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The Pope scene is all white for SSgt. Jim Palmer as he trudges through 11 inches of snow on his way to work. An unusual snow

storm blanketed Pope and the state with some cities receiving up to 25 inches. The storm caused minor difficulties for the base and was melted off within a week. (USAF photo by SSgt. Dave Skeen)



The 317th Tactical Airlift Wing headquarters building has a different look through a fish-eye lens with 11 inches of snow surrounding it. Pope was blanketed recently with an unusual snowstorm that closed schools and forced Pope to operate on a limited basis for a day. The snow, although heavy, didn't last long as it was all gone within a week. (USAF photo by SSgt. Dave Skeen)

Tornado Awareness Week under way

A tornado is one of the most furious and devastating quirks of nature.

During this week, (March 3-8), North Carolina

During this week, (March 3-8), North Carolina joined other southern states in observance of Tornado Awareness Week During the week, a state-wide educational program is conducted to make people more aware of the dangers and inform them of action required to insure their safety and survival during a tornado.

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Tornadoes traditionally occur in North Carolina during late March, April and May. There is a chance, however, that a tornado may occur in June, July or anytime thunderstorms are prevelant. Tornadoes usually occur during these storms.

Many communities are destroyed by these vicious storms each year. Thousands of lives are lost yearly as a result of them. Yet, by learning a few simple facts and taking the proper preventative measures, people can keep disaster from catching them unprepared.

When the skies look threatening, listen to the radio. the National Weather Service and the Severe Storm Warning Center track all weather Continued on page 3

Pope AFB-We put the Air in Airborne

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For all Pope AFB employees and residents

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Col. Tom Boe, Base Commander



AFR 35-10 outlines proper image

By MSqt. Ronald W. Culver Sheppard AFB, Texas

What is the purpose of AFR 35-10, "Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel"?

When that question is asked of most career people, standard replies normally point out the military requirement for neatness, cleanliness, safety and the necessity for presenting a proper and acceptable military image to the public

While these answers are certainly correct, let's look beyond them. Why is it critical for any officer or enlisted member to have knowledge of, and a willingness to accept, responsibility for carrying out any directive?

Why? Because it reflects a willingness to obey command and an obvious respect for authority

We all experience negative feelings when we see a military member disheveled, unkempt, or otherwise noticeably not in compliance with our dress and appearance regulations.

While there are those who choose to ignore the violations, most of us become somewhat disturbed or upset at seeing obvious infractions of our military dress code, and I am among them. Why? Because those violators are visibly and blantantly rejecting values I believe are necessary

to sustain a disciplined fighting force.

This goes beyond neatness, cleanliness, safety and proper image. The individual violator is making a statement - whether intentional or subconscious - a statement that says, "I am above living by a common standard and I alone will decide what guidelines to accept or reject.

Substandard appearance is making the statement that, given the opportunity, he or she will do just whatever they feel like doing, and, if not corrected, you and I are reinforcing that attitude.

A good appearance will further an individual's ability to work with other people. Professional military members are immediately more receptive and responsive during face-to-face dealings with a person who conforms to both the letter and the spirit of AFR 35-10.

Why? Because the individual who does accept requirements and responsibilities of that regulation is making a staement also!

I ask, finally, what statements are our subordinates making about themselves and, more importantly, what statements are they making about us, and of our ability to educate and train

Rumor Control aids employees

Although many people didn't realize it, HELP was available in the aftermath of the severe snowstorm that struck the area last

MACtion Line (394-HELP), Pope people's link with the base commander, takes on the added importance of providing a "Rumor Control" service during inclement weather, alerts or other emergencies.

Base people may receive the latest word concerning any emergency situation by dialing 394-4357. This is normally the MACtion Line number but, under unusual circumstances, it is converted into a "Rumor Control" service.

Circumstances where this informative communication link has proven useful include the recent snowstorm. During this storm, information on duty hours and reporting times was recorded on this phone, giving callers the latest information available.

In future instances, dial 394-HELP (4357) for correct information. In addition to this service, the 317th Tactical Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office also provides local radio stations with information concerning personnel and duty hour status during this type

Under normal conditions, the phone is returned to its usual MACtion Line function -- providing base people with a direct link to the base commander.

Right attitude is all that's needed

As a supervisor, I know it takes more to do a good job than training or tools. It takes the right

But it's hard to have a good attitude if you have problems. If you're worried about paying your rent or an operation for your child, you aren't thinking about your job

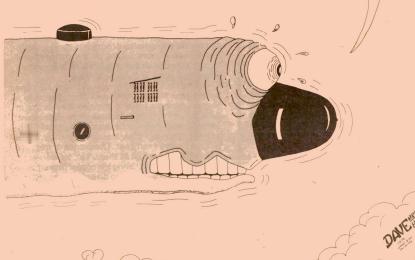
That's why I give to the Air Force Aid Society. My donation helps people with unexpected bills. And once their problems are taken care of, they can think about their job again.

I guess I help the Aid society because it helps





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Medical care valuable to military peop

By Col. Allen J. Montecino Commander, 6911th Electronic Security Group

Thinking about the benefits of military life can be depressing these days. Pay comparability has been eroded by a series of annual pay caps. Per diem rates, housing allowances, and cost of living allowances don't seem to keep pace with real inflation rates.

Military budgets and some major military benefits are challenged each year in Congress. If you read the military newspapers and magazines regularly, you may decide that all military benefits can be neatly divided into two categories: Those that have been taken away and those that are currently under attack.

In the weeks past, I've had the opportunity to observe and to receive some benefits which haven't gotten much notice in the debate over the quality of military life.

For a few weeks, I was a patient in a major military hospital in Europe. As I recovered from surgery, I became aware of some medical and human events unfolding around me.

