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Pope joins in Cuban refugee relief mission

by SMSgt. Don Braga
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The 317th Tactical Airlift Wing went into high gear early Friday when it again became a staging base for a Military Airlift Command humanitarian airlift — this time in support of the Cuban refugee relief effort.

The Air Force and Army, tasked by the Department of Defense, are providing tents, food, shower facilities and hospital care for the more than 45,000 refugees who have landed in Florida.

Throughout last Friday and into early Saturday nineteen MAC aircraft including C-5 Galaxys, C-141 Starlifters and C-130 Hercules transports loaded and moved more than 500 passengers and 450,000 pounds of equipment and cargo from Pope. The planes were deployed to Homestead AFB, Fla., and Fort Smith, Ark.

In addition to inspecting loading and securing equipment of all aircraft by Pope's 3rd Mobile Aerial Port Squadron, all support flightline

elements of the wing were involved in the airlift operation. Transient aircraft from other MAC bases were refueled and received transient maintenance support if needed.

All of Pope's three flying squadrons, the 39th, 40th and 41st Tactical Airlift Squadron deployed C-130s and crews.

Earlier in the week five security policemen from the 317th Security Police Squadron and five food service specialists from the 317th Services Squadron were sent to Eglin AFB, Fla.

According to SMSgt. Luther Surratt, 317th SPS superintendent, "The policemen departed on Tuesday and when they arrived at Eglin our SPs helped set up tents and issued food. After the first few days they went back to their primary duties of providing law enforcement and security for the refugee encampment."

Sergeant Surratt proudly added, "All of the

security policemen were volunteers and after talking with them on the telephone they seemed in great spirits. Although there were working 12 to 14 hour shifts, they all feel they are performing a needed function and are happy they are involved in the humanitarian project."

Pope's food service people are working as cooks in the refugee tent city, also putting in extended shifts. They are volunteers and according to the base food service officer Mr. Robert Kammerer, "their morale is extremely high." Both the security police and the food service people have an initial temporary duty tasking of 60 days at the Eglin site.

Monday a Pope C-130 from the 41st TAS flew to Lawson AAF, Fort Benning, Ga. to pick up Army medical teams and vehicles. The medics were then flown to the refugee resettlement camp at Fort Chaffee, Ark.



With dust flying, a C-130 Hercules demonstrates its backing up ability using reverse engines. The demonstration was part of the 40th Tactical Airlift Squadron's Open House. More on the Open House can be found on page 7.

Civil Air Patrol aids Air Force rescue efforts

Common conscious in the civilian community, concerning aircraft crashes, is that when one occurs near a military installation an Air Force team is sent to locate the plane. In some cases this is correct. But, nearly 75 percent of the actual search and rescue mission, nation wide, are performed by Civil Air Patrol units according to Capt. Timothy Kaufman.

Captain Kaufman is commander of the Fayetteville Civil Air Patrol Composite Squadron and feels strongly about its mission.

"We locate missing persons and planes," he says, "and being an official auxiliary organization of the Air Force, we're qualified in giving emergency first aid."

His squadron practices search and rescue missions along with other training techniques at weekly Tuesday meetings. Additional training covers aerospace education, emergency services, drill and ceremony as well as leadership and aviation history.

"It's a good feeling when we put a lot of effort into a mission and I see the smiles of success beaming on the faces of my cadets upon completion," says the commander. Captain Kaufman has been working with CAP units for about six years. He first got involved as a cadet, himself, in Charlotte, N.C. In May 1979 he entered Fayetteville's squadron after being assigned to Pope as crew chief with the 317th Organizational Maintenance Squadron.

The unit consists of cadets and officers who are at least 12-years-old and in the 7th grade. "They are all qualified in addition to first aid, in woodmanship and ground search procedures," the captain said.

People can join the CAP by attending one of the meetings at the 82nd Airborne Division Supply and Maintenance school, located on Long Street, Fort Bragg, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. People can also join by calling Tim Kaufman, CAP commander, at 436-5865 or 394-4337.

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Leaders applaud Armed Force's members

The U.S. Air Force stands today -- as always -- strong and ready, our missiles, aircraft and weapons are only a part of that strength. No military can be strong without the dedication of its people. The men and women of the Air Force have committed themselves to the defense of our country. They are supported in this cause every day by their families.

On Armed Forces Day, the American public shows its gratitude for your selfless dedication. I join them in commending you for your unwavering dedication and year-round motivation.

Hans Mark,
Secretary of the Air Force

"Armed Forces Day is a day of dedication by all Americans to support our nation."

This nation was founded by those who fought to establish and protect our freedom. We can do no less. We must face the challenges of each day with greater resolve to be better airmen, better citizens, and better human beings.

Very recently we experienced an example of great dedication. A band of gallant men attempted to free Americans held hostage by terrorists on foreign soil. They were willing and eager to serve in an operation they knew would be dangerous. Eight men, like so many in the past, paid the ultimate price for their dedication to freedom.

