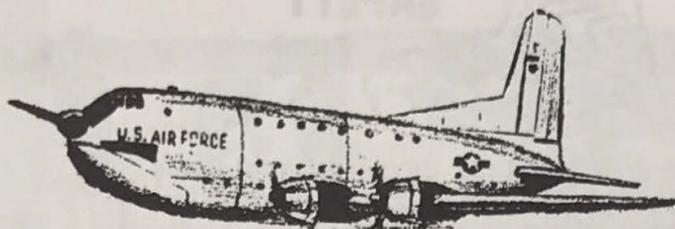


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## STEALEY LAUDS ENCAMPMENT

Acting 937th MAG commander, Lt Col William E. Stealey, told unit members he though their performance during the annual encampment was outstanding as he closed the organization's 12th summer session at retreat ceremonies.

"I want to compliment you on your performances in all of your various jobs," Lt Col Stealey said, "Although we are all still capable of doing a little bit better."

The interim commander also encouraged the 937th personnel to remember that the unit is C-1 and that it is the goal of this unit to remain C-1.

The commander pointed to some accomplishments of individual members of the unit in such areas as OJT, SKT results, safety performances, and other categories to cite outstanding performances.

In addition to words of praise for the unit as a whole and for some individuals who made topflight accomplishments, Lt Col Stealey pointed out that there were many unsung "heros" whose job performances sometimes were not noticed.

He called attention to the job done by the food service people throughout the annual encampment and especially on "Family Day." "The op-

eration of the chow hall continues to impress us all and contributes a great deal to our program," he said.

Lt Col Stealey pointed to other duties such as CO, OD, vehicle maintenance and drivers, air police and flight line that kept people occupied in addition to their regular duties as important contributions to the encampment.

Several flying missions were accomplished during the encampment which required the combined efforts of many people. Normally, the crew which flies the C-124 is backed up by literally dozens of individuals in related jobs.

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Although summer camp is over, members of the 937th have to rebound quickly after returning to their civilian jobs because the September UTA is only three weeks away.

As a reminder, the following dates are for the UTAs through December.

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Oct. 12-13

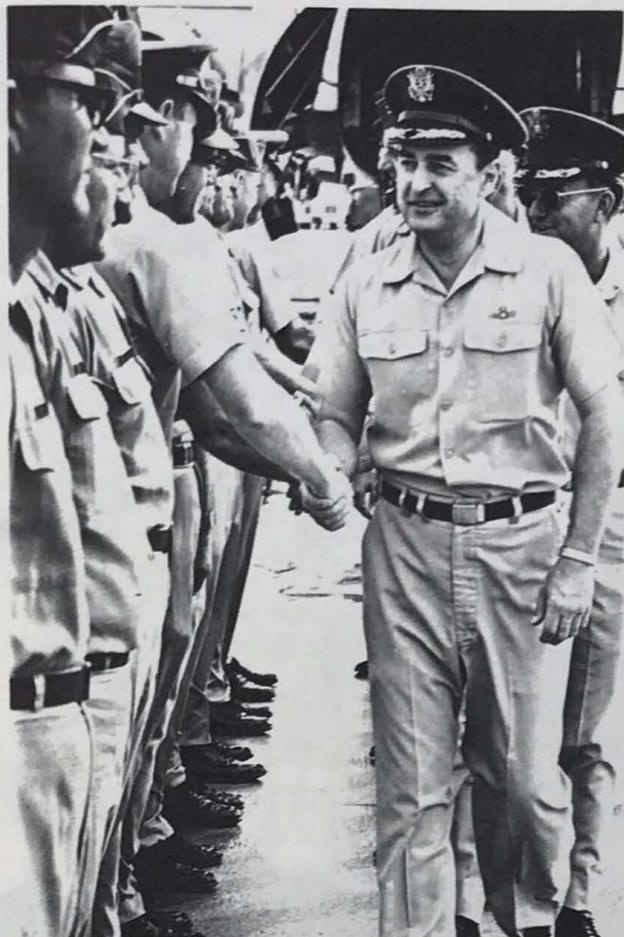
Nov. 23-24

Dec. 14-15

Sorry about that October date; rumor has it that that happens to be the weekend of the annual fisticuffs in Big D.



