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## NEW MESS OFFICER KEEPS KITCHEN IN SHAPE; COOKS STRIVE TO MAINTAIN HIGH STANDARDS

There's Hope in the 937th kitchen. Lt. John S. Hope that is.

Mess Officer Hope, new to the food services section, finds his new job to his liking and says his only big problem is finding enough room in the mess hall for the members of the 1,000 man 937th.

The Pepsi Cola public relations man from Tulsa, joined the unit in January and is the first new officer to come to the unit via the new OTS program which permits the man to go through OTS and then complete his six months training with his unit.

Assisted by MSgt J.A. Hannis, Mess Sgt.; TSgt Roy J. Templeton, OJT Supervisor; SSgt R.G. Rowan, assistant Mess Steward; and twelve cooks, Lt. Hope over-see the preparation of five meals each UTA week end.

OJT training programs find the cooks in specialized classroom study with curriculum study including lectures and practical demonstrations in the kitchen and personnel management, sanitation, refrigeration, preparing, cooking and serving meats, poultry, fish, fruits, salad, soups, desserts, and beverages.

The food service section is constantly under close inspection by the base hospital flight surgeon. All facilities must be kept in top working order to meet requirements.

Because of the increased manning the



Lt Steve Hope, new 937th Mess Officer.

937th has outgrown its kitchen facilities. All food has to be ordered at least three months in advance and from four to five months ahead of time for the two week summer camp.

Other areas of concentrated study include preparation and method of baking bread, pies, and pastries. Mess hall personnel begin their day at 4:30 a.m. in order to facilitate the number of men to be fed.

According to Lt. Hope, "to my knowledge, the 937th is the only reserve unit which serves meals to their men during monthly UTA's."

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# THE COMMANDER'S COLUMN

In the 937th we possess one of the greatest assets available for having a top-notch Air Force Group---confidence in our commander, Lt Col Harry J. Huff. He in turn displays confidence in his staff, the officers in charge of each section, and through the NCOIC'S , by delegation of his authority.

Man must achieve some kind of satisfaction in a job well done, is wasted. To achieve this he must have confidence in himself and all levels of supervision.

This confidence and know-how on the job, will contribute to a healthy attitude. A correct mental attitude is a solid base on which to build confidence. I suggest that You may help our Group even more by developing a better RMA (right mental attitude).

We know that our moods fluctuate and sometimes need a lift. Listed below are some suggestions, that, if used, will tend to make you a happier and more productive person. If nothing else, it will certainly brighten up the people with who you work and associate.

## Right Mental Attitude (just for today)

### JUST FOR TODAY...

I will try to live this day only, and not tackle my whole life problem at once. I can do something for 12 hours that would appall me if I felt I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

### JUST FOR TODAY...

I will be happy. "Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be."

### JUST FOR TODAY...

I will strengthen my mind. I will study. I will read something that requires effort, thought, and concentration.

### JUST FOR TODAY...

I will adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my "luck" as it comes desires. I will take my "luck" as it comes and fit myself to it.

### JUST FOR TODAY...

I will do somebody a good turn and not get found out. I will do at least two things I don't want to do just for exercise. I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt. They may be hurt, but today I will not show it.

### JUST FOR TODAY...

I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress neatly, act courteously, criticize not one bit, not find fault with anything, and not try to improve or regulate anybody but myself.

### JUST FOR TODAY...

I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will save myself from "Hurry indecision."

### JUST FOR TODAY...

I will try to get a better perspective of my life.

### JUST FOR TODAY...

I will enjoy my job and my friends, and believe that, as I give to the world, the world will give to me.

LIVE JUST FOR TODAY, THERE IS NO TOMORROW,  
FOR WHEN TOMORROW COMES, IT IS TODAY.

Try these on for size, JUST FOR TODAY.

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BOATING, POWER MOWERS PROVIDE  
THREATS TO SUMMER ENJOYMENT

Today boating is one of America's fastest growing recreational activities. Nearly 40 million people go boating for fun and relaxation. There are over 7½ million boat trailers, and over 5,000 marines and yacht clubs in use.

