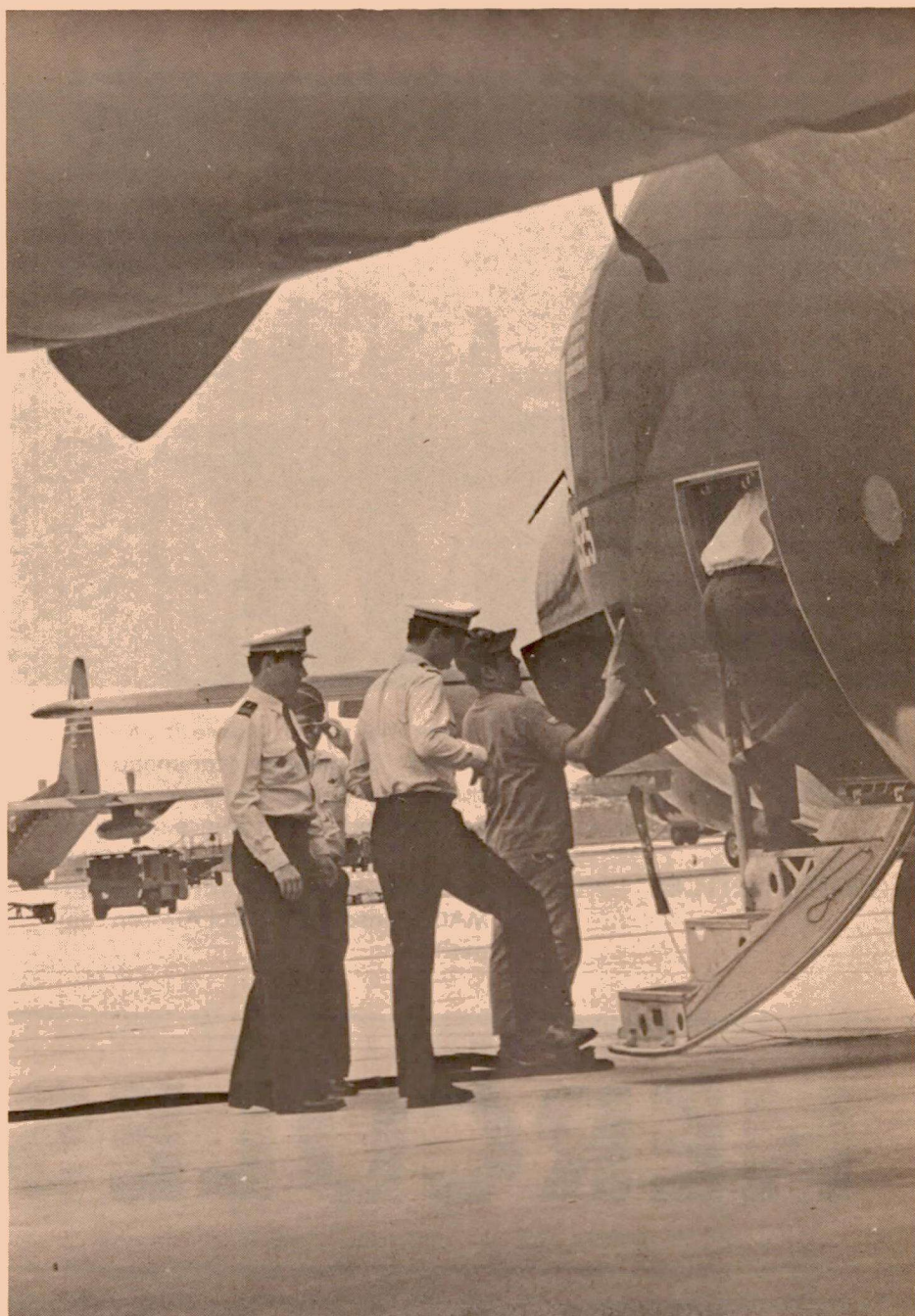
The Army and Air Force Exchange Service said the short supply is expected to continue until at least the fall.

The exchange has sold the short-sleeved, epaulet shirts since regular production began in Janu-

ary. But the supply has never caught up with demand.

Only one mill currently produces the shirt's polyester-and-cotton-blend fabric. As a result, only a limited number of the shirts can be manufactured.

The Air Force is looking for additional fabric sources. Meantime, the exchange is allocating shirt shipments to achieve the most equitable distribution to military clothing sales stores.



Maj. Robert Cruetze watches as Lt. Col. Pierre Blancher boards a C-130 on the Pope Flightline. The two French officers visited here to receive an orientation briefing on the C-130 adverse weather aerial delivery system.

USAF photo by S/A. Bob E. Tobias

'Recruit-the-Recruiter' team to visit here

A special "Recruit-the-Recruiter" team comprised of Air Force Manpower and Personnel Center and Air Training Command members, are scheduled to visit Pope AFB on June 26-28. They will be here in an effort to find highly qualified NCOs for recruiting duty.

During the team's visit, they will interview NCOs interested in recruiting duty and their spouses. They will also provide school dates and final assignments for selected applicants.

"We have a continuing requirement for top-notch NCOs to

replenish the recruiting force," an official noted, "and we must have 100 percent manning of all recruiting squadrons and groups if we are to continue to be successful in Air Force manpower requirements."

