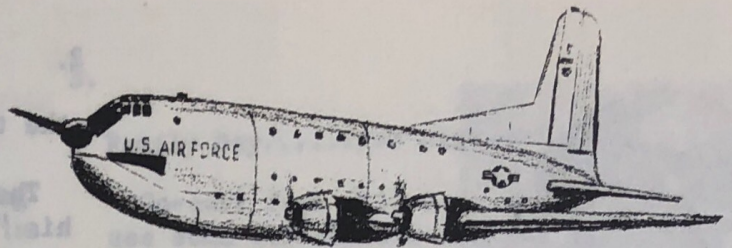


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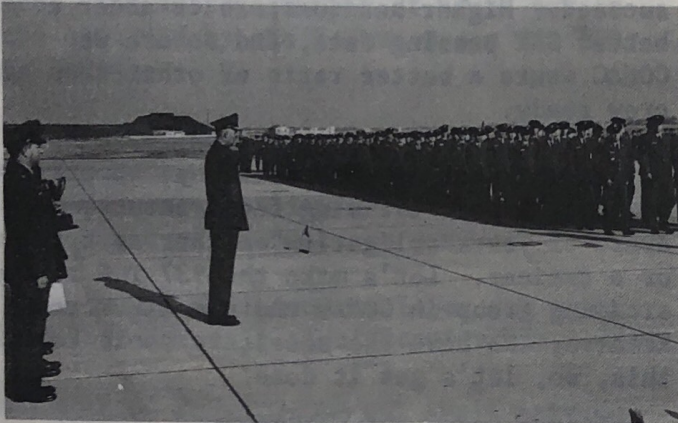


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SOONER GROUP PARADES FOR NEW COMMANDER

The 937th Sooner Group pulled a full dress parade and open ranks inspection for the new commander during the March UTA.

Lt. Col. Harry J. Huff, II, witnessed the occasion and then presented two awards.

The 937th Materiel Squadron received the Commander's Trophy as best squadron during the previous UTA from the standpoint of attendance, good housekeeping, personnel testing and upgrading and other items. Major M. O. Paddock, Materiel Officer, accepted the award on behalf of the squadron.

Major Norman E. Houston was presented with a Certificate of Achievement for outstanding performance and devotion to duty during the past year.

MATERIEL SQUADRON HITS 100% ROA MEMBERSHIP

The 937th Materiel Squadron reached 100% membership in the Reserve Officers Association during the March UTA. It is the first unit of the Sooner Group to hit the goal.

FAMILY DAY SET FOR MAY 15th. ALL MEMBERS URGED TO BRING FAMILIES FOR EXCITING DAY

Family Day for the 937th Troop Carrier Group takes on the aura of the old west on Saturday of the May UTA and will feature Western music, plenty of rides for 'kiddies', and will be topped off with a barbeque lunch on the base picnic grounds.

More than 1,300 persons were in attendance at last year's event and the tickets are selling at a fast clip for the 1965 version, planned by MSgt James C. Huckleberry.

Foreman Scotty, popular WKY-TV personality, will be on hand with many tricks up his sleeve to keep the children in the spirit of the day. Another feature will be Doc Holliday and his Frontier City Gunfighters.

Free gifts will be awarded throughout the day and the meal ticket you are given could make you a lucky winner. Four feeding stations will serve a piping hot lunch during the festivities.

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THE COMMANDER'S COLUMN



THE RESERVIST WITH AN "OBLIGATION"

Most of the personnel in our program think of "obligation" and the six-month man in the same breath. In other words, only the man who has enlisted in the six-months or non-prior program has an obligation. This may or may not be true. The man who enlists for six months of active duty and then 5½ years of a reserve assignment has a real obligation. In effect, he has signed a contract with the Air Force. The Air Force has said, "I won't draft you if you participate" and the six-month man has said, "I will be a member, an active member of a Category "A" Reserve unit with a good participation record, if you won't draft me".

Our unit, the 937th, consists of about 52% of non-prior or "obligated" reservists.

Some of the personnel in this program have said that they are "entitled" to four absences. I would like to point out that they are entitled to these absences as the result of personal illness, business reasons, or some other cause, but basically the individual is still obligated. The four absences are a privilege - not a right.

