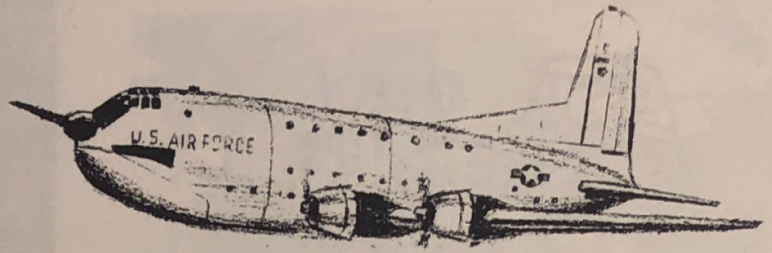


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## 937TH FLIES MISSION TO AFRICAN CONGO; AIDS MAC COMMAND IN GLOBAL MISSION

Last month a 937th flight team flew a cargo mission to Leopoldville in the heart of the African Congo.

The mission was flown to deliver an aircraft cargo loader to an air base in the Congo to be used by Military Airlift Command in its Global Mission.

The 16-thousand mile round trip flight took 12 days to complete and marks the first time a flight crew of the 937th has gone to Africa.

The unit has flown missions into all countries of the world where possible with the exceptions of Russia, China, and the Scandanavian countries.

The C-124 winged its way to 10 countries on its way to the Congo and back. Some of the countries on the flight route include: Spain, Tripoli, Libya, Nigeria, Brazil, and Puerto Rico.

The flight had another purpose, too, and that is the regular training that keeps members of the 937th at the top of the heap as far as Air Force reserve units are concerned.

### UTA DATES

JUNE 10-11      JULY 8-9

### HERE'S YOUR CHANCE...

### BUY YOUR MILITARY BALL TICKETS EARLY

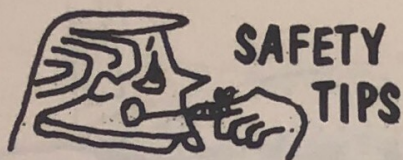
All unit members will have the chance to save one dollar on two tickets to the annual 937th Military Ball held during summer camp -- that is if the tickets are purchased no later than the June UTA.

The regular ticket price is \$2.00, but they can be purchased in advance for \$1.50.

A table will be set up before and after both Saturday and Sundays Commanders Calls and in the chow lines for your convenience.

The ball will be held at the Top of the Mall in Shepard Mall on Friday, August 18. Again, the CONAC Band will play and there will be door prizes and free setups.





## BOATING SAFETY

This is the first of four articles. The others will concern swimming safety, water skiing safety, and skin diving safety.

Today 40 million people utilize the marinas and yacht clubs. They own  $7\frac{1}{2}$  million boats and 3 million boat trailers. With this number ever increasing it becomes extremely important that everyone abide by standard rules of boating.

1. Check carefully all facilities used in transporting your boat, either by trailer or if you are carrying it on top of your auto.

2. Use proper techniques for launching your boat.

3. Be a good "skipper." This involves:

- a. having a life preserver for each person.
- b. having proper navigation and warning devices (horn).
- c. alcohol and safe boating do not mix.
- d. carry a fire extinguisher.
- e. carry a first aid kit.
- f. have paddles aboard.
- g. carry a rope.
- h. have a bucket for bailing.

## MANY COUNTRIES AID VIETNAMESE

More third-country forces are serving today in Vietnam than during the Korean conflict a decade ago.

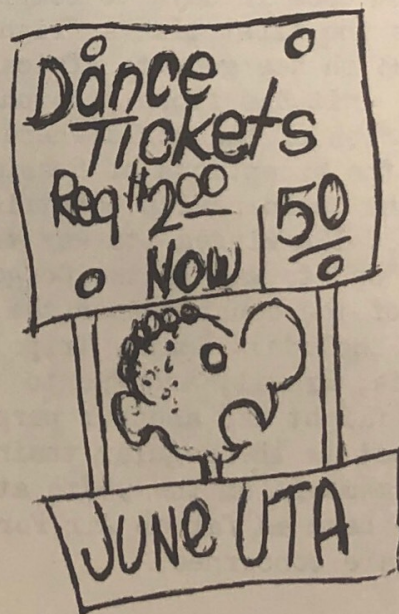
These include, in addition to Americans, some 46,000 South Koreans, 4,500 Australians, 2,000 Philippine, 200 Thais, and 150 New Zealanders.



