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Gen. Lewis Retires , Takes On Ranching

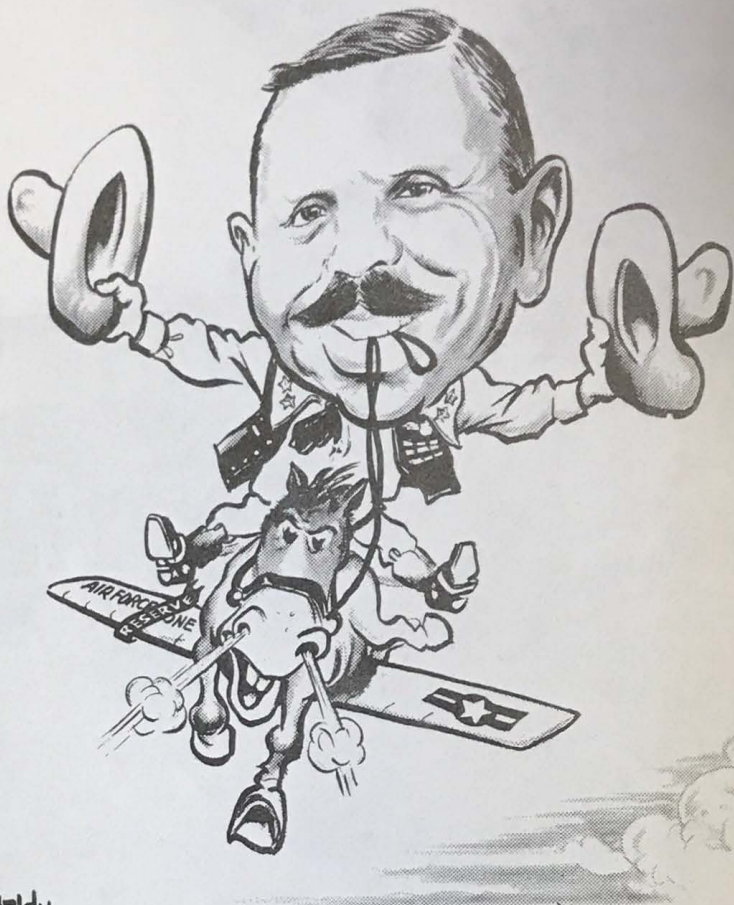
On 4 April, after more than 34 years of active and Reserve duty, Major General Homer I. Lewis was honored at a farewell review and formal Dining Out at Robins AFB. Dr. James P Gilligan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Reserve Affairs and Education, was the principal speaker at the Dining-Out. In Pentagon ceremonies held 7 April, General Lewis was awarded the highest U.S. peacetime decoration, the Distinguished Service Medal.

General Lewis, as Chief of Air Force Reserve and Commander of Air Force Reserve (AFRES), was the principal advisor to the Air Force Chief of Staff on Reserve matters and supervised AFRES units across the United States.

He plans to return to his Eagle Pass, Texas, ranch and business interest.

President Ford has nominated Major General William G. Lyon as Chief of Air Force Reserve. He is presently assigned as mobilization assistant to the commander-in-chief of Strategic Air Command at

Offutt AFB. Maj General Earl O. Anderson, AFRES Vice Commander, assumes command of AFRES until General Lyon's appointment is confirmed by the Senate.



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TALL IN THE SADDLE

What's Happened To Young People

HQ TAC - "What's becoming of the younger generation?," has been the wonderment of the older generation probably since time began.

However, if you look back in U.S. history, it was from youth that our country got its energetic start.

George Washington was an Army colonel and John Paul Jones a ship's captain at 23 and 21, respectively.

Thomas Jefferson was a lawyer at 23 along with Millard Fillmore and Franklin Pierce and Jefferson was a legislator at 24.

Andrew Jackson was the Attorney General of North Carolina at 23.

William Henry Harrison, John Tyler and James Buchanan all graduated from college at 17, with Harrison and Tyler becoming members of Congress at 26 and Buchanan joining them at 29.

Today, of course, youth can vote at age 18. Many of today's youth are making an effort to have voice in the running of their country and judging from the success of their "young" forefathers maybe they should have a louder one.

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Medication Plus Alcohol=Don't Drive

As if society doesn't have enough troubles with the alcohol-impaired driver, now there is another type of driver that presents a problem of tremendous potential.

