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AIRMEN GET NEW TITLES

ON 27 OCTOBER 1967, THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU CONFIRMED THE AIR FORCE ANNOUNCEMENT OF 19 OCTOBER CONCERNING NEW TITLES FOR THREE AIRMAN GRADES. ALONG WITH THE CHANGE IN TITLE GOES A BOOST IN PRESTIGE AND PRIVILEGES FOR ONE OF THE GRADES.

ANNUAL FIELD TRAINING DATE SET

On 7, 8, and 9 November 1967, a conference of Wing Commanders, Group Commanders, Permanent Field Training Site Commanders, and members of the National Guard Bureau, meeting at Savannah, Georgia, set the dates and sites for field training next year. 1 through 15 June 1968 is the date and Savannah, Georgia, is the place for the 192nd Tactical Fighter Group.

COMPUTER AGE PAY SYSTEM

During the October Commander's Call, Col Gravatt announced that beginning in January 1968 we will receive our drill checks through the mail. Therefore it is extremely important to keep our personnel records posted with our current address.

Be sure to read the flyer included in this mailing. It is entitled Computer Age Pay System and contains more important details that we all should know.

AIR GUARD PARTICIPATES IN NATO EXERCISE

Twelve F-100 Super Sabres of the 140th Tactical Fighter Group, Colorado Air National Guard, were flown to Turkey as part of the U. S. Strike Command Joint Task Force participating in Exercise "Deep Furrow" which began October 2 and was concluded October 6.

The F-100s were flown non-stop from Buckley ANG Base to Loring AFB, Maine. From Loring, the Super Sabres, which received en-route in-flight refueling by Strategic Air Command KC-135 Stratotankers, flew to the Merzifon area in Turkey.

"Deep Furrow" is an annual joint NATO field training exercise involving Turkish and American land and air forces. This marks the first time units of the ANG have participated in these exercises.

Effective immediately, airmen in pay grade E-4 are designated non-commissioned officers. The title and term of address are changed to Sergeant. The title for pay grade E-3 is changed from Airman Second Class to Airman First Class and the title for pay grade E-2 is changed from Airman Third Class to Airman. The term of address for pay grades E-2 and E-3 remains the same, i.e. Airman.

Within the regular Air Force, this retitling is bringing about a number of changes, most of them administrative.

The changes created an additional 167,000 members of the non-commissioned officer corps.

One immediate result was establishment of the same limitations on Article 15 punishment of enlisted members in pay grade E-4 as those for other NCOs. They may not be reduced more than one grade, correctional custody may not be imposed upon them; and they may not be assigned to extra duties of a kind which would demean their grade or position.

It was explained that the basic objectives in restoring NCO status and prestige of the sergeant title to E-4s are twofold. The Air Force seeks to recognize the level of qualification and performance required and expected of these airmen. It is hoped also that the move will help improve first-term reenlistment rates.

It was pointed out that these men cannot be promoted to E-4 until qualified at the five-skill level, the same qualification as required for promotion to staff sergeant. Many E-4s demonstrate leadership qualities in such duties as aircraft crew chiefs, military training instructors, or as supervisors over other airmen below grade E-4.

Equity with the other military services also was reiterated. It was explained that NCO status uniformly starts at grade E-4 in the other services, many soldiers and sailors attaining such status in less than 30 months. Until now, the airman has not been re-

NEW UNIFORM ITEMS APPROVED BY AIR FORCE

WASHINGTON (AFNS) --- Approval of new uniform items for airmen has been announced by the Air Force.

Approval of a blue winter cap and oxidized sterling silver cuff links, tie bar and tie tac have been approved for optional wear.

The cap, for wear with the blue service uniform and overcoat, is constructed of blue Air Force shade 1084 wool fabric and has a fur-lined flap which covers the back of the neck, forehead and ears. It is of a commercial design and should be available for purchase through Base Exchange outlets this winter. It will supplement the presently authorized ear muffs and scarf.