REGION VISIT---Col John R. Maney, 4th Air Force Reserve Region commander, is escorted to the 937th hangar by Lt Col William E. Stealey shortly after Maney and 13 of his staff arrived for a visit to the unit facilities.



WING VISIT---Brig Gen John W. Hoff, 512th Commander, is greeted on his arrival at the 937th MAG during the annual encampment. Hoff was accompanied by several other wing officers and Air Force Reserve Region officials.

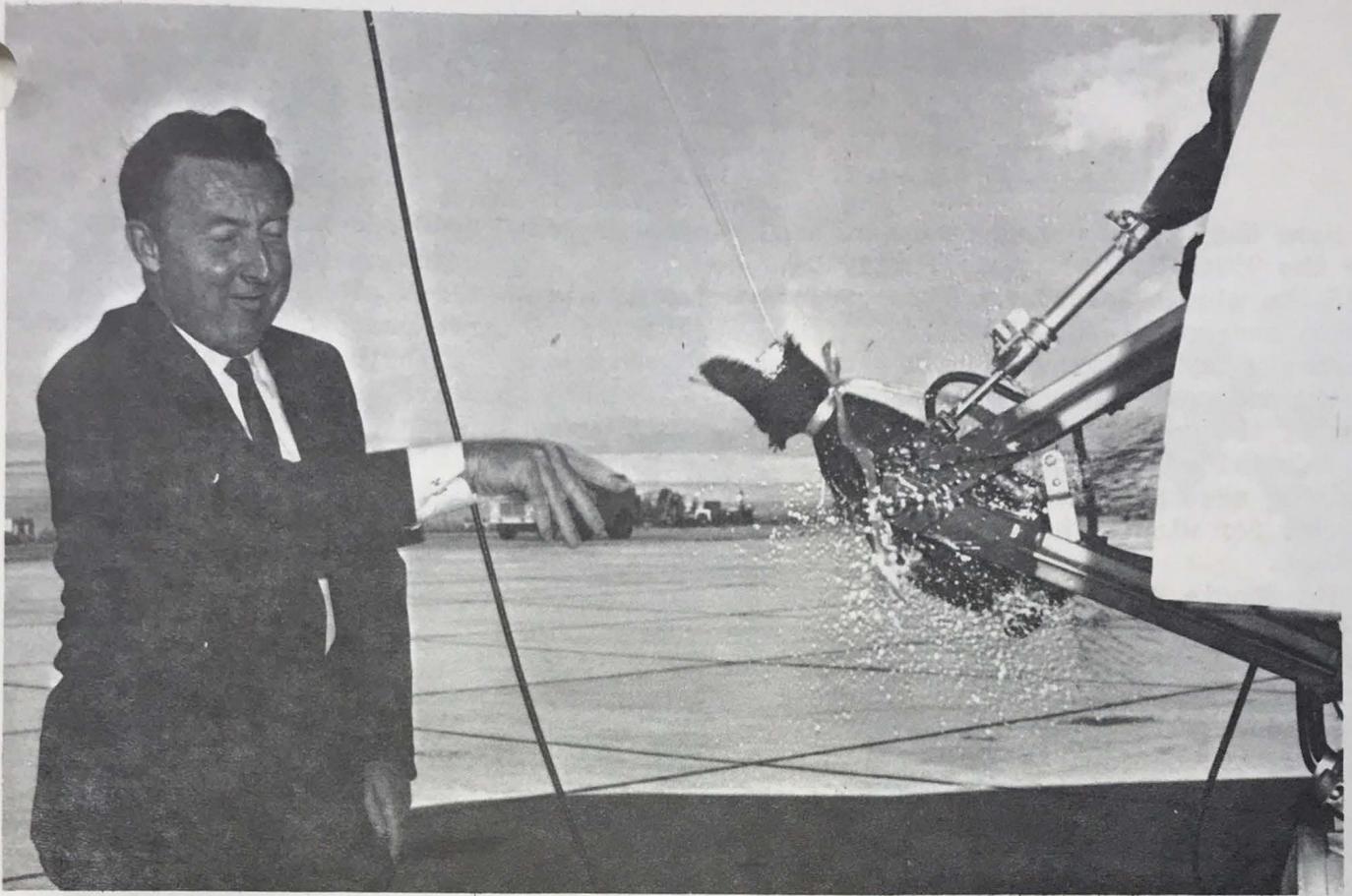
## WING, REGION VISIT COMBINED

Members of the 937th Military Airlift Group went through a lot of "spit and polish" activity during annual encampment for a visit by wing and Air Force Region officials.

Brig Gen John W. Hoff, commander of the 512th Military Airlift Wing, and Col John R. Maney, commander of the 4th Air Force Region, brought several members of their staffs with them to take a quick "walk-through" inspection of the 937th facilities and a briefing. Nine members of Gen Hoff's staff accompanied him and 14 region officers were on hand.

The briefing consisted of a run-down as to what the 937th was accomplishing on its summer camp tour of duty, how many personnel it has aboard, where the unit was in regard to combat readiness, On-the-Job training progress and other general points of interest.

The visit also consists of having the staff officers of the wing and region visit with their compliments in the 937th such as information officer with information officer. This method increases communication between the wing, region and the 937th.



CHAMPAGNE BUSTED---Denver's mayor, Tom Currigan, slams a bottle of champagne against the 937th MAG's C-124 when the aircraft was designated "City of Denver," Aug. 5.