A young soldier had lost control of his procycle. His skull was fractured. They motorcycle. His skull was fractured. They brought him in by chopper and a neurosurgeon was planning the operations which would repair the damage.

Each day, some men from his unit would come by and talk with him about their efforts to get new parts for his motorcycle. They showed no mercy

in teasing him about the accident - and then stayed by him each night until the nurse ran them

An Air Force major had been flown in from Spain. They found a tumor at the base of his brain and a team of surgeons would spend 12 hours removing that tumor.

His wife was there. They flew her in from Florida because he was very sick, because the doctor thought it might help, and because -- well, it just seemed like they needed each other then. The major wasn't conscious, but she sat there by the bed and held his hand -- and maybe he felt

In the next ward, a baby girl was in an oxygen tent. Something was wrong with the valves in her She was too weak to eat or to cry. heart.

They were getting her ready for a med-evac flight to Walter Reed hospital in Washington.

The parents were a young couple, stationed in Germany just a few miles from the hospital. They would fly out with the baby in a few days and he kept telling everyone about the operation his baby needed.

He said the "his" heart surgeon at Walter Reed was one of the best in the world and that the operation could only be done at a few hospitals in the States. He assured us that, after that heart operation, his baby might be all right -- she might be well again.

I watched these people, and many other, struggle with the problems a major illness can bring. I also watched our hard-nosed military system (known for over-working and underpaying people) close ranks protectively around some people who couldn't work at all.

watched medical care dispensed, on a scale I didn't know existed, for a few dollars a day. I watched our military community acting like family to members of that worldwide family who really needed help.

Should these experiences excuse the pay problem or lessen the need to fight for benefits that are parts of a military career? I don't think so.

Most of us, fortunatly, will never need major medical support and care. I wouldn't know how to quantify or put a dollar value on this aspect of military life even for those who directly benefit.

I did see that medical care and that caring for people in real need as a part of military life -- just as unpaid overtime, remote tours and commitment to a mission are a part.

I may have rediscovered some benefits to life in the military during that stay in the hospital, but I don't know how you or I should set the dollar value of these benefits.

can still get depressed thinking about our lost benefits and I still want to fight for the benefits under attack today. While adding my voice to the clamor over the state of our military benefits, I'll try to remember some of the good things that are also unique aspects of life in the military. That may not help when I get depressed, but it might -- it just might.

Drinking mother endangers baby

In the last several years, researchers have conducted a number of studies on infants born to women who darank alcoholic beverages heavily

during pregnancy.
The results are disturbing. A significant number of the infants studied were born with a definite pattern of physical, mental and behavioral abnormalities which researchers named the "Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

The babies with this syndrome were shorter and lighter in weight than normal, and didn't 'catch up" even after special postnatal care was provided. They also had abnormally small heads, several facial irregularities, joint and limb abnormalities, heart defects and poor coordination.

Most also were mentally retarded and showed a number of behavioral problems, including hyperactivity, extreme nervousness, and poor attention spans. Some of the infants were born with all of these characteristics, while others showed only some features of the syndrome.

How alcohol affects the fetus

It may be hard to believe that alcohol can wreak such devastating effects on the unborn baby. But an understanding of how alcohol

interacts with the fetus may help.

When a pregnant woman takes a drink, the alcohol readily crosses the placenta to the fetus. Moreover, the alcohol travels through the baby's bloodstream in the same concentration as that of

If the expectant mother becomes drunk at a party, her unborn baby becomes drunk as well. But of course, the tiny, developing system of the fetus is not nearly as equipped to handle alcohol as the system of its adult mother.

Among other things, the underdeveloped liver of the unborn baby can burn up alcohol at less than half the rate of an adult liver, which means that alcohol remains in the fetal system longer than in the adult system. Unfortunately, the fetus can't say "no" when it has had enough

There are several "dos" and "don't" associated with pregnancy and sometimes some people may feel overwhelmed by them. It often seems there is so much to suspect, reject and avoid! But underlying all the advice and recommendations received is the important message to people that what they do does make a difference

By making informed, intelligent choices about alcohol use during pregnancy, expectant mothers can increase their chance of bearing a healthy. normal baby.



For goodness snakes! The results of my latest sneaky survey reveal that most humans forget to secure their property. Because of this, I've been able to fill my pirates chest with government tools, flight-jackets, parachutes, and aircraft headsets. Also, bicycles, wallets, and other items left unsecured in cars and office areas. This just proves that you humans are no match for this renegade reptile!

P.S. Anyone who can figure out a way to keep me from ripping them off can send their idea to the Security Police Squadron and if it is adopted, will win a prize - an autographed picture of me.

Tornado Awareness

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systems with sophisticated radar and are usually able to give adequate warning of violent weather conditions.

When a watch is issued, listen to broadcast advisories, and be ready to take cover. It is wise to collect a battery-powered light and radio and have family members within earshot under watch conditions. Also, take you car keys; should a tornado hit your area, your car may still be operable - but keys would be lost in the rubble.

Take an inventory of all your household furnishings and personal belongings. In case of a tornado or other disaster, this inventory will be available to you in settling your insurance claim. Make sure you keep your inventory in a safe place, like a bank safe deposit box.

During a tornado

You'll have no trouble recognizing an actual tornado! It's a spinning, funnel-shaped cloud extending toward the earth from the base of a

thundercloud. It sounds like the roar of hundreds

You'll probably get warning before that ominous sound approaches. You should monitor your radio when the sky looks forbidding

A "tornado watch" means tornadoes may be expected to develop.

A "tornado warning" means a tornado has actually been sited.

