

937th SOONER NEWS

Volume II, Number 2

SUTTON PRESIDENT OF ROA

Lt. Col. David J. "Bud" Sutton, maintenance control officer, heads the list of five 937th personnel elected to offices in the Oklahoma Department of the Reserve Officers Association.

Col. Sutton joins former 937th commander Col. Harry Huff as the only members of the Sooner Group to serve as president of the

state organization.

Capt. Art Sorenson was named vice president for the Air Force, and 1st Lt. Charles Osborne was elected junior vice president for the Air Force.

Capt. Carolyn K. Bruner received the job of historian, and Maj. Ed Lane is chaplain.

The organization met in Tulsa during April.

Some 1,100 reserve and national guard officers are members of the organization.

Col. Sutton said the primary purpose of the organization is to help preserve all things the military -- and especially the reserve military officers -- feel important and that so many people have died for.

His primary mission as president, he said, is to increase membership in the organization and to help increase membership in the organization and to help pay off the Oklahoma pledge for funds to the ROA building in Washington.

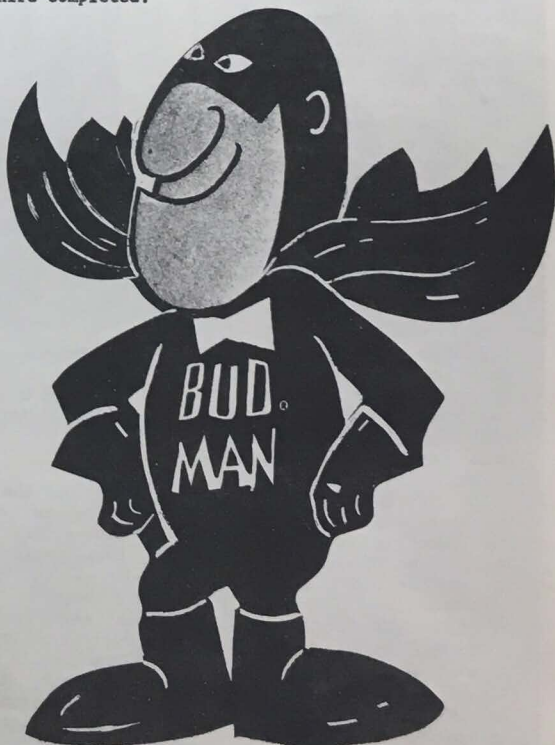
Sutton explained that the organization had pledged a certain amount of money to go for the ROA building which is about one-third completed.

NEXT
UTA
JULY
18-19



DON'T OVERLOOK
BUD
FOR
ROA PRESIDENT

The Reserve Officers Association didn't overlook Bud when the group of officers elected Lt. Col. David J. "Bud" Sutton president of the state organization.



ROA SPEAKERS VIEW THREATS TO AMERICA

The threat of communism from within and without the nation was the main thrust of addresses presented at the 43rd annual convention of the Oklahoma department of the Reserve Officers Association.

Retired Brig. Gen. Clyde Watts, now an Oklahoma City attorney, and Tom Hollingsworth, former member of the U.S. Army Special Forces, both issued warnings of the threatening encroachment of communism on the American way of life.

Gen. Watts discussed his recent trip to Vietnam and said, "The enemy has the objective of ruling the world."

He said the enemy is using man's hope for peace as a tool of war. He criticized America's tendency to slow down military action every time the enemy made overtones toward peace.

The retired officer rapped Americans in general for devoting too much of their time in the pursuit of happiness and not enough time to the pursuit of liberty and life.

The news media also felt blows from the general who blamed the news producers for aiding the Viet Cong by playing up the war in Vietnam as an unpopular conflict.

He added that the number one pollution in America is the news media.

Gen. Watts said he felt the media -- and the nation as a whole -- should tell the enemy in Vietnam that "we're coming home because the war is over."

Hollingsworth, an Oklahoma City, resident, continued along the same vein.

He said there are five

steps in the Communist plan to take over the nation.

Some of these, he said, have already been accomplished or are in the process of being accomplished.

The steps as he sees them are (1) divide the people; (2) create the appearance of popular support; (3) neutralize the opposition; (4) precipitate mob violence; and (5)

create the appearance of revolution.

The former Green Beret pointed particularly to the nation's campuses as breeding grounds that are bringing about the cycle toward a Communist takeover.

Both speakers forecast a "revolution" in America unless the nation turns inward to analyze threats that the speakers felt were more than evident.