## UNIT NAMES AIRCRAFT FOR DENVER

Christening ceremonies were held Aug. 5 at Buckley Field for a huge C-124 Globemaster aircraft assigned to the 937th Military Airlift Group.

The aircraft was designated "City of Denver" by the Air Force Reserve unit which draws heavily on the Denver area for many of its pilots, navigators and flight nurses.

Denver Mayor Tom Currigan was on hand for the ceremonies and he banged a bottle of champagne against the landing gear of the aircraft that stands more than four stories high and has a wing-spread of 175 feet.

Denver residents who are members of the 937th include; Capt Andrew E. Anderson, 12460 W. Virginia, pilot; Lt Col Everett J. Hererias, 8936 West Ashbury Drive, pilot; Capt Bronson C. Rumsey, Jr., 306

Ivanhoe Street, pilot; Capt Jacob A. King, 152 S. Saulsbury, navigator; 2Lt Carol A. Droste, 1691 Monroe Street, nurse; and 2Lt Kathleen A. Welsh, 1691 Monroe Street, nurse.

Other Coloradians serving with the 937th are: Capt William E. Bassett, Aurora; Maj Oscar A. Hurt, Boulder; Capt Barry N.F. Layton, Englewood; Capt William B. Madsen, Broomfield; Capt James T. Melcher, Littleton; Capt A.J. McClain, Goldon; Capt Neil F. Miller, Aurora; Maj Roland A. Olson, Aurora; Capt Michael E. Quinton, Wheatridge; Capt Larry A. Sausker, Arvada; Capt Sidney T. Shore, Aurora; Capt August M. Stasio, Goldon; Lt Wesley Tewinkle, Bloomfield; all pilots and Capt Phillip W. Foster, Colorado Springs, navigator.

## 2,000 ATTEND "FAMILY DAY"

More than 2,000 persons were on hand for the 937th MAG's annual "Family Day" held the middle Saturday of the group's annual encampment Aug. 10-24.

Family day activities began with a parade and review ceremony on the east ramp of the unit's hangar where three men were cited for their On-the-Job training accomplishments, one airmen was honored for winning an Air Force photo contest.