Open all windows a crack to prevent vacuum from being created within your house. An airtight house can literally explode in a tornado.

For further protection, move to the southwest corner of your basement. Get under a heavy table or workbench if possible. If you have no basement, take cover under sturdy furniture in the center of

If you're in an office building or school, protect yourself in an interior hallway on a lower floor. Avoid auditoriums and gymnasiums or other structures with wide, free-span roofs.

In open country, move away from the tornado's

path at a right angle. If there is no time for escape lie flat in the nearest depression, such as a ditch

After the storm passes

Closely inspect your property, including automobiles, for damage. Report any gas leaks or electrical damage immediately.

If your home is damaged, get in touch with your insurance agent at once.

In the meantime, secure your remaining property to protect it from further damage or theft. Take an inventory of the damage so you can file your insurance claim as soon as possible.

Notify your relatives of your safety. Local authorities may waste time trying to locate you if you don't send word. Do not tie up the telephone lines if they are needed for emergency calls.

Cooperate in the general clean-up of debris. You are responsible for cleaning debris from your own property.

'Total Force' concept

Wing units train with reservists

By 442nd TAW Public Affairs Office

Two firsts in the Air Force "Total Force" aircrew training were achieved Feb. 6-9 which involved the active duty 317th Tactical Airlift Wing and the Air Force Reserve 442nd TAW, Richards-Gebaur AFB, Mo.

It was the first time active duty aircrews with Adverse Weather Aerial Delivery System equipped C-130E Hercules aircraft had deployed to an AFRES location to accomplish joint training.

Also, it was the first time that an AFRES unit with Station Keeping Equipment equipped C-130E aircraft had flown in formation with AWADS aircraft.

Three AWADS aircraft and six aircrews from the 39th and 40th Tactical Airlift Squadrons arrived at Richards-Gebaur at noon Feb. 6 for joint training misions with the 442nd TAW's 303rd TAS.

A primary mission of the tactical airlift forces is to paradrop personnel, equipment and supplies for support of front line combat forces. The luxury of always having fair weather when providing this support is unrealistic, hence implementation of the latest technique for all-weather aerial delivery.

Since the outset of providing front line support, engineers and mathmeticians have been developing better means for improving "on target" accuracy. Using ballistic tests, the time required for a known weight to reach the ground was determined - using various types of parachutes extracted at standard speeds and altitudes. The time spans and fall-rate are constants

Another constant is the chain reaction time after the navigator gives the "green light" for a paradrop - deployment of the extraction chute, cutting the restraining gate, and the load rolling down the conveyor rollers to fall from the rear door and deployment of the main chute. This sequence requires four to six seconds, the variables being the type of load and the type of chute.

Then enters the non-constant wind drift. The navigator directs the pilots where to place the aircraft laterally so the dropped load will drift with the wind to strike the target impact point.



Navigator 1st Lt. Ryan F. Ferrell, Jr., (right) of the 40th TAS explains the Adverse Weather Aerial Delivery System scope to

Col. William W. Basnett, 442nd Tactical Airlift Wing commander, at Richards-Gebaur AFB, Mo. (USAF Reserve photo)

This aerial delivery technique is totally visual, using various ground check points for keeping the aircrews oriented and on course.

"No big deal," could be the summation - but now the plot thickens. Add the launch of 10 or 15 aircraft on an aerial drop mission during inclement weather.

Then, it's AWADS to the rescue for using its radar and a computer for locating the drop point. Prior to takeoff, the navigator selects an Offset Aiming Point for a radar return target. The distance and direction between the OAP and the ground target is then fed into the AWADS computer which aligns the aircraft on course over the drop area - and corrects for wind, temperature and distance of offset by the formation aircraft.

All information is fed into the AWADS target acquisition instrument. The pilots keep the vertical cross-hair centered on course while the navigator monitors the radar and computer and instructs the co-pilot and loadmaster when to make the actual drop.

To expand the capabilities of the limited number of AWADS-equipped aircraft, they fly as lead elements in formation with SKE-only equipped aircraft flying wingman positions.

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The aircraft fly an offset formation - the second aircraft flying 500 feet to the right and 4,000 feet behind the lead, and the third aircraft 500 feet to the left and 8,000 feet behind the lead

AWADS aircraft. Many such elements can fly in a single formation.

The heart of the SKE system is a small radar scope positioned above the center of the instrument panel. It portrays the aircraft at the center of the scope, and all lead and trailing aircraft as "blips." Circular range markers keep aircrews apprised of locations of all formation aircraft. This information is also channeled into the flight instruments for helping pilots fly designated positions while in formation.

There is another visual aid positioned at the top of the instrument panel - called the Flight Command Indicator - with buttons and lights which enable all aircraft in a formation to signal in-flight maneuvers and airdrops while maintaining radio silence.

A formation of aircraft with AWADS-SKE equipment can therefore launch and fly an entire aerial delivery mission and return to base without use of a visual reference point or radio transmission.

The tactical airlift mission is to make aerial delivery of personnel, equipment and supplies in support of front line ground forces. The knowledge and experience gained in the Total Force training exercise at Richards-Gebaur will help immeasurably for "around-the-clock" accomplishment of that integral mission without the convenience of blue skies and moonlit nights.

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Mission goes 'exceptionally smooth'

"The overall joint flying training exercise Feb. 6-9 at Richards-Gebaur AFB, using our active duty AWADS C-130E Hercules and the AFRES SKE C-130Es, was exceptionally smooth and outstanding," said mission commander Maj.

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Ronald E. Matestic of the 40th Tactical Airlift Squadron.

