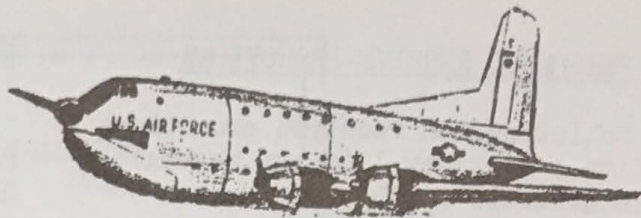


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ANOTHER UNIT FIRST---OCAMA Supply and Transportation presented its first Supply Discipline Organizational award to the Materiel Control Section of the 937th Military Airlift Group (Reserve). The Section was cited for its outstanding effort in daily reconciliation of assets, providing accurate and time location and status information on rep airable assets, appropriate stockage of parts and management of priorities. Attention to bench stocks resulted in an average supportability rate of above 95% during the last year. Priority requisitions have been reduced by 18%. Presenting the award is Maj. Gen. Melvin F. McNickle, OCAMA Commander, to Col. Harry J. Huff, Commander of the 937th Co. Huff, in turn, recognized MSgt William Franklin, Materiel Control Section supervisor, shown at right.

937TH PERSONNEL RECEIVE PROMOTIONS

The following men received promotions effective 1 February 1968 and several men are affected by the new grades.

From Sgt to SSgt are Robert B. Boese, William C. Henson, Michael L. Jones, Frank M. Walker and John E. Windle.

From A1C to Sgt are Loyd M. Adams, James F. Alspaugh, Raymond B. Arnold, Edward S. Barnhill, Richard E. Blochowalk, James L. Chappell, Gary R. Davis, Lyle G. Dieckmann, Roger L. Evans, Russell S. Jay, James F. Kapella, Phillip H. Maxwell, Hugh D. Mosier, Michael P. Mulligan, Neil R. O'Daniel, Samuel R. Offutt, Andy F. Owens, Larry A. Smoot and George G. Sorenson.

From Airman to A1C are Larry A. Abbott, Jerry L. Barton, Stanley K. Brantley, Richard B. Dickinson, Richard W. Elliston, Thomas N. Harrison, Joseph S. Hudson, Allie V. Peoples, Benny E. Richardson, Joseph A. Schlunt, Allan C. Taylor; James F. Tubb, Larry E. Urish and John F. White.

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BASE PAY INCREASE PROVISIONS LISTED

Basic pay of all members of the Armed Forces was increased 5.6 percent by the Uniformed Services Pay Act of 1967. President Johnson signed the bill Dec. 16, 1967 and it was made retroactive to Oct. 1, 1967.

Here are some of the law's specific provisions:

1. a 5.6 percent increase in basic pay.
2. increases dependency allowance for grades E-1 through 4.
3. authorizes basic quarters allowance for certain bachelor personnel in connection with PCS.
4. provides bonuses for some doctors who voluntarily extend active duty time.
5. establishes revised procedures in regard to retired pay.
6. ties average military pay increases to future civil service classified employees increases.
7. authorizes travel and transportation allowances for convalescing service members.

The 5.6 percent increase in basic pay is the amount required to assure that the military realizes the same overall salary increase granted this year to classified employees in the Federal civil service.

In order for the new dependency allowance to be awarded, a serviceman in E-1,2,3, or 4 must have a Q allotment in effect for his dependents.

TINKER DELIVERS JET ENGINES

Jet engines were among the 20,000 pounds of critical cargo in the first airlift from Tinker's recently established aerial port of embarkation.

A C-141 Starlifter crew commanded by Capt. Gary A. Colwell left Tinker for Udorn AB, Thailand Jan 14.

Tinker and Kelly AFB, Tex., are the only inland ports for military cargo in the U.S. The inland port concept is designed to cut two or more days from the military supply pipeline.

UTA SCHEDULE
March 9-10

THE FOLLOWING CHART IS INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE OF THE SOONER NEWS TO ENABLE MEMBERS OF THE UNIT TO FIGURE THEIR BASIC PAY. TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH YOU WOULD MAKE PER DAY, DIVIDE THE AMOUNT OF BASIC PAY LISTED BY 31.

