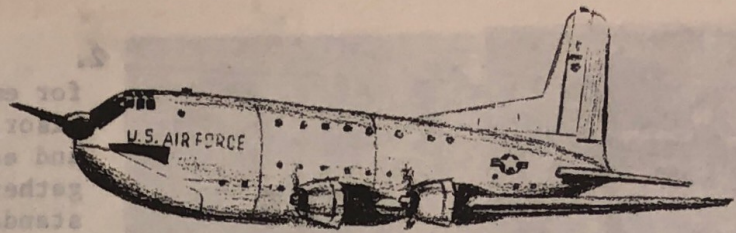


# 937th SOONER NEWS



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## UTA DATES

19-20 June 1965

17-18 July 1965

## WINNERS IN OFFICERS FUND RAFFLE ANNOUNCED

The winners in the 937th Troop Carrier Group Officer's Fund Raffle were announced at the Officer's Call during the last UTA.

All prizes were donated and the funds collected sent to the Reserve Officers Association to support the ROA Building Fund.

Winners were: Capt Glenn Ellenwood, a set of seat belts for his automobile; Maj. Jack Sutliff, a habachi pot for his patio; and Maj. Jim Wade, an electric carving knife.

Something more than \$200 was collected in support of this years building fund pledge.

## SOONER GROUP FLYS TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, PUERTO RICO, AND TO FAR EAST COUNTRIES

The 937th Sooner Group has joined forces repeatedly recently with other "Ready-Now" Reservists of CONAC's C-124, C-119, and C-123 airlift forces.

The men of the 937th have flown three missions to Puerto Rico (2) and the Dominican Republic (1) for a total of 41,168 ton miles and 89,050 passenger miles.

Vietnam bound aircraft have been halted at Clark AFB, P.I. once and at Hickham AFB, Hawaii once for a total of 301,531 ton miles. Another flight to Saigon is in the air at the time the SOONER NEWS goes to press.

CONAC volunteer crews have made more than 125 flights into the Santo Domingo area and many other flights were made to transport men and equipment within the United States and to such far flung locations as Saigon, Iceland, Greenland, Alaska, Brazil and other areas.

## GROUP SIGNS STATE AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPION

Lt. Col. Jack Newman, Commander of the 937 Combat Support Squadron gets a few tips on golf from the groups newest recruit, George E. Hixon. Hixon is Oklahoma State amateur golf champion. He leaves for basic training September 3 to be followed by administrative specialist school, after which he will return to the Combat Support Squadron for assignment. Hixon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F.E. Hixon, 1609 Norwood Place, Oklahoma City.





## THE COMMANDER'S COLUMN

To run a business properly it is necessary to inventory your stock periodically. Some businesses do this on a monthly basis and others do it on a yearly basis. This inventory points out what you are overstocked with, what you need to order, and gives the business man an idea of his net worth.

I think we should do the same thing in our reserve program because a review of our resources and our "stock" will point out areas we need to improve in during the coming months.

During the last six months we have shown a steady increase in airmen manning. We have gone from 479 airmen in November 1964 to 581 airmen to date. Our officer manning increased from 85 to 109, and our UTA attendance for May was 98% for officers and 97% for airmen.

The one area where our "stock" is low is in the SKT passing percentage. We must improve our on-the-job training. This calls

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for emphasis by each commander, each supervisor, each OJT administrator and trainer and each OJT trainee. If we all pull together in this one area, we will exceed the standards and again verify the fact that the 937th is the outstanding group in the U. S.

We are also on the verge of improving our combat capability. By up-grading 5 navigators and 5 engineers we will attain a readiness status never obtained by any C-124 Reserve unit.

To sum up: All members of this group must concentrate on the following:

1. Improve our OJT Program so that we improve our SKT passing rate.
2. Recruit airmen and officers to attain 100% manning.
3. Up-grade sufficient crew members to receive our combat capability.
4. Maintain the high level of attendance and management we have enjoyed during the past six months.

Our 937th Group is reaching for the top rung of the ladder. Let's all get together, work hard and make the next six months as interesting and rewarding as the last six months have been.

I know at inventory time next January all of these goals will have been reached.

*Harry J. Huff, II*  
HARRY J. HUFF, II  
Lt Col, AFRes  
Commander



# THE CHAPLAIN SPEAKS

Chaplain Arthur A. Preisinger

George Washington issued the following order to the Continental Army on 3 August 1776:

"The General is sorry to be informed that the foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing, a vice heretofore little known in an American Army, is growing into fashion; he hopes that the officers will by example as well as influence endeavor to check it; and that both they and the men will reflect that we can have little hope of the blessing of heaven on our arms if we insult it by our impiety and folly; added to this, it is a vice so mean and low, without any temptation, that every man of sense and character detests and despises it."