A pilot of AWADS-equipped aircraft for the past six months, Major Matestic said he was impressed with the proficiency of the AFRES 303rd TAS aircrews which flew in formation with their active duty crews. He also commended the Richards-Gebaur air traffic controllers as "being the best I've ever seen."

Nine of Major Matestic's 14 years of active duty have "been in the cockpit," with eight years and 3,500 flying hours in the C-130. He flew SKE aircraft here before becoming an AWADS aircraft

Major Matestic observed that it is probably the concensus that the joint training exercise was primarily for benefit of AFRES aircrews, however, it was equally beneficial to the active duty aircrews who need proficiency training in a strange drop zone environment.

Earned Income credit available

For those who qualify, earned-income credit is one way to subtract from annual taxes or get a refund even if no tax was withheld from pay.

You could be eligible for a credit of up to \$500 if you are married, have at least one child who lives at home, and file a joint return or file as head of household.

To complete the requirements, total yearly income must be less than \$10,000. Some of the income must come from wages, tips or salaries.

You may be able to receive the payments in

advance throughout the year. To apply for advanced earned-income credit payments you must file Internal Revenue Service Form W-5 with your finance office.

If you receive the payments last year you must refile the W-5 to continue receiving the payments this year.

Advance payments are not available to personnel overseas.

For more information contact the local finance or IRS office.

Booster Club supports base youth activities

The Pope AFB Booster Club meets the first Wednesday of each month at the bowling center conference room in support of youth activities. Membership consists of military people and dependents, provided they are at least 18 years old. All members are volunteers who have paid \$1 for life membership.

To receive money from the club, a representative from the requesting agency must attend one of the meetings and give sufficient justification. "Every penny must go to the youth activity," said Capt. Wayne R. Price, Booster Club president. The members discuss the request and justification then yote on it.

The club was founded by Louis Simmonson, who was the Recreation Services Branch Chief in the early '70's. The club is still helping youth programs; raising money by selling hot dogs, potato chips and soft drinks at events like Pope Fest and Open House.

The club gives funds to scouting programs and bowling programs. "The club averages \$6,000-\$7,000 for these purposes," said Captain Price, "however, \$800 is in a special reserve fund for use in the future possibly for a playground."

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During major exercises, the Booster Club
trailer sells refreshments by the command post
and Building 900. These exercises include Solid
Shield, Brave Shield, Volant Rodeo, Bold Eagle

"One significant thing about the members of our club is that a lot of them are active in many youth programs," Captain Price said. "Some are coaches, umpires or certified bowling instructors while others are youth activity leaders or sponsors. Our members show a lot of interest in the youths on Pone"

MAC seeks new SEA

Headquarters Military Airlift Command will screen chief master sergeant nominations for the MAC senior enlisted advisor position late this month. These nominees must be from a MAC unit

CMSgt. Edward A. Henges, MAC senior enlisted advisor advisor, will retire this summer after 30 years of service. The chief selected to fill this position will assume the job June 1.

Nominations must arrive at MAC by March 17, with the central screening board meeting March 26. The commander of each numbered Air Force, airlift division, service and wing may submit one nominee. One nominee may also be submitted from the MAC special staff, NCO Academy East, NCO Academy West, and the USAF medical center at Scott AFB, III.

The MAC senior enlisted advisor is the communication link for all MAC enlisted people and the personal representative to the MAC commander in chief and a senior staff member for enlisted matters. "I encourage all chiefs to consider applying for this challenging and rewarding position," said Chief Henges.

Basic eligibility is two years in grade of chief master sergeant, 26 years active service, high school graduate or equivalent, completion of command NCO academy or the Senlor NCO academy and not have an approved or pending retirement. All chiefs desiring to be considered for MAC's highest enlisted position should immediately contact their servicing consolidated base personnel office to check full eligibility.



Members of the Pope Booster Club dole out refreshments at a recent exercise. The

Club raises money to support the youth programs on base.

Military people may owe state

Paying what they owe to Uncle Sam is only a part of the taxpayers burden.

They may also owe or have a refund coming from their home state. Air Force people may be assigned in one state yet have to pay taxes to another state.

If a service member's home state has an income tax and the state has not made arrangements with the Department of Defense to withhold tax deductions, the service member may have to come up with a considerable sum of money on April 15.

However, there is some good news for military people who claim Florida, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Dakota, Texas, Washington or Wyoming as their home state. These states do not have an income tax.

The following states have made arrangements with DoD to have income taxes deducted from the servicemember's pay: Alabama, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Utah, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Although legal residents of California, Idaho and Pennsylvania do not have to pay state income taxes if they are stationed away from their home state, they may still have taxes withheld. Air Force people can go to the military pay section of their Accounting and Finance Office and fill out the proper forms to prevent these deductions. If they do not complete this paperwork, taxes may be withheld from their pay. However, they can file a tax form with the state and get a refund. If a

servicemember is a legal resident of one of these states and is stationed within the state, then he or she is required to pay the state's income tax.

Legal residents of New Jersey, New York and Oregon who meet the three requirements concerning abode must complete a state tax certificate before any changes can be made. These states have made arrangements with DoD to have income taxes withheld from servicemember's pay. State tax certificates for these states may be obtained at the finance office or from the state's taxation authority.

Anyone who is a resident of a state that is not mentioned above probably owes some state income taxes.

Residents and citizens of these states are responsible for filing and paying income taxes on their own. There are penalties for failure to file, even if no tax is due or if a refund is forthcoming.

The Soldier's and Sailor's Civil Relief Act protects active duty people from double taxation – paying taxes to both the home state and the state where he or she is stationed.

However, if a servicemember has a part-time job in the state where assigned, that state would have the right to collect taxes on any money earned in that manner.

Spouses of servicemembers are not covered by the Act.