Regardless of the outcome, they manned the barricades, free lunches, and eight hour days were not a part of their vocabulary. On this, Armed Forces Day, 1980, we must rededicate ourselves to their cause -- freedom. We must, regardless of what others believe, serve our country proudly.

I salute and pledge my full support to all the men and women of the 21st Air Force and their families. I am proud of the way you accomplish the mission despite sometimes overwhelming odds. I am confident you will continue in the tradition of dedication to keep America free."

Thomas M. Sadler,
General, USAF
Commander, 21st Air Force

Armed Forces Day takes on renewed significance this year as world events focus attention on you, the stalwart American patriots who are the soul of the free world's defense.

Despite long hours of overtime, prolonged periods of separation from your families, and what we hope is a temporary shortfall in military compensation, you continue to serve our great country with courage and faith. You have projected Americanism throughout the world by helping others in need through your humanitarian efforts. You have strengthened the backbone of deterrence -- the Military Airlift Command.

You have acted on your conviction that America's survival depends on those who selflessly step forward to serve. I am pleased and honored to be your commander in chief.

The people of this great nation owe you a tremendous debt of gratitude for your devotion to the defense of freedom despite undeserved criticism during difficult times. On behalf of Americans everywhere, and on behalf of millions of others in the world who remain free because of your dedication, I sincerely thank you.

Robert E. Huyser, General, USAF
Commander in Chief
Military Airlift Command

"The Air Force and we in the Pope family have a tradition of total commitment to uphold the defense and freedom of this country.

The events of the past months and weeks have shown that the challenge to that commitment is ever increasing. I share with you the sadness and frustration arising from the rescue effort in Iran, however, we must not let failure interfere with progress. We must continue to dedicate ourselves to preserve the freedom which we love so dearly.

On this day, the people of America honor and acknowledge you as guardians of their freedom. I join with them and pledge my full support of your worthy endeavors."

Col. Robert B. Patterson
USAF ALCENT
317th TAW Commander

CMSgt. Gordon says goodbye to Pope AFB

CMSgt. Dean L. Gordon will leave the highest enlisted position on Pope today to assume the position of senior enlisted advisor at Lajes AB, Azores.

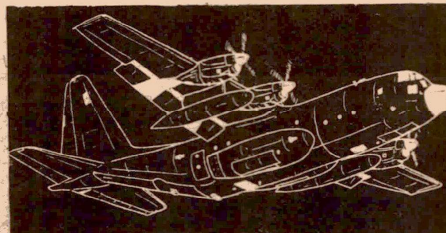
Chief Gordon became the 317th Tactical Airlift Wing Senior Enlisted Advisor May 1, 1979. His replacement to that position has not yet been named. In the following statement, the chief reflected on his job and the people at Pope:

"Mixed emotions" best describe my feelings as I prepare to depart Pope. Serving the past year as the 317th TAW Senior Enlisted Advisor has been one of the high points of my Air Force career. A positive, can do attitude exists at Pope that will certainly be missed but I am also looking forward to the new challenges confronting me as the Senior Enlisted Advisor at Lajes Field, Azores, and working with Brig. Gen. Duane H. Erickson.

I wish I could summarize the past year's progress all in a positive note but I must admit that I failed to resolve three basic issues. Although less prevalent now, the runway is still used to divide the base and not just to fly airplanes. People still congregate in doorways or run for cover instead of proudly rendering respect to our flag when retreat sounds. Thirdly, I still hear the faint echoes of "No Hope Pope".

We have come a long way in spreading the word of "New Hope Pope" and I hope that you will all accept the challenge to continue to do what you can to improve life here at Pope. Oh, we have plenty of complainers here along with the "talk a lot and do nothings" but they are greatly outnumbered by those who truly care. Don't be just job oriented. Chapel, Family Services and Orientation, wives' club and youth programs all need your help and support. Be active in the various organizations -- Air Force Assistance, Air Force Sergeants' Association, NCO Academy Graduates Association, Booster Club, and others will welcome your participation. Join the club. Get involved.

My wife, Jeri and I would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation for all of your help and friendship. Our prayers and best wishes will continue with all of you. God bless you and yours.