This driver takes frequent doses of so-called "innocent" drugs, usually valid and frequently under a doctor's care. A person taking several types of medication for different ailments becomes more of a problem. Add only a small amount of alcohol with medication and the problem multiplies very rapidly.

Such mind-changing drugs as diet pills tranquilizers, antihistamines, barbiturates and bromides can impair a driver's ability to function effectively on the highway. When used in conjunction with even a moderate amount of alcohol, the results can be tragic. The driver's perception of time and space is altered and his driving equilibrium is thrown off.

But the real problem of the drug situation lies in the so-called "synergistic" effect of drugs combined with alcohol.

This refers to the joint action of drugs which, when taken together, increase each others' effectiveness. This means that a driver taking cold pills, for example, might very well, after downing a couple of cocktails, exhibit all the behavioral characteristics of the town drunk.

Reflexes could be slowed, speech slurred, vision impaired, and his gait affected. This person becomes a dangerous driver by any definition...and only because he woke up with the sniffles and lacked knowledge of the possible side-effects of mixing pills and cocktails.

Most medication containers now caution the driver of the dangers of operating a vehicle after taking the medication.

Obey the warnings, and remember the dangers of mixing medication/alcohol and driving.



Loaded with 500-pound conventional bombs, "Thuds" head for the range at Salina, Kan., during a training mission. Pilots are "B" Flight Leader, Capt. Ron Williams, Capt. Bruce Brandt, Capt. Dickie Bowman, and Capt. Hugh Jackson.

A F College Extends Eligibility To Reserves

RANDOLPH AFB, Tex (AFNS) - The Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) has extended eligibility in its study programs to all enlisted members of the Selected Reserve. Selected Reservists include those airmen who are serving in Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve units, or as mobilization augmentees.

CCAF has developed more than 80 study programs that relate directly to Air Force specialties. By combining the technical knowledge airmen gain through completion of accredited Air Force technical schools, applicable off-duty education received at any regionally accredited college or university, and a few hours of management and military science, airmen can qualify for award of the CCAF career education certificate (CEC).

The CCAF curricula are modeled on two-year junior and community college associate degree programs. A growing number of colleges and universities consider the CEC to be equivalent to the associate in applied science or associate in technology degree.

CCAF study programs have been designed to accommodate the majority of Air Force enlisted skills. The 80-plus programs have been assigned to eight general areas where enlisted, civilian and officer technicians have thoroughly evaluated each program and assigned the appropriate number of CCAF semester hours.

The eight areas are: administration and management, aircraft maintenance, communications, crafts and trades, distribution services, electromechanical, health care sciences, and public services.

To earn a CEC in one of the programs, a participant must complete a minimum of 64 semester hours, to include a minimum of:

- 24 semester hours of technical education earned through accredited Air Force or civilian schools;

- 25 semester hours of related education earned from accredited colleges or universities, including courses in the humanities, communicative skills, and the sciences.

- six semester hours of management and military science earned through accredited Air Force noncommissioned officers academy or a civilian school.

Depending upon the complexity of a participant's major study area and recommendations from professional organizations, additional hours may be necessary for completing certificate requirements.

To date, 168 airmen and noncommissioned officers have qualified for award of the CEC. Three of these individuals have been awarded their second CEC.

Education services offices have the CCAF catalogs and the appropriate information counselors to assist prospective students.

Alteration In Policy Makes Promotion Board Names Available To Public

WASHINGTON (AFNS) - Members of future Air Force promotion boards will have their names made public. This change in policy became effective March 13.

Members of all promotion, demotion, school, career reserve, regular, and involuntary separation boards will now be made public, along with the official release of each board.

Officials say this action is part of a movement to make the personnel system more open and visible to Air Force members. The Army and Navy have been publishing their board membership for several years.

In 1971, the General Counsel of the Department of Defense determined that the Freedom of Information Act requires the release of the names of selection board members upon request of persons making an appeal. This decision was made as a response to a request for this information by the legal counsel of an officer who was passed over by the calendar year 1971 permanent (Regular Air Force) major selection board. Following the decision, the policy was changed to permit release of the names on a "case-by-case" basis when requested by legal counsel.

#2 In AFRES To Address State ROA

Air Force Reserve Vice Commander, Maj. Gen. Earl O. Anderson, will address the 48th Annual State Reserve Officers Association (ROA) Convention, May 17, at the Hilton Inn, Tulsa, Okla.

The state ROA membership includes some 1700 Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps reservists.