State income tax forms and answers to detailed questions may be obtained by writing directly to the state tax authority for the concerned state. For more information and the address of their home state's tax agency, Pope AFB people should contact their squadron tax representative.

President orders carpool emphasis

President Jimmy Carter has ordered federal agencies to give new emphasis to carpooling, vanpooling and mass transit.

Executive Order 12191, the "Federal Facility Ridesharing Program," has the goal of conserving energy, cutting congestion and easing air pollution.

The order has three main parts.

First, federal agencies are directed to establish an annual ridesharing goal. The goal would be determined as a percentage of those who commute alone versus those who double-up or take mass transit.

Second, each agency will appoint transportation coordinators. These people will work to get employees involved in a carpool and publicize the program locally.

Third, agencies are directed to report on their goals and the means they will use to accomplish them. The General Services Administration will issue the regulations to launch the program.

Those regulations are being worked on now, said GSA spokesman Bob Fisher. He said he expects it will be at least two or three months before the regulations are ready.

The order exempts "small, remotely located" facilities but other specifics are not available.

The president also ordered program participants to coordinate their efforts with other energy conservation plans. One of these, the Pay-to-Park Program, went into effect in November, requiring fees for parking at the Pentagon and selected Defense installations.

The GSA acts as the landlord for the Pentagon and federal buildings outside the Defense Department.

Military couple loses allowance, placed in dorm

A recent ruling by the U.S. Comptroller General gives the military departments the right to place married members back into the dormitories - with the loss of their Basic Allowance for Quarters - if it turns out they married only for the money.

The ruling was issued recently in the case of two Air Force enlisteds who split up within two months of taking the vows.

They met in mid-September 1977 and were married shortly thereafter.

Three days after the marriage they requested permission to live off-base and to each draw the without-dependents BAQ. The Air Force commander approved the requests, and the couple moved out of the dormitories.

After splitting and living apart, the young couple moved back into the same off-base house again late in 1978. That arrangement lasted only two months before another separation.

At this time the Air Force decided to investigate the on-again and off-again marriage. During the investigation both members furnished statements indicating that the principal reason for their marriage was so they could live off base and receive the BAQs.

From their statements it was clear that they did not marry for the purpose of maintaining a family unit

The female member was assigned back to the dormitory in March 1979 and payment of her BAQ was stopped.

At that time the male member was not placed back in the dorm and continued to draw BAQ while living off base.

While the Comptroller General ruling indicated that the Air Force could not demand the return of BAQ funds paid out, it did state that the proper course of action in a case where the marriage was one of convenience and money was for the Air Force to assign the individuals back to single-type government quarters.

In that case, no BAQ payment.



Big ideas mean big bucks to SSgt. Richard Hall as he attempts to get the biggest check awarded by the Pope Suggestion Program in more than two years into his wallet. Sergeant Hall's suggestion

The highest cash award given at Pope for the past two years, \$1,300, was presented to SSgt. Richard Hall of the 317th Organizational Maintenance Squadron recently by Brig. Gen. Duane Erickson, 317th Tactical Airlift Wing Commander.

Sergeant Hall's suggestion was for a C-130 maintenance procedure on the dual rail lock mechanisms. His suggestion reduced the time necessary to perform maintenance on the locks by more than 70 percent, thus saving the Air Force more than \$43,000 the first year.

on the C-130 maintenance procedure realized the Air Force more than \$43,000 savings the first year. (USAF photo by Cindy Burnham)

Other benefits realized by the Air Force were manhours involved, reduced on- and off-loading times and easier loading.

Warner Robbins Air Logistics Center adopted the suggestion and issued a change to the present technical order to be implemented Air Force-wide.

Sergeant Hall commented on the suggestion program by saying, "I've been active in the suggestion program since I came into the service 13 years ago, and this is the first cash award I have received. It sure pays to keep trying."

DoD, Postal Service reach agreement

Postmaster General William F. Bolger and Deputy Defense Secretary W. Graham Claytor have signed a new military postal agreement -- the first since 1959 -- aimed at improving military postal service at home and abroad.

The agreement expands from three to six the number of military mail processing centers in the United States and will allow sorting to the five digit Zip Code level. During experiments, this concept produced substantially improved service to overseas points.

The Postal Service agrees to provide postal equipment, furniture and supplies for military postal installations overseas, and to repair any equipment for which it has a unique repair capability.

The Defense Department will continue to provide facilities for Postal Service use on installations within the U.S., but as a result of the new

agreement, DOD will be reimbursed by the Postal Service for the cost of utilities in those facilities.

Two extensive surveys also will be undertaken as a result of the agreement to learn more about current mail handling practices on U.S. and foreign bases overseas and at home. One will identify needed adjustments of services provided on military installations in the U.S. The other will concentrate on overseas military operations.

A final report on the studies, including recommendations and estimates of service benefits and cost savings, will be made in April of 1981.

The Postal Services has also agreed to develop a plan for box delivery service to permanent enlisted housing in the same area. Timing and reimbursement for providing the service will be worked out in connection with the studies of current services and costs.

Base schedules Open House

co-sponsor for the first time a two-day Open House on Saturday and Sunday, April 12 and 13.

Activities will include air shows by the "Blue Angels" Navy Flight Demonstration Team, the "Golden Knights" Army Precision Freefall Parachute Team, and Pope's own C-130 "Hercules'

Aircraft from all services will be on display

including the Air Force's C-5A Galaxy (the world's largest operating aircraft)

Exhibits, displays, and demonstrations by Air Force and Army people will emphasize joint mission capabilities to deploy worldwide. Various community and city organizations will also participate in the event.

Activities are scheduled from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.,

Emergency assistance on the rise

mergency asistance to Air Force people eased sharply last year and continues to climb, said retired Air Force Gen. L.T. Seith, Air Force Aid Society director.

In 1979 a total of 14,294 Air Force people received nearly \$4 million in Aid Society loans and grants to help with personal emergencies --almost double the amount for 1978 and four

times the aid given in 1976. Of the 14,294 emergency aid cases last year, 971 were outright grants and the remainder were interest-free loans

Basic maintenance for such items as food, rent and utilities accounted for more than half of the assistance cases. Some 19 percent of the aid involved helping members and their families to move by providing funds for travel, household goods shipment, etc.

Repairs to autos essential to get to work took percent. More than 700 medical and dental assistance cases required \$385,000 in aid, averaging \$478 per case.

Although medical and dental cases represented only 5 percent of the total, they consumed percent of the dollars. Many cases involved family crisis, both financial and medical.

Most of the assistance last year went to the

active force, 89 percent of whom were grade E-5 and below. General Seith expects emergency assistance outlays to approach \$6 million this year as aid to Air National Guard and category A and B Reservists is phased in.

The Aid Society reported 4,100 Air Force children received \$7.7 million in student loans, directly either from the Society or from the Chase

For 1980, \$12 million in federally guaranteed student loans, made by the Chase Manhattan on behalf of the Aid Society, are projected. Some \$8 million will go to children of Air Force members. \$4 million will go to members and their spouses.

The loans are guaranteed through the United Student Aid Funds, Inc., a private non-profit corporation

Support for Air Force Aid Society activities come from two main sources. One is earnings from its investment fund, which produced \$1.9 million last year. The other is through donations. Donations to the Society can be made through the Air Force Assistance Fund

General Seith said increased donation levels-including the selected reserve and retired community--will be essential to sustain the Society's ability to meet increasing needs of Air Force people in coming years.

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Community College offers Air Force commission program

Can the Coummunity College of the Air Force be a stepping stone to an Air Force commission? Yes, but some careful checking will be required to get the maximum benefit from college credits.

College is what it's all about and the right credits could ease entry into the Air Force ROTC two-year program. Combining Community College credit with other academic programs could cut some corners.

Any school accepting transfer students has the right to determine which credits it will accept toward degree requirements. Some are quite

While many institutions accept Community College credits, most will only accept the portion that is relevant to the new degree program.

Thus, an airman with a Community College of the Air Force assiciate degree in one field might find little transfer credit accepted toward a bachelor's degree in another. On the other hand, an airman with an associate degree in a specialized field might find a large number of credits accepted when pursuing a bachelor's degree in an identical

The judgment on how much credit, however, is up to the individual college.

Likewise, a degree from the Community College of the Air Force is not the only way to approach the Air Force ROTC two-year program. Any airmen who have completed two years of and college can locate institutions that will admit them in junior standing, may apply for the twoyear Air Force ROTC program, providing they meet all other criteria.

The Community College may be a useful stepping stone for airmen who wish to enter the two-year program. But it is neither an automatic qualification nor is it essential to have an associate degree to apply for the Air Force ROTC two-year

If you are considering applying for Community College credit, check with the college or university that interests you. Get the complete details on your credit standing.

Anyone who is considering applying for Community College credit should check with the college or university they are intersted in to get the complete details on their credit standing. The Education Center is available to answer questions concerning CCAF credits and applications.

Recruiting Service seeks interested NCOs

The Air Force Recruiting Service is looking for non-commissioned officers interested in filling more than 500 vacancies annually throughout the continental United States.

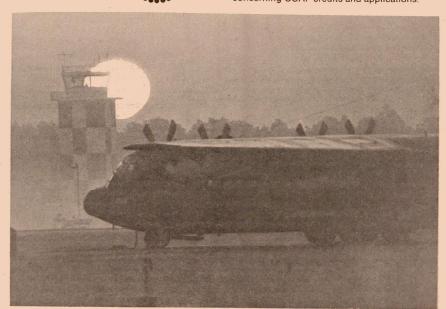
Sergeants through master sergeants from all Air Force specialties are eligible even if they are in a critical specialty or frozen for an overseas assignment. Applications for recruiting will be ted from the first day of any permanent duty n sign-in.

The permanent change-of-station move can then be made after six months. Those who have received a dislocation allowance in the current fiscal year may apply for an assignment after October of the next fiscal year.

Eligibility requirements include outstanding performance reports and outstanding appearance and military bearing.

Since most recruiting offices are not located near a military base or a military medical facility, potential recruiters and their families should be financially solvent and need no specialized medical treatment

Selected non-commissioned officers will attend a six-week recruiting course at Lackland AFB, Texas. Upon graduation, recruiters are assigned to one- or two-person recruiting offices in an area of their choice, if possible.



In the early morning hours at Pope, it is usually very busy with C-130s preparing for takeoff. Pope's flightline was captured by the photographer just as the sun touched

the misty trees and dew-wet aircraft. Pope supports the 82nd Airborne Division and the 18th Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg. (USAF photo by Cindy Burnham)

ieutenant restores rare 1954 automobile

The man crouches in front of his 1954 Blue Flame Corvette, squinting as he stares down the sleek fenders.

The man is 1st Lt. Jim O'Neal of Detachment 21, 7th Weather Wing. He's checking the fenders for any spots or smudges, as intense manhours are involved when restoring a vintage corvette.

Lieutenant O'Neal's car is one of only 1,600

still in existence. Insurance restrictions limit its use and he never drives it in the rain or at speeds more than 50 miles per hour.

His engine is a 235 cubic inch six-cylinder with three side draft carburetors. It's polo white with sportsman's red interior and is 98 percent restored.