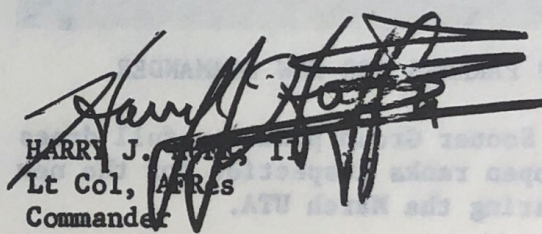
The obligation doesn't stop with the six-month or non-prior men. Everyone of us has an obligation. The ART man has an obligation to be sure that training is available for everyone on the weekend. His only reason for being employed is to provide for training of our Reserve people, so he should be doubly aware of his "obligation". If it weren't for our fine Reservists there would be no need for the ART man so he should be prepared for

the training weekend.

The prior service man should be aware his "obligation". He represents the experience in the Air Force that all of us are in need of and, therefore, he has an obligation to the unit and to our non-prior service personnel to share his experience with those who do not have. He is the trained cadre upon which our program depends so much.

With everyone in our unit having an obligation, I can't see where we can fail to succeed. Higher headquarters is after a better SKT passing rate, and so are we. CONAC wants a better ratio of other than air-crew ready.

Make the most of your weekends, be prepared to fulfill your training requirements, be aware of your "obligation" either as a trainee or a trainer. Let's make the 937 TCG the outstanding group in CONAC and the Air Force Reserve. We have the necessary tools to do this, so, let's get it done!


HARRY J. HUFF, II
Lt Col, AFRes
Commander



Sooner Group Commander, Lt. Col. Harry J. Huff, II, congratulates TSgt James Ellis after Ellis was awarded a citation and a check for \$15 for his recommendations regarding use of a safety lock for handles on the firewall access door of the C-124.

SOONER GROUP SETS MARK OF ACHIEVEMENT

The excellent coordination of all flying and maintenance personnel was reflected in the month of December 1964 when the 937th was informed that it had achieved the distinction of having the highest engine life average in the entire Air Force of those units using the 4360-20WD model Pratt and Whitney engine.

The Air Force average is 675 plus hours on an engine before an engine change is necessary. The average number of hours per engine attained by the Sooner Group was 800 per engine.

This attainment reflects directly on the rating of our unit. It enables greater flying hours availability which is one of the major goals of the reserve program.

The SOONER NEWS congratulates the men responsible for this significant achievement.

ORIENTATION FLIGHTS SET FOR APRIL MEETING

Special orientation flights are set for the April UTA for personnel of the 937th and either officers or airmen are eligible for the two-hour jaunts. Two flights will be made and the first 150 members of the unit to sign up will make the trip.

Personnel who wish to make the flight must sign up with the first sergeant of their squadron by Saturday noon of the April UTA. The proposed flight at present is a tour of the lakes in eastern Oklahoma, but the actual flight plan is not yet established.

Family Day.....from page one

Go-cart fans will have an opportunity to see some top drivers compete for a trophy Saturday afternoon. Drivers who wish to enter must do so with CMSgt Billy Smith during the April UTA. Seven cars were entered during the March UTA. MAR-CAR representatives will officiate the races.

Prague square dancers will be featured during the afternoon activities. They will demonstrate several different types of steps, called by Wilburn Hale of Seminole.

Dropping from the sky was not part of the old west but members of the Oklahoma Skydivers will drop down on the picnic grounds. 937th members will perform the jump.

Fast horses were the order of the day in frontier times, but fast turtles could win some prize money for visiting children. Any 937th member's children can bring along his speedy turtle and battle for the \$5 first prize. Second and third place finishes are good for \$3 and \$2 respectively.

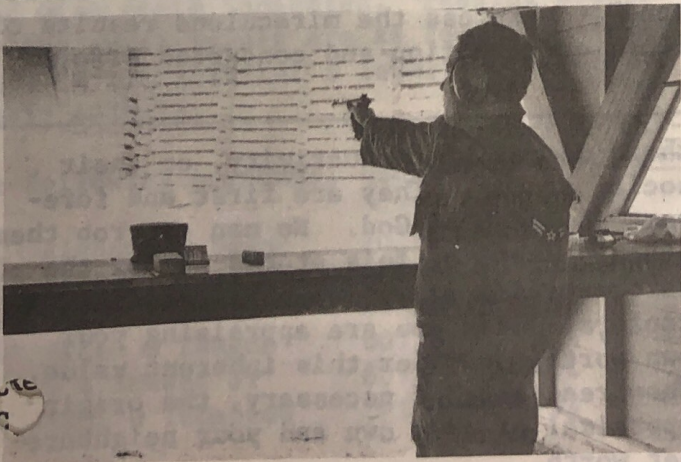
Transportation of the past is much slower than methods used in the 20th century. Static display of aircraft is also planned for Family Day and several different types will be shown to 937th members and their families.