Registration begins Friday, May 16, at 3:00 p.m. with an informal reception following at 6:30 p.m.

ROA members of the 507th will be transported by bus Saturday to Tulsa for the business sessions.

The convention will end with an evening reception, banquet, presentation of Oklahoma Minute Men awards and a military ball.



ACTION LINE

QUESTION:

I am a Staff Sergeant and my UTA pay differs from other reservists in the same grade. I have written the Finance Center at Denver where my paycheck comes from, but haven't received an answer.

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Not many people know that the Detachment has its own Pay Section, which is one of the best in the Air Force Reserve. It coordinates all pay matters with the Finance Center in Denver, the issuing office. Date of enlistment and/or number of dependents could be the reason your pay differs from others in your same grade. Feel free to contact Barbara Nelson, Ext 7491, who heads the Pay Section, anytime you have a question concerning your pay. She is extremely knowledgeable and cooperative and believes there is nothing more important than your check!

Schatz Named Maintenance Man Of Month

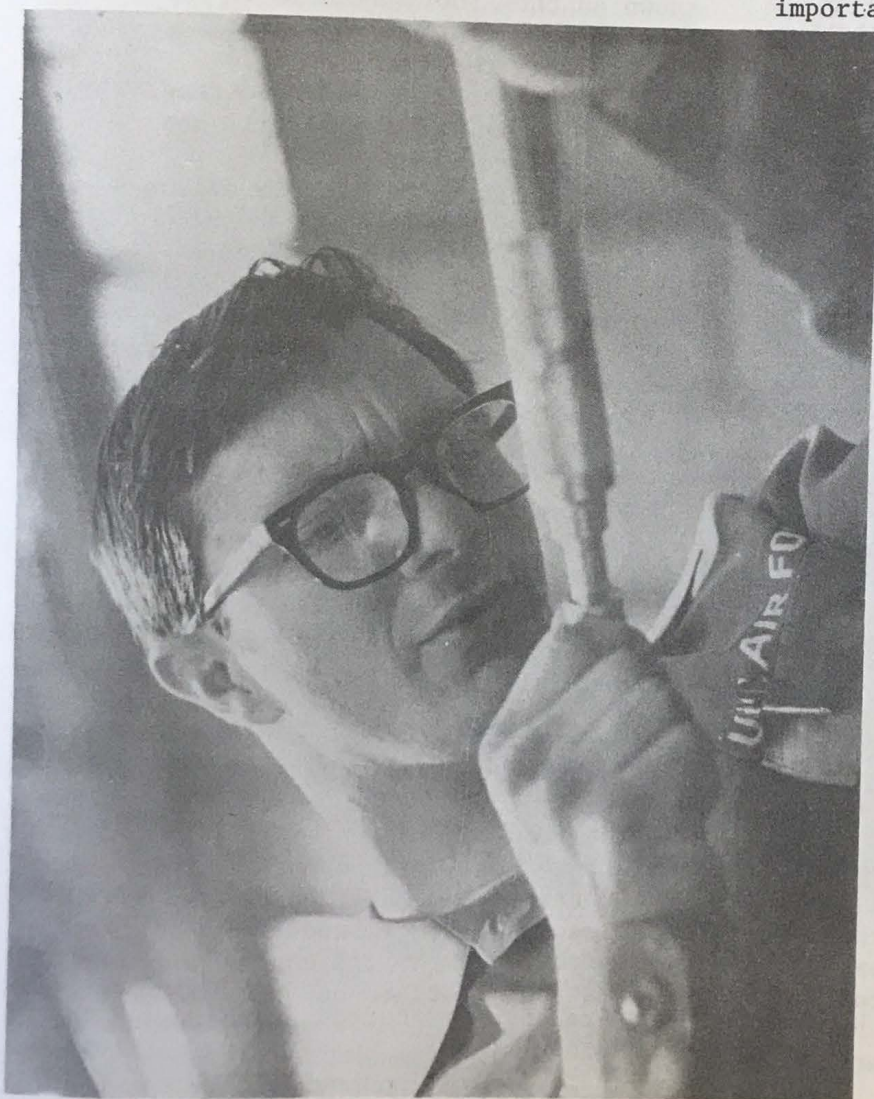
A1C Matous Schatz, Munitions Release Shop, 507th CAM Sq, has been selected as Maintenance Man of the Month. This selection will allow him to compete for the Group nomination of Air Force Reserve, Maintenance Man of the Year.