A1C Ronnie V. Baugh, Ada; A1C Bobby R. Hoffman, Oklahoma City; and Airman John M. Souter, Parsons, Ka.; received awards for making the highest possible scores on skills knowledge tests for their Air Force jobs.

A2C Robert Taylor, a staff photo-

grapher for OPUBCO and a member of the 937th's information section, was cited for winning a first place ribbon in the Air Force Reserve photo contest conducted in conjunction with the Hemisfair.

Taylor's picture was of a row of huge C-124 Globemaster aircraft engines sitting on the 937th's hangar floor with the "Go" motto displayed prominently on each.

Lt Col William E. Stealey, acting Commander of the 937th, made the presentations.

Other family day events included an open house at the unit's hangar, a parachute jump by unit members who are skydivers, a puppet show, static display of aircraft and a picnic lunch of bar-b-que'd chicken.

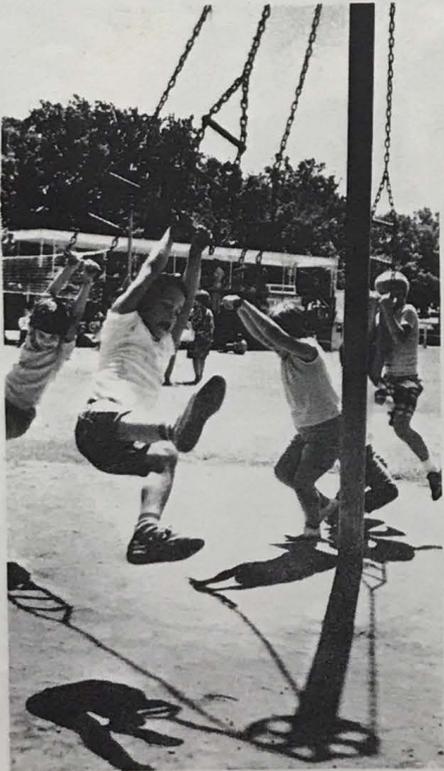


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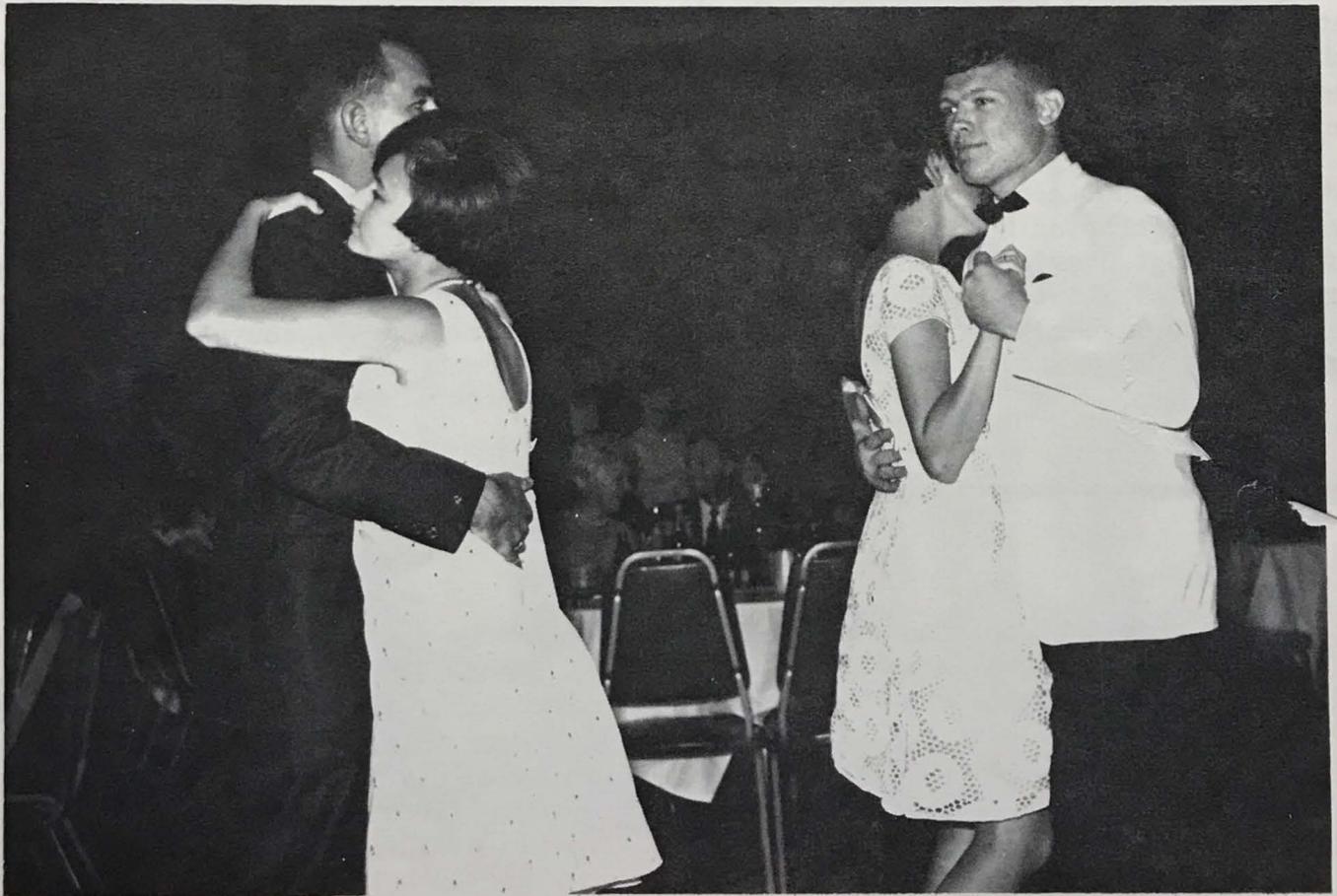


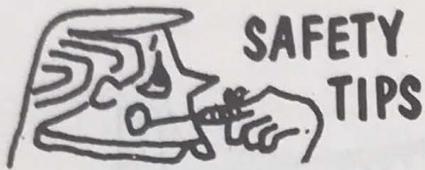


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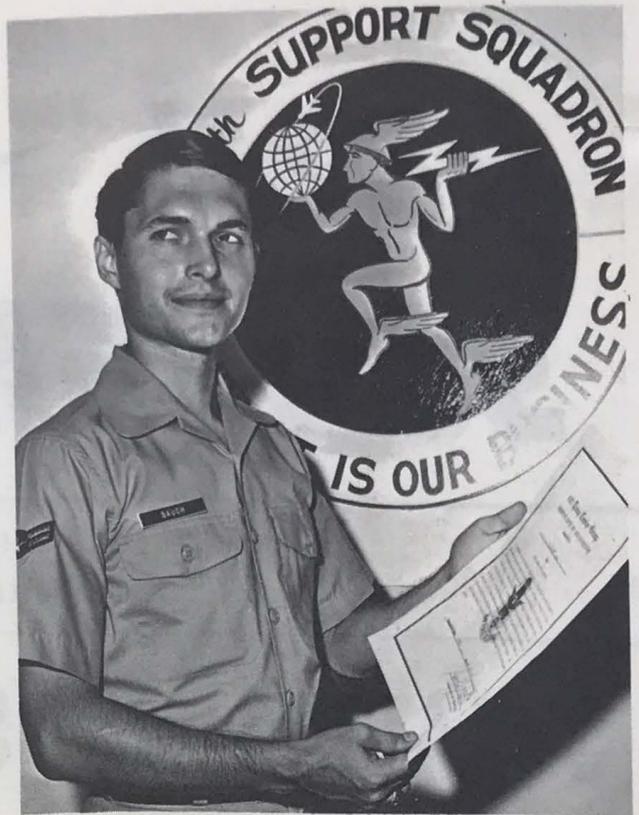


The 101 critical days for accidents encompassing the period from May 25 thru Sept. 2 are drawing to an end. More ground accidents happen during this period than any other time of the year.