The cuff links are comprised of a half-inch replica of the Air Force coat of arms without encircling stars, affixed to an oval-shaped base. These replace the present button cuff links. The tie bar has the same replica of the coat of arms affixed to a 1/4-inch wide by 1 1/2-inch long bar. The tie tac also features the coat of arms replica.

No change has been made in the cuff links worn with the mess dress and formal evening dress uniforms.

The Air Force Medical Service has adopted a short sleeved, white poplin shirt for use by its male medical technicians, male nurses and male medical specialists. The shirt will be worn in lieu of the present medical attendant's smock.

The next revision to AFM 35-10 will allow Airmen to wear either the U-neck or the V-neck T-shirt. That is to say, it won't prescribe any specific style of male underclothes. Another change will allow all grades (not only officers, as previously limited) the option of wearing the embroidered "U.S." insignia.

cognized as an NCO until attainment of grade E-5, some five years after his counterparts in the other services.

The changes DO NOT affect the sleeve insignia of any pay grade, the promotion or skill-level criteria, nor the pay or benefits of anyone.



CAPSULE LAW

Sometimes a couple will rear a relative or stepchild but won't bother to adopt the child formally and legally. Such informal arrangements can be very harmful to the child, legally speaking.

A child legally adopted by a person or couple, usually assumes the parent's name, and by law becomes the parent's heir just as if he or she were a natural child of that parent. However, a foster child or stepchild who is not legally adopted would not inherit anything from the foster or step-parent if that parent should die without a will.

To adopt a child legally, one must file a petition with the county court in the county where the petitioner resides. Also, usually there must be written consent of both of the child's own parents. If the child is over a certain age, he or she must also agree to the adoption.

The judge must then satisfy himself as to the genuineness of the consent, the moral character of the prospective parents, and ability to support the child, and the mental and physical condition of all parties, and also that the adoption is in the best interests of the child.

As far as the military is concerned, a stepchild is a dependent of a serviceman even if not legally adopted by him. This means the child is entitled to all the benefits of a natural child, including his own I. D. card at age 10. However, a legal adoption is still a good idea. The Legal Assistance Officer has full details.

LASER SYSTEM BEING DEVELOPED

L. G. HANSCOM FIELD, Mass. (AFNS) -- Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories is developing a laser system for detecting small variations in the moon's motion, and for measuring earth-moon distances to within two yards. Observations could provide an independent check on the earth's equatorial radius, and on lunar theory dealing with eccentricity of orbits.

SKT HONOR ROLL

Staff Sergeant Richard E Godsey attained the HONOR ROLL by scoring 95%ile on SKT 47170 in September. To attain the honor roll airmen must score 75%ile or higher.

DO YOU NEED MONEY?

(An AFNS Feature)

If an emergency requires cash not readily available, check life insurance policies for accumulated dividends.

Some insurance companies pay quarterly or yearly dividends to their policyholders. The policyholder can elect to receive the dividends directly or to leave them with the company to accumulate and gain interest.

Accumulation of dividends works much the same as a savings account. As dividends are paid, they are placed into an account and gain interest. Accumulated dividends on life insurance policy can usually be withdrawn at any time. Hence, a life insurance policy may provide an often overlooked source of ready cash.

Another source of ready cash may be a loan from a friend or a relative. It may be available to you at little or no cost. In approaching these people with your problem, tell them the full story about your financial matters. This is important.

A friend or relative may not be as ready as a commercial lender to ask about a personal financial status. But, if you expect these people to lend you money, then they have as much right to know about your total financial picture as the commercial lender does, even though the friend may hesitate to ask.

Make a full disclosure so they know exactly what they're getting into if they agree to the loan. Your honesty about the situation may be enough to convince them to grant the loan.

However, in this connection, care should be taken that neither party is placed in an embarrassing position. Loans between military personnel in the same organization can be a source of trouble and in some cases are contrary to customs of the service and even prejudicial to good order and discipline.

It should also be remembered that lending money at excessive interest rates by military personnel is a violation of military law.

