

937th SOONER NEWS

937th Military Airlift Group, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma 73115

937TH TOP IN INSPECTION

The 937th Military Airlift Group has become the first Air Force Reserve unit to receive an "excellent" rating under the Air Force-wide Maintenance Standardization and Evaluation Program (MSEP).

The local unit achieved a numerical rating of 95 per cent for the Oct. 5-9 period. This is the highest rating yet attained by an of the reserve maintenance organizations.

Maj. Gen. Rollin B. Moore Jr., commander of AFRES, said the rating "reflects the high degree of competence with which the 937th, to a man, discharges its assigned responsibilities."

He added, "The MSEP is very demanding. It requires understanding top-level management, professional performance, and insistence on strict compliance with all technical directives. All of these require the utmost in individual dedication and discipline. The 937th had these outstanding traits and more."

Col. Cecil T. Jenkins, commander of the 937th, said base personnel aided greatly in his unit's achieving the high rating.

He said, "We appreciate greatly the outstanding support from the base that allowed the 937th to substantially pass the MSEP inspection."



Receiving certificates from the Reserve Officers Association are, from left, Capt. Arthur Sorenson, president of the Tornado Chapter 66 of ROA; Capt. Leonard Williams, Aerial Port Flight; Maj. Jimmie Smith, Supply Squadron; Lt. Col. Donald Carry, CAM Squadron; Col. Cecil T. Jen-

kins, 937th commander; Lt. Col. James Wade, 305 Military Airlift Squadron; Lt. Col. Wilburn Williamson, Support; Maj. William J. Howse, Communications Flight; and Lt. Col. David Sutton, president of the state department of the ROA.

ROA MEMBERSHIP NEARS 100%

Officers of the 937th have almost reached a 100 per cent membership in the Reserve Officers Association (ROA).

According to Capt. Arthur Sorenson, seven of the nine units that make up the 937th have declared a 100 per cent of their officers as members of the ROA.

Sorenson is president of the Tornado Chapter 66 of ROA which is made up primarily of 937th personnel.

The national ROA, Sorenson explained, is the only military oriented organization in the U.S. with a charter from Congress.

He said the charter details


the primary objective of the ROA as taking such measures as it deems necessary to insure and strengthen national defense and to work toward that objective with whatever means necessary.

Commanders of the 937th units declaring 100 per cent membership were presented

with certificates from national headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Units receiving the citations were the 305 Military Airlift Squadron, 937 Support Squadron, 937 CAM Squadron, 937 Aerial Port Flight, 937 Civil Engineering Squadron, and 937 Communications Flight.

PROMOTIONS



AIR FORCE

Promotions since the last issue of the SOONER NEWS:

To Chief Master Sergeant-- Louis D. Rohn, Willard E. Shields, Buell Spruiell, and Doyle A. Webb.

To Senior Master Sergeant-- Paul R. Lechner and E. J. Snider.

To Master Sergeant -- James N. Hartzog and Frank D. Jackson.

To TSgt -- Larry D. Collier, Harold W. Taylor, Bob L. Weist, Vaughn F. Holcer, Don R. Welchel, James F. Kapella, Larry E. Smoot, Johnnie Asbury, Robert L. Caruthers, Jack W. Phillips Jr., and Airmore Scott,

To Staff Sergeant -- Larry A. Miller, Richard L. Moore, Gary C. Rhodes, James H. Daniels, Gary E. Majors, Richard D. Nix, David L. Garrett, Danny L. McDaniel, Larry E. Witten, Loyd M. Adams, Herbert A. Dubberstein, James P. Reynolds, Carl O. Stramski, David W. Turner, Daniel H. Yaruss, John P. Keefe, Larry R. Oliver, Roland E. Schmidt, and Harold E. Stanberry III.

To Sergeant -- Brian K. Jones, Billy D. Logue, Larry G. Martin, Roger Stepp, Travis D. Baker, Thomas D. Dav-

is, Earl T. Jones, Gary L. Wax, William E. Brown, Robert P. McIntire, Lloyd L. Reynolds, Steve E. Schmitz, Ronald J. Harper, Joseph A. Schlunt, Terry L. Thrower, Fred D. Martin Jr., Harold G. Parsons, John F. White, John W. Swint, Dennis R. Wedgeworth, Eldon L. Cunningham, Gerald L. Janes, and Charles T. Pledger.