This is why its more important that everyone know and practice a few simple rules of safety. The first rule of boating safety. The first rule of boating safety is to know how to swim.

In addition:

1. Can you swim for 10 minutes?
2. Can you put on life vest while treading water?
3. Do you know how to use a buoyant cushion correctly?
4. Do you know how to inflate clothing as a floatation aid?

Have you or your family ever tried the four basic swim tests for boating safety? If you haven't, why not make this your first step toward water safety.

You can learn swimming skills through Red Cross classes, at the "Y", at summer camps, at your local pools, etc.

There are basically five courses of accidents when boating:

1. Over powering---the correct motor for the hull
2. High speed turns--don't speed, slow down for turns.
3. Over loading
4. Falling overboard
5. Damage from wakes.

Following the above basic rules will insure you and your family of an enjoyable vacation, not one where tragedy will strike.

Another popular summer activity is mowing the lawn and power mowers involved cause many injuries. The following rules of safety will reduce the number of accidents which could result from the use of these handy machines.

1. Remove all stones, sticks, bones, etc. from the area to be mowed.
2. Don't allow children to use or play with a power mower.
3. Safety shoes should be worn. Never go barefoot or without sneakers.
4. Goggles should be worn by anyone near a running mower.

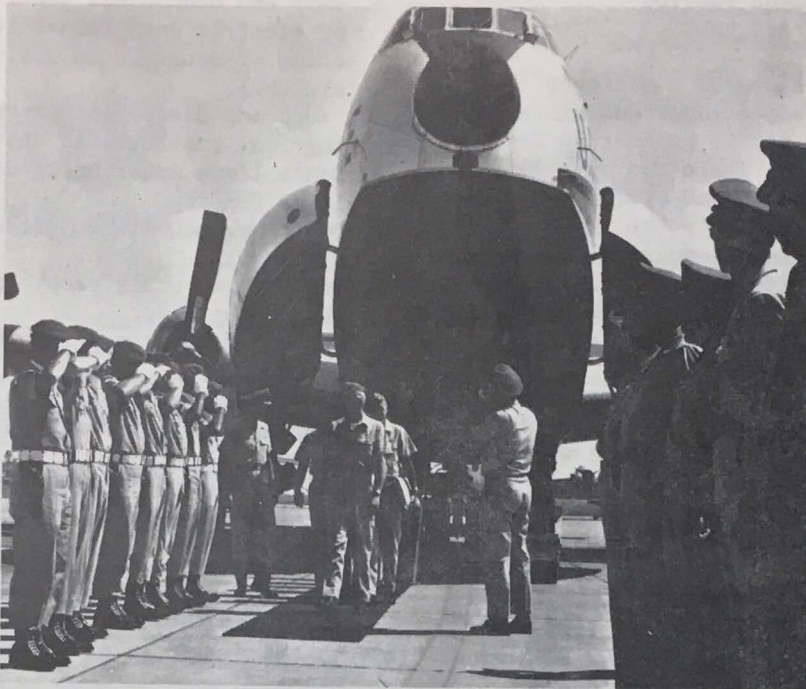
5. Stop and disconnect power (spark plug or electric cord before clearing machine of debris. Do not rely on a clutch.)
6. Stop and disconnect power before moving from one level to another.
7. Don't leave mower unattended while it is running.
8. Don't use mower when grass is wet or slippery.
9. Don't allow other people or pets in the mowing area.
10. Don't lift or tip a running rotary mower.
11. Don't fill fuel tank with motor running or while engine or exhaust is hot.
12. Cut hills or terraces sideways.
13. Store fuel in an approved safety can.
14. Allow mower to cool before storing.
15. For electric mowers, be sure that frame and motor of mower are grounded through third wire in or on the cord.



Lt Col Huff, Congressman Page Belcher and Maj Gen Mike Massad at mid-winter ROA conference in Washington D.C.



Lt Col Huff serving as chairman of Air Force section of ROA resolutions committee in nation's capitol.



Air Police spend much of their summer encampment time as an honor guard for visiting inspection teams and visitors to the unit.