Cost of the day's activities is only \$1 per family and should be paid by 1600 hours Saturday of the April UTA. This takes care of the cost of food and entertainment for the immediate entire family.

Some surprises will be slipped into the program and other events will be announced at a later date.

Personnel who fail to purchase tickets and bring their family will have to wait until all ticket-holders are fed and then pay the \$1 fee before they can eat.

Sooner marksmen vied for top score during March UTA. Winners qualified for team slots. Team members to be announced.



THE CHAPLAIN SPEAKS.....

Capt. Arthur A. Preisinger

The emphasis in our moral leadership training for the group this quarter is the responsible use of our material goods. In thinking about this, you might start by asking yourself how much you, yourself, are worth.

In financial terms, you are worth the sum of your assets less your liabilities. But in terms of total human values, you are worth infinitely more than that.

We all recognize that we have assets which cannot be appraised in terms of money and these must certainly be counted. Such assets are priceless. For example, money and these must certainly be counted. Such assets are priceless. For example, who can purchase family, love, friendship, a good reputation, ambition, determination, wisdom or health--physical, mental, and spiritual? When we take time to consider our total assets, most of us are reassured. We may be thankful as well, especially when we realize that our non-money assets are our greatest treasures and that in possessing these, we may recover not only from financial difficulties but also from any other setbacks of life.

To calculate your total worth beyond money assets, you will have to contemplate the inherent value of a human being. Consider the worth of an infant. Although helpless, dependent, and unproductive, the infant has infinite value because it is human. It is born with inalienable rights. It immediately inherits family status, privileges, and benefits. It immediately enjoys the rights of citizenship and the protection of the law. It automatically becomes the object of an entire society's concern for health, education, and welfare because it is a person, a creature of God, the object of His love.

In an enlightened society, therefore, the poor do not automatically lose their dignity and worth merely because they are poor; nor the sick because they are deprived of health. Their true worth is not measured by their material possessions,

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MATERIEL SQUADRON ADOPTS NEW EMBLEM



Another of the Sooner Group's Squadrons to have an emblem of their own is the 937th Materiel Squadron.

Choice of the design was the result of a contest in which 25 entries were judged for originality and aptness. Final choice was made from a group of six. Winner was CMSgt Billy F. Smith, Field Maintenance NCOIC.

The emblem is symbolic of the unit and its mission, according to the official Air Force heraldry people. The figures superimposed represent the unity of purpose, the lightning bolt symbolizes the power of concentrated effort, and the motto is "short-hand" to express the miraculous results of close coordination and concerted effort.

their degree of productivity, or their social status. They are first and foremost children of God. No man can rob them of this stature, this status, or of the worth and dignity which this relationship confers. When you are appraising your own worth, consider this inherent value. Then readjust, if necessary, the original appraisal of your own and your neighbors' net worth.

The SOONER NEWS is a unit newsheet published recently by the Information Section and the Administrative Section of the 937th TCG for personnel of the Sooner Group.

Lt Col Harry J. Huff, II, Comdr 937 TCG.

Lt Col Herschel V. Harden, Jr, Pers Off.

Captain Robert A. Johnson, Info Officer

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CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION AND OJT MATTERS

A special class is being conducted in Classroom Nr 2 at 1400 hours on Saturday of each UTA for all clerical personnel who do not have a 5-level AFSC awarded. Office supervisors will assure that their assigned clerical personnel attend this training.

The Air Force Specialty Knowledge Test will be administered in the following career fields during the April UTA. Airmen will be tested in Classroom Nr 1 at 1300 hours, Sunday, 25 April 1965.

3rd level: Any career field.

5 and 7-Level: 22, 23, 30, 32, 34, 40, 53, 55, 57, 58, 65, 67, 68, 70, 72, 74, 75, 77 and 92.

The AFSKT will be administered during the May UTA in the following career fields: 36, 42, 43, 63, 64, 71, 90 and 98.

The OJT Supervisor's Meeting will be held in Classroom Nr 1 at 1330 hours, Saturday, 24 April 1965. All OJT Administrators and OJT Supervisors will attend this meeting. Trainers, NCOICs and OICs are encouraged to attend.

The following named personnel were administered the AFSKTs indicated and qualified with score indicated. Passing scores for the skill levels are as follows: For the 3rd level; 20%tile; 5 level; 30%tile; 7-level; 40%tile.