All NCOs with more than four years service are eligible to apply, regardless of their specialty, time on station, or overseas freeze status, officials said. Most vacancies, however, are for staff and technical sergeants.

For further information contact SMSgt Lewis Gividen at ext. 2132.

Uniform changes have long-term conversion period

The chief of staff has approved the 69th Air Force Uniform Board recommendations to change the wear of the lightweight blue jacket, grade insignia, badges, berets and other attire.

Specific wear criteria will become effective upon release of an update to AFR 35-10.

The wear of a lightweight blue jacket with a removable liner has been authorized. However, personnel may still wear the current lightweight blue jacket without the liner.

Officers will wear the miniature grade insignia on the men's dark blue, combination 3 uniform, while enlisted members will be required to use three-inch chevrons. A long-term conversion period will be provided for the chevron changeover.

Another change will allow Military Airlift Command Air Weather Service parachutists to wear a beret, with distinctive device, and bloused trousers with combat boots.

Authorized changes in women's

uniforms will enable them to wear boots with all uniform combinations. The Army's vinyl purse, with silver hardware, will be the replacement item for the women's leather purse.

The Uniform Band also approved the wear of reflective vests, arm bands, belts, and other safety devices currently listed in TA-016, on utility uniforms, in lieu of using sew-on reflective tape. Phase-out date for the wear of the sew-on reflective tape used on the

utility uniform will be announced in the near future.

Women's items approved for development will include a maternity fatigue uniform and maternity blouse for the service maternity uniform; various styles of flight caps for wear by women; and modification for adding pockets to women's pants and skirts.

Once these items have been designed, tested and restaffed, they will be considered by the Uniform Board.

New officer swap program announced

A permissive assignment exchange program, similar to the one in effect for airmen for several years, will be established for officers by late summer.

It will provide opportunities for similarly qualified officers to initiate assignment to more desired jobs or locations without expense to the government.

The upcoming program will permit two officers of the same grade, speciality, and if applicable, special experience identifier, to ask to trade assignment

locations.

Assignment exchanges will require the approval of unit commanders concerned and the Air Force Manpower and Personnel Center.

Only officers based in the continental United States will be eligible for the program. All moving costs must be paid by the officers making the exchange.

The editor of the Air Force Times, a civilian publication, has indicated plans to help officers

advertise for an assignment exchange.

Officers must be eligible for CONUS assignment and not serving a CONUS established tour or facing an overseas tour to participate in the program.

For rated officers, the proposed exchange must not affect aircrew experience levels.

Applicants must serve at least one year at their current base before being reassigned, but applications can be submitted after six months on station. This

request will be considered after they complete their time-on-station requirement.

Applicants will also need one-year retainability after arriving at the new base.

The new program is being established in response to an emerging need for greater flexibility in officer assignments, according to personnel officials.

More information on this program should be available soon at the Customer Service section of CBPO.

AF Academy graduates last all-male class

The U.S. Air Force Academy graduated 882 new second lieutenants May 30, in ceremonies marking the 25th year of academy operation.

"This is the academy's silver anniversary. Those who have preceded the class of '79 are now becoming the leaders of the Air Force," Gen. Lew Allen Jr., Air Force Chief of Staff, told the graduates.

"The character developed here - the ideals fostered at this

academy - have guided them as they will guide you in shaping our Air Force for the defense of our nation," General Allen added. "The demands on those leaders - on you - will be great indeed and your careers will be characterized by continuous tough challenges."

Speaking at the graduation ceremonies, the general continued, "The Air Force of tomorrow must be greater because the threat to our national security will

be greater. Your job," he told the graduating class, "will be to make it better so that it can be said truly that the Air Force of today is second to only one, the Air Force of tomorrow."

This class, the 21st since the academy began, produced 141 honor graduates and 63 distinguished graduates. It was the last all-male class to graduate from the academy. Women cadets will receive diplomas for the first time next year.



USAF photo by SrA. Bob E. Tobias

Base hosts third lieutenants in summer training visit

The base is presently hosting seven cadets from the Air Force Academy and the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps.

While here, the Academy cadets are participating in the Operation Third Lieutenant program for a period of three weeks.

The AFROTC cadets are a part of the Advanced Training Program and will remain here two weeks.

These programs are designed to give the cadets an advance look at the Air Force life-style.

Both groups are learning about the Military Airlift Command and 317th Tactical Airlift Wing missions. They are assigned to the flying squadrons but will spend some time working in other areas

of the base.

These cadets are to be addressed as Mister and should not be saluted. They are given jobs similar to those assigned a newly commissioned second lieutenant.

This is the second group of several cadets to visit here this summer. The first group arrived May 13, and the final group is scheduled to depart here Aug. 10.

The AFROTC cadets that are here now are scheduled to leave tonight and the Academy cadets will leave next week. The next group will arrive shortly after this on departs.

The project officer for this program is Maj. Hugh K. Webb of the 41st Tactical Airlift Squadron.

MAC suggesters save \$11 million

Military Airlift Command suggesters saved American taxpayers \$11,899,710 since Oct. 1. In the first half of fiscal year 1979, 84 people suggested savings of \$5,000 or more to qualify for presidential letters of commendation.

Among the bright idea leaders was TSgt. Jerry W. Mann, 317th

Tactical Airlift Wing, who received a thank-you from President Carter.