## OREGON AIRMAN WINS TOP NATIONAL HONOR

TSgt Evan N. Hale, Outstanding Air Force Reserve Airman for 1967, chats with Lt Gen Henry Viccellio, commander of Continental Air Command, at the Air Force Association's Annual Convention in San Francisco recently.

Sgt Hale, assigned to the 304th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron at Portland International Airport, Oregon, is holding the CAC plaque awarded to him by Gen Viccellio in recognition of his outstanding achievements over the past year.





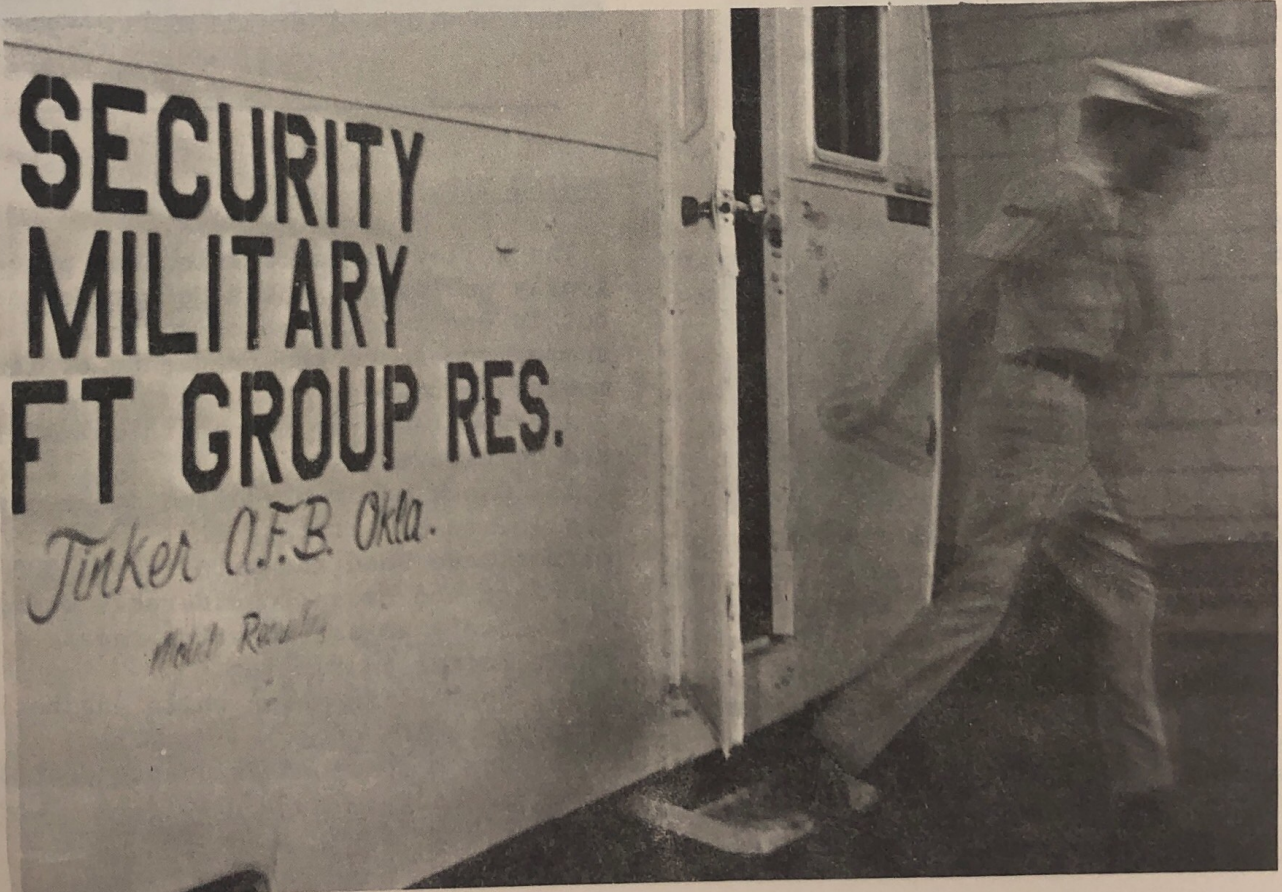
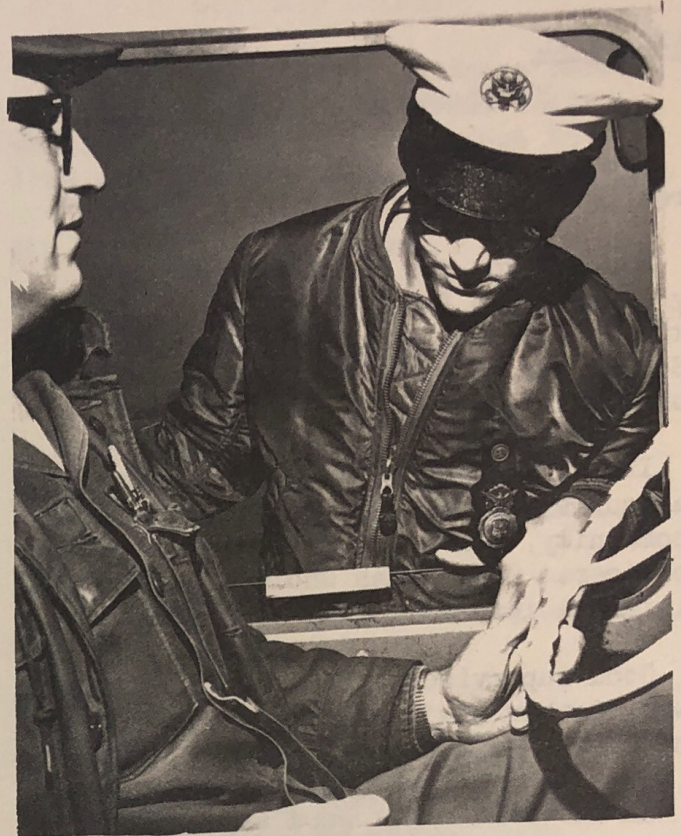
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May UTA found 937th Air Police on their toes as a surprise O-R-I was initiated. The requirements for the inspection were successful.