This is not the first time Amn Schatz has been honored for his outstanding reserve achievements. He finished Weapons Mechanic Technical School in five weeks maintained a 97 per cent grade point average and graduated with honors.

The tech school which is regularly 13 weeks long is held at Lowry Technical Training Center, Lowry AFB, Colo.

Amn Schatz, his wife Sheryl, and his six year old daughter, Dee Dee, live in Oklahoma City.

He is an aircraft mechanic at Catlin Aviation in Bethany.



A1C Matous Schatz

Scientific Fair Draws Experts

Detachment Flight Surgeon, Maj. Gary S. Borrell, has been selected to judge the Behavioral Sciences category of the 1975 International Science Fair May 14.

Oklahoma City will host the fair May 12-17 at the Myriad.

Air Force Systems Command (AFSC) will furnish a judge in each of the 11 categories. Assistant judges will be composed of local experts in their respective fields of science.

Maj. Borrell is in his third year residence in psychiatry at the Oklahoma University Medical school where he is engaged in full-time training and counseling.

While on active duty with the Air Force, he was stationed at Tinker AFB as the base flight surgeon. He plans to begin private practice July 1.

Awards will be presented on May 16 by Maj. Gen. Charles G. Cleveland, assistant chief of staff for technical training, Air Training Command (ATC), Randolph AFB, Tex.



Maj. James W. Parker has been assigned Commander of the 465 Tactical Fighter Squadron. He replaces Lt. Col. Carroll Ballard, who recently retired. Maj. Parker has been a pilot for Overseas National Airlines for seven years.



There came to my attention recently a story from the life of Herbert Taylor, president of a large aluminum company. Its major premise is not unfamiliar to Rotarians. To me it is worth sharing.

Mr Taylor was the new president of a bankrupt company. He said, "Twenty-four words changed my life!" He knew that escape from their plight would require moral strength and integrity on the part of both employers and employees. After praying that a Christian yardstick be given them, the president picked up his pencil and wrote these principles--soon to be known as the "Four Way-Test".

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendship?
4. Will it be helpful to all concerned?

As the result of doing business on the basis of these principles the company was in five years completely solvent and a money making concern.

I was impressed by the fact that this in a nutshell is the summary of Jesus' teaching on the Mount.

To live by this Four-Way Test insures success not only in business but also in the home, in society, and in government.

Jesus was greatly concerned about human relations and sought to teach that these are directly affected by man's relationship to God.

When men take God into account, all things do "go on working together for good."

The importance of placing first things first cannot be overemphasized. Dollars and cents are not all important. Friendship and confidence cannot be bought.

Neither can the ill conduct or inconsideration of others be excused for monetary reasons whether on an individual or a national level.

There is still no substitute for the Golden Rule. It has not been abrogated.

Dog Tags Become History

RANDOLPH AFB, Tex. (AFNS) - Military "dog tags," as they have been known to millions of American servicemen, are becoming part of military history for most new members of the Air Force.

Tags will now be issued only to those members who are assigned duty as aircrew members or who are participating in actual or simulated combat, according to officials at the Air Force Military Personnel Center (AFMPC).

A revision of the regulation covering identification tags deleted dependents and airmen, other than those mentioned above, from the issue list. The change is the result of a suggestion which was submitted through the military suggestion program.

Previously, dependents were issued tags when they accompanied the military sponsor overseas and were required to keep them in their possession at all times.

The new policy will save money for the Air Force, by requiring less time and materials, since fewer tags will be produced. The reduced workload will be spread throughout the Air Force and not concentrated mainly in basic training where members of the enlisted force were issued their tags.

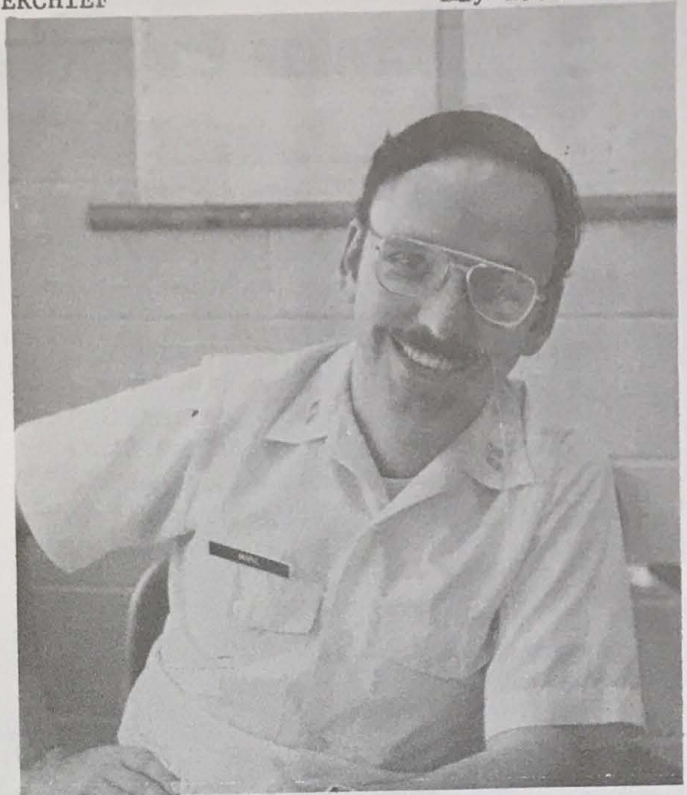
BX Revises System

HQ AFRES, ROBINS AFB, GA. Reservists may now use base exchange (BX) facilities at times other than during unit training assembly or other Reserve training as a result of a new Department of Defense Policy.

Under the revised system, Reservists compile BX eligibility days for each quarter and may use the privileges anytime during the quarter in which they are accrued.

The spouse of the Reservist is authorized to accompany the sponsor in the exchange. This privilege is not transferrable to children or relatives.

Air Force Reserve officials have instructed units to issue an authorization letter to eligible Reservists with special instructions printed on the reverse side of the form letter.



Capt. David R. Maril, logistics officer, has been promoted to Central Region, Ellington AFB, Tex. Capt. Maril has been with the unit since the early conversion days from C-124s to F-105s in 1972 and will now share in the responsibility Central Region has for logistics support for reserve units located in 13 states.



"I told you not to pick from the bottom."

Civilian Employees Set Many Firsts

When civil service system was established in 1883, it covered only 13,900 positions, or 10.5 per cent of all those in the Federal Government. Today, some 2.6 million positions--over 90 per cent of all those in the Federal Government--are under merit systems.

Sixty-one per cent of all Federal positions are in the competitive service which is regulated by the United States Civil Service Commission. Most of the remaining positions are under merit systems administered by other Federal agencies.

The image some people have of the civil service as "an army of clerks" is as outmoded as the horse and buggy. Occupations in the Government match almost every kind outside the Government and include a number not found in the private sector. Today's Federal service is largely a corps of professional men and women, and of highly skilled technicians and craftsmen.

The contributions made by these career civil servants have included many "firsts" of great importance to the American people and to the world.

Among these:

- . The first astronaut on the moon
- . The development of radar and sonar
- . Development of commercial and military instrument landing systems

- . Development of wash-and-wear fabrics; the aerosol bomb; the Beltsville small turkey
- . Pioneering in the standardization of whooping cough vaccine
- . Establishment of standards of purity for foods and drugs
- . Techniques for determining the toxicity levels of commonly used pesticides
- . Pioneering in automatic data processing
- . Pioneering in electronic microminiaturization (printed electronic circuits)
- . Launching of the science of rocket astronomy
- . The practical development of dextran as a blood plasma extender
- . Establishment of standards of measurement of industry
- . Use of satellites in weather forecasting, and
- . Invention of long-lasting synthetic lubricants having many industrial uses.

TO STAFF SERGEANT

- Harvey Rooks
- Dwight Lunow
- John Lones
- Robert Weaver
- Eston Hines
- Don Stone
- Earl Whittington
- Gary Williams
- Cedric Williams
- Larry Admire
- Danny Meek
- Clint Yarholar
- Joseph Gannon
- Ricky Sharp

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Gene Davidson

TO SERGEANT

- Randolph Bryce
- James Ford
- George Romasz
- Joe Dunsford
- Theresa Stanfield
- Linda Blackwood
- Wyatt Burks
- Deborah Willis
- Frederick Winnard

TO AIRMAN FIRST CLASS

- Lawrence Goodin
- Gregory Mollahan

TO TECHNICAL SERGEANT

- Gerald Byer
- Steven Carpenter
- Jay Leemaster
- Fred Lawson

TO MASTER SERGEANT

- William Crain
- Gerald Stepp
- Auzzie Warlick