More than 1,000 people in the Air Force qualified for presidential letters and represent a \$73 million savings. Overall, the program has saved \$253 million.

Capt. Howard Abner, 40th Tactical Airlift Squadron, explains the C-130 Hercules to Mister John Fanning. Fanning is one of seven third lieutenants training here.

Resource protection vital to mission

By Lt. Gen. Thomas M. Ryan Jr.
Vice Commander in Chief
Military Airlift Command

The vast majority of our people are honest, hard working and careful with Air Force resources. The few people who are not resource conscious cost us millions of dollars each year. For example, use of copier machines for other than official requirements cost the Military Airlift Command hundreds of dollars last year.

We can't afford this loss. We must all do better managing the

resources we control. Loose control of our resources costs us twice. We lose the resource and must divert other resources for future protection.

Money spent to protect resources can better be used to fly our aircraft and maintain our bases.

How do we plug the drain? No one wants to begin a thorough gate check system just to track lost paper and pencils. We certainly don't want a dollar's worth of protection for a dime's worth of resources. We just can't afford it.

It's a matter of personal integrity. Most MAC people are good workers who sometimes make unintentional mistakes. Those can be corrected by being more aware of Air Force resources. If each person would make a conscious effort to stop unintentional theft of small items and other waste in handling Air Force property, we could save tens of thousands of dollars yearly.

Intentional theft calls for sterner measures. We must all take an active role to stop it. MAC has

a procedure to help us do just that.

If you see a suspicious act or someone stealing outright from an office or shop, call the direct action line to your base or wing commander or your local crime stop number. Security police and the Office of Special Investigations will take it from there.

The best way to halt theft and waste is to treat the resources under our control as if they are our own. Even a "small" loss is too much. We all must do our part to stop it now.

vapors
+ spark
explosion

Hoarding gasoline could get you through a busy day, but it could also send you to an early grave.

Because of the impending fuel shortage, some people have adopted the unsafe habit of storing gas in their homes and vehicles. Either of these practices could create serious and disastrous situations.

Anytime gasoline is stored, there is a possibility of vapors escaping into the surrounding air. When this happens, the smallest spark could ignite the vapors and create an explosion. The source of ignition to cause such an explosion could come from anywhere. In the home, it could be faulty wiring, hot water heaters, pilot

lights on any gas appliances, and many others.

Sources of ignition in cars include backfiring, faulty ignition systems, illegal CB radio boosting equipment and cigarette lighters.

According to base fire protection officials, storage of gasoline in base living quarters is not only dangerous, but also illegal.

Pay hike urged by acting Air Force secretary

Acting Secretary of the Air Force, Hans Mark, has urged Defense Secretary Harold Brown to ask the President to reconsider the pay cap that will limit the October pay raise.

In a memorandum to the secretary, Mark wrote, "I believe it would be appropriate for the Department of Defense to request the President to reconsider the tentative decision on a 5.5 percent pay cap and recommend a seven percent pay raise for military members and federal civilian employees in October, 1979."

The 5.5 percent pay cap was included as part of the administration's proposed budget for

fiscal year 1980. It is considered an example of the President's efforts to combat inflation by keeping federal pay increases within specified guidelines.

Mark supports his request to Secretary Brown with an analysis that shows that a seven percent increase would be in compliance with the President's wage increase guidelines and would make such a raise more consistent with pay raises being given to non-federal employees.

"Morale, especially as it affects retention, must be accorded very serious consideration in the coming months," Mark said in the memo. He was referring to the

concern that many military members have expressed about benefit and pay reductions in the past few years, including last year's pay cap.

"I do not make this recommendation lightly, and fully recognize the continued need for fiscal

restraint in the coming years," he continued. "An effort now to mitigate the impact of the second consecutive pay cap would strengthen confidence among the military that the defense leadership is sensitive to their financial problems."

Move has little effect on mission

I want to thank all the people who helped during the dormitory move on May 30. Because of the cooperation of supervisors and all of those who did the hard work we got the job done in one day and had a minimum impact on the mission of the Wing. Thanks for

your help during the big move and for your continuing help in making Pope a better place to work and live.