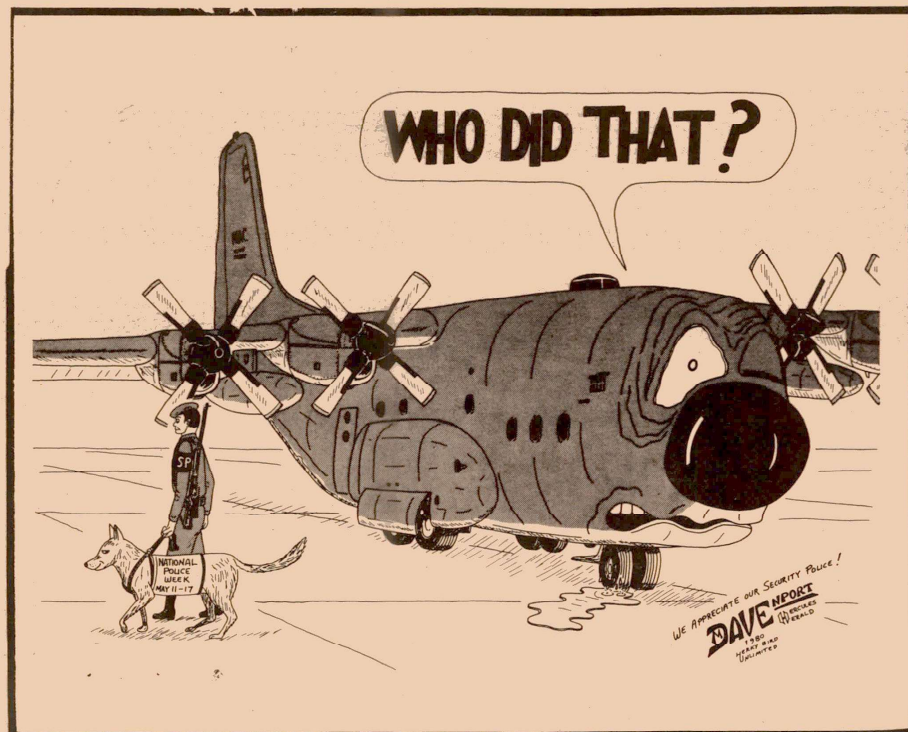


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SSgt. James Patterson

Pope NCOs leave for OTS

Three Pope Staff Sergeants from the 317th Avionics Maintenance Squadron have been recently selected to attend Officers Training School at Medina AFB, Texas.

All possess a common trait. They work in the same shop and attended the Southern Illinois University. Additionally, they each hold a bachelor of science degree in Industrial Technology.

SSgt. James Patterson, an avionics navigation systems technician, reports for OTS June 11. He has attended Southern Illinois University for 16 months.

He maintains navigation equipment for C-130 Hercules aircraft and transient aircraft within the 317th AMS radar shop. After OTS, he will become an Airborne Warning and Control System operator at Tinker AFB, Okla.

"As an officer, I will be able to help the enlisted people better," he said. "I know their job-related and Air Force problems."

Sergeant Patterson played squadron softball here for the past three years. He also enjoys woodworking and fishing.

SSgt. Ward Spradlin, Jr., recently completed his degree at Southern Illinois University. He reports for OTS July 3.

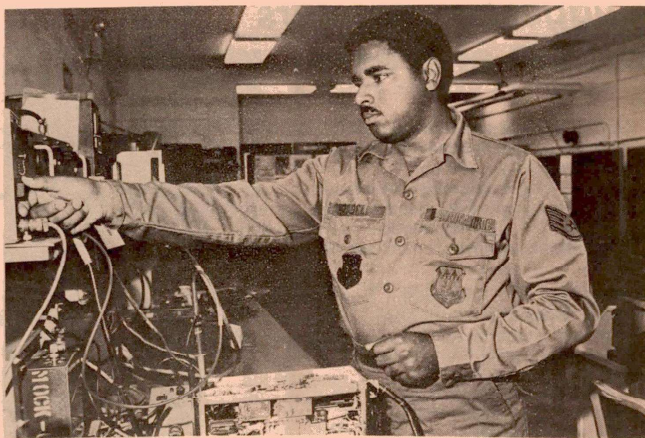
After he completes OTS and receives his "gold bar" he'll go to Edwards AFB, Calif. There he'll be assigned to munitions maintenance in the 65th Test Squadron for the Air Force Test Center.

Sergeant Spradlin holds an Associate of Arts degree in Avionics Navigation Systems. "I always wanted to be a commissioned officer," the sergeant said. "I'll definitely make it a career now. If I stayed an NCO, I would get out of the Air Force when my enlistment is up."

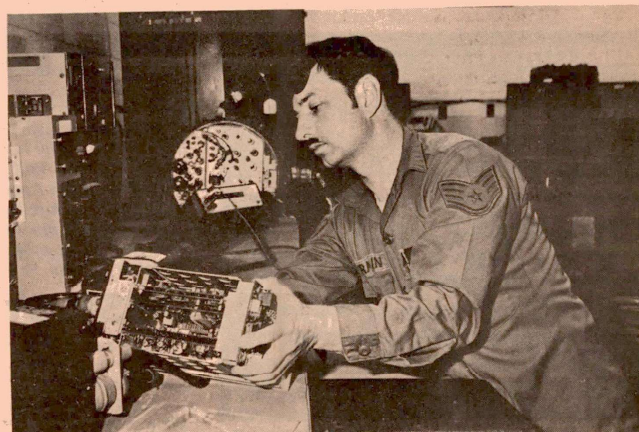
The sergeant plans to continue his education and earn a Masters degree in Production Manufacturing.

He enjoys bowling, building electronic kits and jogging.

Another OTS selectee, SSgt. Glenn Waddell, has completed 13 months at Southern Illinois University. With three months left before graduating, he hasn't received an OTS date.