The following personnel qualified:

A3C	Richard L Deeds	70250	30%
MSGT	Daniel N Wax	65130	20%
A3C	Larry A Smith	64330	25%
A3C	Allen G Teague	60730	50%
A1C	E Brewer Jr	60730	45%
A2C	Paul D Thompson	70130	75%

CLOTHING SALES OPENING FOR BENEFIT OF RESERVISTS - 24 APRIL 1965

The Clothing Sales store will be open on 24 Apr 65 from 1000 to 1600 hours for all personnel to purchase items of military clothing. This is a study test to determine if the clothing sales store can open on our UTA weekends.

PHYSICAL FITNESS TESTING

All personnel who had birthdays in either January, February or March are required to take their physical fitness test during the April UTA. This test will be given on the hangar floor as scheduled below:

24 April 1965

1330 hours, 18-24 years old
1400 hours, 25-29 years old
1430 hours, 30-34 years old
1500 hours, 35-39 years old
1530 hours, 40-44 years old
1600 hours, 45 years and above

25 April 1965

1330 hours, 18-24 years old
1400 hours, 25-29 years old
1430 hours, 30-34 years old
1500 hours, 35-39 years old
1530 hours, 40-44 years old
1600 hours, 45 years and above

FIRING RANGE QUALIFICATIONS-SAT 24 APR 65

Base range facilities will be utilized during the April UTA in accordance with schedule outlined in the Six Months' Training Plan, with the exception of Sunday morning. All units will assure that their personnel report to the range accordingly. As of 1 January 1965, all personnel are required to requalify.

COMMANDERS' CALL-SUNDAY 25 APR 65 AT 0800

Commander's Call will be held at the Base Theater at 0800 hours, Sunday, 25 April 1965. All personnel will report to their assigned section at the Base Theater at 0745 for signing of the AF Forms 40. See attached diagram for seating arrangement and the signing of AF Forms 40. Form 40s for Saturday, 24 Apr 65, will be located in the unit orderly room except combat support and Materiel which will be located on the hangar floor. The April Commander's Call will feature a Driver Safety program to be put on by the Oklahoma State Highway Patrol. Lt. Dan Coombs, fast-draw artist is starred. Assisting Coombs will be Lt. Petty and Mr. Laws, also of the Highway Patrol.

Immediately following commander's call in the theater, 25 April 1965, there will be a short meeting for all officers. Food service will collect 65 cents from each officer who plans to attend the unit picnic planned for May. This is in addition to the \$1.00 charge for dependents. This is being done to eliminate holding up service lines during the picnic.

TRANSPORTATION NEEDS AND DRIVER TESTING FOR GOVERNMENT LICENSES

All section chiefs that need additional vehicles for summer camp will send request to Transportation Section not later than 1200 hours 19 Jun 65.

All personnel who need government drivers licenses will report to their section chief. Section chiefs will submit names of personnel needing licenses to the Transportation Section by 1500 hours, 20 Jun 65. Licenses will be issued and/or renewed by base motor pool personnel during summer camp.

All personnel who wish to have seat belts installed in their cars will report to the dispatcher in the Transportation Section. Personnel from Transportation Section will be on duty to install seat belts during each UTA and summer camp.

OFFICERS LUNCHEON - 25 APRIL 1965

There will be an officers luncheon 1200 hours, 25 Apr 65 in the group dining hall.

All officers are urged to attend as many important announcements will be made.

VEHICLE PARKING - MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL

All personnel parking cars on the maintenance side of the hangar 1030 are requested not to park their cars there on the Saturday of the April UTA. A group sign will be painted and the cars should not be in the way.

BASE EXCHANGE PRIVILEGES FOR RESERVISTS

Effective 1 Apr 65 the Base Exchange began checking ID cards of all BX patrons even tho they may be in uniform. Reservists are limited in the items that can be purchased from the BX during an inactive training period. A chart of items that are authorized for reservists in an inactive duty status to purchase will be posted on the group bulletin board. When a reservist is not in an inactive duty training he is only authorized to purchase items of military clothing. During active duty periods for which you are on orders you have full BX privileges provided you have a copy of your orders and your reserve ID card.

NEWLY ASSIGNED PERSONNEL

The following named personnel became members of the 937 Troop Carrier Group during March 1965. The airman basics listed are newly enlisted non-prior service airmen. We welcome all newly assigned personnel and hope that their assignment will be as beneficial to them as it will be to the group.