Col. James L. Brake
317th Combat Support Group
Commander

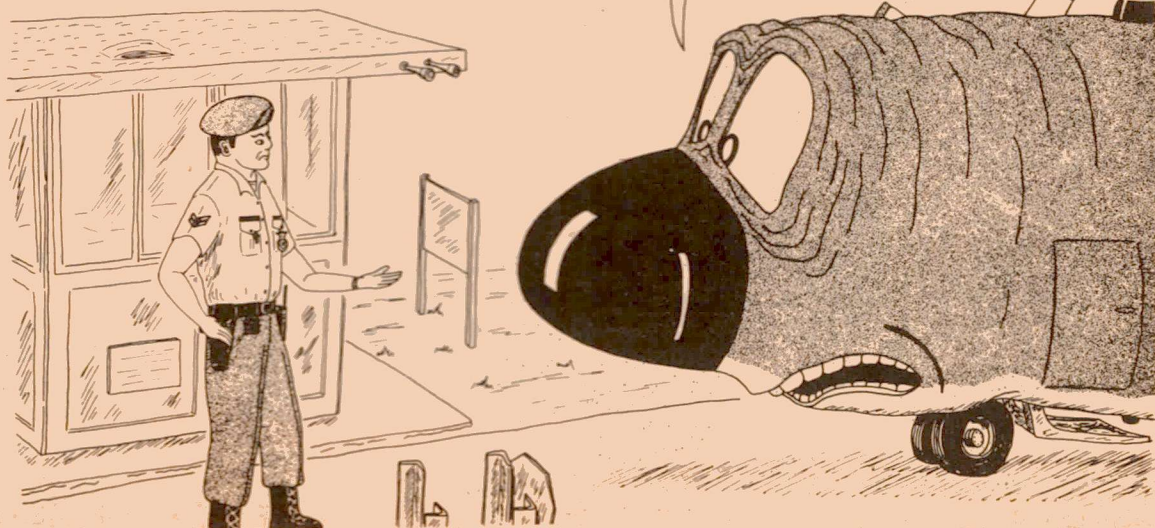
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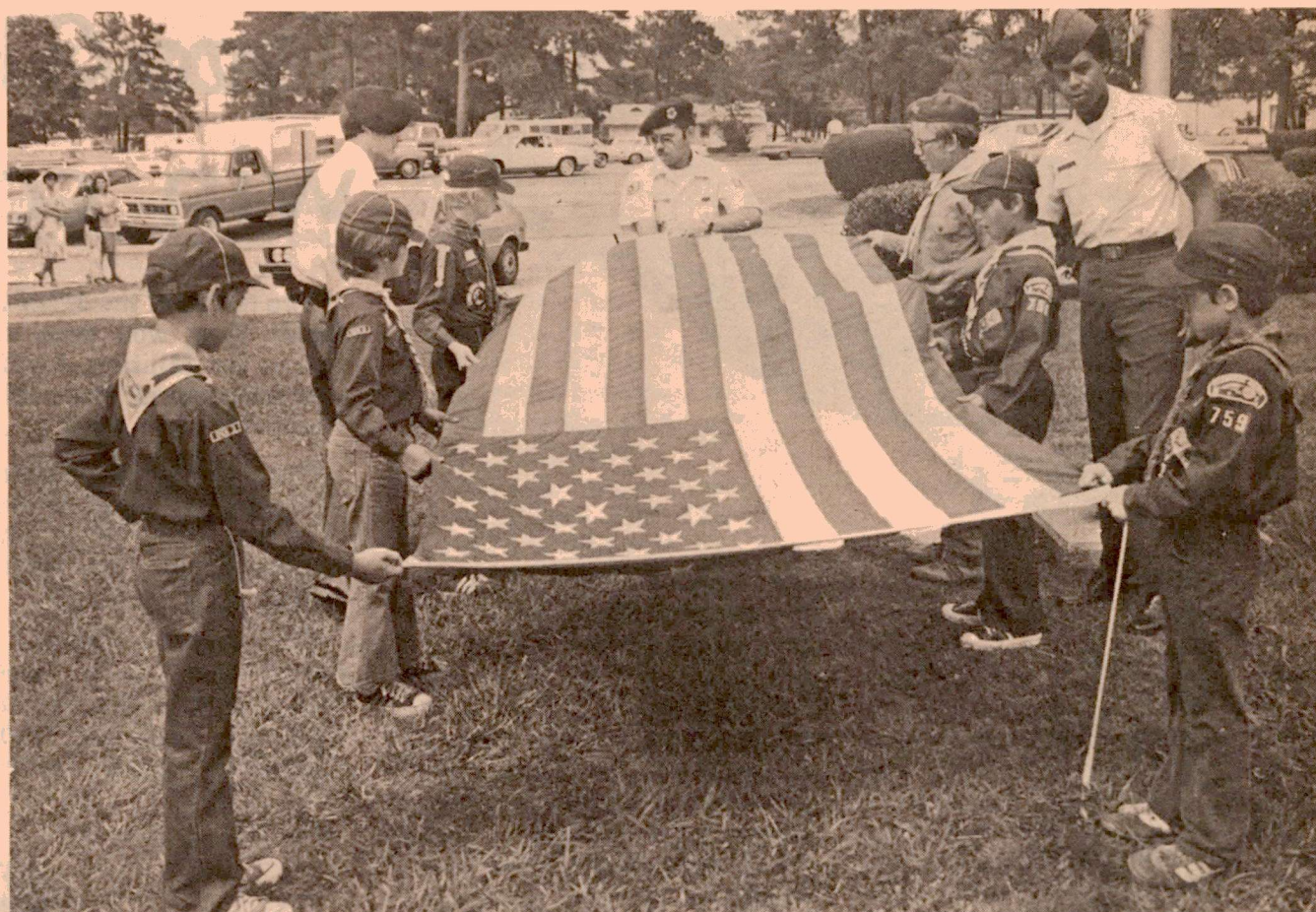
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Flag Day

Cub Scouts from Pope Troop 759 assist the Security Police in folding the flag at retreat ceremonies. A formal retreat ceremony was held yesterday in observance of Flag Day.



USAF photo by SrA. Bob E. Tobias

Commissioning program to be available next fiscal year

An expected 300 people will enter the Airman Education and Commissioning Program in the next fiscal year. The exact number of spaces will depend on Congressional funding.

Commissioning program selectees receive up to 36 months of education at a civilian university or college, followed by Officer Training School, and commissioning as a second lieutenant.

