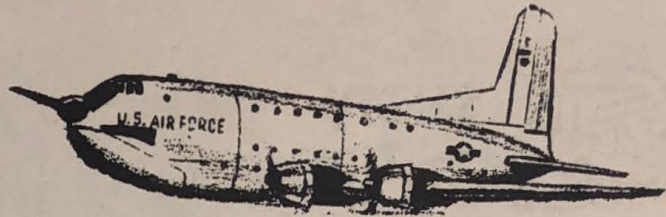


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COMMANDER HUFF RECEIVES TOP ROA HONORS DURING ANNUAL CONVENTION IN OKLA CITY

937th Commander, Col Harry J Huff, was given a couple of pats on the back during the annual Reserve Officers Association which met in Okla. City, March 18-19.

He was elected to a one-year term as president of the Oklahoma ROA and named as that group's candidate for the position of national vice president for the Air Force. He will campaign for the office at the summer convention in San Francisco.

In addition to Huff, the 300 ROA members elected Cmdr Robert B. Sparks of Oklahoma City, vice president for Navy; Maj Lester L. Wildman of Tulsa, vice president for Army.

The convention members also passed a resolution commending the youth of Oklahoma for "Their mature understanding of our nation's foreign policy and their exemplary conduct in support of such policy."

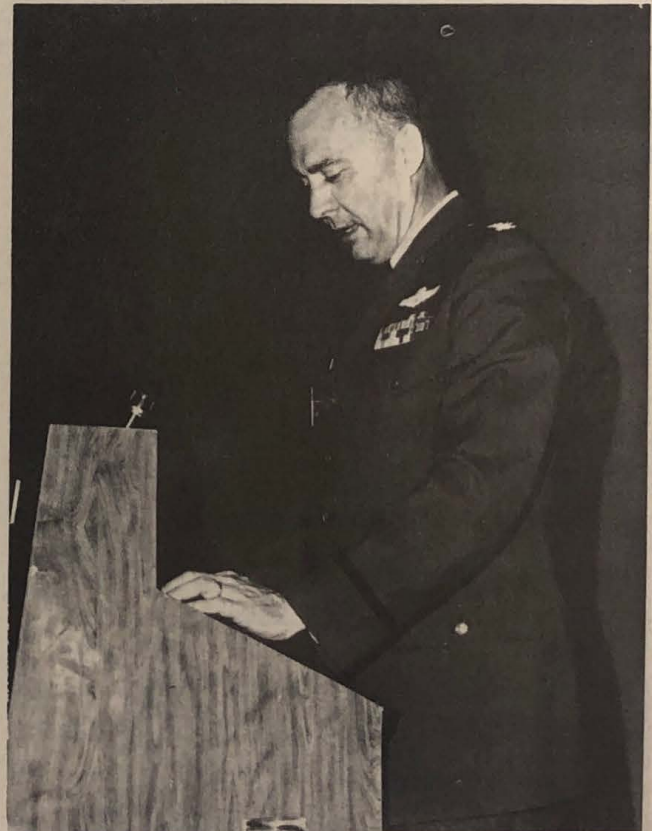
Appearing on the program at various times were Lt Gen Henry Viccello, representing the Air Force; Admirals A.G. Ward and Alexander Jackson, representing the Navy; and Lt Gen Harvey H. Fischer, representing the Army.

Cmdr Harold F. Bratches, commander of the Oklahoma City Naval Reserve Unit, is the out-going president of Oklahoma ROA organization.

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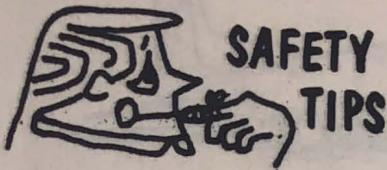
APRIL 8-9

MAY 6-7



COL HUFF TAKES THE PODIUM to preside as Okla ROA president for this year.

SEAT BELT MEETING SCHEDULED



If you are thinking of a vacation trip by auto with the family this summer, start your preliminary preparations now.

To assist you in getting your trip off on the right foot the ground safety officer has prepared an automobile survival kit which includes a first aid kit, emergency reflectors, fire extinguisher, and other equipment.

The kit is available only through signing a property pass which will be returned when the kit is returned. There are only two such kits presently available.

Those who wish to make arrangements to borrow these kits for their trip should contact Capt Klima, safety officer as early as possible before the date of your vacation.