NEW SKT POLICIES

SKTs are now being administered each month for all AFSCs. This is designed to allow upgrading and promotion of airmen as fast as they become eligible.

The Air Force may drop percentile scores for SKTs and simply report airmen as qualified or unqualified as is done for the USAF supervisory examination.

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NEW AIRMEN
JOIN THE UNIT

The following airmen recently joined the Virginia Air National Guard. After basic training, they will be assigned to various sections of the unit.

Enlistees include Robert W. Sheridan, Communications; Paul W. Carlson, and John W. Rollins, III, Armament; all attend R. P. I. and are natives of Richmond. John W. Smith, Utilities Specialist, Charles City, Va., a N. C. State University student; Paul L. Harris, Communications, Staff Accountant for Price Waterhouse & Co., Washington D. C. and a graduate of the University of Richmond. Robert L. Hodges, Maintenance Repair, Newport News, Va., graduate of V.P.I., presently a Designer for the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co. Roy E. Seward, Jr., Jet Mechanic, Elberon, Va., a graduate student at the University of Va. Sam Y. Edgar, Fire-Control, Highland Springs, Va. Robert L. Arnold, II, Maintenance, Dunn Loring, Va, student at G. C. Marshall High School.

Others who have joined the unit are SSGt Donald L. Egan, Flight Line Mechanic, Highland Springs, Va., an Air Technician; Sgt Stanley V. Adams, Richmond; A1C Douglas G. Haag, Supply Squadron, Lynchburg, Va.; and Sgt Jerry F. Morris, Traffic Management Section, of Richmond.

NEXT UNIT TRAINING ASSEMBLIES

18 AND 19 NOVEMBER 1967

...AND THEN THERE WAS ONE

Ten little hunters feeling fit and fine...One forgot his safety catch, and then there were nine. Nine little hunters flirting with their fate...One started clowning, and then there were eight. Eight little hunters in a shooters' heaven...One was "triggered" by a fence, and then there were seven.

Seven little hunters wise to feathered tricks...One used a faulty gun, and then there were six. Six little hunters glad to be alive...One looked down a gun barrel, and then there were five. Five little hunters skilled in woodland lore...One took to drinking, and then there were four.

Four little hunters feeling mighty free...One had an "empty" gun and then there were three. Three little hunters tramping through the dew...One shot a shadow and then there were two. Two little hunters shooting on the run...One tripped upon a rock and then there was one. But one little hunter was still alive to tell...That following sound safety rules guard a hunter well!

RECENT PROMOTIONS

TO STAFF SERGEANT

ARLIE G COWARD 192 CAMRON
 DAVID A GIBSON 192 CAMRON
 ROBERT H McCORMICK JR 192 CSS
 BAILEY E TALLEY JR 192 CSS
 KENNETH L WYATT 192 CAMRON

TO SERGEANT

MELVIN A CALLIS 192 CSS
 JAMES S CHRISTIAN III 192 CSS
 ROBERT L CLAYTON 192 CSS
 WILLIAM A DAVIDSON 192 CSS
 ROBERT E GARY 192 CSS
 GENE C PEACO 192 CAMRON
 CURTIS R PURYEAR 192 CAMRON
 ALBERT L RICHARDSON JR 192 CAMRON
 JULIAN I SMILEY 192 CSS
 ARCHIE W SOURS JR 192 CAMRON

TO AIRMAN FIRST CLASS

RICHARD W BAKER 192 CSS
 CLAYBORNE M COINER 192 CSS
 ROY E DOWDY 192 CAMRON
 CHARLES A DROOG 192 CAMRON
 JERRY L FERGUSON 192 CSS
 DAVID L FOLDESI JR 192 CAMRON
 WALTER F FOSTER 192 CAMRON
 MICHAEL G HUBBARD 192 COMM FLT
 JOEL L JONES 192 CAMRON
 DAVID H MILBY 192 CAMRON
 GERALD W OSBORNE 192 CAMRON
 JAMES E TRICE 192 COMM FLT
 JAMES D USRY 192 CAMRON

NOTE: The grades shown in the "Recent Promotions" article, above, as well as airmen's grades in all other articles in this issue of the VANGUARD are the new grades referred to on page 1.