The fiscal year 1980 program will be limited to airmen qualified or entering academic programs qualifying them for assignment in the computer technology or en-

gineering career fields.

Applicants are sought as follows: electrical engineering, 125 slots; computer science, 64; mechanical engineering, 36; aeronautical engineering, 28; astronautical engineering, 23; industrial engineering, 19; and nuclear engineering, 5.

Two selection boards are scheduled. The first meets Sept. 25, with applications due Aug. 28. The second board will convene Feb. 26, with applications due Jan. 29.

If interested, call the Classification and Training section at CBPO, ext. 4358.

Sunday

is dad's

special day

FATHER'S DAY ...



TO DADS
EVERYWHERE!

cinema

Today 7:30 p.m.
ICE CASTLES (PG)

Robby Benson & Lynn-Holly Johnson
Running Time-108

Tomorrow 2 p.m.
THREE WARRIORS (G)

Charles White Eagle & Lois Red Elk
Running Time-110

Tomorrow 6:30 p.m.
SOMEBODY KILLED HER HUSBAND
Farrah Fawcett-Majors & Jeff Bridges
Running Time-96

Tomorrow 8:30 p.m.
THE WORKING GIRLS (R)
Sarah Kennedy & Laurie Rose
Running Time-80

Sunday & Monday 7:30 p.m.
THE GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY (PG)
Sean Connery & Donald Sutherland
Running Time-111

Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
TEXAS DETOUR (R)

Patrick Wayne & Mitch Vogel
Running Time-92

Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
IN PRAISE OF OLDER WOMEN (R)
Tom Berenger & Karen Black
Running Time-108

Thursday 7:30 p.m.
COMA (PG)
Genevieve Bujold & Michael Douglas
Running Time-111

June 22, 7:30 p.m.
NORTH AVENUE REGULARS (G)
Edward Herrman & Susan Clark
Running Time-99

June 23, 6:30 p.m.
'JOCK' PETERSEN (R)
Jack Thompson & Jacki Weaver
Running Time-97

June 24 & 25, 7:30 p.m.
LOVE AT THE FIRST BITE (PG)
George Hamilton & Susan St. James
Running Time-96

June 26, 7:30 p.m.
QUINTET (R)
Paul Newman & Bibi Anderson
Running Time-118

June 27, 7:30 p.m.
GOIN' SOUTH (PG)
Jack Nicholson & Mary Steenburgen
Running Time-101



A member of the Pope Combat Control Team lands at the Volant Rodeo Picnic at Pope Park. The picnic culminated the week-long rodeo activities.

CINCMAC veteran of tactical airdrop

Presenting the awards at the first Military Airlift Command-sponsored Tactical Airlift Competition was a veteran of Tactical Air Command rodeos, Gen. William G. Moore Jr.

The MAC commander-in-chief commanded the 314th Troop Carrier Wing which won the TAC paratroop competition at Stewart AFB, Tenn. in 1962.

After the competition, General Moore wrote in the Stewart base newspaper about the professionalism necessary to compete in a rodeo.

The general said, "We hear a great deal these days about 'being professional,' and we are told that the complexity of our equipment and the scope of our operations requires each of us to strive for the highest possible degree of professionalism.

"I believe one of the best definitions of 'professionalism' is 'the ability to accomplish our mission efficiently and with safety.' At first reading, this definition may seem almost too simple, but a moment's thought will show that

besides providing an explanation, it also offers an ideal and a purpose."

Although initially scheduled as a two-day competition, the 1962 rodeo was completed in one day. The competition was between the aircrews and combat control team in TAC's troop carrier wings.

Each lead crew flew three missions, including a daylight drop of heavy equipment, a day drop of the combat control teams and a night drop of non-competing combat control teams.

Flying the C-130B, the winning Stewart crew made several perfect scores. The aircraft commander on the lead crew of the 314th TCW was Capt. Francis Podlesnik, now Col. Francis Podlesnik, Deputy Commander for Resource Management here.

The 464th TCW from Pope placed second in the airdrop competition behind the 314th. The 3rd Aerial Port Squadron of Pope finished second in the Combat Control Team meet.

Two 317th teams win competition

Two teams of the 317th Tactical Airlift Wing won their competition in the Military Airlift Command-sponsored Tactical Airlift Rodeo here last week.

The five-member Security Police team won the SP award ahead of Altus AFB, Okla. The final score was Pope, 889; Altus, 874.2; Norton AFB, Calif. 866.

The Combat Control Team Award was won by Pope team with a score of 839. Second, with 779, was Clark AB from the Philippines; with Little Rock