SAFEGUARDING MILITARY INSTALLATION  
BIG CHORE WHEN SECTION SHORTHANDED

Safeguarding a military installation could become a time consuming job, especially if the Air Police section concerned lists only four men on its personnel roster.

Such is the case with the 937th AP Section. Due to an unexpected turn over, Capt Stanley W. Alexander, Air Police Officer, finds his section slightly undermanned.

Relief is in sight. At present there are eleven men in training and they should move into the vacant slots in the near future.

Assisted by NCOIC MSgt Joe Millsap, OJT Supervisor TSgt G.F. Hazlett, and Administrative NCOIC SSgt Robert Caruthers, Capt Alexander keeps close watch when it comes to carrying out the responsibilities of the section.

Eighty per cent of all training is focused on security. The other twenty per cent is law enforcement which entails car registration, traffic control,

flag ceremonies, and honor guard duties.

Training procedures are in accordance with AFM 207-1 which is the Aero Space Security Plan. Instruction in AP duties requires the ability to secure the controlled area around building 1030 during any type of emergency.

Concentration is stressed in the areas of apprehension and restraint, search and seizure, investigation, court martial procedures, and the punitive articles of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

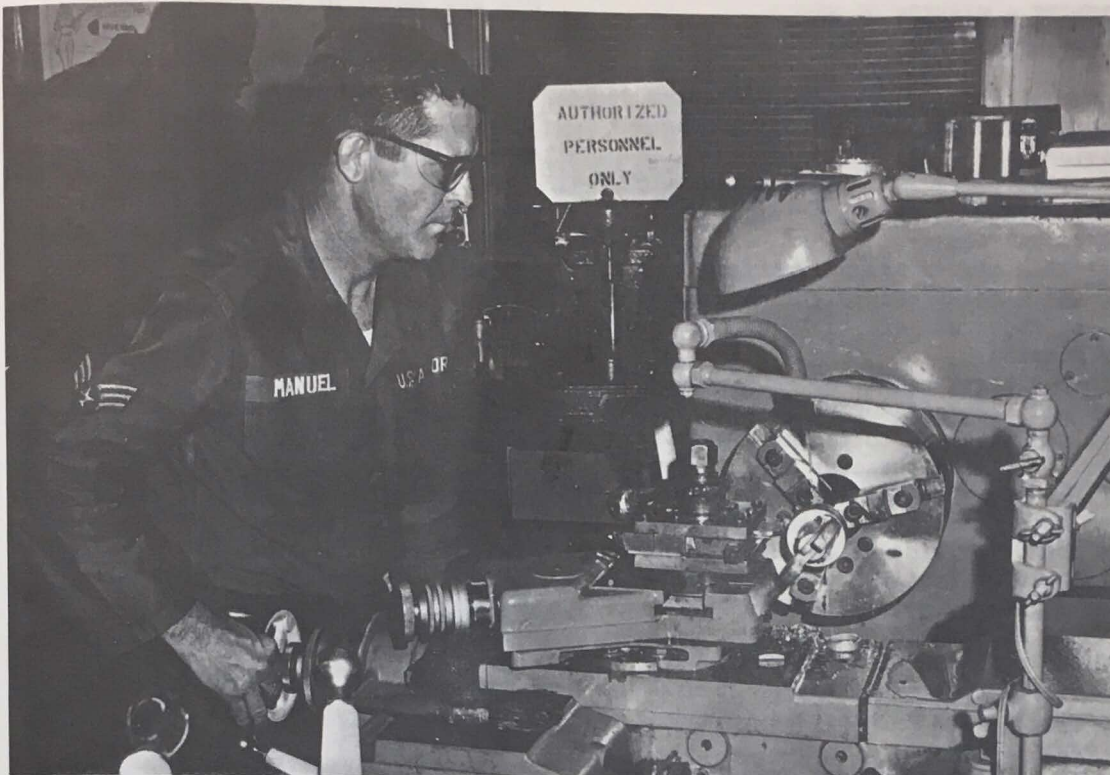
The Air Police are vital to the overall security mission of the Air Force; they provide the nucleus of the security force which is responsible for carrying out the security mission.