SSgt. Glenn Waddell



SSgt. Ward Spradlin Jr.

"I received my notification of selection in March," stated Sergeant Waddell, an airborne navigation aids technician. "I am to be assigned as an aircraft maintenance officer after OTS."

"I feel being selected is an accomplishment that I've worked for. It gives me a chance to use my degree to benefit the Air Force and myself," he said.

Sergeant Waddell plans to continue his education by attending an advanced technical course at a Professional Military Education level.

Colonel Boe lauds Pope's CFI effort

Last week a C-141B Starlifter left Pope on its way to Charleston AFB, S.C.

One might ask just what is so significant about that? After all, it has become a daily, sometimes hourly occurrence here.

But this flight was something special. On board were some 50 members of the Military Airlift Command's Commander's Facility Inspection Team.

In a whirlwind 24-hour visit, the team covered Pope like a wet blanket, observing, looking, prying and generally delving into each nook and cranny. What they found was a neat and clean community, dedicated to the mission of the 317th TAW, and people who take pride in themselves, their work and living quarters.

The inspection rating of "Outstanding" provides credibility to each man, woman, and child who put forth the superior effort and hard work to again prove Pope is the best.

Col. Tom Boe
Base Commander

AF extends decal deadline

The Air Force Manpower and Personnel Center, at Randolph AFB, Texas, has extended the authority to mix standard (brightly colored) organizational emblems with the subdued utility uniform until April 1, 1981 due to insufficient stock of subdued MAJCOM emblems. The mandatory date for the subdued utility uniform remains July 1, 1980. The new expected availability date for additional subdued MAJCOM emblems through supply channels is now Dec. 1, 1980.

The mixing of brightly colored organizational emblems with the subdued utility uniform is not authorized for Military Airlift Command or MAC-gained Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard people. Either the subdued MAC emblem or no emblem is worn on the right breast pocket of the subdued utility uniform.

Within MAC, the mandatory wear date for the subdued MAC emblem by MAC and MAC-gained AFRES and ANG people, except the USAF Honor Guard, remains July 1. If a shortage of subdued MAC emblems exists after July 1, the bases with inadequate supplies will be extended to April 1, 1981.

The mandatory wear date for a subdued unit emblem on the left breast pocket of the utility uniform remains July 1 for all active duty MAC people. The local AFRES commander may specify

a subdued unit emblem to be worn on the left breast pocket by MAC-gained AFRES people and establish the wear date. The wear of a subdued unit emblem on the left breast pocket is optional for MAC-gained ANG people. The commander may prescribe an authorized unit emblem for wear and establish the wear date.

AFMPC has identified a problem with the women's wash and wear utility uniform shade OG507. The Air Force board is currently working on this problem. All name tape, USAF tape, MAJCOM emblems, and most unit emblems are too large for the uniform since the pockets are smaller. The accouterments for this uniform are subject to change during the next few months. Women should not sew MAC or unit emblems on the new wash and wear uniform. If patches are already sewn on they may remain until further notice.

AFR 35-10 para 4-40 (2) indicates that enlisted women must wear three inch chevrons on the utility uniform effective June 1. However, this guidance was superseded by CBPO Itr 79-100, Aug. 17, 1979.

Women can wear either the three or four-inch style chevrons on the men's utility uniform until the wear of men's utility uniform by women is phased out. Three-inch style chevrons are required on the women's wash and wear utility uniform.

Suggestion winners receive awards

Several base people were recognized recently as winners of the Second Quarter Suggestion Program awards.

SSgt. Jerry France, 317th Headquarters Squadron, was named Suggestor of the Quarter. He submitted 41 eligible suggestions during the three month period from January to March.

SSgt. Jerry L. Andressohn from 1st Aero-medical Evacuation Squadron, was selected Monitor of the Quarter for units with less than 100 people assigned. Ms. Marie Radloff who works at the 40th Tactical Airlift Squadron, received the award for Monitor of the Quarter for units with more than 100 people assigned.

The 317th Transportation Squadron retained the Rotating Participation Trophy for the Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 80. Transportation Squadron people have achieved a participation/adoption rate of 66 percent.

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Explorer Scouts from Post 759, sponsored by the 317th Security Police Squadron Law Enforcement, display a \$300 check and an autographed U.S. Navy "Blue Angel" poster they received for selling "Blue Angel" yearbooks at the Pope AFB Open House held April 12 and 13. The scouts used part of the money for new uniforms and for selected scouts to attend the North Carolina

Justice Academy this June. The academy, located in Salemburg, N.C., hosts a week-long seminar every year for scouts. There, the scouts learn about law, self defense and criminal investigation. Seated l to r are Shawn Hindle and Gary Guard. Standing l to r are Bryan Hindle, Mike Calder and Mike Hindle. (USAF photo by Cindy Burnham)

Base swimming pools open soon

Pope swimming enthusiasts will have a chance to enjoy their sport when both base pools open for business May 24.

The Officers Club pool will be open on weekends only until June 14, when the pool will open Tuesdays through Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. The pool is closed Mondays for cleaning.

