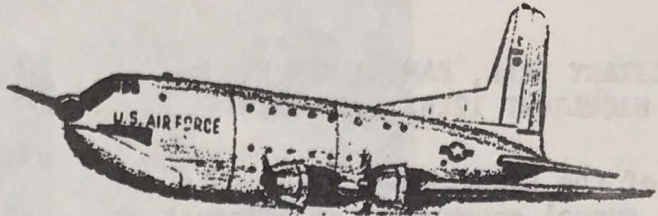


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12th Encampment 10-24 Aug

The 12th annual encampment for members of the 937th Military Airlift Group begins at 0800 hours, August 10, with "in-processing" that will be held in the hangar parachute shop.

Members of the unit will check in at various times depending upon which section one is assigned to and how far one has to travel to be here for the encampment. Each person's reporting time is shown on his orders.

Group Headquarters is scheduled to be the first section to go through the processing line at 0800, followed by APF and 305th at 0815, Dispensary and AME at 0830, Comm Flt at 0845, CAM squadron 0900, Supply at 1000 and Support at 1030.

Immunizations will be given during in-processing and I.D. cards as well as "dog tags" will be checked. Persons should make sure to bring shot records, I.D. cards and dog tags.

Commander's call for Gp Hq, Sp Sq, Disp, AME, Comm, 305th and APF is scheduled for the new base theater at 1300 hours. CAM Sq and Supply will have commander's call the following day.

Duty hours for the encampment have been set for 0730-1615 with a 45 minute period for lunch.

Special events set for the 15-day encampment include the annual Military Ball to be held at 8 p.m. in the Top of the Mall ballroom in Shepherd Mall. The ball will be held Aug. 16 and tickets are \$1.50 per person.

Aug. 17 has been designated "Family Day" for the 937th and it promises to be a repeat of last year's program when more than 3,000 turned out for the activities.

Family Day will kick off with a parade and review on the Tinker parade grounds at 1000. The parade will be followed by open house at building 1030 with static display of aircraft, a picnic lunch and entertainment planned for the afternoon at the base picnic grounds.

The middle Sunday of the encampment, 18 Aug., has been designated a day off but then it's back to the regular duty hours on Monday. The encampment will close with pay and out processing 24 Aug.

MILITARY BALL, 16 AUGUST,
SHEPHERD MALL

FAMILY DAY, 17 AUGUST, BLDG. 1030

MILITARY BALL, FAMILY DAY EVENTS TO HIGHLIGHT 12th ENCAMPMENT

Two of the traditional highlights of the annual encampment each August are the Military Ball and Family Day set for Aug 16 and 17.

These activities come at the midpoint of the encampment and provide the opportunity for a bit of family involvement in the program of the 937th.

The military ball is planned for the Top of the Mall ballroom in Shepherd Mall at 8 p.m., Aug 16. Charge for the event which includes set-ups is \$1.50 per person.

Music for the ball will be provided by the Continental Air Command Band which is also scheduled to perform at the annual parade and review the following day.

Tickets are on sale for both events and will be available to unit members during the August UTA and the early part of the annual encampment.

Door prizes, the largest and best selection ever gathered, will be given away at both the ball and family day. Ticket purchases are required for participation in the competition.

Some of the prizes include a portable TV set, fishing rod, dinner for two at several different eating spots, Hiabachi pots from Japan, theater tickets and gift certificates.

Two sections of the ; unit were 100 percent in purchase of tickets during the July UTA. Supply and the 305th had reached 100 percent and the Aerial Port Flight attained 65 percent.



NATIONAL OFFICER---Capt Paul E. Nelson, Commander of the 73rd Aeromedical Evacuation Flight was named junior vice president for Air Force during the 42nd national Reserve Officers Association convention held recently in Miami Beach, Fla. Capt Nelson is the second 937th member to hold national office in ROA as Col Huff served in the same capacity last year. No other Oklahoma Reservist has held office in the past two decades before the two 937th officers.

