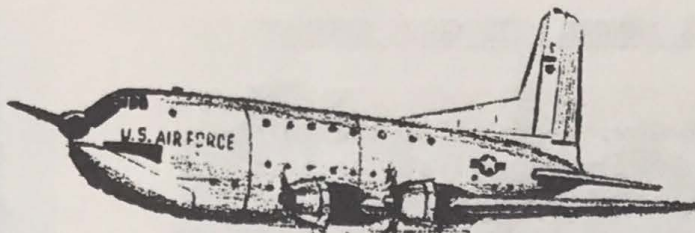


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UNIT HAS GRADS OF NCO ACADEMY



ACADEMY GRADUATES---Pictured above are the 75 NCO Academy graduates who completed training Aug. 30 at Hamilton AFB, Calif. Nine members of the unit are in the class.

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COX WINS ANNUAL UNIT GOLF TOURNEY

SSgt Bob Cox, a member of the information section, won first place in the 937th's annual encampment golf tourney with a low net score of 81 based on the Calaway handicap system.

Second place in the tournament went to MSgt John Dietz, civil engineering, and third place was won by Sgt Dave Thompson of the Chaplain's section.

The tournament was played using the Calaway handicap system which requires that a participant play a qualifying round and a tournament round.

Six holes are used to determine the winner.

Lt Delta Chabino, personnel services officer, directed the tournament and said that the top three winners will be presented trophies during the October UTA.



NEW JOB---Maj Gen Rollin B. Moore, Jr., is the new Commander of Headquarters Air Force Reserve located at Robins AFB, Ga. Before moving to the new post he commanded the 349th MAW, Hamilton AFB, Calif.

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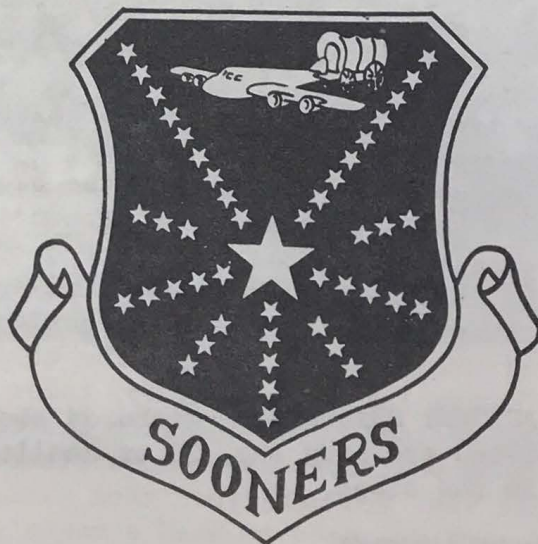
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DO YOUR MEETINGS ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING?

You have to call a meeting, and you know that your conferees will talk, talk, and arrive at no decision? You have more important things to do anyway--including making the decision after your conferees get through battling the breeze? Is that your problem?

Ever think of doing what one man did? Remove all the chairs from the conference room so that those attending would have to stand -- and hopefully would "think" faster on their feet?

Forget it! It fell as flat as a fallen arch.

Instead, face your problem. Why do you waste time in meetings? Probably because you don't plan them well and do a poor job of conducting them.

Before you call a meeting you should identify your problem. Know what you want to do and what prevents you from doing it. Then decide if a meeting is the best way to tackle your problem.

Get information you need in advance, from the people who can contribute to the discussion, and who have the power to make decisions. Keep your group small so you can manage it.

In conducting your meeting, make certain only one person speaks at a time. Guide the discussion with questions that are tied directly to your objective. If people go off on their favorite tangent, pull them back on course, politely but firmly.

But don't make the mistake of dictating to your conferees. They are human, just as you. Pat the man on the back who makes a solid contribution. Encourage everyone to talk--but keep them on the track. And before they leave, make certain they know what they have decided.

That the end? Not quite. The good conference leader follows up, takes the action decided upon, and lets the conferees know what they have accomplished.