People using the Officers Club pool pay daily rates of \$1 or season rates of \$10 for singles and \$30 for families, regardless of size. Guests will be charged \$1 daily fee.

Payment can be made in cash or charged to a

club card account. It can also be paid in installments up to three months. Payment can be made at the club's cashier cage.

The recreation center pool is open to all base people and guests Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 8 p.m.

Season rates are \$7 for singles, \$14 for couples, \$20 for three and \$25 for four or more. The daily rate is 75 cents per person.

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Boat safety concern grows

The typical boat operator involved in a fatal boating accident in North Carolina is a male 30 to 40 years of age. He has more than 100 hours of experience operating a boat but no formal education or training. And he probably has consumed enough beer or liquor to be considered "Driving Under the Influence" if he was operating a vehicle on the highway.

Those findings are included in a recent study of boating accidents by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. The Commission's Division of Boating with the assistance of the Medical Examiner's Office in Chapel Hill is trying to determine the relation of alcohol use and boating accidents. Blood samples taken from persons killed in boating accidents during 1979 reveal that 38 percent had blood alcohol levels of .10 percent or greater. Motor vehicle operators with similar blood levels are considered to be driving under the influence of alcohol.

Alcohol, fatigue, glare, and noise all combine to severely decrease one's ability to safely operate a boat. Besides the widely known effects of alcohol, which make the operation of any motorized vehicle or vessel dangerous, one of the most hazardous in a boat is the loss of physical equilibrium. This loss of balance while in a boat is responsible for many falls overboard and subsequent drownings.

Boating accidents claimed 56 lives in North Carolina during 1979. The majority of fatal boating accidents occurred on large bodies of water where wind and water conditions become most severe. The leading types of fatal accidents were from people falling overboard and boats capsizing.

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JROTC cadets march

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JROTC cadets compete

Most people can remember back to the many hours they spent on the drill pad during basic training. Listening to the technical instructors bark out commands like "forward march", or "by the left flank".

The purpose of all that marching was to instill team work and create pride in what you did and in the Air Force.

More than 400 Junior ROTC students demonstrated their pride and motivation recently when they participated in the Third Annual Fayetteville Area Junior ROTC Drill Meet at Seventy-First Senior High School.

Sponsored by the U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service, the event saw students from 15 high schools in North Carolina compete. They represented Army, Air Force and Navy Junior ROTC units.

A total of 49 trophies were up for grabs when the event started, including the best overall winner and the best Air Force ROTC unit.

Scoring was done by judges from Shaw AFB, S.C., Fort Bragg and Pope with judges selected from the Army and Marine Corps Recruiting Service.

The overall winner was East Bladen High School from Elizabethtown, N.C., with Laney High School from Wilmington taking second. Third place went to Cape Fear Senior High School from Fayetteville.

The best Air Force unit award was won by Pine Forest Senior High School from Fayetteville.



Women cadets perform





Approaching for a Low Altitude Parachute Extraction System delivery, a C-130 Hercules

dips low over the Sicily Drop Zone recently. The demonstration was part of the 40th Tactical Airlift

Wing's Open House air show for families and guests.

USAF photos by SSgt. Dave Skeen

40th TAS holds Open House for wives, guests

Lt. Col. Ron Peoples, 40th Tactical Airlift Squadron commander, recently welcomed more than 60 wives and friends to their second annual squadron Open House.

The event is held each year to show appreciation for the support the families gave during the past year. It also provided a first-hand look at exactly how the men of the 40th TAS perform the tactical airlift mission.

The guests toured the squadron's facilities and were briefed by Capt. Steve Acuff on the 317th Tactical Airlift Wing and the 40th TAS mission responsibilities, capabilities and recent operations.

They also received an aircrew tactical mission briefing covering the Open House air show at the Sicily Drop Zone at Fort Bragg.

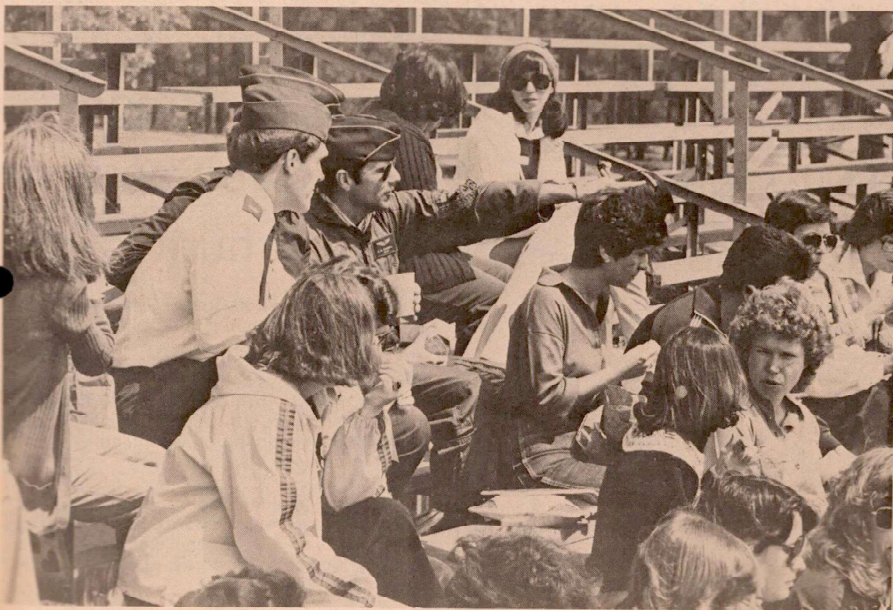
At the drop zone the guests watched 40th TAS crew members fly tactical airdrops including two fly-bys, a heavy equipment and container delivery system airdrop, and an assault landing and takeoff to demonstrate some of the C-130 and Military Airlift Command tactical airlift capabilities.