Congratulations on your survival through these dangerous days, and we hope you came through without as much as a scratch. Do not relax your safety habits now!

Schools are starting again, and we never know when to expect a child to dart from behind a car or from nowhere. Children have bundles of energy without judgement to match, and they may dash into traffic without thinking to retrieve a treasured object, or at the slightest whim.

No one wants to be responsible for injuring or maiming a child for life, and you certainly would not want this to happen to your child. Be especially cautious and watch out for children in the coming months.



AIRMAN OF QUARTER---A1C Ronnie Baugh, Ada, was named the 937th's outstanding airman during the last quarter of the year. He was presented the honor during the August UTA and was cited during annual encampment for making a perfect score on a skills knowledge test.

City of Denver



AIRCRAFT NAMED---Mayor of Denver, Colo., Tom Currigan, smiles his approval with Lt Col William E. Stealey following christening ceremonies in the mile high city.

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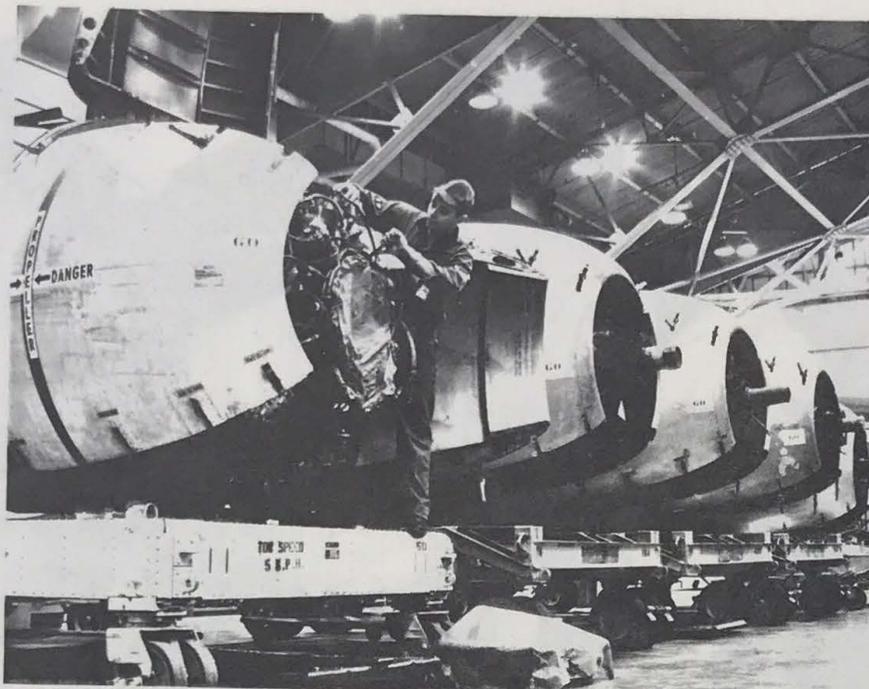
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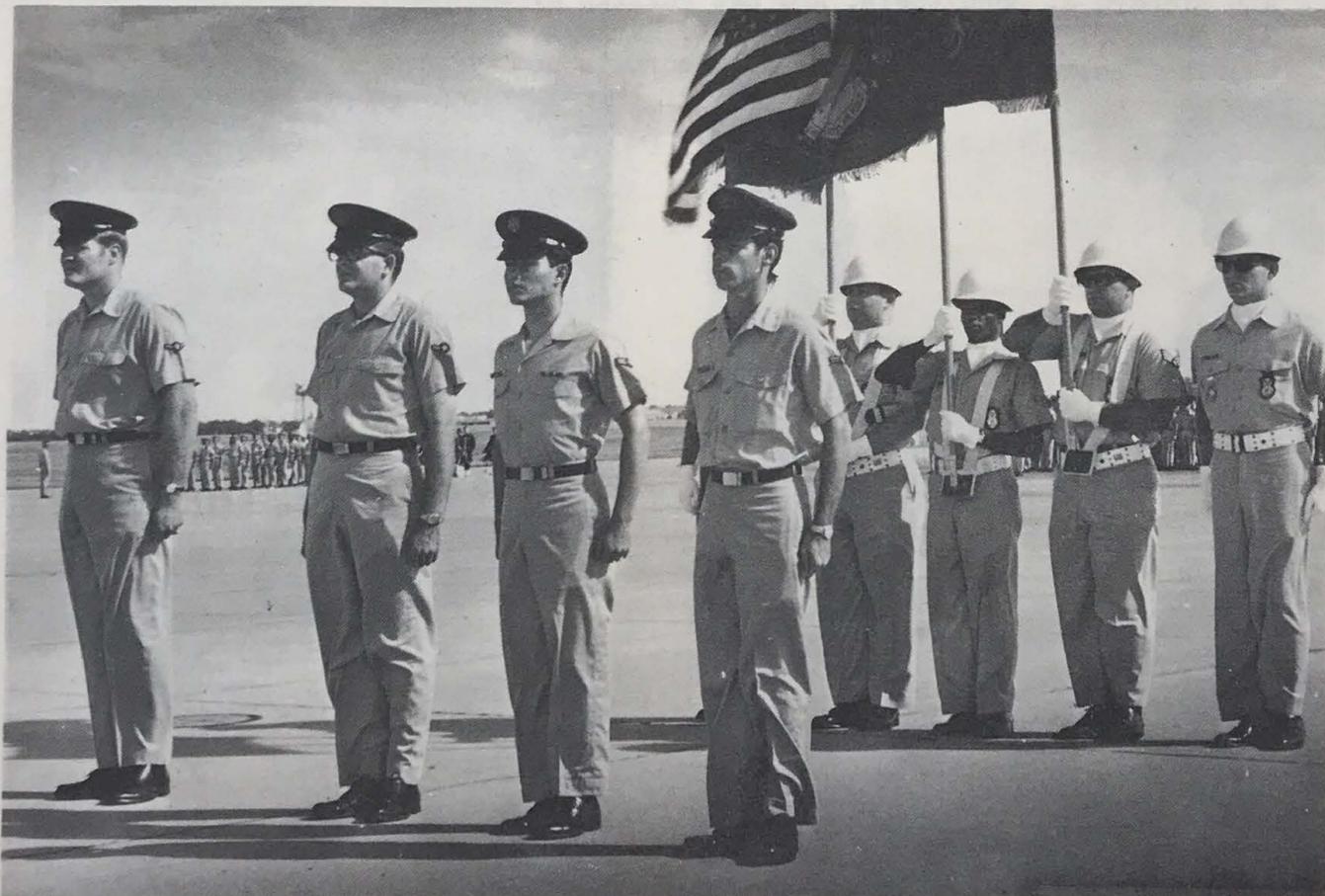
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WINNING PHOTO---Airman Robert Taylor of the 937th Information Office won 1st place in an Air Force Reserve photo contest conducted in conjunction with the Hemisfair. The picture was snapped as an aircraft mechanic was at work under the constant admonition of the "Go" motto.



TOP AIRMEN---Four of the 937th's airmen were cited for their contributions to the unit's progress during Family Day ceremonies, Aug. 17. From the left are Airman John Souter, Airman Robert Taylor, ALC Ronnie Baugh and ALC Bobby Hoffman. Souter, Baugh and Hoffman made the highest possible score on SKT exams and Taylor won 1st place in an Air Force photo contest.

# 937th SENDS 10 NCOs TO ACADEMY

Ten members of the 937th MAG were named to participate in the NCO Academy at Hamilton AFB, Calif. and began training during the second week of annual encampment.