To Airman First Class -- Steven W. Anderson, John R. Cardoni, Edward L. Hanska, Marvin D. Harris, Charles T. Neal, Danny J. Stark, John T. Swindle, Michael W. Tompkins, Robert E. Tucker, Christopher Armstrong, Wayne H. Bene, Verlin M. Bohlman, Jack D. Branson, Richard A. Brown, Steven E. Carpenter, Ronald D. Catlege, Orval E. Cook Jr., Gary A. Eichler, Franklin C. Evanchyk, Lynn J. Fry Jr., Thomas F. Garen, Murel D. Hall, Allen L. Hamman, Paul S. Harwell, Walter E. Hawkins, Lawrence Johnson Jr., Richard M. Joiner, Johnnie D. Johnston, Gregory J. Jones, Michael D. Knight, David R. McAllister, Edwin

W. Mekush, Teddy R. Mitchell, Richard G. Price, John R. Ragsdale, Weldon C. Rainey, Patrick T. Reynolds, William B. Rotert, Domer Scaramucci Jr., Terry B. Smith, Gary D. Spencer, Jackie L. Stieber, Robert B. Stradford, Stephen R. Terry, Jimmy L. Weichel, Gary L. Bishop, Billy W. Coots, Gary R. Curren, Rex A. Fleming, David B. Foley, Charles R. English, Richard Kittedge, Kevin C. Knight, Mark L. Null, David L. Ragsdale, John H. Sharp Jr., Larry G. Stanley, Gary L. Thornton, Morton V. Weir, Dean A. Williamson, William D. Baker, Terry W. Biggs, Gary L. Brum, Michael D. Cribbs, Patrick T. England, John D. Fleming, Gary L. Higdon, Wayne D. Kieke, Charles R. Montgomery, Stephen E. Reaves, Kenneth R. Settle, Andrew C. Springer, Samuel E. Teague, Ronald L. Walker, Dennis A. White, Pecollar Williams, Terry L. Brown, Charles S. Elliott, Kenneth G. Holland, Steve E. Maupin, James B. Mitchell, Gary D. Penland, Dempsey B. Scott, Johnny G. Scroggins, Dario R. Torres, Billy W. Underwood, and Jerry D. Yort.

AIRMEN CITED

Two Airmen of the Quarter and four honor graduates have been honored recently.

Receiving the certificates as Airman of the Quarter for the third quarter of 1970 was Sgt James Davenport, Communications Flight.

MSgt Arvel R. Winter, Support Squadron, was cited as Airman of the Quarter for the fourth quarter of 1970. Winter is NCOIC of the Accounting and Finance Section in Support Squadron.

Honor graduates receiving certificates were Airman James D. DeCastro, Civil Engineers; Airman Gary R. Curren, Supply; SSgt James D. Greenlee, Aero Port; and Airman John H. Sharp Jr., Aero Port.

DeCastro completed the Pavement Maintenance Specialist Course at Sheppard AFB. He attained a percentage grade average of 88 in his course.

Curren attended the Materiel Facilities Specialist Course at Lowry Technical Training Center.

Greenlee completed the Aircraft Loadmaster Course at Sheppard as an honor graduate.

Sharp gained a honor ranking in the Air Cargo Specialist Course at Sheppard.

MEMBERSHIP NEARS 100%

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Capt. Sorenson said one goal of Tornado Chapter 66 is to get a 100 per cent membership throughout the 937th.

Capt. Sorenson pointed out a number of ties between the 937th and the state and national ROA.

He said Col. Harry Huff, former commander of the 937th, once served as vice president for air of the national organization.

Heading the state department as president is Lt. Col. David Sutton of the 937th.

Other 937th personnel who are officers in the state department are Capt. Sorenson,

vice president for air; 1Lt Charles Osborne, junior vice president for air; 1Lt John Stephen Hope, information officer; and Capt. Karolyn Bruner, historian.