One of the main highlights of the airshow was a Low Altitude Parachute Extraction System aerial delivery flown by Capt. Ed Rehnstrom and crew. Viewers saw the heavy sled come to a stop almost directly in front of the viewing stands.

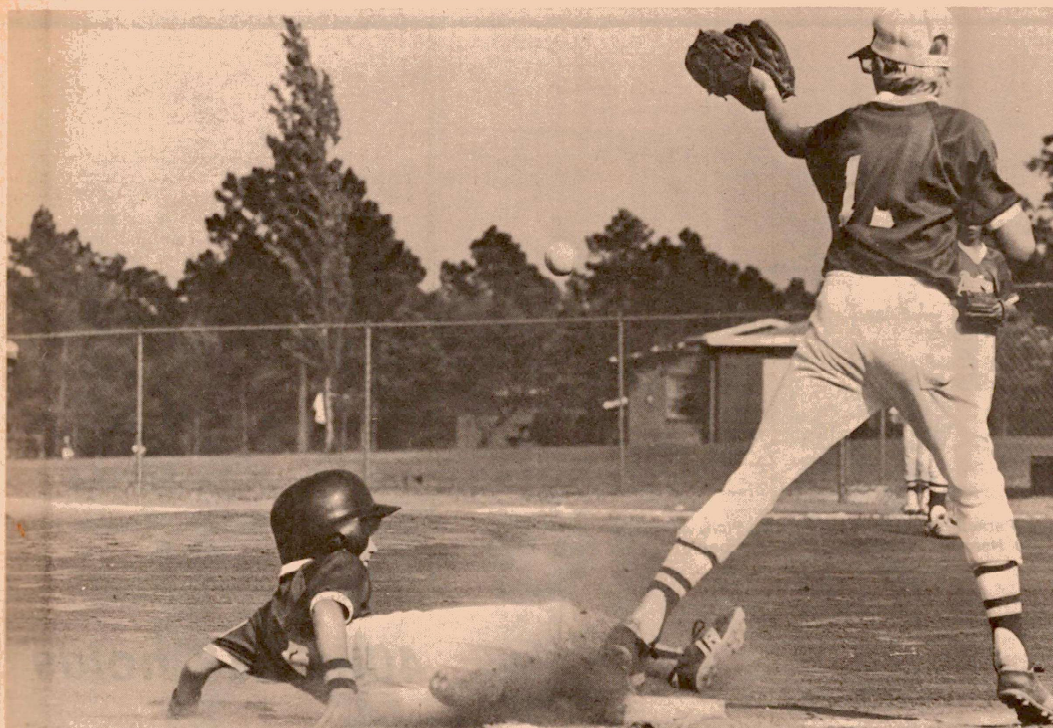
After the airshow, the guests were briefed and escorted on a tour of the Pope Command Post.

At the conclusion of the day's activities, the guests received honorary TAC airlifter certificates.

All went home with a better understanding of the type of work their spouses do, and an appreciation of their skills to do it.



The crowd watched C-130s perform



He's safe at third, as an Astro player "slides in" and steals during the Redlegs verses Astros Little League game recently. The Astros defeated the Redlegs 12 to 5 to take the first place lead in their division. (USAF photo by SSgt. Dave Skeen)

Local happenings

SPS holds lost property

The 317th Security Police Squadron has property that belongs to base people. Items include a man's watch, bicycle, pair of glasses, keys, a car and others. To claim the property, call Ext. 4119, Security Police Office of Investigation.

Chapel presents movie

The Pope Chapel presents "Apache Fire," a true Christian story, during Lighthouse Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m.

Youth Center hosts band

The Youth Center sponsors a pre-teen disco tonight from 7 to 10 p.m.

The Center also hosts "RPM's" a conventional rock band, tomorrow from 6 to 11 p.m. The Center is located in Building 1525.

Belly dancing classes start

Recreation Center #2, located on Butner Road, Fort Bragg, started beginner and intermediate belly dancing classes Wednesday. The beginner classes are held Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m., and Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m. The intermediate classes are held Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m., and Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. For information, call 396-3502 or 868-1376.