Military Basic Pay, Effective October 1, 1967, Provided in the Uniformed Services Pay Act of 1967

OFFICERS

Pay grade	2 or less	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 26
O-10 ¹	\$1,503.90	\$1,557.00	\$1,557.00	\$1,557.00	\$1,557.00	\$1,616.40	\$1,616.40	\$1,740.60	\$1,740.60	\$1,865.10	\$1,865.10	\$1,989.30	\$1,989.30	\$2,113.80
O-9	1,332.90	1,367.70	1,397.40	1,397.40	1,397.40	1,432.50	1,432.50	1,491.90	1,491.90	1,616.40	1,616.40	1,740.60	1,740.60	1,865.10
O-8	1,207.20	1,243.50	1,272.90	1,272.90	1,272.90	1,367.70	1,367.70	1,432.50	1,432.50	1,491.90	1,557.00	1,616.40	1,681.50	1,681.50
O-7	1,002.90	1,071.60	1,071.60	1,071.60	1,119.30	1,119.30	1,184.10	1,184.10	1,243.50	1,367.70	1,462.20	1,462.20	1,462.20	1,462.20
O-6	743.10	816.90	870.30	870.30	870.30	870.30	870.30	870.30	900.00	1,041.90	1,095.30	1,119.30	1,184.10	1,284.60
O-5	594.30	698.40	746.10	746.10	746.10	746.10	769.50	810.60	864.60	929.40	982.80	1,012.20	1,047.90	1,047.90
O-4	501.60	610.20	651.30	651.30	663.00	692.70	739.80	781.20	816.90	852.60	876.30	876.30	876.30	876.30
O-3 ²	466.20	520.80	556.20	615.90	645.30	668.70	704.70	739.80	757.80	757.80	757.80	757.80	757.80	757.80
O-2 ²	373.50	443.70	532.80	550.50	562.20	562.20	562.20	562.20	562.20	562.20	562.20	562.20	562.20	562.20
O-1 ²	321.00	355.20	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70	443.70

¹While serving as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Chief of Staff of the Army, Chief of Naval Operations, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, or Commandant of the Marine Corps, basic pay for this grade is \$2,332.20 regardless of cumulative years of service.

²Does not apply to commissioned officers who have been credited with over 4 years' active service as enlisted members.

OFFICERS CREDITED WITH OVER 4 YEARS' ACTIVE SERVICE AS ENLISTED MEMBERS

Pay grade	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 26
O-3	\$615.90	\$645.30	\$668.70	\$704.70	\$739.80	\$769.50	\$769.50	\$769.50	\$769.50	\$769.50	\$769.50
O-2	550.50	562.20	580.20	610.20	633.60	651.30	651.30	651.30	651.30	651.30	651.30
O-1	443.70	473.70	491.40	509.10	526.80	550.50	550.50	550.50	550.50	550.50	550.50

WARRANT OFFICERS

Pay grade	2 or less	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 26
W-4	\$474.60	\$509.10	\$509.10	\$520.80	\$544.50	\$568.20	\$591.90	\$633.60	\$663.00	\$686.70	\$704.70	\$728.10	\$752.10	\$810.60
W-3	431.40	468.00	468.00	473.70	479.70	514.80	544.50	562.20	580.20	597.60	615.90	639.60	663.00	686.70
W-2	377.70	408.60	408.60	420.30	443.70	468.00	485.70	503.10	520.80	538.80	556.20	573.90	597.60	597.60
W-1	315.00	361.20	361.20	390.90	408.60	426.30	443.70	462.00	479.70	497.40	514.80	532.80	532.80	532.80

ENLISTED MEMBERS

Pay grade	2 or less	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 26
E-9 ¹							\$539.10	\$551.40	\$564.30	\$576.60	\$589.20	\$601.20	\$632.70	\$694.20
E-8						\$452.40	465.00	477.30	489.90	502.20	514.50	527.10	558.30	620.10
E-7	\$284.40	\$340.80	\$353.40	\$366.00	\$378.30	390.30	402.60	415.50	434.10	446.40	458.70	465.00	496.20	558.30
E-6	245.10	297.60	309.90	322.50	335.10	347.10	359.70	378.30	390.30	402.60	409.20	409.20	409.20	409.20
E-5	211.50	260.70	273.00	285.00	303.90	316.20	328.50	340.80	347.10	347.10	347.10	347.10	347.10	347.10
E-4	177.90	223.20	235.50	254.10	266.70	266.70	266.70	266.70	266.70	266.70	266.70	266.70	266.70	266.70
E-3	128.70	179.70	192.30	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60	204.60
E-2	106.20	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80	148.80
E-1	102.30	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20	136.20
E-1 (under 4 months)	95.70													

¹While serving as Sergeant Major of the Army, Senior Enlisted Advisor of the Navy, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, or Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, basic pay for this grade is \$844.20 regardless of cumulative years of service.

Flying Safety

Several years ago an Air Force pilot was found dead in a BOQ room here at Tinker. He had apparently gone to bed and decided to smoke one more cigarette---his last.