Sound words, those; and doubly applicable in our day - - a day in which many men bore: "I speak two languages: English and Profane."

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## SOONER GROUP HITS 100% MEMBERSHIP IN ROA

Organization commanders in the 937th Sooner Group were presented Citations at the last meeting of the Tornado Squadron Chapter 66 of ROA. The awards were accepted by the commanders on behalf of the efforts of all men in the group in attaining 100% ROA membership.

In the accompanying photo Squadron Commanders join Group Commander Huff and Lt. Jean Cotton in sharing the camera spotlight. From the left: Lt. Col Jack Newman, 937 Cmbt Support Sq, and newly elected V.P. for Air for the Oklahoma Department ROA; Lt. Col. Chas. Von Stein, Group Exec Officer who made the awards; Maj. Donald E. Montague, accepting for the 305th; Lt. Jean Cotton, newly elected Jr. V.P. for Air, Okla Dept ROA; Lt. Col Huff, accepting for the entire Group; Lt. Col J. L. Morris, 937 Material Sq. and Capt. John T. Forsythe, Tactical Dispensary.

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SOONER GROUP SEEKS AIRCREWS FROM AFAR RUNS SHUTTLE SERVICE TO TEXAS ON UTA'S

The 937th Troop Carrier Group has been successful in filling its aircrew quota by hard punching recruiting as evidenced by this group of Texans waiting to board one of the group's airlift aircraft following the May UTA. Making stops at both Amarillo and Lubbock the aircraft picks up these men each UTA and at other specified times: From the left- Lt. Frances E. Veranth, Amarillo; Capt Robert E. Hazlett, Lubbock; Capt Glenn L. Ellenwood, Perryton; Capt. David D. Waugh, Lubbock; Capt. Richard S. Brown, Wheeler; Capt. Ronald L. Hillier, Amarillo; Capt. Morris B. Baxter, Lubbock.



TORNADO SQUADRON CHAPTER 66 ROA ELECTS

Capt (soon Major) Bob Williams was elected president of the Tornado Squadron Chapter 66 of the ROA at the last meeting of the group. In the photo above Williams is second from left. Other newly elected officers are Capt. Tom Lucas, left, secretary; Williams; Maj. Dick Eden, Vice President; and Maj. Jim Wade, member Executive council.

## The Chaplain Speaks .... Continued

Why do men curse? There are many reasons. They do it from force of habit. They suffer from poverty of speech. It offers a quick release for pent-up emotions. Others simply lack self-control; they are emotional juveniles. Still others are sadistic and love to make hearts cringe before stinging, biting, damning curse words.

But most important, misuse of God's Name violates God's Law "thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain"

There is a picture of a sailor, with fists tightly clenched, sizzling mad. At his feet lay an American Flag, ripped to shreds. The caption of the picture reads: "Who did that?" In the corner cowered a little puppy. He didn't know what it was all about, but some sort of sixth sense made him realize that it was expedient to keep his whereabouts a military secret.

Someone might say, "Why should that sailor get so mad" It was only a cloth of red, white and blue that was torn."

You know and I know and everybody else knows that the flag stands for a great country. Insult that flag, and you insult the country. Similarly, "What's wrong with using God's name in vain? His name is only a sound made by the larynx." His NAME stands for HIM, just as surely as the flag stands for the country. Mistreat the name, and you insult God.

## FOR ALL OFFICERS

Your Officers Fund dues of \$5.00 for the 2nd Quarter CY 65 are due. Make your payment to LtCol Carson, Maj Eden, Capt Lucas or Lt Shaffer during this UTA.

The following officers see Lt Shaffer concerning your account: Lt Nelson, Capt Hintze, Evans, Platt, and Staigmiller, Maj Ruffeissen, Graham, McCaskill, Matlock, and Storts.

The second social for this year will be coming up soon. This social will be funded from this account. Attendance will be limited to paid up members, wives or dates.

## GROUND SAFETY OFFICER SEZ "BE ALERT WHEN MOWING LAWN"

The following list of suggested rules were prepared by the 937 Safety Office concerning safety precautions when mowing your lawn this summer.

1. Check and clear the lawn of foreign objects prior to mowing.
2. Clear the area of bystanders so that in the event the mower strikes and throws an object no one will be injured.
3. Don't mow the lawn barefooted or with flimsy footwear.
4. Before adjusting the mower shut the engine off and remove spark plug wire.
5. Don't fill the gas tank of a hot engine. Wait until it cools off.
6. If lawn has hills or banks, mow along face of incline rather than up and down.
7. Never leave the engine running when a mower is unattended.
8. BE ALERT ! ! ! ! !