"The only thing missing is an original 1954 Corvette radio," said Lieutenant O'Neal. "One of my biggest problems concerning the radio is they were made with tubes back then. When they burned out, the radio was replaced with solid state devices, which is an unacceptable replacement at auto shows. If anyone has or knows where I can get one, I'm definitely in the market

Last year Lieutenant O'Neal won two first prizes in auto shows at Goldsboro and Wilmington, N.C. The day before a show he's usually up all night cleaning and priming his car.

"I don't mind the painstaking care and time it requires," continued the Lieutenant. "I've met a lot of really nice people and made some good friends since I started. Its a realization of a dream I've had for a long time."

Lieutenant O'Neal owned a late-model Corvette prior to purchasing his 1954 model. The decision to but and restore a vintage car was a challenge he was looking for.

The long hours and money required to upkeep his car is a large hurdle for anyone to overcome. It is valued from \$13,000 to \$15,000. But, according to Lieutenant O'Neal, the pride of owning such a car is very rewarding.



Proving that patience and hard work pays off, 1st Lt. Jim O'Neal of Detachment 21, 7th Weather Wing proudly shows off his 1954 Blue Flame Corvette. He enters the car

With all the time required for upkeep of his car, the lieutenant still finds time to be a volunteer worker for the Cumberland County Department of Social Services. He helped raise money for the Dorthy Spainhour School for retarded children.

He also volunteered through the Pope Education Office to tutor young airmen in mathematics. He's a member of his unit's bowling and in various auto shows and has won two first place prizes for his efforts. (USAF photo by Cindy Burnham)

softball teams, and enjoys collecting coins.

Recently he was selected as Pope's Junior Officer of the Quarter for October through December, 1979. He was also named as the 7th Weather Wing's Junior Officer of the Year for

If dedication is one of the keys to success, Lieutenant O'Neal seems to have plentsuccesses support that fact.

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Falcons end season with third-place tourney finish

The Pope Falcons basketball team finished their regular season recently when they placed third in the Chappie James Invitational Tournament at Warner-Robbins AFB, Ga.

The Falcons came back to stop First National Bank 76-70 in the second game, and later that day defeated Charleston AFB, S.C., 68-64.

The Falcons had to face the Bibbs team next and made a game out of it before falling 81-69.

"We just couldn't put it all together," said head coach Charles Malloy. "It's hard to play with so many regulars missing, but we gave it a shot.
"I do want to thank all the commanders and

"I do want to thank all the commanders and supervisors who supported the team during the season. Also the people who worked extra hours so players from their division could get off to participate for the varsity team."

Pope finished the season with a 31 and 12 record, won two tournaments, placed third in two, and had one third place finish.

Falcons place two players on Air Force basketball team

Two Pope cagers were recently selected to play for the Air Force basketball team during the Inter-service Basketball Tournament at Maxwell AFB. Ala.

Walt Carter, center for Pope's varsity team, averaged 14 points per game and hauled down 11 rebounds, and is one of the starting five on the Air Force team.

Ronnie Chalmers, forward, was the leading

scorer for Pope this year with a 16 point-pergame average. Chalmers also pulled in 11 rebounds per game.

With their selection, Pope holds the distinction of being the only Air Force base with two players selected from it.

The Inter-service double-elimination tournament is conducted each year with teams from the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines competing.



Golf, a sport enjoyed each year by millions, had its beginning in Scotland in the 1800s when people used wooden clubs and played in cow pastures.

The sport has progressed a long way since and Pope AFB people have the opportunity to enjoy one of the better golf courses in North Carolina.

The Pope course had its beginning in April, 1969, when construciton began on the first nine holes. In June 1971, the course opened for play using an 8 x 15 foot trailer as a clubhouse and pro shop.

The new clubhouse was finished in April 1972, and according to course officials, is considered by many as one of the finest in the Air Force today.

With the new clubhouse came plans for building the second nine holes. Construction was completed and play on these holes began in July, 1979.

The course rating is 72 from the white tee markers, and avid golfers find that the stratigically placed water hazards and treelined fairways make it one of the better tests of golfing skills in this area.

Many events are scheduled each month for golfers, and special tournaments are held during the winter months, depending on golfer interest and weather conditions.

A base golf team is being formed this year to compete against teams from the Carolinas.

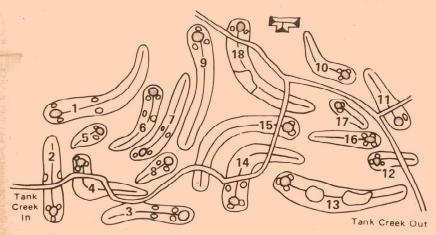
To further enhance golfer interest, a request was submitted to the Carolina Professional Golf Association to hold a Pro-Am tournament here. Information concerning this event will be forth-coming, according to the golf course staff.

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A Womens and Junior golf clinic is held each year, and golfers nights are held throughout the season. Golf movies are shown at these events. These movies are designed to help the golfer pick up some of the finer points of the game.

The golf course staff aims to make their 18-hole, par-72 course, with its new clubhouse, snack bar, pro shop outlet and driving range, easy for Pope people and their guests to enjoy. According to the staff, every effort has been made to insure the success of this goal. The staff welcomes anyone to let them know of any way they can further improve the services they offer.

COURSE RATING FROM WHITE MARKERS IS 72





Catching the defensive man on the wrong side of the basket is almost a sure two points as demonstrated by Falcon Ronnie Chalmers. Chalmers and teammate Walt Carter were selected to play on the Air Force team in the Inter-service Championship Tournament. (USAF photo)

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Staff Duty NCO office moves

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Library offers macrame display

The base library has a list of helpful books to help you get started in Macrame. Several macrame items are on display to give you some ideas. The library will be giving away a macrame plant hanger and plant March 17. One can register each time he or she visits the library.