Probably he dozed off and the cigarette caught the bedding on fire and rather than actual blazing, the bedding smoldered and he died from smoke inhalation--aphyxiation or what ever you care to call it. Anyway, he died.

Not long ago while crew resting on a trip to Florida, I was awakened in the dark of night by smoke in the room. I jumped up to see where it was coming from to find the other pilot--my roommate smoking in bed.

I asked him about it and he said he just couldn't sleep and decided a smoke might relax him a little. The point being--he might have relaxed the both of us with "his last cigarette."

You may wonder how I relate this to Flying Safety---If you are out with a basic crew, it would be unsafe to fly Ole Shakey home minus a crewmember.

Smoke 'em if you got 'em.



MAINTENANCE AWARD---Col. Harry J. Huff, commander of the 937th MAG, presents the "Clyde MAG Award" to TSgt Gene M. Clayton, one of the unit's crew chiefs. Clayton received the award for his efforts in preparing a C-124 for a Puerto Rico trip in which the flight crew reported there were no maintenance delays permitting the aircraft to meet its schedule.

FLIGHT LINE SAFETY

from Ground Safety Newsletter

A recent accident involving personal disregard for individual safety shows a need for closer monitoring and surveillance of flight-line activities.

The accident involved a special purpose vehicle (Case farm tractor) and a transient aircrew member.

While towing an MD--3 power unit and making a left turn in front of a C-130 aircraft, the left front wheel of the tractor struck and passed over a crew member who was lying down on an unlighted ramp. The vehicle had been in motion for approximately 50 feet and was traveling at a speed of 5 MPH or less.

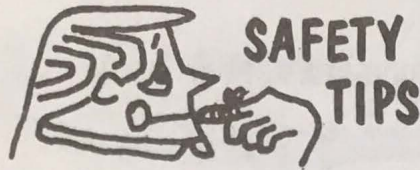
When personnel feel the need for rest, they should be concerned enough for self-preservation to move to a safe area. An unlighted ramp is not, repeat is not, a safe area for smoke breaks or cat-naps. The see-and-be-seen concept is vitally important in areas of poor or inadequate lighting. Too often the attitude exists among some personnel that, "I can see him so he must see me." This mistake has taken its toll in lives and injuries. Personnel error has consistently accounted for 50 per cent of the total Air Force accidents.

This area offers commanders and safety officers their most fertile field for accident prevention.

CONAC NAMES AIRMAN OF THE YEAR

MSgt. Daniel A. Goss, an Air Force Reserve technician with the 911th Military Airlift Group at Greater Pittsburgh Airport, is Continental Air Command's airman of the year.

Sergeant Goss, an air operations supervisor, will be guest of the Air Force Association at its annual convention in Atlanta April 3-5 with top airmen from other commands.



SOUVENIRS CAN CAUSE SERIOUS ACCIDENTS

The Air Force has experienced several recent accidents involving souvenir items containing explosive capabilities.

Included in this category are collector's items, metal parts of munitions, squibs, igniters, small arms ammunition, detonators, primers and other similar items.

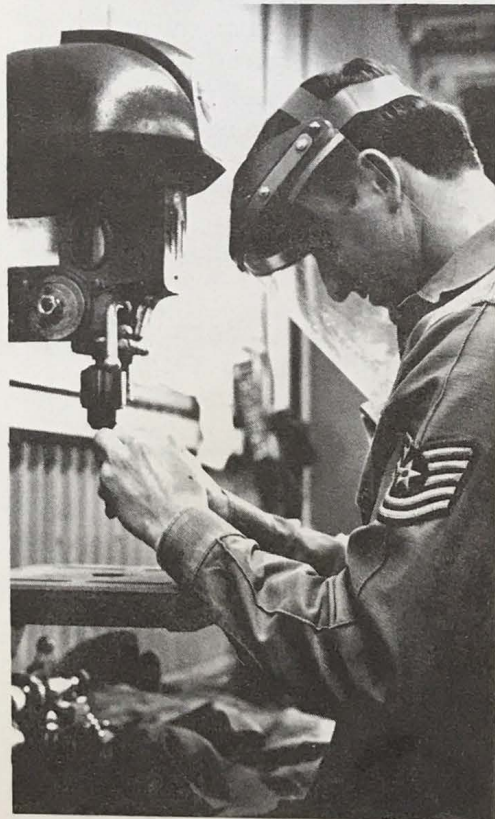
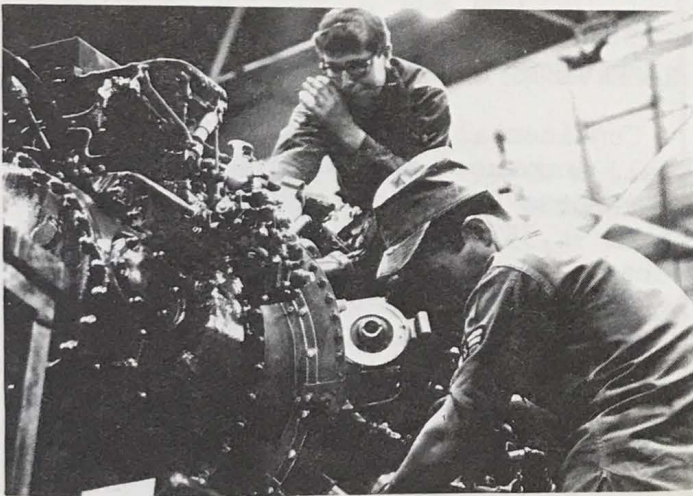
Over-familiarity or ignorance of the hazards involved can result in serious accidents to personnel who handle such material.