That way, you make your task easier next time you need to hold a meeting. People like to attend meetings which accomplish something--just as you. But the key to their success rests with the conference leader. That's you.

(MAC NEWS SERVICE)



UTA VISITOR---Lt Col Humphrey returns a salute to the color guard of the 937th as he departed the plane which brought him and several other 22nd Air Force visitors to the Sooner Group during the September UTA.

PROMOTIONS LISTED

Ten members of the 937th received promotions Sept. 1 and are wearing new stripes.

Among those promoted are Ben H. Berry, MSgt; Larry H. Weigand, SSgt; Robert E. Bartlett, Sgt; Carl D. Bracksieck, Sgt; Ken J. Tooman, Sgt; William M. Turney, Sgt; Craig L. McGriff, A1C; Charles O'Dell, A1C; and John E. Shankle, A1C.

The following men were promoted during August: Clevil M. Littleton, TSgt; Jack L. Gassaway, TSgt; Buell L. Spruiell, TSgt; Louis R. Harris, SSgt; Richard P. Cochran, David R. Crawford, Robert J. Farrell, William T. Hanger, Arol D. Helberg, Donald G. Jones, Edward R. Kemnitz, Charles H. Sheldon, Jr., and Victor R. Talley, all to Sgt; James R. Baugh, James B. Farley, Jr., Michael Z. Reeves, David G. Thompson, all to A1C.

UNIT HAS GRADS OF NCO ACADEMY

Seventy-five non-commissioned officers of the Air Force Reserve graduated from the NCO Academy Aug. 30 and 10 of those were members of the 937th MAG.

The men were members of the fourth of five classes to be held at Hamilton this year for Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard NCOs. The fifth class was held in September.

The two-week classes, began this year as a pilot program to give NCOs additional leadership schooling, are condensed versions of the academy's regular six-week course, given to active duty noncommissioned officers of ADC.

Most of the reservists who attended the course were fulfilling their two-week active duty commitment. Members of the 937th attended the academy during the final week of annual encampment plus one additional week.

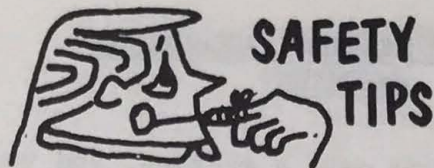
The course is designed to increase professional knowledge, further develop personal skills and reaffirm professional attitudes.

Attending from the 937th were 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.

UNIT TO VIEW VIET CONG FILM

During the October 1968 Commander's Call the 937th MAG Intelligence Office has arranged for the showing of an excellent film titled "Know Your Enemy: The Viet Cong."

This film is produced exclusively from captured Viet Cong newsreels and provides service personnel with a close up look at the Viet Cong as the Viet Cong would like to see themselves. Much of the action is staged...many of the scenes are pure propaganda...but the captured newsreel footage does show Communist tactics and techniques in the areas of combat, logistics and demolition, and propaganda. (AFIS-Film guide)



SAFETY OFFICER LIST GUN SHOOTING RULES

With the approach of hunting season, many of you will soon be in the field with your favorite gun. A reminder is therefore due on the Ten Commandments of Shooting Safety, as listed below;

1. Treat every gun with respect--as if it were loaded. Don't handle a gun you are not familiar with.

2. Carry your gun safely; keep the "safety" on until ready to shoot.

3. Unload gun when not in use; have action open or take apart; guns should be carried in a gun case to the areas where they are to be used.

4. Be sure that the barrel is not plugged, and that you have only the proper type ammunition for your gun. If you reload, don't overload.

5. Be sure of the target before you shoot; know your game.

6. Never point your gun at anything you donot intend to shoot. Avoid horse-play.

7. Don't climb a fence or a tree or jump with a loaded gun. Never pull the gun toward you by the muzzle.

8. Don't shbot at flat, hard surfaces or water with a rifle or pistol. Be sure there is a good backstop.

9. Store guns and ammunition separatly and out of reach of children.

10. Avoid alcoholic beverages before and during hunting. Don't carry a loaded gun in your car.

UTA DATES
OCTOBER 12-13

GO SOONERS!!!

SOUTH VIETNAM SUPPORT

Many countries have supported the effort of South Vietnam to preserve its freedom since its Government issued an appeal to the free world for assistance in July 1964. More than 30 nations have contributed military, economic, and/or technical assistance to Vietnam and the Vietnamese people.

This article documents the scope of the aid given by these nations. Aid from the United States will be described in another fact sheet of this series and will not be included here.

About 60,000 troops from five Asian and Pacific nations (Australia, New Zealand, Korea, Thailand, and the Philippines) are now in Vietnam serving alongside Vietnamese and U.S. Armed Forces, and more are expected. Recently announced increases will bring the total troop contribution to more than 71,000.

MILITARY AID

The following list indicates the extent of the military assistance being contributed by Asia-Pacific nations; Australia

- 300 combat troops in Vietnam (a brigade and support units)
- *A squadron of eight Canberra bombers.
- *A guided-missile destroyer, as well as naval assistance to the Vietnamese Navy.
- *100 combat advisers (primarily specialists in jungle warfare).
- *73 man air force unit with six Australian Caribou planes flying daily logistical transport missions in support of Vietnamese military forces.

Australia recently sent an additional battalion group with supporting helicopters and a tank squadron, bringing the total of the Australian Armed Forces' contribution to 8,000.

Korea

48,000 troops (two combat divisions and one combat brigade, a 130-man mobile Army Surgical Hospital, and a 2,000 man Task Force Unit composed of numerous support elements).

New Zealand

*125-man artillery battery of six howitzers.

*10-man army engineer detachment.
*Two 210-man infantry companies with supporting elements.



SUPPLY AWARD---Lt Col William E. Stealey, 937th interim commander, receives an award from Haskell Martin, base supply, for the unit's performance during fiscal 1968 in materiel control activities.

Phillippines

2,000-man military engineering unit with security personnel, a station hospital, and rural health and civic action teams.

Thailand

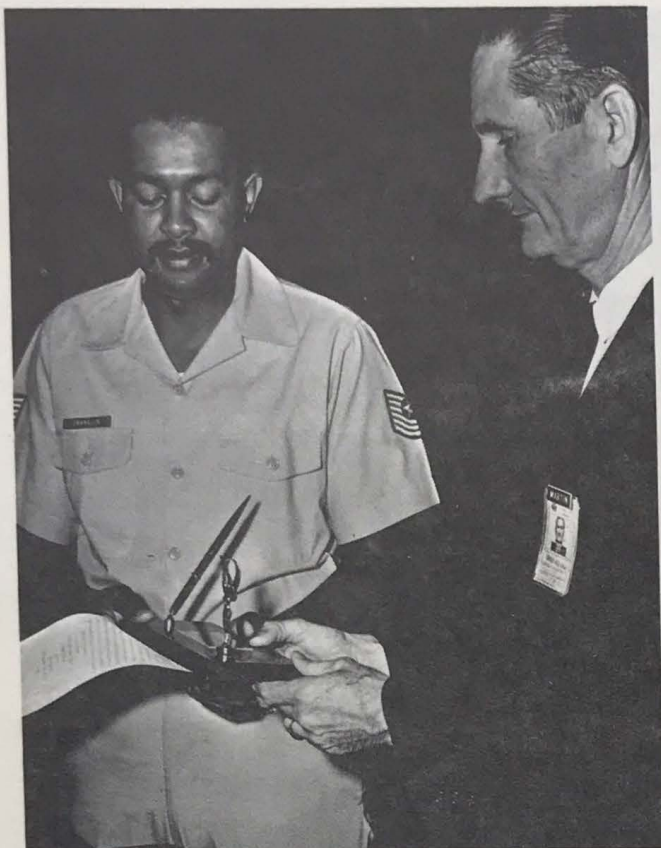
*2,450 troops, including one combat brigade. A light division will also be sent, increasing the total Thai troop contribution to around 12,000.

*150-man naval group.