Tom Hollingsworth, left, former Green Beret, takes time to answer questions after warning of Communist encroachments in America. Brig. Gen. Clyde Watts (Ret.) used visual aids to augment his address on Vietnam and threats to the American way of life. Both spoke at the annual meeting of the state Reserve Officers Assn.



WELCOME TO THE SUN

1st Lts. Lois (top photo) and Lillian Donnell don their bikinis during a break at a monthly UTA to take advantage of the base swimming pool. The Austin, Texas, natives do justice to their poolside roles. Both are nurses with the 937th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

PROMOTIONS

The following have recently received promotions:

To Airman First Class -- Lyndell K. Stark, Michael W. Risner, Lewis R. Paulkel, Charles R. Nease II, Tony R. Mitchell, John R. Little, Jesse J. Hardin, David Hale, Raymond C. Gollaher and Monte R. Davis.

To Sergeant -- Loyd E. Russell II, Charles J. Raley, Dan R. Owens, Daniel M. Hollacher, James H. Henline, Kenneth W. Harder, David F. Eytcheson, Richard B. Dickinson and Louis R. Byrd.

To Staff Sergeant -- Ansis Abolins, James D. Neel, Ronald L. Jenkins, Robert E. Carlile and Charles M. Bower.

To Senior Master Sergeant -- Daniel N. Wax.





A1C Stan Ewing



Sgt. Bill Coburn



Sgt. Terry Lauderdale



Sgt. Bill MacDonald Jr.

PERSONNEL GET COLLEGE DEGREES

By Sgt. Marvin Stepp

At least five members of the 937th are proud recipients of college degrees.

Most college commencements took place following the April UTA.

One, A1C Stan Ewing who has been with the unit just under two years, received his master's degree from the University of Oklahoma, Norman.

Ewing has been going to school on a planning commission fellowship from the transportation division of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

He earned his degree in regional and city planning and has now accepted a position in the Tulsa metropolitan area.

The airman is in aircraft maintenance in the CAMRON Squadron.

He does not feel that his job specialty is any help to his civilian work.

But "taking care of my military obligation has set my mind at ease."

He did not like "a monthly correspondence with my draft board."

Not all of this year's college graduates in the 937th share the above sentiments.

Sgt. Bill Coburn, who was graduated from Central State College, Edmond, said, "I'd rather gone in first and then gotten the GI Bill to go to school on."

Sgt. Coburn is a vehicle dispatcher for the 937th and has his degree in business management.

He feels college would have been easier if he had waited and had the income from the GI Bill.

While attending CSC, Sgt. Coburn was employed by Universal Dyanmics. After graduation, he was transferred to a subsidiary concrete company in Norman.

Another vehicle dispatcher, Sgt. William (Bill) G. MacDonald Jr., an advertising and public relations graduate from Oklahoma City University, is glad he joined the 937th.

"I can't see where the training has helped me in any civilian job I may have, but it enabled me to stay in school until I finished. And it got me four hours credit in physical education."

1st Lt. J. Stephen Hope, 937th information officer picked up his second degree from the University

of Tulsa on May 31.

Lt. Hope was awarded the master of arts degree in communications.

Hope's civilian job and reserve duties match somewhat. The talents he uses as president of Hood, Hope and Associates, a Tulsa advertising firm, are also put to use in his information role with the 937th.

Sgt. Terry Lauderdale said, "The reserves have helped me meet new and interesting people and make several friends, people I couldn't have known otherwise."

Sgt. Lauderdale is a Central State graduate with a degree in business administration and a minor in physical education.

"Being in the reserves takes the pressure off," he stated when asked how the 937th had helped him in school.

As for any other benefits, Sgt. Lauderdale, smiling, could think of only one: "Free shots."

The SOONER NEWS is a unit newsheet published by the Information Section of the 937th MAG for personnel of the Sooner Group.

Col. Cecil T. Jenkins.....Cmdr., 937th MAG
 Capt. Larry Bunch.....Personnel Officer
 1Lt Steve Hope.....Information Officer

Editor.....Ann Larry Snipes
 Photographers.....A1C Robert Taylor, A1C Bill Witt
 Illustrators.....Sgt Richard Thompson, Ann David Hale
 Editorial Assistant.....A1C Marvin Stepp

The SOONER NEWS is a quarterly publication and opinions expressed herein do not necessarily represent those of the United States Air Force Reserves.