## EDITORIAL

### EVERY MAN IS AN IO

You are an information officer--really.

Because you are in the Air Force, your civilian friends expect you to know everything about the service. So, you do serve as an information officer.

If you are a supervisor, you have a double responsibility. To the local community, you're a public information officer. To the men who work under you, internal information is your job.

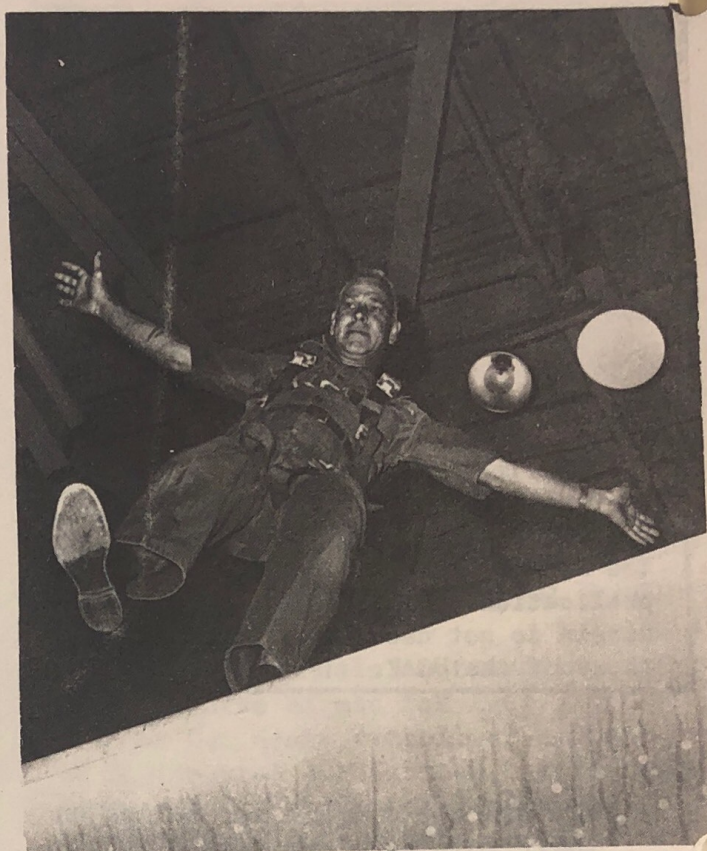
Good supervisors realize that a man will do his best work when he knows what he has to do and why.

In the same way, good supervisors do not try to use counseling sessions with either young airmen or junior officers to convince the men that Air Force is or is not the place for them. The best counselor is the man who can give his men all the information necessary and lets them make their own decision.

It's a big job. You feel terrible if you know the Air Force lost a potentially outstanding leader because you forgot to tell him about the coming pay raise, or because you forgot to tell him that the good paying civilian jobs go to men with the most experience.

Part of your job as a supervisor is keeping well-trained young men on the job. You can't do that unless you work at it.

It is a big job. Air Force provides the information you need. But getting it to the men is your job--an everyday job. (MACNews Service)



Sgt Jones tests a new safety device he designed to be worn while working on the wings of an aircraft.

## MOWING TIPS

The following information was previously published in the Sooner News but is worthy of mention again as summer comes and the frequency of lawn mowing increases.

A few noteworthy things to remember and check are listed:

1. Check mower blade and other parts for looseness, cracks, etc. Broken blades have been known to travel 300 to 500 feet and cause considerable damage.
2. Don't adjust mower or repair while engine is running.
3. Don't lift mower while engine is running.
4. Don't leave mower unattended if it is running.





## Obituary Column

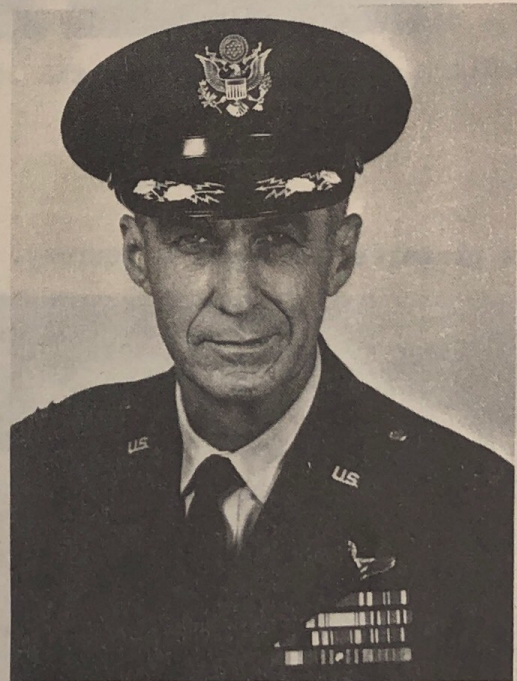
The following names are those personnel still not installing seat belts, which could mean the difference between life and death for them in auto driving.

A2C Jerald Malone  
A1C Buell Spruiell  
TSgt John Hendrickson  
A2C Robert Bartlett  
A3C J.E. Glover  
TSgt James B. Washington  
SSgt Claud Taylor

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ROA will have a regular business meeting at the Officers Club, Saturday, 8 June, 1700.

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RANDOLPH AFB, Tex.--Col. John T. Shields, commander of all U.S. Air Force Reserve activities in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Louisiana, and Arkansas, will be honored at retirement ceremonies April 27 at Randolph AFB.

Lt Gen Henry Viccellio, CAC commander, will conduct the ceremonies, climaxing 30 years of active military service by Colonel Shields.







Sgt Clark, right, supervises the construction of the new dock office.

Crew prepares for African journey.