USO schedules events

The United Service Organization, located at 333 Ray Avenue in Fayetteville has scheduled a midnight skate for tonight. Door prizes will be

Tommorrow the USO features a free movie, "The Lost World" starring Jill St. John. The show starts at 7 p.m.

Local happenings

Sunday a free movie starts at 7 p.m., with a disco, skating and dancing.

The USO is open Wednesday through

Saturday from noon to 10:30 p.m., Sunday from 2 to 10:30 p.m., and is available for telephone information from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays. The number to call is 483-3179.

Property listed

Found and abandoned property has been turned into the Security Police Investigation Office. They include four bicycles, two rings, one wedding band, two watches, three sets of keys, one 13" wheel cover, one carburetor, two automobile coils, and a cloth suit case. If any of this property belongs to you please contact SPOI at Ext. 4119. Anyone finding property are asked to turn it into the SPOI so it can be properly advertised and disposed of.

Sewing class forms

A basic sewing class is being formed by the Recreation Center. The course consists of six weekly one-and-one-half-hour sessions and costs \$15. Instructions offered will be of pattern fitting and alterations, lay-outs, cutting and basic

Guitar lessons offered

Guitar lessons in classical and acoustical guitar, consisting of four weekly half-hour sessions are being offered at the Recreation Center. The fee is \$10 for the entire course. Call Ext. 2779 for more information.

Talent Showcase performs

A Military Airlift Command Talent Showcas Tour will be performing at the base theat Sunday at 7:30 p.m. The show consists of Air Force people who are enroute to the USAF World-Wide talent contest at Travis AFB, Calif. The regularly scheduled movie is cancelled.

Opus Seven arrives

"Opus Seven," a seven piece group provided by the HQ, USAF "Showcase Series" will perform at the Recreation Center March 11 from 8 p.m. to midnight. Everyone is welcome and admission is free. Children must be accompanied by a parent.





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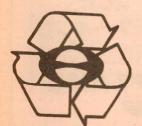
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AAFES officials stated that while they do not intend to establish a credit reporting system, they will reveal, to authorized persons, information as to whether or not the individual has fulfilled their obligation to AAFES.

The AAFES reference may be used by current and former deferred payment plan account holders when applying for personal commercial credit

Customers still overseas wishing to obtain a reference from AAFES should visit the exchange where they opened their deferred payment plan account and, when their name and social security number are verified, the information will be provided.

Written requests from account holders or second parties will require the customer's signature to be compared with the one on their payment plan application. Where verification cannot be assured, the request will be returned to protect the privacy of the customer.

Requests for credit reports received from second parties (such as a retail store where the account holder wishes to establish credit) must include a consent to release information signed by the account holder. Once the signature on the consent form has been verified with the customer's deferred payment plan application, the information will be released.

If the customer made or is making payments on a regular basis to satisfy the obligation to AAFES, notification to that effect will be furnished. In those cases where the account became definquent, notification that the account holder has not satisfactorily fulfilled the obligation will be furnished. No other information will be provided by AAFES.

AF news briefs

Team Spirit exercise set

The U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps joined with Republic of Korea forces for combined maneuvers in Exercise Team Spirit 80 on March 1. The exercise will test deployment, reception and employment of U.S. and Korean forces responding to possible contingencies in the Korean theater.

Contract launched for MX

The Air Force Ballistic Missile Office, Norto-AFB, Calif., has awarded a \$325.5 million contract on GTE Products Corp., Needham Heights, Mass., for full-scale engineering development of the MX mobile missile's command, control and communications system.

The MX is a land-based, intercontinental ballistic missile being developed by the Air Force.

New assistant secretary sworn in

Joseph C. Zengerle was sworn in Feb. 15 as the assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower, reserve affairs and installations. The oath of office was administered by Secretary of Defense Harold Brown.

Prior to his nomination by President Carter and confirmation by the Senate, Zengerle was with the Washington law firm of Shoa and Gardner.

In his new position, he will be responsible for the direction, guidance and supervision over all matters pertaining to Air Force military and civilian personnel, the Air Force bases and facilities worldwide.



C-X development requires innovation

Development of the C-X transport aircraft for use by 1986 will require maximum use of every management innovation available, the aircraft's system program director said.

Speaking to the Electronic Equipment Manufacturers' Group, Col. Elbert Harbour said the C-X would be developed to satisfy both tactical and strategic airlift requirements.

"Combining these two requirements involves development of a long-range design, a wide-body cargo compartment and an ability to operate from small, austere fields," he said.

The design would allow the aircraft to be used

The design would allow the aircraft to be used for strategic airlift in the early stage of a crisis. It could then shift operations within a theater when sealift forces begin to ease the transportation problem. It would also be used to support rapid deployment forces.

"We don't know yet exactly what the aircraft will look like," Colonel Harbour said, "but it will be multi-engine, turbofan and able to lift substantial

payloads over intercontinental ranges.

Colonel Harbour said twin goals of the C-X development program would be keeping costs down and attaining top mission accomplishment. Costs would be kept down by using existing technology and commercially certified engines with maximum use of government and conventional materials.

"In short, we won't fall into the trap of developing something when it's not required -- we won't push the state of the art where the need does not dictate." he said.

The second goal would be to put mission accomplishment on contract and demonstrate it with an operational readiness evaluation — a test using production aircraft in a test field.

"We will write our specifications in terms of performance rather than 'how-to' design — we will specify the length of the runway the aircraft must stop in rather than the type of brakes," he said.

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