The Air Force security mission is to protect the facilities, material, personnel, and classified information from acts of sabotage, espionage, and subversion, and from attacks by hostile persons, mobs, or forces.

Security personnel are the backbone of day-to-day security.

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ALC James Manuel, metal shop technician, uses metal lathe skill in modifying a C-124 wing clamp.

937th's METAL SHOP PLAYS VITAL ROLE  
IN OVERALL MISSION OF UNIT MAINTENANCE

The 937th's metal shop occupies a big area on the south side of the hangar floor, and the men are charged with an equally big job.

Branch chief, MSgt J.E. Ellis, runs the shop and the work activities of the 24 men in four different areas under the metal shop title.

Structure repair, machinist, welding and fuel system sections fall under Ellis' supervision and the assistant branch chief is MSgt Sam Thomas.

TSgt R.D. Tomlin is NCOIC of the machinist section and SSgt W.R. Baxter is NCOIC of welding.

The work of the metal shop -- a part of the maintenance squadron -- is divided into a couple of areas, metal processing and sheet metal work.

Metal processing is responsible for planning all work in the areas of sheet metal, welding, fuel tank repair and machine shop. Its staff plans and lays out all manufacturing, repairing, cutting, bending

and fitting of metal to size and shapes for new or repaired parts.

The staff is also in charge of training new airmen to journeyman standards.

Sheetmetal personnel manufacture and repair airframe structures such as frames, stringers, bulkheads, spars and air-scoops, remove damaged parts, and replace or repair by patching or reinforcing parts to restore original strength.

Work orders and general instruction from the shop foreman keep the machinists busy turning out such tools as punches, dies, brakes and holding devices for use in manufacturing parts.

Production work on all types of parts, plus close machining work on special assignments round out the activities of the machinist section.

Skill with the oxacetylene process is imperative to welders. Another method of welding used on all metals and alloys is electric arc, used in forging small tools.

Welders also get in on cleaning, testing and repairing coolant and oil temper-

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TOP PRIORITY = MISSION OR MEN  
(From Chaplain's Desk)

Does the mission always have priority over men? Or do men have priority over the mission?

Don't allow yourself to be trapped into answering either of these questions with a short or pat answer.

The mission always has priority over men in that the mission can only be accomplished by men, by those who are assigned to a particular mission.

All things being equal, no self-respecting man will beg off, or shirk his assigned duty. He is sworn to defend his country with his life, if necessary. This is one side of the story and an important one.

Do men have priority over the mission? This is the other side of the story. The answer should be 'yes' if priority means that the rights, dignity, safety, and security of an individual may never be jeopardized or expended carelessly, and without deliberate consideration of mission accomplishment -- expected losses versus expected gains.

This principle applies not only in life or death situations but also in matters involving our general welfare, pay, promotion assignments, educational and other career opportunities.

This is the official Air Force view: personnel are people. They are not mere numbers, automated records, or pawns. Nor are they expendable. The people in the Air Force accomplish their mission. Apart from the people in the Air Force, there is no Air Force.

Metal shop plays vital role  
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atures, regulators, radiators and associated parts.

In the fuel tank repair shop, personnel are running constant checks for leaks using exacting equipment. Often the men are subjected to toxic fumes and very cramped working conditions.

One of the bigger shops in the 937th, the metal shop plays a vital role in the mission of the unit.

NEW WAF SWORN IN

The 937th's newest woman recruit is ALC Mary L. Ahern, who will be working for Lt Col Huff as an administrative specialist.

She served four years active duty and is a native of Chicago, Ill. and now lives in Shawnee. Her civilian job is that of procurement clerk at Tinker



New officers of the NCO council are (l-r), TSgt Leonard Porter, vice president; TSgt Ronald Bourbeau, president, and MSgt William Morrison, secretary. The men on this board represent the enlisted men to the commander when a legitimate complaint is registered with one or more of its members. Credit for improved serving conditions in the 937th mess hall is given to this 3-man group.



Air police personnel are shown above helping 937th members secure new auto decals for 1966. Registration will continue during the May UTA in building 761. Persons needing new decals are requested to bring car title, and insurance information when applying for the new bumper decal.