Deadline for Local Happenings, noon Monday

USO schedules movies

The United Service Organization, located at 333 Ray Avenue, presents the movie "Angel in the Outfield" tomorrow and Sunday at 7 p.m. It is free to all military, their dependents and guests.

Officers Club sponsors dinner theatre

The Pope Officers Club sponsors its first dinner theatre Saturday presenting the play "The Drunkard." Dinner starts at 7 and the play at 8:30 p.m. The club cashier has tickets.

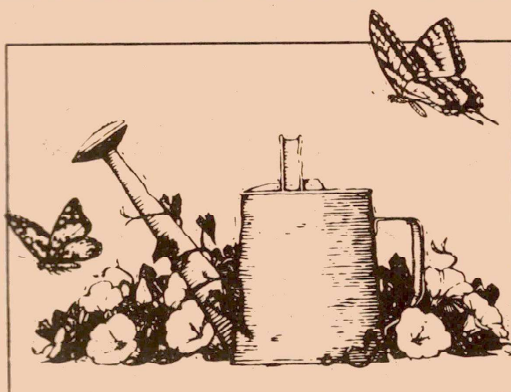
NCO club announces schedule

The Pope NCO Club presents "Splash", a top 40 variety band, tonight and tomorrow from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The club will hold a membership appreciation buffet dinner Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. The "Western Showman" country and western group will play from 7 to 9 p.m.

Child Care Center holds shower

The Pope Child Care Center will host a baby shower Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. Starting June 1, the Center will begin caring for six-week old babies. For details, call Ext. 2724.



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Pope, Ft. Bragg host Cub Scout bobcat hunt

Pope AFB and Fort Bragg will host the annual Cub Scout Bobcat hunt Thursday at 7 p.m.

The hunt is a recruitment effort designed to get interested boys and parents in cub scouting.

Any boy who has completed second grade and is 8 to 10 years old can join. Parents too, may participate in scouting by volunteering to be a scout leader.

Pope will hold their Bobcat hunt at the Scout hut, adjacent to the Child Care Center. Fort Bragg will hold their hunt at the Dependent Youth Activity, located on the corner of Reilly Road and Normandy Drive.

For more information about the hunt or scouting, call Marilyn Loomis, publicity chairman, at 497-8042.

IM softball league features three divisions, 24 teams

"Play ball" echoed around Pope this past Monday evening as the Intramural Softball League began.

The league is divided into three divisions with eight teams in each one.

The American Division plays each Monday and Wednesday nights on field two and three. The National Division also plays on Monday and Wednesday nights, and the Continental Division plays on field three only each Tuesday and Thursday.

Scores from the first night's action saw AMS stop Hq -3 10 to 8, Clinic lose to OMS-2 8 to 4, FMS-2 swamp CE 12 to 2, and Supply-1 destroy TRAN 12 to 1 in the American Division.

National Division action saw 41st stop Hq-1 11 to 5, SPS jump on 39th 22 to 10, DYA stop AES 13 to 2 and 3MAPS-1 beat FMS-1 9 to 4.

Monday's action finds Hq-1 meeting AES,

39th vying against FMS-1, 41st going against 3MAPS-1, and SPS taking on DYA in the National Division.

Wednesday night 39th meets DYA, AES takes on 3MAPS-1, Hq-1 goes against FMS-1, and 41st vies against SPS.

American Division action Monday finds AMS meeting FMS-2, OMS-2 taking on Supply-1, Hq-3 taking on TRANS, and the Clinic going against CES.

Wednesday night OMS-2 meets CES, FMS-2 takes on TRANS, AMS goes against Supply-1, and Hq-3 takes on Clinic.

In Continental Division action Tuesday, Hq-2 meets 3MAPS-2, SVS takes on DET-1, COMM goes against Supply-2, and OMS-1 meets Hq-4.

Thursday night's action finds SVS going against Hq-4, 3MAPS-2 vying against Supply-2, Hq-2 meeting DET-1, and COMM meeting OMS-1.

All games begin at 5:30 p.m. More information can be obtained by contacting the base gymnasium at Ext. 2892.

Alcohol abuse grows

The problem of alcoholism is of national significance. Since our military is composed of this country's society, alcohol abuse is a serious and growing problem in the United States Air Force.

The following passage is taken from the United States Naval Institute proceedings and is an account of a voyage taken August 23, 1779, when the U.S. Constitution sailed from Boston.

She left with 457 officers and men, 48,600 gallons of fresh water, 7,400 cannon shot, 11,600 pounds of black powder, and 79,400 gallons of rum on board. Her mission was to destroy and harass English shipping. Making Jamaica Oct. 6, she took on 826 pounds of flour and 68,300 gallons of rum. Then she headed for the Azores, arriving there Nov. 12. She provisioned with 550 pounds of beef and 64,300 gallons of Portuguese wine. On November 18, she set sail for England.

In the ensuing days, she defeated five British Men-of-War ships and captured and scuttled 12 English Merchant Men, salvaging only their rum. By Jan. 27, her powder and shot were exhausted.