## S U M M E R   E N C A M P M E N T

31 July 1965 thru 14 August 1965

## OJT INFORMATION

A special class is being conducted in Classroom No 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 (AFSKT) will be administered in the following career fields during the June UTA. Airmen will be tested in Classroom No 1 at 0800 hours, Sunday 20 June 1965.

3-level: Any career field.

5 & 7-level: 20, 24, 27, 29, 31, 46, 47, 54, 56, 60, 62, and 73.

The AFSKT will be administered during the July UTA in the following career fields: 22, 23, 30, 32, 34, 40, 53, 55, 57, 58, 65, 67, 68, 70, 72, 74, 75, 77, and 92.

The OJT Supervisor's Meeting will be held in Classroom No 1 at 1330 hours, Saturday 19 June 1965. All OJT Administrators and OJT Supervisors will attend this meeting. Trainers, NCOICs and OICs are encouraged to attend.

## PHYSICAL FITNESS TESTING

All personnel who had birthdays in either January, February or March, and did not take their Physical Fitness test during the April or May UTA are required to take their test during the June UTA. The test will be given on the hangar floor as scheduled below:

19 June 1965

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

20 June 1965

0830, 18-24 years old  
0900, 25-29 years old  
0930, 30-34 years old  
1000, 35-39 years old  
1030, 40-44 years old  
1100, 45 years and above

## COMMANDER'S CALLS

Commander's Calls for units of the group will be as follows:

Hq 937 Trp Carr Gp, 305 Trp Carr Sq, 937 Aerial Port Flt, and 937 Tac Disp, 0815, Saturday, 19 June 1965 in the Operations Briefing Room.

937 Cmbt Spt Sq at 1445, Saturday, 19 June 1965 in Dining Hall

937 Matériel Sq at 1445, Sunday, 20 June 1965, Operations Briefing Room.

## SMALL ARMS TRAINING

Small Arms training will be conducted during the June UTA by a Base range instructor. Airmen other than Category A type will be scheduled as indicated below. Airmen who have completed Basic Training since 1 Jan 65 should not be scheduled.

<u>Saturday:</u>	<u>(HOURS)</u>	<u>0900</u>	<u>1030</u>	<u>1300</u>	<u>1430</u>
937 Cmbt Spt Sq	4	4	4	0	
937 Materiel Sq	5	4	4	6	
Hq 937 Gp	0	0	0	1	
305 Trp Carr Sq	0	1	0	1	
937 Aerial Port Flt	0	0	1	1	

<u>Sunday:</u>	<u>(HOURS)</u>	<u>0900</u>	<u>1030</u>	<u>1300</u>	<u>1430</u>
937 Cmbt Spt Sq	4	4	4	0	
937 Materiel Sq	4	4	4	0	
Hq 937 Gp	1	0	0	0	
305 Trp Carr Sq	0	1	0	0	
937 Aerial Port Flt	0	0	1	0	

## ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NCO COUNCIL

In accordance with 937 TCGPR 30-1, the NCO Council was formed and held their first meeting during the May UTA. Election of officers was held and TSGT Ron Bourbeau was elected President, MSGT Robert H Dennerle, Vice President, and SSGT Elsie Marshall, Secretary.

During the meeting, the Group Summer Party was discussed and it was decided to have the party off base this year if it at all possible and a subcommittee was appointed by the council president to investigate the availability of a facility around Oklahoma City. The group consisting of Sgt's Brooke, Herron, and Moore is to come back with a recommendation next UTA.

Tickets for the summer party will go on sale at the June UTA and will be sold by the members of the NCO Council for \$1.00. This will entitle the member and his wife or date to an evening of dancing and fun.

Each squadron is represented by a member of the NCO Council. In order for this council to succeed, it is imperative that enlisted personnel within each squadron contact and discuss with the member, any problem that affects the morale of the group or suggestions for improvement of the group's activities or regulations. It is important that you keep in mind that this NCO is appointed by your First Sergeant to represent you in these council meetings and he cannot represent you if he is not aware of your feelings about the way the group is functioning.

The next meeting of the council will be at 1430 hours, 20 June 1965, in the Operations Communications Center.

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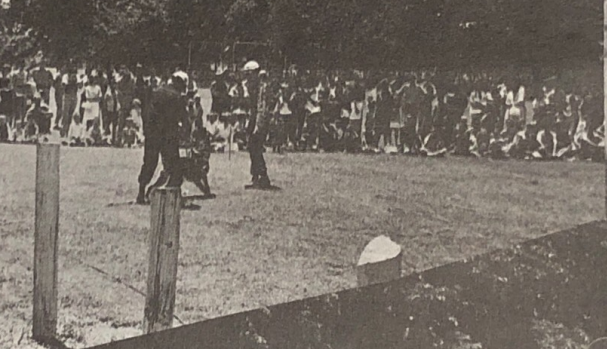
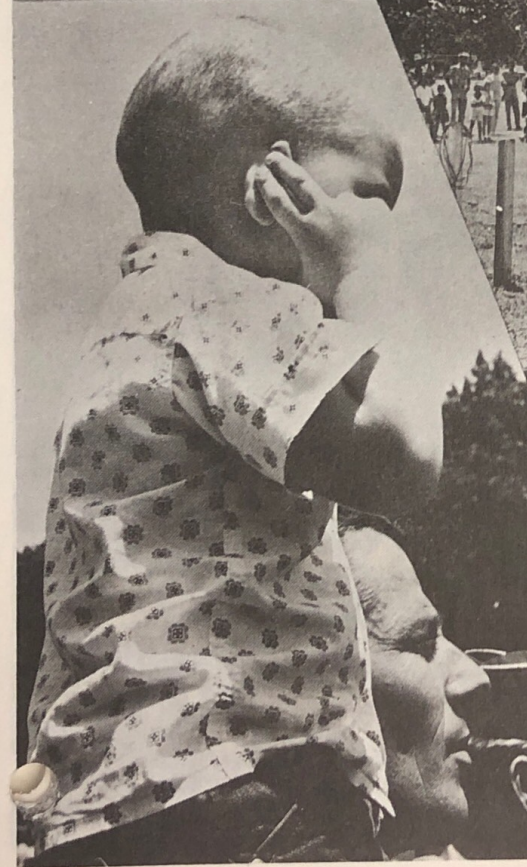
## WELCOME TO THE NEWLY ASSIGNED OR ENLISTED PERSONNEL

The following officers and airmen became members of the Sooner Group during the month of May. We welcome these men to the 937 Troop Carrier Group.

Maj Philip J Heidlage  
Maj James L Wade  
Maj Alvin M White  
Capt Robert E Hazlett  
Capt Robert M Strebeck  
Capt David D Waugh  
SSGT James E Whitehead  
A2C Herbert O Giles  
A2C Joseph C Griffith  
A2C John Nelson Jr  
A2C Steve B Oglesby  
A2C Stephen D Roberts  
A2C John B Schnittjer  
A3C Leon J Chaufy

The following people were enlisted into the non-prior service program during the month of May. Our welcome is also extended to these men.

AB Timothy R Aschmann  
AB Ernest D Baze  
AB John A Broadwell Jr  
AB David L Bennett  
AB Billy D Boese  
AB Michael M Cobb  
AB Gary E Creager  
AB Elvin C Crites Jr  
AB David L Estell  
AB Roger L Evans  
AB Ronald W Everaard  
AB Eugene Goldberg  
AB Robert K Jackson  
AB Tommy E James  
AB David C Jones  
AB Vernon H Jones  
AB Arlo D Helberg  
AB John K McNutt  
AB Dewey C Metheny Jr  
AB David G Moutray  
AB Thomas R Smith  
AB Ronnie L Stone  
AB Victor R Talley





# CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF EVENTS FOR JUNE UTA

## SATURDAY, 19 JUN 65

0730 - 0800	Sign In	937 CSS & Mat Sq on Hangar Floor All others - Unit Orderly Room
0815	Commander's Call	Hq 937 TCGP, 305 TCS, 937 TAC DISP, 937 APF in Operations Briefing Room
0900	Firing Range	See schedule for unit participation.
1030	Firing Range	See schedule for unit participation.
1300	Firing Range	See schedule for unit participation.
1300 - 1530	Immunizations	Hangar Floor - See Bulletin Board for names.
1330 - 1600	Physical Fitness Testing	See article for age group times
1330	OJT Supervisor's Meeting	Classroom 1
1400	702X0 Classroom Training	Classroom 2
1430	Firing Range	See schedule for unit participation.
1445	Commander's Call 937 CSS	Dining Hall
1620	Retreat Ceremony	Hq Sq and Tac Disp
1645	Sign Out	Same as signing in.

## SUNDAY, 20 JUN 65

0730 - 0800	Signing In	937 CSS & Mat Sq on Hangar Floor. All others unit orderly room
0800	AFSKT Testing	Classroom 1
0830 - 1100	Physical Fitness Testing	See article for age group times.
0900	Firing Range	See schedule for unit participation
1030	Firing Range	See schedule for unit participation
1300	Firing Range	See schedule for unit participation
1430	NCO Council Meeting	Operations Comm Center
1445	Commander's Call 937 Mat Sq	Operations Briefing Room

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SUNDAY, 20 JUN 65

1620 Retreat Ceremony Mat Sq

1645 Sign Out Same as signing in

NOTE: Special training & meetings for flying personnel in addition to these above are published by the Operations Section.