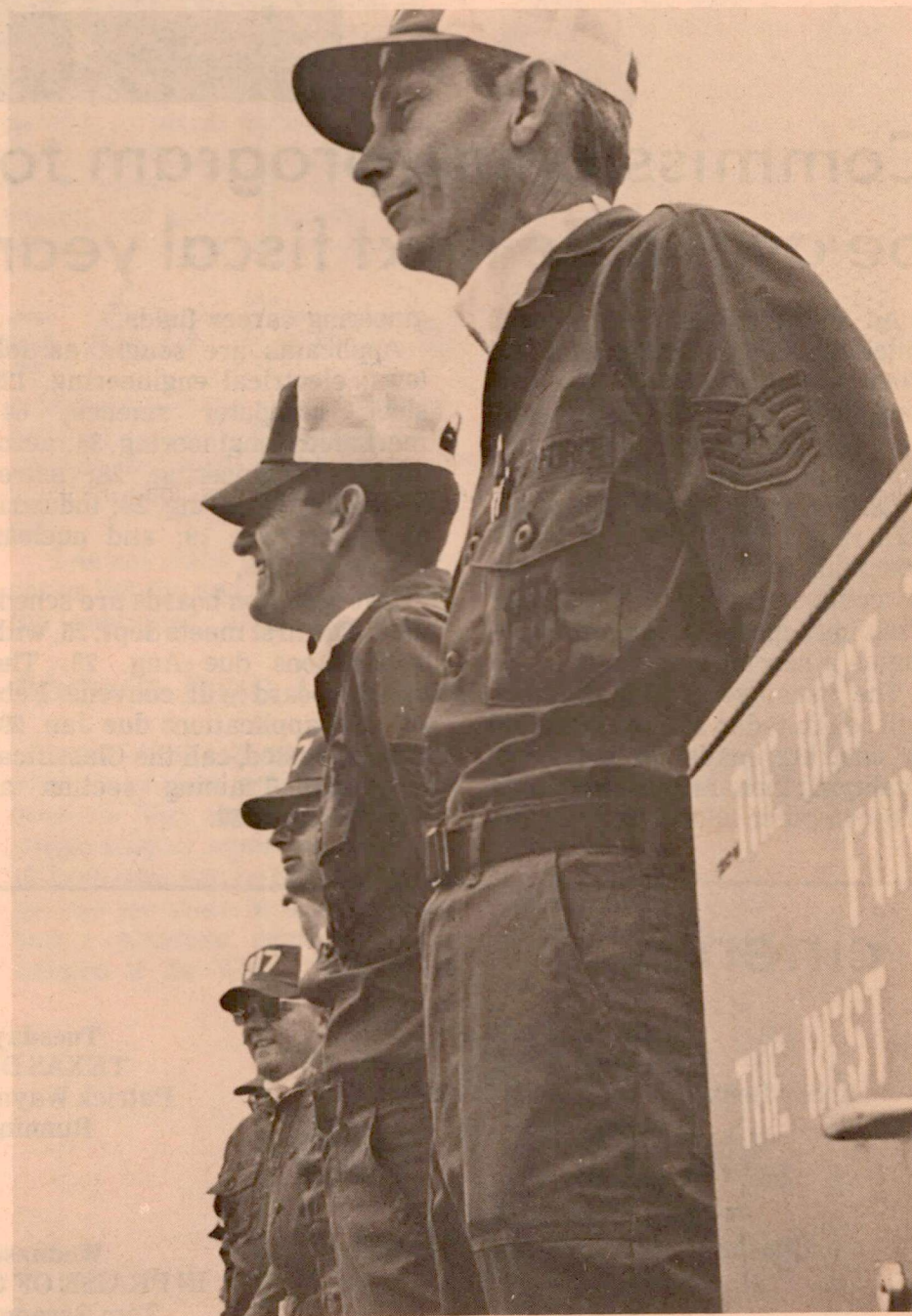
AFB, Ark., finishing third with 770.

The 443rd Military Airlift Wing from Altus won the overall competition ahead of Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany and Little Rock.

Altus also had the best C-141 aircrew and the best engine-running onload and offload scores.

Little Rock took the C-130 aircrew award, also receiving the best C-130 maintenance award.

The C-141 maintenance award went to the 514th Military Airlift Wing (Reserve), from McGuire AFB, N.J.



Members of the maintenance team here participating in Volant Rodeo 79 begin to line up in front of the Pope C-130 during opening ceremonies. The ceremonies were June 4 when the rodeo began. The maintenance members pictured are (from right) TSgt. Roger C. Cannon, MSgt. George H. Watkins, SSgt. Richard T. West, and TSgt. Robert J. Edinger.

Volant Rodeo stories

by Sgt. Kevin W. Green

USAF photo by MSgt. Don Braga

photo by Sgt. Kevin W. Green

Pope police 'cop' rodeo SP awards

High scores in all categories secured the number one position for the 317th Security Police Squadron in the Tactical Airdrop Competition here last week.

Although they did not win any of the four individual categories, the five-member team capitalized on consistent scoring overall, earning more total points than the other nine SP teams.

The Pope team scored 95 on the written examination Monday morning. This score was third behind SPs from Travis and

Norton AFBs, both in California.

Sgt. Robert C. Colgan led the 317th team to a second-place finish in the physical fitness competition June 4, with a time of 8:47 in the one and one-half mile run.

The home team was the first to compete in the Tactical Evaluation June 5 as they scored 336.7. The team was judged on its reaction to a realistic security problem.

The 317th SPs fired a score of 379 in the marksmanship competition June 6. That was second only to the team from Little Rock,

AFB, Ark.

Marksmanship was the final event in which the team competed. The Pope SPs then anxiously awaited the results of the other teams.