The individuals are a part of the first class of reservists that have been permitted to enrol in the academy curriculum is designed to improve leadership, management, and supervisory abilities required of a senior noncommissioned officer.

The academy is geared also to promote a greater sense of Air Force professionalism and to motivate the student toward developing a more profound dedication to his NCO role in relation to the ever increasing complexities of the Air Force.

To be specific, the academy is an intensive two weeks of "spit and polish" plus rigid discipline and instruction in the responsibilities of a noncommissioned officer.

The following 937th MAG members attended the NCO Academy; TSgt Ron Bourbeau, SSgt Brian Wells, SSgt Herman Doty, SSgt Jackie Barton, MSgt James Greenlee, MSgt Eudell Barnhouse, SSgt Kenneth Barnes, SSgt Everett Elrod, SSgt Larry Travis and TSgt Loyd Sturm.



INSTRUCTORS COURSE---2Lt William M. Bartley, right, chats with fellow student 2Lt James Bierley about the Shelter Manager Instructors Course that they took during annual encampment. Bartley scored the highest possible grade on the final exam and is the only person in the four-year history of the course to do so. The 5-day course included 54 hours of instruction and simulated emergency conditions. In addition to four reservists in the instructors course, the 937th also had 10 airmen in the shelter managers course. Both were taught at Norman on the Oklahoma University campus.

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Another sidelight pointed out by Lt Col Stealey was that for a few days during the annual encampment, Air Force Reservists occupied all of the command positions of the unit including those normally held by Air Reserve technicians.

"So far as we know, this is the first time in the history of the unit that circumstances prevailed which required all of the ART personnel to be absent and their jobs to be

filled by reservists," he said.

"We feel that this is further indication of the training and capabilities of the members of this unit and it certainly is a credit upon this organization to have such talented people available."

The 937th closed its 12th annual encampment on Aug. 24 with out-processing which included collecting the paychecks.



OJT COURSE---Fifteen individuals received the congratulations of Lt Col William E. Stealey when they completed the OJT Trainer Course---one of three offered during annual encampment. It teaches NCOs how to effectively conduct on-the-job training. Graduates shown are (front row, l-r): ALC Edw Edward C. Doty, II; SSgt Robert P. Pickett, Sgt Marion L. McKey; ALC William E. Stealey; ALC Jack L. Spivey, Jr.; SSgt John F. Harwell, and MSgt James E. Whitehead. Back row graduates are ALC Ronald L. Jenkins, Sgt George E. Hixon, SSgt Claud W. Taylor, Jr., SSgt Elmer Palmer, Sgt William B. Phillips; Sgt Willis E. Jackson; SSgt Robert B. Boese, and SSgt Daniel W. Huggins. Outstanding trainee was Sgt Marion L. McKey with a 98 score registered out of a possible 100. The course instructor was MSgt Morris from Little Rock AFB, Ark.

*The Mission of the Air Force Reserves  
is to Train and Fly...Lets Go!*



**SAFETY WINNERS**---These eight individuals won awards during annual encampment for performing safe acts as determined by the unit safety officer. Each was awarded a prize for this effort. Those who won prizes are (front row, l-r): Sgt Tom L. Hazelwood, Sgt Larry D. Collier, ALC Richard J. Schultheis, and Sgt Phillip D. Squires. In the back row are Sgt James F. Alspaugh, TSgt Elgan L. Harrell, SSgt Joe B. Bagby and ALC Charles Donovan. ALC William E. Coburn is not shown.



**RADIOACTIVE?**---1Lt John Bogard demonstrates the use of a radiological monitoring device as part of the requirements for course he and other members of the 937th enrolled in during annual encampment.



**SURVIVAL KIT**---Sgt Tom Hazelwood demonstrates some of the equipment necessary for survival in the event of a downed aircraft. He wears a parachute while cranking a generator that powers a flashing light that is worn on a person's head.