SAME TWO SUMMER ENCAMPMENT SAFETY PROGRAMS TO BE IN EFFECT THIS YEAR

Ground safety officer, Capt Warren Klima, reports that two programs he has used before will be included this annual encampment.

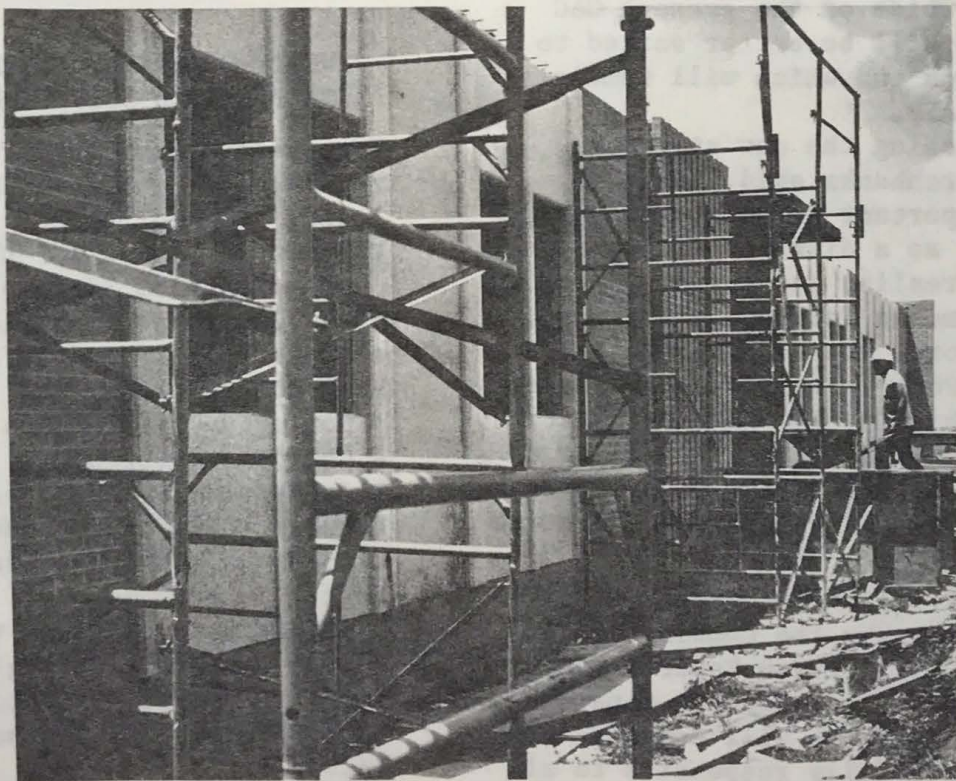
The safety belt program used in the past was to have individuals purchase seat belts, bring them to the hangar and get them installed free of charge

by the transportation section.

The "safe act contest" initiated last year will be used again this summer. Each day a prize will be awarded to an individual judged to be performing the safest act of the day.



FAREWELL FINALE---Capt Samuel T. Homich, active duty advisor to the 937th, was honored with a gift from the unit during the July UTA. Col Huff made the presentation to climax the parade ceremonies in Capt Homich's honor. The Homich family was on hand for the event.



BUILDING PROGRESS---Labor difficulties have slackened the pace on the 937th's administrative building scheduled for completion some time this year. Some work was underway on Saturday of the July UTA when this photo was snapped.

CONTINENTAL AIR COMMAND CHANGES NAME TO HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE RESERVE

Continental Air Command officially changed its name to Headquarters Air Force Reserve on August 1 but will continue to be headquartered at Robins AFB, Ga.

While operating as a separate agency under the Air Force Chief of Staff, Hq AFRes will receive technical guidance from the recently activated Office of Air Force Reserve in Washington, D.C., commanded by Maj Gen Tom T. Marchbanks Jr.

In command of the new Air Reserve Headquarters at Robins will be Maj Gen (designee) Rollin B. Moore Jr., currently commander of the 349th Military Airlift Wing, Hamilton AFB, Calif. General Moore succeeds Lt Gen Henry Viccellio who retired 1 Aug.