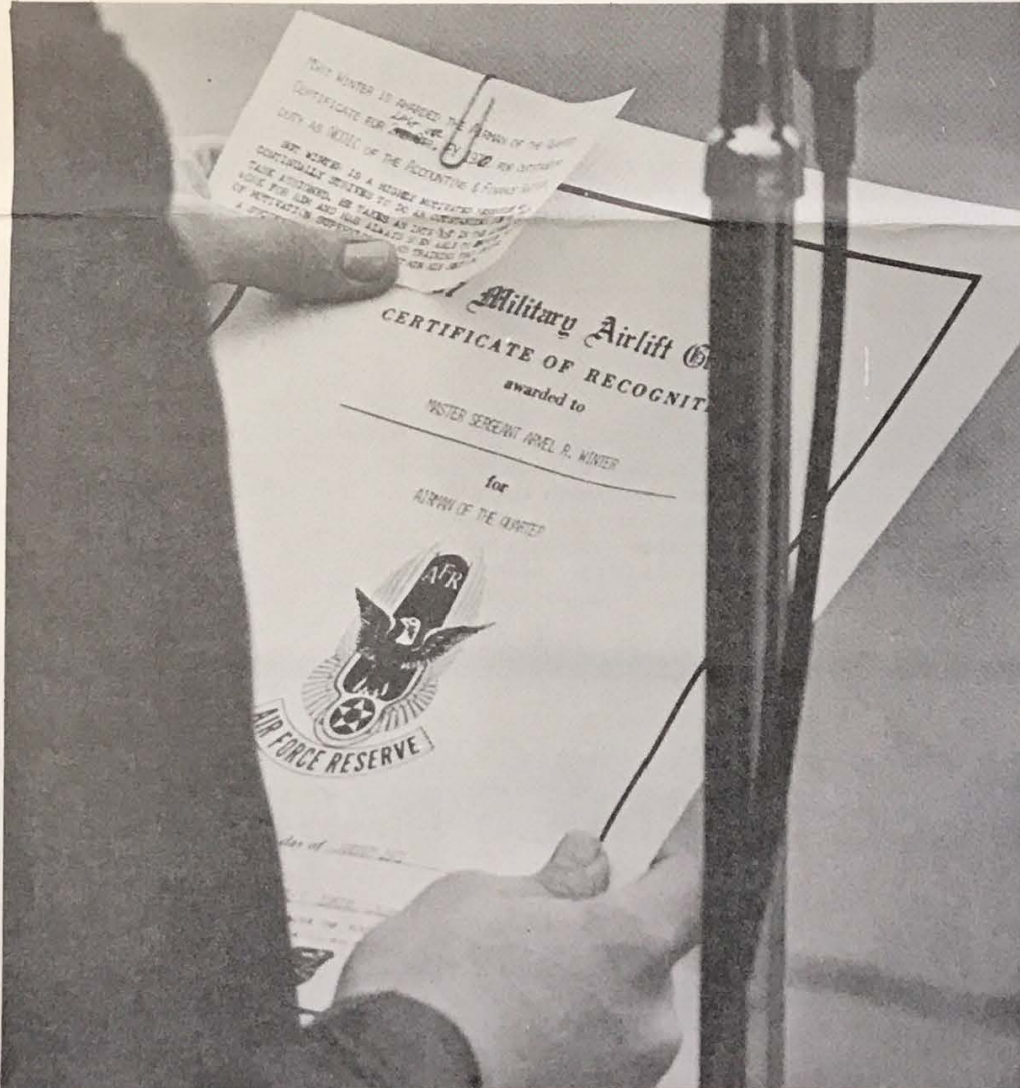
The state organization claims 1,300 members, representing all branches of the services.

Capt. Sorenson attributed one of the mottos of the ROA to George Washington, the original citizen-soldier: "Every man who enjoys freedoms provided to him by his government owes his services in defense of that government."



Receiving recognition at the January parade are, from left, MSgt Arvel R. Winter, Airman of the Quarter; SSgt James D. Greenlee, Honor Graduate; SSgt James Davenport, Airman of the Quarter; and Amm Gary R. Curren, Honor Graduate.

AWARDS HIGHLIGHT JANUARY PARADE



A citation is read during the parade and review during the January UTA.



MSgt Arvel R. Winter salutes Old Glory before receiving his award as Airman of the Quarter for the fourth quarter of 1970.