Capt Jim L Anderson
 Capt Charles B Kietsman
 Capt Oral G Sizemore
 1stLt Wylie J Berry
 2dLt Harve D Dunn
 1stLt Bobby J Hammer
 Msgt Warner L Kizer Jr
 Tsgt Jose Perez
 Ssgt Charles L Ehardt
 A1C James M Rodgers

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A2C Richard L Boggs
A2C Gerald G Spybuck
A3C James R Heckenkamp

Airman Basics

Loyd M Adams
Harvey O Alkire
Richard E Baker
James L Blevins
Richard E Blochowiak
Ronald K Brantley
Tim R Carlton
Jimmy N Criss
Gary L Croy
Leon G Dorn Jr
James W Dorney
Travis M Gholston
Ronald P Helms
David C Loveday
Larry R Oliver
Timothy P Recer
Vernon L Riley
Daniel N Scott
Da E Tucker
Earnest L Upton
Terry O Woods

PERSONNEL INFORMATION

Recruiter Course. There are vacancies in the two-week Reserve Recruiter Course at Lackland AFB for classes starting as follows: 19 Jul 65, 16 Aug 65, 13 Sep 65, 11 Oct 65. If you are interested submit AF Forms 1289 to Ground Training. You can get additional information by contacting Sgt Kilgore in Personnel.

The Distinguished Unit Citation is not authorized for wear by members of the 512 Troop Carrier Wing nor the 937 Troop Carrier Group. This ribbon was authorized for members of the 442 Troop Carrier Wing for action during WW II and was worn as a temporary award by members who later joined the organization. Reference paragraph 16, AFR 900-13.

FOR ALL OFFICERS

Reserve Officers Association State Convention, Apr 30 thru 2 May 1965, Stillwater,

Oklahoma. ROA is dedicated to insure an adequate national defense. The strength of the ROA is you. Attend the State Convention and learn of the trend of our National Policy. Our total strength of purpose will directly affect the continuance of adequate Reserve Forces nationally and locally. See Maj Blocker, Room 205, and register for these military profession educational meetings.

The second payment of \$5.00 for the group officers fund is due and payable during the April UTA. For the information of some officers that have not understood the makeup and purpose of this fund, the following information is furnished:

a. This fund was established by vote of the 937 Trp Carr Gp Officer membership 13 Dec 64.

b. Dues for this fund are \$20.00 per calendar year from each officer member of the 937 Trp Carr Gp and is payable \$5.00 per quarter for the calendar, or \$20.00 for the year paid in advance.

c. This fund is for the purpose of funding officer activities as follows:

- (1) Membership in the ROA
- (2) Two paid socials each year for the officer members of the fund, his wife or date. All others attending must pay an individual pro-rated charge.
- (3) Gifts, flowers, cards, etc for officers and immediate family for births, illness, etc.
- (4) Other special assessments which require a specific vote by the officers of the 937 Trp Carr Gp.

d. Make your payments this UTA to LtCol Carson, or Lt Shaffer in room 205, Maj Eden in room 235, or Capt Lucas in room 213. See them - - they will not contact you.

Unit Vacancy Board Schedule. The following letter from Hq CONAC, 22 Mar 65, is quoted for your information. "Reference

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is made to ARRC Selection Board Schedule for FY 65 and Chap 62, AFM 35-2. Existing authority for unit and mobilization vacancy promotion for reserve officers not on EAD to the grades of Capt, Maj, and Lt Col will expire on 30 Jun 65. An extension of that authority beyond that date is questionable. Therefore, to allow sufficient time for processing, the Unit Vacancy Board scheduled to convene at the ARRC on 7-8 Jun 65 has been rescheduled to convene on 10 May 65. All recommendations should be submitted to arrive at the ARRC (RPS), 3800 York St., Denver, Colo., 80205, by 30 Apr 65.

1964 YELLOW MILITARY DECAL EXPIRES 1 MAY 1965

The yellow 1964 Military Decal expires 1 May 65. The 1965 military decal is available for issue through the 937 Air Police Branch or Gate 2, Area A. The clothing sales store can also issue this decal. This fund is for the purchase of summer uniforms 1505/505 AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR

The summer tan uniforms 1505/505 became authorized for wear March 15. Personnel are still authorized to wear summer weight blues. The 1964 Military Decal expires 1 May 65. The 1965 military decal is available for issue through the 937 Air Police Branch or Gate 2, Area A. The clothing sales store can also issue this decal. This fund is for the purchase of summer uniforms 1505/505 AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR

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