Unarmed she made a raid up the Fifth of Clyde River. Her landing party captured a whiskey distillery and transferred 40,000 gallons to the ship by dawn. Then she headed home.

The Constitution arrived in Boston harbor Feb. 20, 1780, with no cannon shot, no powder, no food, no rum, no whiskey, but with 48,600 gallons of stagnant water.

The abuse of alcohol is not a new problem to the military. Alcohol's effect on the individual and his performance have not changed with time. What is changing today is the military's and in our case the Air Force's acceptance of alcohol abuse as a problem that must be faced.

Alcohol abuse, its prevention, identification, treatment, and rehabilitation is vital to the Air Force. The story of the airman who spent most of his 30 years in the Air Force as an alcoholic, untreated, and receiving promotions as he went along illustrates the changing attitude of the Air Force toward its people who abuse alcohol. Problem drinkers cause the Air Force losses in man-hours, money, material, and efficiency. The loss of highly trained individuals through alcohol connected deaths or separations result in the waste of valuable Air Force resources and can seriously affect the mission. With the burden of budget constraints, the drain of resources and decreased efficiency caused by alcohol abuse increases its importance to Air Force managers.

Air Force Regulation 30-2 states that it is the policy of the Air Force to prevent alcohol abuse among its people while maintaining required standards of behavior and performance.

Varsity slowpitch softball team places fourth in AA tournament

The Falcon's softball team started the AA Division tournament off with a strong win at the Lamor Street Park field recently, but only managed to come away with an overall fourth place finish in the double elimination event.

Entering the weekend tournament were 12 teams from Fayetteville and Raleigh. The tourney kicked off at 7 p.m.

Pope's team started the tournament by dropping the 18th Administration and Personnel Division from Fort Bragg 18-4 and then played a tough back to back game against Fayetteville's Blanton's. Down by nine runs in the sixth inning the Falcons narrowly escaped a loss by winning the game 21-19.

Tournament play continued the next day and Pope faced Carpet Place, a Raleigh team. The Falcons defeated them 11-6, and went on to face the Outlaws, the host team. The Outlaws outscored Pope by 11-6.

The Falcons then played Massey Hill, and shut

them out 11-0, but later lost to Beaver Dam 11-5, which put them in the loser's bracket.

Double elimination play saw the Outlaws play the Falcons for a second time. The host team was trailing until the last inning when they eased by the Falcons 10-8. Losing to the Outlaws forced Pope to capture fourth place.

Although it was a AA Division tournament, some teams were from the AAA Division. The Falcons never lost to another AA Division ball team during the tournament, and by doing so they came away with a lot of respect and pride to go along with their fourth place plaque.

In regular season ball, the Falcons swept by United Realty 11-10 and then defeated Hunter Brothers 11-3 to bring their season record to 4-0.

Their next scheduled game is Tuesday on field A of Lamor Street Park, Fayetteville. The game starts at 7 p.m.

Youth softball program starts

Pope's youth softball program is now in full swing with the Blazers leading the Junior Division with a 2 and 0 record, and the Baby Blues on top of the Senior Division at 1 and 0.

The first game of the season matched the Hot Mitts against the Bad Girls in the Junior Division. After a hard-fought battle, the Hot Mitts won 8 to 7.

The second game saw the Senior Division Baby Blues defeat the Hot Stuff team 8 to 4.

Other Junior Division action saw the Blazers defeat the Bad Girls 17 to 7. The Bad Girls came back the next day to stop the Hot Mitts 13 to 10.

League games are played Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, with Junior Division games starting at 4:30 and Senior Division at 6:15.

Parents and other softball fans are welcome to attend. All games are played on the softball field on Warhawk Street.

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More information concerning the softball league can be obtained by contacting the Youth Center at Ext. 4512.

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Perhaps the Air Force should go back to that hard-hitting approach. The Air Force needs both new and experienced people to fill its ranks. Many would say the hard-nosed approach worked well because we had enemies who were directly challenging our way of life. There was a war on, they should say. People rallied around the flag because of a direct threat.

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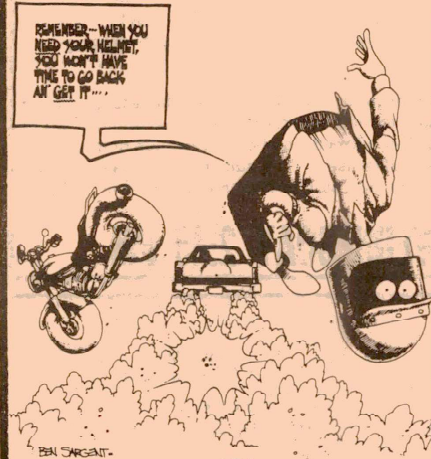
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






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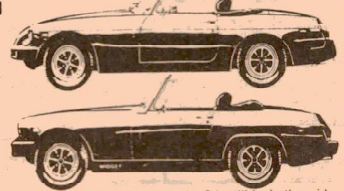
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