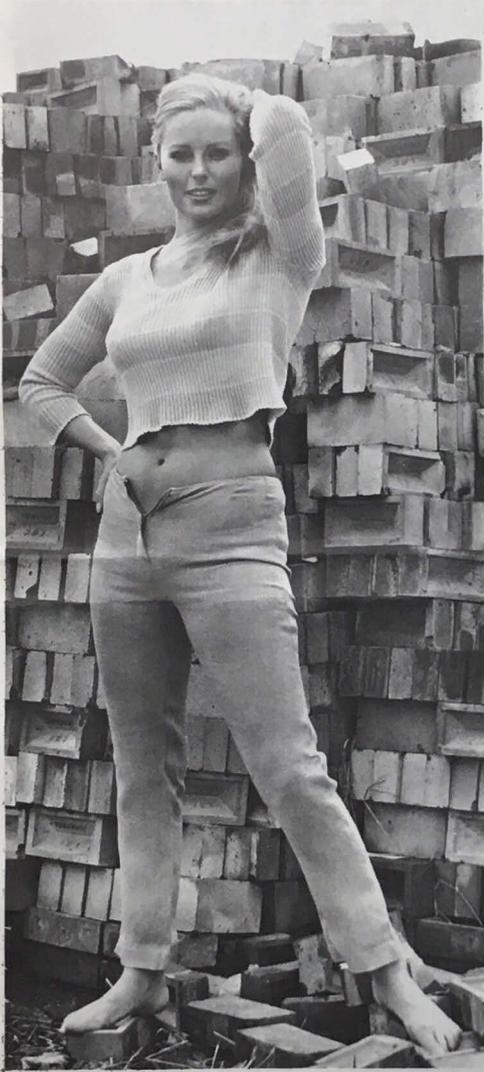


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Welcome addition to anybody's summer camp would be Veronica Carlson, but the bare facts show she's probably more at home in a brickyard than a uniform.

'LET'S STAY ON TOP,' STEALEY SAYS

## BUSY CAMP STACKS UP

Members of the 937th were busy during June UTA making preparations for their annual summer encampment scheduled August 9-23.

Plans were being made and such things as pay record readied for what Lt. Col. William E. Stealey, commander, said would be a busy two weeks for the airmen.

Events scheduled for the camp include a military ball August 5 at Top of the Mall, Shepherd Mall, with the Air Force Reserve Band from Robins Air Force Base, Ga., playing and a family day including a parade, picnic and open house complete with prizes for the kids.

Overall objective, Stealey said, is training. "We want to upgrade all our people who require it -- our

support people, such as supply, aircraft mechanics and so on."

The 937th, one of the nation's largest air reserve units, recently switched to a newer model of the huge C-124 Globemaster, and Stealey pointed out that maintenance crews will get intensive training in caring for the craft.

"Just wearing a uniform doesn't make a man combat ready," Stealey said. "There's always room for improvement. But, quite frankly, I feel we've got the best C-124 unit in the nation and we want to keep it that way."

Stealey said the 937th's present combat capability "is second to none. Our people are all volunteers -- they enjoy their jobs -- and we work hard and play hard, and that's the way to stay on top."

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# STATE ROA PICKS 937TH OFFICERS



Lt. Col. William E. Stealey, commander of the 937th, chats during the ROA meeting with Gen. Mike Massad (Ret.), deputy assistant sec-

retary of defense for reserve affairs who recently resigned his post.



New officers of the state Reserve Officers Association are, from left, Maj. Lester Willman, past president; Capt. B. Hayden Crawford, new president; Comm. John C. Hope, vice president for navy; Maj. David J. "Bud" Sutton, vice president for air force; Col. C.H.

Nelson, vice president for army; Lt. Robert East, junior vice president for navy; Lt. J. Stephen Hope, junior vice president for air force; Comm. Roy E. Nicar, judge advocate, and Lt. K.E. "Ed" Kelsey, historian.

Three 937th "brass" wearers received special recognition during the annual meeting of the Oklahoma Department of the Reserve Officers Association April 11-13.

Officers representing Oklahoma's reserve and national guard units heard briefings on military matters concerning them and their units during the conference held at Tinker Air Force Base.

Receiving the 1969 Minuteman of the Year Award from the Oklahoma Department was Capt. Paul Nelson, commander of the 937th's Aero Medical Evacuation team.

He was cited as the

one person in Oklahoma who has done the most for the ROA.

Maj. David J. "Bud" Sutton, 937th aircraft maintenance officer, was elected vice president for air force of the state organization.

Lt. J. Stephen Hope, 937th Information Officer, was elected junior vice president for air force.

Highlighting the session was a banquet address by Maj. Gen. Mike Massad (Ret.), deputy assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs.

Gen. Massad told the officers that disproportionate publicity of reservists' protesting their call-up in

1968 has hurt the reserve image.

"It's sure," the general continued, "that many Americans got an erroneous and dim view of the reserve program, for hardly anything was said or done about the great majority -- 97 percent of the reservists -- who went about the business of serving their country in the traditional military way.

"I found it very interesting to note that some of the reserve units with members who made the most fuss are reported as outstanding in action in Vietnam," he said.

"Even the great majority of the three

percent I spoke about, once they got over their complaints, have taken their places in line and have done a good job.

"We can enthusiastically say that the reserve units that were mobilized in 1968 again proved the true worth of our reserve program," he added.

Gen. Massad was appointed to his current position in May, 1968, by President Johnson and received senate confirmation in June. He is the first civilian to occupy the position.

High ranking dignitaries representing each branch of the military spoke before the entire delegation.

## How Do You Figure This?

You can start forgetting your service number and start remembering your Social Security number.

Effective July 1, the Social Security Account Number (SSAN) will become airmen's service identification number.

Wing Headquarters reminds airmen to verify the accuracy of the SSAN as it appears on the Monthly Earnings Statement, AF Form 1965.

Summed up, headquarters' warning means: "If your SSAN number is wrong, your payments will be messed up."



WELCOMED BACK by 937th personnel is Col. Harry Huff II, who commanded the 937th before being selected to attend the Air War College where he recently was graduated. He

returned to the 937th during the June 1968 and will soon take command of a reserve wing controlling three aircraft units.