The kits must be returned when the individual has completed his vacation trip.

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There will be another meeting of unit seat belt monitors at 1300 hrs April 8 in the ground safety office.

The safety office has a new location which is directly opposite to the Commander's office.

The following units have a seat belt monitor assigned as indicated:

Aerial Port-None
305th MAS-Sgt Shields
Maintenance-Capt McGraw
Communications-MSgt Thomas
Dispensary-None
Support-Capt Alexander
Supply-MSgt England
Hq-Capt Klima

The following units have 100% seat belts in their automobiles:

Aerial Port Flight
Communications
Supply

OBITUARY COLUMN

Listed are several of the 937th MAG personnel who don't currently have seat belts in their automobile. It is quite possible that this could be the difference between life and limb for these people.

Sgt Hightower-305th MAS
Airman T. Ray-Hq
Airman S. Iven-Hq

CIVIL DEFENSE COURSE SLATED AT OU

A civil defense management course will be held at Oklahoma University April 24-27 for disaster control and management and planning personnel.

The course is a condensation of the three weeks office of civil defense course held at Battle Creek, Mich. and serves as a short indoctrination course.

Interested 937th personnel should contact:

Stanley Kicks, Director
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LT GEN HENRY VICCELLO, left, and Navy Cmdr Harold F. Bratches were among the guest speakers at the Oklahoma ROA Convention held recently in Oklahoma City.

AIR FORCE OBSERVES 20TH ANNIVERSARY

The Air Force is observing its 20th Anniversary as separate service. At the same time we are marking our 20 years as a Department, we should recall that, as an organization of air-minded people, the Air Force will be 60 years old this year.

Since August 1907, the Air Force has developed as a unit under different titles, but always in a continuous line of succession and with a special identity. In terms of experience and achievement, the Air Force is three times 20.

As you know, the theme of the anniversary will be "Air Force 20 - Aerospace People, Progress, Power." In our observance we should emphasize the past achievements as well as present capabilities and future responsibilities.

For the achievements before 1947 comprise the primary reason why the Air Force became a separate and coequal service.

FULFILL YOUR RESERVE OBLIGATIONS-- OR YOU MAY BE CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY

Individual reservists not satisfactorily fulfilling their reserve obligation may be called to active duty.

Secretary of defense Robert S. McNamara announced in March plans for implementing congressional authority contained in the department of defense appropriations act of 1967 which provides that certain individual reservists who are not satisfactorily fulfilling their duty will be eligible for up to 24 months of active duty service.

The new procedures will become effective immediately, however, it is expected that the first individuals affected will not be called to active duty sooner than five months.

The new rules are designed to assure greater equity in fulfilling military obligations. The individuals direct-
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TAKE YOUR ATTENTION WITH YOU

Good place to sleep? A way to "goof off?"

If that's what you think of Commander's Call -- maybe you should take a second look!

Better still, figure it out for yourself. Add up the hourly wage of all who attend. Even in a small unit the amount can be staggering.

Let's say your unit "spends" \$10,000 a month on Commander's Call. Who pays for it? You, the taxpayer. And a taxpayer should get a good return on his investment.

That puts you on the spot, though. Why? Because that "return" is up to you. Sleep through the hour and you gain nothing. Listen to what goes on and you get the latest word on pay, promotion, chances of your going to Viet Nam -- all the things that vitally affect you and your family.

Air Force figures a man should know why he has to do what he has to do -- and what's in it for him as well as for Uncle Sam. That's the why of Commander's Call -- and Air Force says it's worth it.

Your commander must collect information and present it to you. That's his job. But Commander's Call is a two-way street. It won't work unless you do. So "spend" your tax dollars wisely. Next time you go to Commander's Call, take your "attention" with you. You'll be glad you did.

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ly affected are now enjoying draft deferment without contributing directly to the strength and readiness of reserve component units.

The defense department action follows the signing of an executive order which delegates to the secretary of defense or, if designated by him, the secretaries of the military departments, the authority vested in the president to order to active duty any member of the ready reserve who --

1- is not assigned to or participating satisfactorily in a unit in the ready reserves.

2- has not fulfilled his statutory reserve obligations.

3- has not served on active duty or active duty training for a total of 24 months.

The number actually ordered to active duty will depend on the extent to which those individuals go about completing the remainder of their obligation.



Col Huff bids Gen Viccello adieu