The 192nd TFG Chapter of the Non-Commissioned Officers Association was officially established following a meeting of all 192TFG NCOs on 29 October 1967. At that time an interim Board of Directors was elected to serve until a charter is enacted. The Board of Directors is shown in the above photo (from left to right) TSGT John L. Johnson, Secretary; SMSGT George A. Ligon, Vice-Chairman; CMSGT Harvey L. Mahoney, Chairman; and SMSGT Gordon L. Harris, Treasurer. At present, the chapter has 32 members. Membership is limited to SGT and above and applications may be made with any current member. The Board hopes to have a complete tentative charter prepared for presentation to the chapter during the December UTA. At that time, elections will be held for permanent chairs and the charter will be voted on, revised as necessary, and closed out. Meetings are at 1630 hours each Saturday UTA.

FAST-FIX CEMENT TESTED

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio (AFNS) -- The Air Force Systems Command's Aero Propulsion Laboratory is working with a cement, called "fast fix," that is fast acting, cures in 30 minutes, and in this short time has the strength of 28-day-old concrete. Although "fast fix" appears to have many commercial applications, the Laboratory developed the unique cement to repair bomb-damaged runways rapidly. Tests were conducted at Eglin AFB, Fla., where 750-pound bombs were detonated on a runway, and the craters filled with the "fast fix." A 58,000-pound weight, simulating a fighter aircraft, then was run over the repaired runway 30 minutes later without damaging the surface.

VETERANS DAY

President Johnson has sent the following message to members of the armed forces, commemorating Veterans Day, November 11:

"Freedom has never been without sacrifice.

"Americans have known the challenge and sacrifice of conflict during two centuries of gaining and defending our own liberty. Americans from all walks of life and all parts of our country have shouldered arms to protect the freedom we cherish.

"We can never repay in full the debt we owe to the veterans of this Nation's wars. But on this Veterans Day, let us pause to remember those who have borne the burden in time of war -- those brave Americans who have made sacrifices in behalf of freedom, and often given their lives to preserve it.

"And while we honor those who have gone before, let us salute also those veterans of tomorrow-- the gallant men and women who are now in the front lines of freedom in Vietnam, and around the world.

"Let us renew our pledge to all who today carry on the battle to insure that freedom's bell is never silenced."

OPERATIONALLY-CONFIGURED
 F-111A DELIVERED TO AF

Air Force received in mid-October its first operationally-configured F-111A tactical fighter.

The new "production model" flew onto Nellis AFB, Nev., Oct. 16 from the General Dynamics plant at Ft. Worth, Tex., at a constant 1,000-foot altitude, using its automatic terrain-following radar.

This radar, hooked up with an analog computer, is designed to allow safe penetration of enemy defense by controlling aircraft at very low altitudes to minimize detection, flying beneath range of air defense radars.

Air Force said terrain following is possible for the F-111A in either its straight wing position or in super-sonic flight with the wings fully swept back.

The F-111A delivered at the Nellis aircrew training center is the 31st General Dynamics has built and incorporates two Pratt Whitney TF-30-P3 engines, modified engine air inlets and other improvements over earlier F-111A versions.

EDITORIAL

The Time Has Come

THAT time of year referred to as the "Holiday Season" is approaching again.

The three big holidays—Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's—mean long weekends or leaves for most of us. There are also parties and shopping trips that become more frequent during this season of the year.

With the long weekends and family get-togethers, we'll be spending more and more time in our automobiles, making full use of the highways and city streets.

However, the additional traffic helps create more than seasonal excitement. It creates more and more opportunities for traffic accidents of all types. Couple the increased traffic volume with longer hours of darkness, winter driving conditions, and driver fatigue and inattention, and you have the ingredients for real holiday tragedy on the highway.