All personnel having knowledge of such items being retained for souvenir of display purposes must immediately report them to Detachment 3, 2701st Explosive Ordnance Building 700, ext. 3632, or the safety office, Building 240, ext. 3263. Proper steps may then be taken for inspection, disarming, and/or disposal.

RESERVISTS BREAK ALL-TIME RECORD

Continental Air Command officials announced that during 1967, Air Force Reservists logged more than 94,353 flying hours, an increase of over 7500 more than the previous year, which was a record year. A total of some 34,535 tons of cargo were airlifted, nearly 9,000 tons more than in 1966. Their ton mileage was almost 68 million miles, an increase of 25 million over the corresponding period in 1966. Reservists also airlifted 75,367 passengers over 40 million passenger miles. Support to the U.S. Army and Marine Corps consisted of airdropping over 100,000 troops.

937th PERSONNEL IN ACTION DURING UTA



SUNDAY - 10 Mar 68

0730-0800 Sign In - CAM Sq, Base Theatre
Sign In - All Others, Orderly Room

0830-1000 Rifle Range - Open
Pistol - Open

0815-1200 SKT and EOC Testing - Bldg 200

LUNCH 1100-1140 - CAM, Disp
1140-1220 - 305, Supply, AME, APF
1220-1300 - Support, Hqs, Comm

1240-1400 Commanders' Call - 305, AME, APF - Briefing Room

1430-1600 Immunizations - Dispensary

1400 Promotion and Classification Board - Bldg 761

1645 RETREAT: Support

A critique debriefing will be held in the Operations Briefing Room at 1530, 10 March 1968. All key personnel should plan to attend.

In accordance with AFR 123-11, a personal conference period will be held for military and civilian personnel by a representative of the 22d AF Inspector General in Bldg 460, Room 235, at 1600 hours, 10 March 1968.

Pay problems that have occurred from the Jan UTA and individuals who have not received their Jan UTA check, should receive their checks before 10 March 1968.

ALL personnel should check the locator roster when signing the Form 40 to make sure their address is correct. This was one cause of delay in delivery of checks.

CONGRATULATIONS!!! to four brand new Lt Colonels - Lt Col D. J. Carry, Lt Col Ward Blocker, Lt Col Richard Eden, Lt Col Robert Clark.

SATURDAY - 9 Mar 68

0630-0730 Staff Meeting, Bldg 761

0730-0800 Sign In, Commanders' Call, Base Theatre, Support, Gp Hqs,
Supply, Comm. All Others - Orderly Rooms.

0830-1000 Rifle Range - 4-305: Open
Pistol - 4-305: Open

0830 Flying Physicals - Flight Surgeon's Office

1000-1200 Rifle Range - 4-305, 16-Supply
Pistol - 4-305, Open

1030 1st Sergeants' Meeting - Group Admin Office

1230-1400 Rifle Range - 4-305, Open
Pistol - 4-305, Open

1230 Non-flying Physicals - Flight Surgeon's Office

Lunch 1100-1140 - CAM, Disp
1140-1220 - 305, Supply, AME, APF
1220-1300 - Support, Hqs, Comm

1300 Immunizations - Dispensary

1400-1600 Rifle Range - 4-305 - 1600
Pistol - 4-305 - Open

1500 SKT Counseling - Ground Training Office

1645 Retreat - Supply

1700 Officers' Call - Officers Club

All personnel will have blue uniforms and billed caps available during UTA. An in-rank inspection might be announced for either day and the blues and billed caps will be necessary. If your job requires the wearing of fatigue uniforms, have your blues in your car or locker so that you could put them on if required.