After the results were announced, team flight chief TSgt. Clyde E. Miller commented, "Our success in Volant Rodeo '79 was a result of several factors to include team effort, the support of our commander and the entire squadron. Our vigorous training and extensive preparation make it an honor and distinction to be recog-

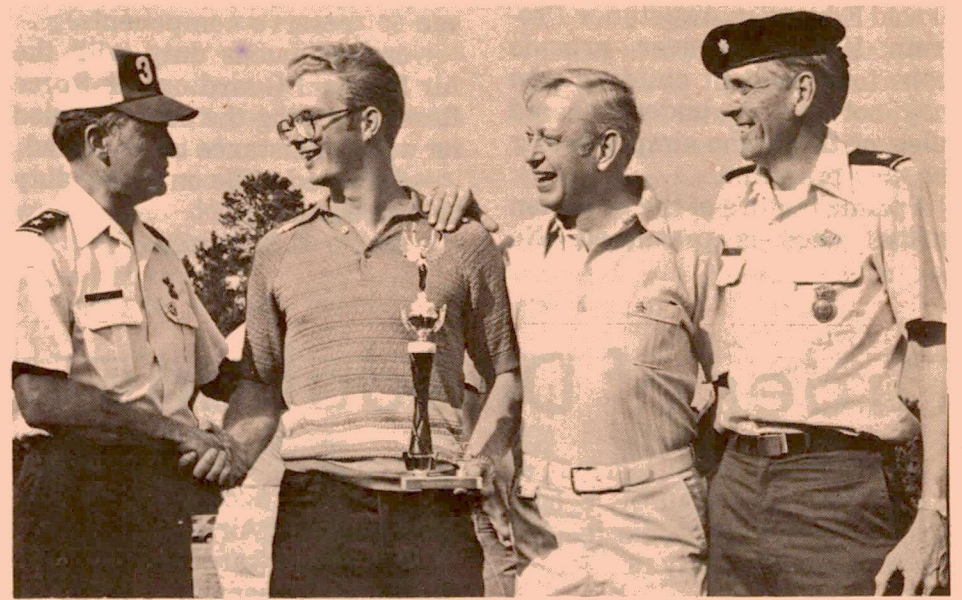
nized as the best SP team in Volant Rodeo and MAC."

In addition to Sergeants Miller and Colgan, the other policemen on the team were SSgt. Billy R. Powell, SSgt. David N. Faircloth, SrA. Junior C. Noland, and Sgt. Edward M. Lewis, who was the alternate on the team.

The awards to the winning teams of the Military Airlift Command-sponsored rodeo were made Friday by Gen. William G. Moore Jr., MAC commander-in-chief.



SrA. Junior C. Noland is presented a plaque by Gen. William G. Moore Jr., Military Airlift Command commander-in-chief. Awaiting their presentation are SSgt. Billy R. Powell, Sgt. Robert C. Colgan, and SSgt. David N. Faircloth. Not pictured is the team leader, TSgt. Clyde E. Miller.



USAF photos by MSGT. Don Bragg

Maj. Gen. Thomas M. Sadler Jr., 21st Air Force commander, (left) congratulates Sgt. Robert C. Colgan on his winning the award as the Best Security Policeman in the 1979 Volant Rodeo. Also offering their congratulations are Col. Stephen T. Frazier, Military Airlift Command Chief of Police, and Maj. Joe Tripp, 317th Chief of Police (right).

Top cop selected

Sgt. Robert C. Colgan, of the 317th Security Police Squadron, was selected as the Best Security Policeman in the Volant Rodeo competition here last week.

The presentation of the award was made by Col. Stephen T. Frazier, Military Airlift Com-

mand chief of police, during the Rodeo Picnic at Pope Park Friday evening.

The selection was made based on Sergeant Colgan's performance in four phases of the SP competition; written test, physical fitness, tactical exercises, and

marksmanship.

In the written test Sergeant Colgan scored 95 and fired a mark of 97 in the marksmanship event. In the tactical exercise he was evaluated on how well he worked with his team. The Sergeant ran the mile and one-half in 8:47 in the fitness portion of the competition.

CCT win Tactical competition rodeo

Winning two of four categories led the Pope Combat Control Team to victory in the Tactical Airdrop Competition here last week.

The three-member team placed first in both the physical fitness competition and the competition to establish a drop zone.

The team began the rodeo with a three-mile run and obstacle course June 4. The physical fitness portion of the competition was not completed, however, until the six-mile rucksack run June 6. The team finished with a score of 262 ahead of McChord AFB, Wash., with 235 points.

The Pope team fired a score of 179 to place fifth in marksmanship on the second day. With a score of 201 the team from Clark AFB in the Philippines won the event.

The CCT competed in establish-

ing a drop zone June 6. The Pope team won this event by completing the task in 3:17, earning 242 points.

Competition between the controllers was completed June 7, on the map and compass course. Here Pope scored 156 points.

Pope CCT team leader, TSgt. Donald East, commented after hearing of the results, "It was a total team effort, including the entire Combat Control Team on base. Everyone gave 120 percent."

Other members of the team were Sgt. David Spencer, A1C Mike Marino, and A1C Doug Brown, who served as the alternate.

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USAF photo by MSGT. Don Bragg

Three members of the Volant Rodeo Combat Control Team from here pose with their equipment. They are (from left) TSgt. Donald East, team leader; A1C Mike Marino, and A1C Doug Brown, team alternate. Not pictured is Sgt. David Spencer.

Society offers new loan program

The Air Force Aid Society has announced a new guaranteed student loan program that broadens eligibility, covers a wider range of education and boosts most loan limits.