Under the reorganization of the Air Force Reserve, plans call for the Reserves to be operationally and administratively managed by Reservists as a reserve command.

A Functional survey will be made to determine which of the present CAC activities will be better suited to the Pentagon and which will remain at Robins AFB.

In discussing the new structure, General Marchbanks said, "I think this is important if we are to enter the future as a distinct entity even though we realize our purpose in being is to become an integral part of the U.S. Air Force when needed and to serve Air Force needs as a part of our training while we are in Reserve status."

Marchbanks said he is initiating a survey "to determine how we can effect the best possible management structure for the Air Force Reserve."

Marchbanks said the purpose of his study is "to make the combination of Headquarters Air Force Reserve and the Office of Air Force Reserve a perfect blending from which will come an Air Force Reserve fully responsive to all Air Force requirements."



Maj Gen Tom Marchbanks

TWENTY-SEVEN 937th MEMBERS GET NEW STRIPES WITH JULY PROMOTIONS

Twenty-seven members of the 937th received promotions and new stripes 1 July 1968 for one of the best months yet on record for this year.

Promoted from SSgt to TSgt was Henry H. Oltermann. Getting new SSgt stripes were Robert E. Bragg and John B. Schnittjer.

Moving up from A1C to Sgt were James A. Childress, Derrell G. Conway, Jerry L. Johnson, Marlin D. Jones, David C. Loveday, David A. Mitchell, Melvin S. Nicolosi, Terry O. Woods and Bobby J. Yort.

Receiving promotions to A1C from AMN were Gary C. Covington, Ronald A. Hagosh, Terry G. Lauderdale, Wess E. Lemley, Craig L. Stevenson, and Terry Walsh.

John M. Souter was promoted from AB to AMN.



SUMMIT CONFERENCE---Lt. Col. William E. Stealey, left, has assumed command of the 937th MAG and will serve as acting commander until Col. Harry Huff completes an 11-month tour of duty at the Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Ala. Col. Huff is one of very few, if not the only, reserve officer ever to attend the Air University.



NEW RANK---Two present members of the 937th and one recently retired member received promotion to Colonel during the July UTA. Col. Charles Von Stein, left, former commander of the Support Squadron, Col. George H. Bergmark, center, deputy commander of operations, and Col. Julian E. Morris, deputy commander of materiel, were wearing the new insignia at the July UTA parade ceremonies.



VISITOR TOURS HANGAR---Marine Colonel William D. Meneffee, an active reservist from Lubbock, Tex. got a first-hand tour of the 937th facilities during the July UTA from Capt James D. Young, Support Squadron administrative officer. Actually, Meneffee is Young's boss in civilian life at the Travelers Insurance company of Lubbock. Young invited his boss up to Tinker for a weekend to see "how the other half lived" and apparently the visitor was impressed.

ATTENTION FAT PEOPLE...HERE'S A TEST

WHAT'S A NICKLE?

Its the cost of a wasted paper nap, a paper towel or two, a sheet of paper and another item or so you come in daily contact with as a reservist.

So what?

You spend 39 days a year as a reservist. By exercising small thrift habits you could save at least five cents a day each of these 39 days, resulting in \$1.95 a year. With all the rest of your 937th colleagues (1000+) practicing thrift this will save \$1950. This means saving the government money--yours and mine.

This small savings on the part of you and your friends will buy approximately 25 office desks for our new building.

From the MAC surgeon's office comes word of increased comm- and interest in the problem of obesity. People who are fat know it. But those who are on the chubby side prefer to ignore it.

The MAC surgeon suggests a simple test. Try to pinch the outer layer of fat, at waist level, between your thumb and forefinger. If the roll of fat is larger than the circumference of your fingers, you have too much!

Pass the test? If you didn't -- and find you are on the chubby side, you don't have to stay that way.

A crash diet won't help, though. Problem is, you're eating more food than you use.

Best remedy -- a regular program of exercise and three square meals a day. But watch those calories!

If you need a book to show you how, Food and Your Weight is a good one. It costs 15 cents. Write to the Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.