*35-man air force transport contingent has been flying operational missions for the Vietnamese forces.

*Jet training for Vietnamese pilots in Thailand. (DOD VR-4A) April 1968

FRANKLIN WINS HONOR FOR
SECOND YEAR



SUPPLY AWARD---MSgt Bill Franklin accepts the individual Supply Discipline award from Haskell Martin, base supply official, during September UTA.

MSgt Bill Franklin, materiel control chief for the 937th, has won the monthly OCAMA Supply Discipline Award for the second consecutive year. The award was for April, 1968.

The choice is based on a visit to the 937th by an OCAMA supply staff assistance surveillance team which occurred on April 17, 1968.

Accolades accompanying the award presented during the September UTA are as follows:

"The example set by MSgt Franklin in all matters relating to public property and the exercise of supply discipline has motivated fellow members of his organization to accept and fulfill their legal and moral obligations regarding government equipment and supplies to an outstanding degree."

"The thorough knowledge of his job and the overall supply system, the efficiency of his operations, and his demonstrated leadership abilities reflect meritoriously upon MSgt Franklin, his organization and command and upon the Air Force.

RESERVE UNIT FLIES C-141 TO VIETNAM

The first all Air Force Reserve aircrew to fly the Lockheed C-141 Starlifter to Southeast Asia, returned in August after delivering high priority cargo to the Republic of Vietnam.

An aircrew from the Military Airlift Command's (MAC) first Reserve associate unit, the 944th Military Airlift Group (Associate), based at Norton AFB, Calif., flew the historic mission.

The associate unit program was organized to train Reserve personnel to be able to render immediate assistance to active forces directly aiding and assist-

ing MAC on a daily basis in its global combat airlift missions.

This program, according to General Howell M. Estes Jr., MAC commander, is designed to "directly couple formed Reserve units, not individuals, with regular units flying modern aircraft."

The 944th, after its initial designation as an associate group, has since been joined by two other Air Force Reserve units in the new program to bring the Air goal of 20 associate units within the next four years.

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

SATURDAY - 12 OCTOBER 1968

0630-0730 Staff Meeting - Mahogany Room - Officers Club
0730-0800 Sign-in - Base Theater - All Personnel
0800-1000 Commander's Call - Base Theater - All Personnel
0945-1200 Physical Exam - Base Hospital - Officers
1000-1200 Pistol Range - Open
1000-1200 Rifle Range - Open
1030-1130 Flying Safety - Briefing Room - All Personnel - UCMJ
1100-1140 Lunch - CAM, Dispensary
1140-1220 Lunch - 305, Supply, AME, APF
1220-1300 Lunch - Support, Gp Hq, Comm Flt
1230-1400 Pistol Range - Open
1230-1400 Rifle Range - Open
1300-1600 Physical Exam - Base Hospital - Airmen
1300- Classification Board - Conference Room - Bldg 761
1400-1600 Pistol Range - Open
1400-1600 Rifle Range - Open
1400-1500 OJT Supervisor Conference - Bldg 200
1500 SKT Counselling - Room 205A, Bldg 1030
1645 Retreat - All Personnel

OCTOBER UTA SCHEDULE

SUNDAY - 13 OCTOBER 1968

0730-0800 Sign-in - Squadron Orderly Room - All Personnel

0815-1200 Specialty Knowledge Testing (SKT) and End of Course
(CDC) Testing - Bldg 200

0830-1000 Pistol Range - Open

0830-1000 Rifle Range - Open

1000-1200 Immunization - Dispensary - Flying Personnel

1100-1140 Lunch - CAM, Dispensary

1140-1220 Lunch - 305, Supply, AME, APF

1220-1300 Lunch - Support, Gp Hq, Comm Flt

1230-1400 Pistol Range - Open

1230-1400 Rifle Range - Open

1300-1615 Immunization - Dispensary - Non-Flying Personnel

1400-1600 Pistol Range - Open

1400-1600 Rifle Range - Open

1400 Promotion Board - Bldg 761

1645 Retreat - Dispensary

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