Loans under the new system, called the General Henry H. Arnold Student Loan Program, will be available for the upcoming 1979-1980 school year.

The new program will not immediately replace the current Arnold Education Assistance Program. It will, however, provide loans to dependent children who may not qualify under the old rules, or those who simply prefer the new program.

A prime feature of the new plan is that need is presumed. No

assessment of a family's ability to pay is made. Enrollment, or acceptance for enrollment in a qualified school, is the sole academic qualification. Under the old system, need criteria and specific grade averages had to be met.

Dependent children of Air Force members, including legally adopted and step children, are eligible if the member is

- on active duty;
- retired due to length of service, disability or attainment of age 60 (reserve components);
- on continuous duty with the Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve during the school period for which assistance is requested;
- deceased while on active duty or retired status;
- and, a U.S. citizen.

Loans will be available to attend any post-secondary institution that the U.S. Office of Education approves for the program. Undergraduate, graduate, professional and certain vocational and nursing schools are included. The old plan covered only undergraduate and vocational schools.

Maximum undergraduate loan size is increased to \$2,500 a year. The undergraduate limit is \$7,500 for any period of years. The old program had a \$2,000 annual ceiling and a four-year \$8,000 maximum total.

Students in graduate or professional schools may borrow up to \$5,000 a year. Total loan limit is \$15,000. The maximum loan for a combination of undergraduate

and graduate study is also \$15,000.

As with the old system, educational costs covered include tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, personal needs and transportation.

Repayment begins 10 months after graduation or discontinuation of studies. The student borrower will pay a 7 percent simple interest rate at that time.

The monthly minimum payment is \$30. The total loan repayment period is 10 years, beginning the month first payment is due.

For application instructions or more details visit the Personal Affairs section of CBPO or phone Aid Society Headquarters at (703) 528-8190.

Order of Daedalians inducts two new members

Louis Spilman, Jr., Chairman of the Cumberland County School Board, was inducted into the Order of Daedalians May 16.

Also inducted into the Order were Lt. Cols. James W. Bushey, USAF Airlift Center, and Arthur L. Feenan II, 39th Tactical Airlift Squadron.

Spilman was sworn in by his father, Louis Spilman, Sr., a World War I aviator.

In other business of the night, Warrant Officer James D. Morgan, 17th Air Cavalry, Fort Bragg, was awarded the Orville Wright Achievement Award. He was the outstanding warrant officer graduate of the Rotary Wing Aviator Course which ended Dec. 31, 1978.

The senior Spilman, 81, entertained the assembly of military pilots with stories of the "good old days" of flying.

In 1917, the Indiana native volunteered for the Signal Corps and graduated a 2nd Lt. Junior Pursuit Pilot in September of that year. His first solo flight came after he had accumulated 28 flying hours in a Jenny, "built by the St. Louis Street Car Company."

He was assigned to Payne Field, Miss., where he founded a newspaper, the Payne Field Zoom, the first newspaper to be delivered regularly by Air Mail.

He never saw action during the war but thinks he had a part in convincing Germany to surrender. He said, "As soon as we had our overseas orders, Germany capitulated."

In later years, he was one of the first newsmen invited to report on the Bikini atomic tests.

He was accompanied at the meeting by his wife of 59 years, Emily.

Exhibit team seeks volunteers in nine Air Force specialties

By TSgt. Robin Covic
USAFOG

Picture yourself "truckin" down the highway in a spiffy Transtar tractor with a 40-foot traveling theater in tow or displaying the Air Force's F-15 Eagle fighter in your home town.

This vision could easily become a reality. It is for the men and women of the Orientation Group, USAF, the official exhibit unit of the Air Force. Operating from Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, AFOG's people took Air Force exhibits to nearly 1,700 sites during 1978, and they proudly "stood tall" as they displayed "their" exhibits in home towns and elsewhere.

If you are currently in the audiovisual, communication-electronics, intricate equipment, aircraft systems, mechanical electrical, structural, vehicle operations, supply or information Air Force specialties, then a tour with AFOG could be a dream come true for you.

The exhibit unit displays theater vans and full size aircraft such as the F-15 and A-10 throughout the continental U.S. Typical locations include shopping malls, fairs, conventions and school campuses.

AFOG, under the direction of the Secretary of the Air Force Office of Information, supports Air Force information and recruiting programs by conceiving, designing, constructing, transporting and displaying exhibits.

Enlisted personnel perform dual functions as both technicians and displaymen for the exhibits. Because of AFOG's unique mission, volunteers serve a three-year controlled tour.

If you think you might be qualified for this special organization, contact your CBPO Customer Service Center immediately for application procedures. Or, for more information, call the Orientation Group at Wright-Patterson AFB, Autovon 785-5394 - 4675.

Association needs member input

Chapter 367 of the Air Force Sergeants Association here will be sending delegates to the Division 3 convention being held in Wilmington, N.C., June 21-24.

AFSA is your voice in Congress.

If you have something you would like discussed at the convention, contact one of the following individuals: TSgt. Del Clark, Ext. 4322; TSgt. Jack Paules, Ext. 4681; SSgt. Bonnie C. Lex, Ext. 4403.



A member of the 317th Security Police Squadron demonstrates the wear of a gas mask for students touring the SP facility. The 50 students were from the Clinton Elementary School and were touring the unit as part of their base tour May 25.