Now is the time for everyone to give serious thought to their driving habits, before getting involved in the holiday season ahead.

We are going to have to be more careful, more alert and more courteous than ever on the highways.

Constantly and conscientiously apply all the rules of good driving which are all too often neglected. And remember that courtesy, consideration and defensive driving will help you—and the other guy—have a safe, happy, holiday season. (AFPS)

Annual Inventory

THANKSGIVING, first celebrated at Plymouth in 1621, was only occasionally observed for the next 200 years.

It wasn't until 1863 that a day was set aside for Americans to make an assessment and give thanks for what they have.

Today, in 1967, we might sit down and come up with a list that reads something like this:

We can be thankful we live in a Nation in which citizens can speak freely.

We can be thankful for a nation which is not only the richest



and most productive in the world, but one in which those who produce the goods and services that make it rich can share in the wealth.

We can be thankful for a Nation where every citizen can exercise the precious right to vote and have a voice in the government.

We can be thankful for the brave, dedicated men and women in uniform who are serving in distant places, far from the happy Thanksgiving celebrations of their friends and loved ones, waiting, fighting and often dying to preserve freedom in a troubled world.

We truly have much for which to be thankful. (AFPS)

SILENCE fell over the battlefield and the trenches for the first time in four bloody years. The date was Nov. 11, 1918, and World War I had ended.

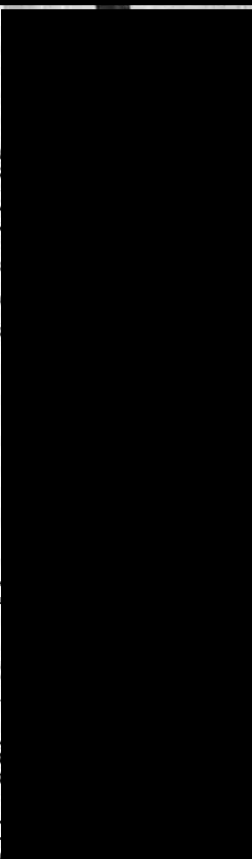
Those who returned were given a hero's welcome. Those who did not return were honored on each anniversary of the fighting's end by a Nation "... filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service..."

Peace and freedom are not easily maintained, though, for in the years that followed it became evident the forces of tyranny had not been vanquished. In other years and on other battlefields, Americans preserved their precious birthright of freedom with their courage and blood.

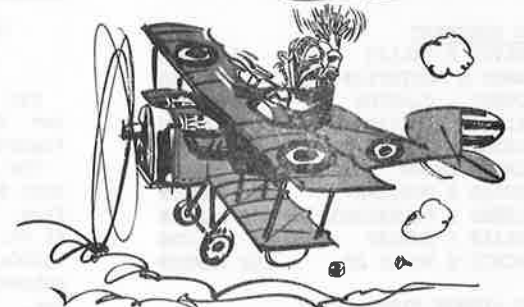
This year, as in many years past, American servicemen are fighting and dying on far-flung battlefields to help make the world safe for democracy.

On Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 1967, let us pay homage to the millions of Americans who have so steadfastly served the cause of freedom. Let us demonstrate our belief in, and support of, those who are now fighting the battle for freedom in the Republic of Vietnam.

The principles of freedom and human dignity for which they are fighting today are no different from those for which our fathers and grandfathers fought. They are basic conditions of our national life and our Nation's Armed Forces always stand ready to pay the cost in order that all Americans may enjoy the blessings of freedom. (AFPS)



way to beat the winter.



"Your Propeller, Your Propeller—You Lost Your Propeller—"
THANKSGIVING DINNER, SUNDAY UTA, 19 NOV 67

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| ROAST TURKEY | FRUIT CAKE |
| BREAD DRESSING | APPLES |
| GIBLET GRAVY | HOT BISCUITS |
| CRANBERRY SAUCE | BUTTER |
| GREEN PEAS/BACON | COFFEE |
| RELISH TRAY | MILK |
| MASHED POTATOES | ORANGE JUICE |