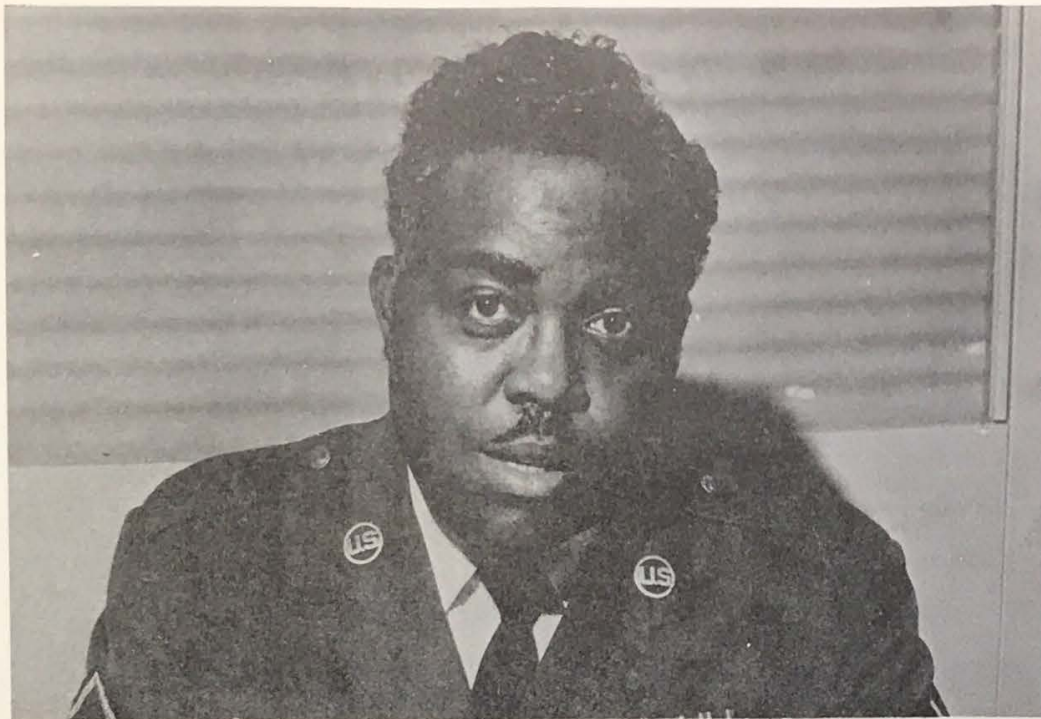
LOCAL ROA CHAPTER AIDS BOOK DRIVE

The Oklahoma Department of the Reserve Officers Association has joined hands with the Manila chapter of the ROA to collect and distribute text books to schools in the Philippines.

Locally, the project is spearheaded by Lt. Col. David Sutton, president of the Oklahoma Department, and by Capt. Arthur Sorenson, vice president of the Department (Air Force). The Tornado Chapter 66, of which Capt. Sorenson is president, is the book project chapter.

At Tinker to coordinate the project was Maj. Dorothy C. Carson (U.S. Army Reserve) who is president of the Manila Chapter. She was at Tinker during December.

Through Maj. Carson's reserve organization, the 4996th Civil Affairs Unit, Army Reserve, Manila, and the Philippine Army Civil Affairs Home Defense Centers, distribution of the text books will be made to schools where the need is the greatest.



SMSgt T.G. Johnson

UNIT SERGEANT HONORED

SMSgt Thaddoues G. Johnson recently earned the Significant Achievement Award from Air Force Logistics Command for his civilian duties here at Tinker AFB.

Johnson received the citation for playing a major role in Oklahoma Air Materiel Area's "new man" program.

"New man" is 18 consecutive months of orientation for incoming warehousemen. Johnson was given the assignment to design such a program one year ago.

The course includes all

facets of working in Air Force Warehouses.

The 937th may use the program to "train supporting tenant organizations," according to Johnson.

Further, "All Air Materiels will be required to retraining pertaining to course outlines that were developed for Oklahoma City Air Materiel."

Johnson is a supply superintendent with the 937th and has 13 years of military service under his belt, most of which has been with this group. He has been in the

937th during two name changes.

He was here when the 937th was the 69th Troop Carrier and then after it became the 305th Troop Carrier. He was called to active duty during the Korean Conflict in 1951 and the Berlin Airlift of 1961.

Johnson served in the Army during World War II as a combat soldier. He fought with the Fifth Army in Italy and participated in the invasion of Southern France as a member of the Seventh Army.

PERSONNEL CHANGES MADE

HQ AFRES, ROBINS AFB, GA. (AFRNS) -- Some changes in key staff positions have been announced at Air Force Reserve (AFRES) headquarters at Robins AFB, Ga.

Col. Jack A. Maret assumed duty as deputy director of Operational Plans. He was formerly assigned to Detachment 1, 2200th Support Squadron, Dobbins AFB, Ga., as director of Disaster Preparedness.

Col. Sidney S. Novaresi is the new assistant deputy chief of staff, Operations. Prior to attending Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Ala., he was commander of the

940th Tactical Airlift Group, McClellan AFB, Calif.

Lt. Col. Ewell E. McCallum is the new assistant deputy chief of staff, Comptroller. He arrived at AFRES after completing a year's tour in the Republic of Vietnam as director of Budget, Seventh Air Force at Ton San Nhut AB.

The Chief of Systems Division, Directorate of Accounting and Finance, is Capt. Rafael Melendez. His last assignment was at Wasserkuppe Air Station, Germany, where he was in the 616th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron.