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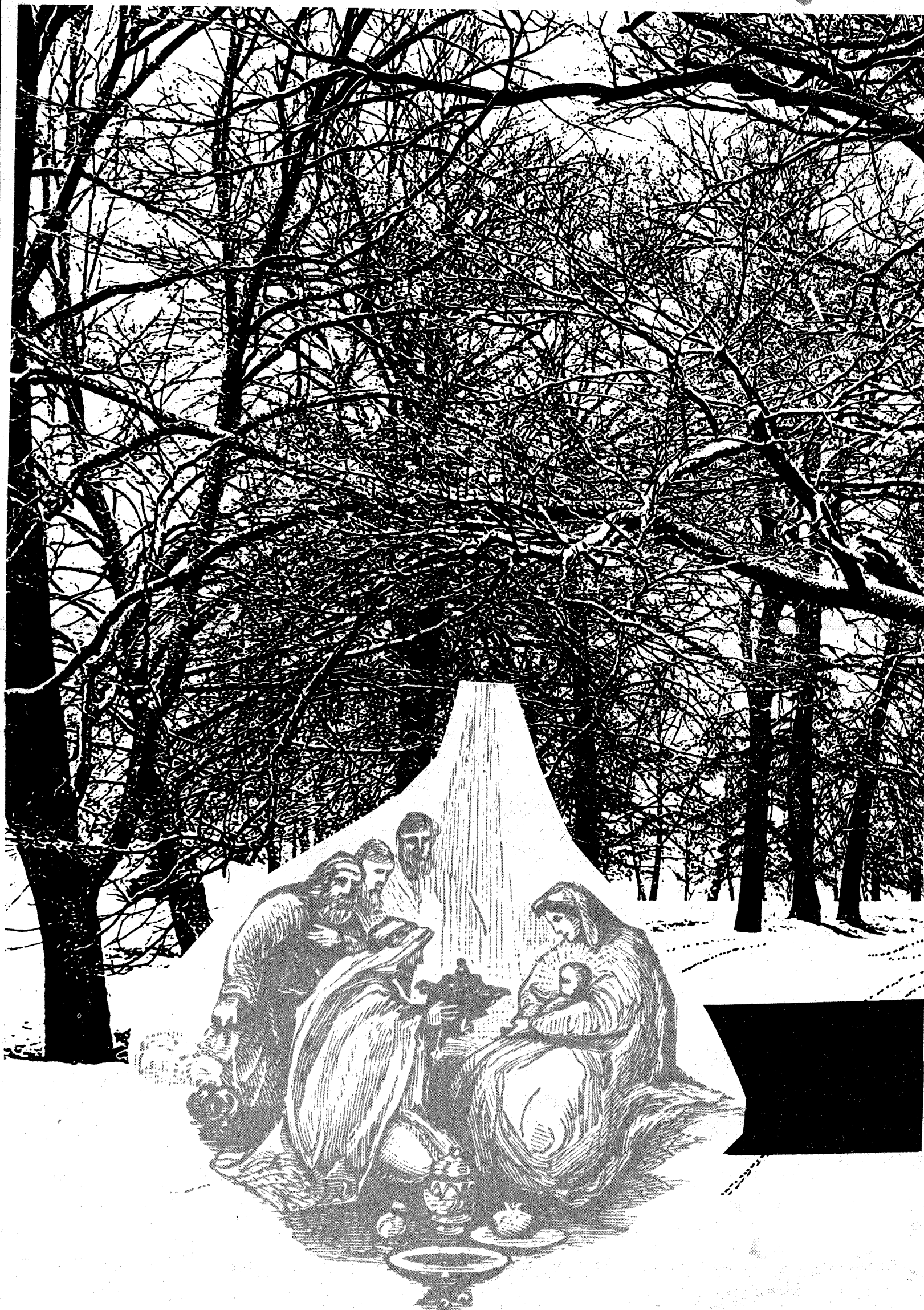
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A MERRY CHRISTMAS.



Christmas 1975 holiday messages



By Gen. David C. Jones
Air Force Chief of Staff

This year, the spirit of our nation's Bicentennial Christmas season will have a special meaning for proud Americans everywhere, but especially for those in uniform.

Born out of conflict, the United States has grown to maturity slow to anger and dedicated to peace, but willing to resist those who would challenge our deepest values. Although some would magnify our nation's faults and disparage its virtues, I believe history will record with favor our first 200 years in pursuit of the vision of Peace on Earth. I can think of no greater contribution to this ideal than the dedicated service by you, the men and women of the Air Force — active and reserve, military and civilian — whose vigilance and sacrifice will help maintain the peace into our nation's third century.

To those who are separated from your homes and families this holiday season, I send special greetings and wishes for an early and happy reunion. Also, I join the rest of the Air Force and the Nation in prayers for the families who separation and loneliness are compounded by uncertainty — the loved ones of the brave airmen who are still missing in action.

To the entire Air Force family, Mrs. Jones and I wish you a joyous and fulfilling holiday season and a New Year in which the original "Spirit of '76" may enrich all our lives.



By Maj. Gen. Leroy J. Manor
13th Air Force Commander

As we celebrate this joyous holiday season and look forward to the beginning of the New Year, we should take time to recall the events of 1975. By realizing what we have accomplished during the past year, we can gain some insight into the future and plan for the coming year with greater confidence.

1975 was filled with unusual challenges and occasions which called for courage, imagination and dedication from all of us in Thirteenth Air Force.

During this year, we viewed the fall of a free nation which magnified the blessings of those of us who still live in the freedom offered by democracy.

We who are assigned to Thirteenth Air Force have been in the forefront of the past year's top news stories. You performed your jobs with valor and professionalism of the highest order. You distinguished yourselves not only through your reliable day-to-day accomplishment of routine tasks, but also in the special calls to action precipitated by recent events. It has been a year to remember, and one in which we can be proud.

I ask you to join me in my resolution to again set ambitious goals for 1976 and make the coming year one marked by rejoicing, a time to celebrate the birth of the Saviour, the original protector of eternal freedom. Christmas is also a time to remember our loved ones back home while reflecting on past yuletide seasons. It is with these thoughts in mind that I wish you and your families a holiday season filled with joy and peace.



To: Col. Neil Eddins and the
men and women of Korat RTAFB
From: Gen. Louis Wilson,
Pacific Air Forces Commander

During the almost 14 years of U.S. presence at Korat, many units have served their country with pride and distinction. Whatever the task, from the missions up north to Civic Actions support to our own Social Actions program; from the early days of rough living and make-do to these final days of stand-down and pack-up, you and all the people of Korat have kept alive the spirit and traditions

that have earned Korat an honored place in Air Force history.

Units stationed at Korat have continually developed and refined air power tactics to more successfully accomplish their mission. Over the mountains and valleys of North Vietnam and along the trail, the tactical, suppressive, reconnaissance and rescue achievements have become legend.

Especially during the past year, you have vividly illustrated the pride, courage and devotion to duty that have been necessary to preserve our freedom for 200 years. Throughout the evacuations of Phnom Penh and Saigon the 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, with the outstanding support of every other unit at Korat, joined together in the finest tradition to fulfill your missions.

To each person stationed at Korat, I extend heartfelt appreciation for a job well done. On behalf of all the men and women of Pacific Air Forces, you have our best wishes for continued success and happiness in the future.



By Col. Neil L. Eddins
388th Tactical Fighter Wing Commander

As we spend this Christmas season in Thailand, far away from our homes and families, we have an opportunity to rediscover the true spirit of Christmas which cannot be restricted by seas or mountains.

Christmas brings confused emotions for those of us serving overseas, many of our traditional customs and practices are denied to us, and most significant is that we are separated from our families

and loved ones. We also share many great challenges that are affecting us during this Christmas season.

We all have our special and personal memories that make the celebration of Christmas a very personal holiday. Let us draw upon those memories and find happiness here in the joys of Christmas as we wish Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.

I wish each and every one of you, in the true spirit of this holiday, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Yes, even Generals

EVEN GEN. LOUIS Wilson, Pacific Air Forces Commander, was subjected to sniffer dog detection upon his arrival at Korat recently. General Wilson viewed the retrograde, Commando Plug and phasedown procedures here and sent the letter that can be found on page 2 praising the base. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Sgt. Paul Ries)

Holiday services

Chapel notices

These holiday Chapel services and other notes were passed on by chapel officials. All base personnel are urged to make note of these. The chaplains and chapel workers pass on their best for a blessed and most Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christmas Services

Wednesday — 5:15 p.m.— (Catholic)—Christmas Eve Penitential Rite and Mass.

7:30 p.m. — (Protestant)—Candlelight service.

Midnight—(Catholic)—Midnight Mass.

Thursday — 11:15 a.m.—(Catholic)—Christmas Day Mass.

Other Chapel Services before Korat phasedown

Jan. 29—to be announced—Presidential Prayer Breakfast.

Feb. 22—10 a.m.—Last Protestant Sunday Service.

11:15 a.m.—Last Catholic Sunday Mass.

Crime Stop stats

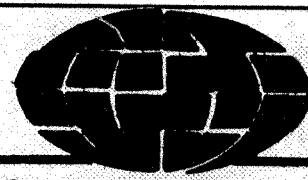
There were 23 on-base and 19 off-base criminal acts committed during November, according to 388th Security Police reports. Following is a breakdown of crime statistics for the period Nov. 1-30.

ON BASE

Larcencies over \$100—0
Larcencies under \$100—10
Assaults—0
Homicide—1
Burglaries—3
Housebreaking—9

OFF BASE

Larcencies over \$100—0
Larcencies under \$100—2
Assaults—2
Burglaries—1
Housebreaking—7



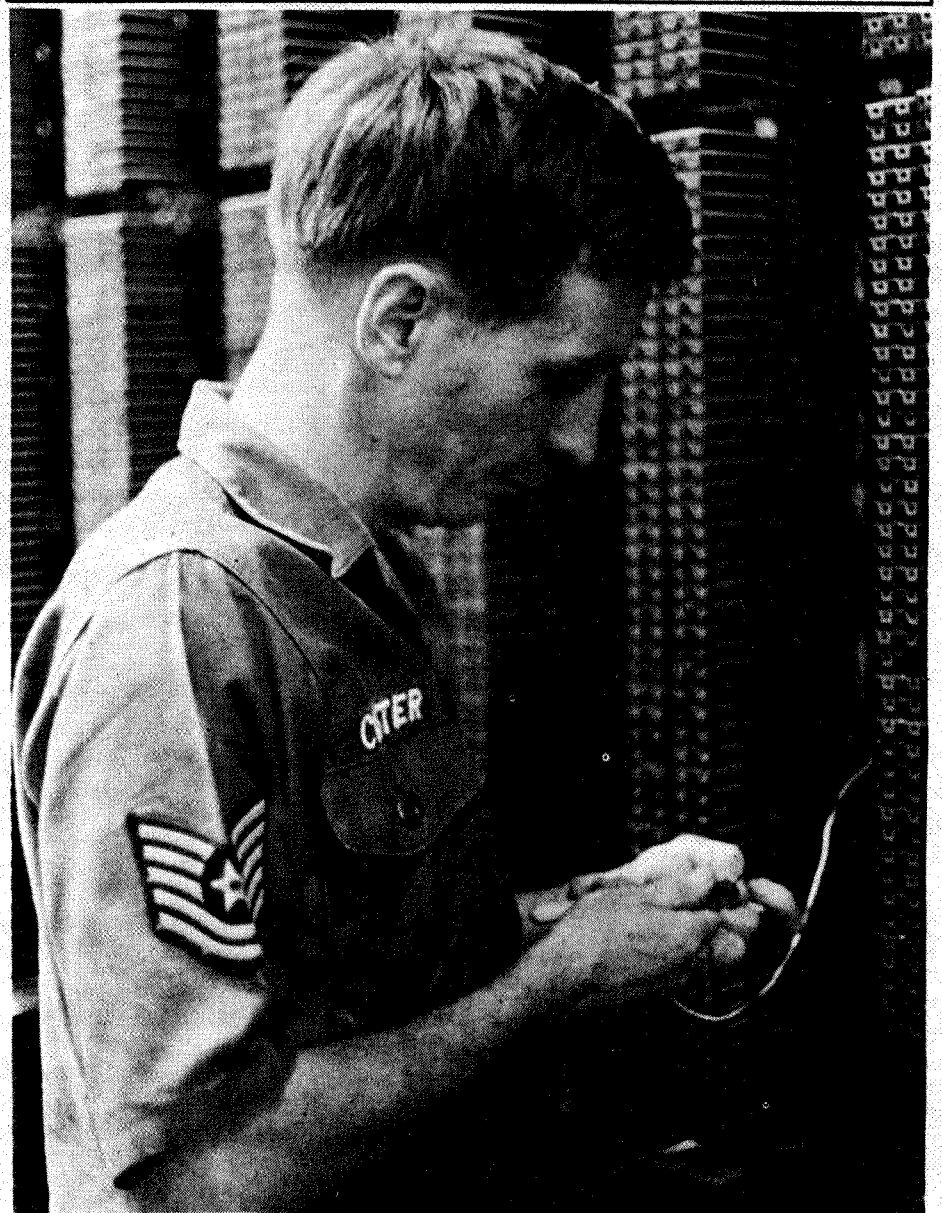
AIR FORCE NEWS SUMMARY

Officer early out application extended

The application period for fiscal year 1976 early releases program has been extended through Jan. 15, 1976, say officials. They say applications dated prior to Dec. 1, 1975, will be reviewed Dec. 10, 1975. Officers applying between Dec. 1, 1975 and Jan. 15, 1976, will have their records reviewed by Feb. 15, 1976. Separation dates will be between March 10 and June 28, 1976. Personnel with port calls earlier than April 15, 1976, are ineligible under both "Palace Furlough" and "Palace Chase" programs, they point out.

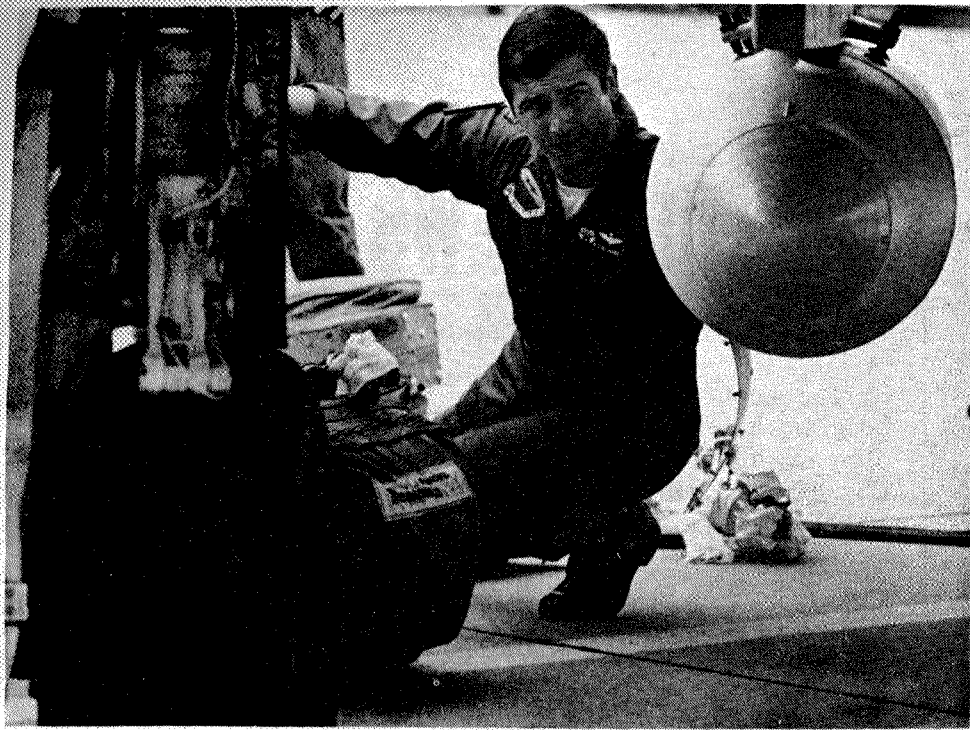
TAC begins 'Red Flag' training

Tactical Air Command (TAC) has begun a new concept in realistic aircrew training. Under the "Red Flag" program, aircrews will deploy to Nellis AFB, Nev., for training. The deployments will offer a degree of realistic training not available before. TAC officials say "Red Flag" deployments will provide the best simulated combat training available in a combined threat environment.

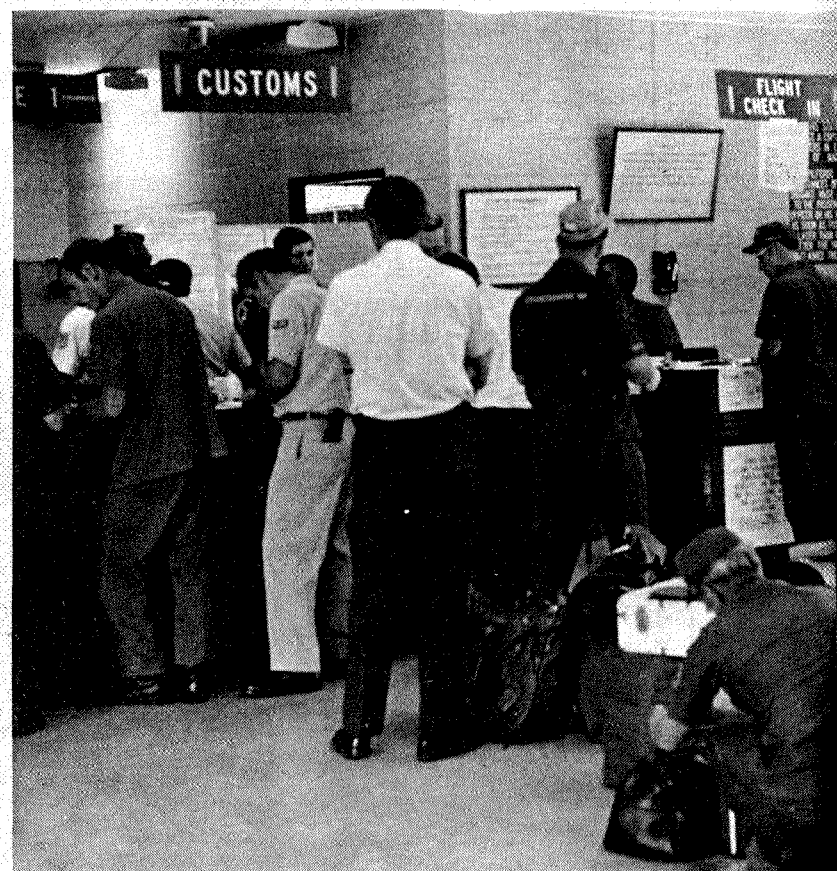
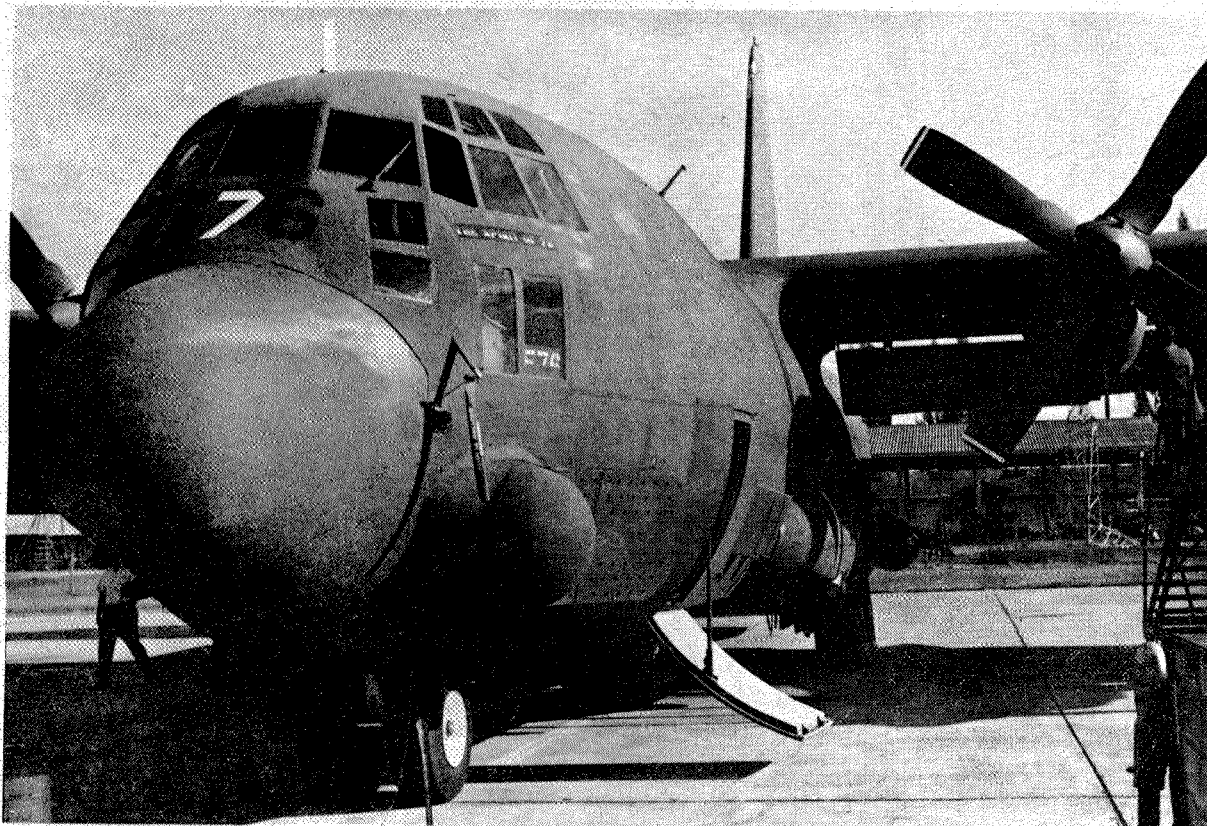
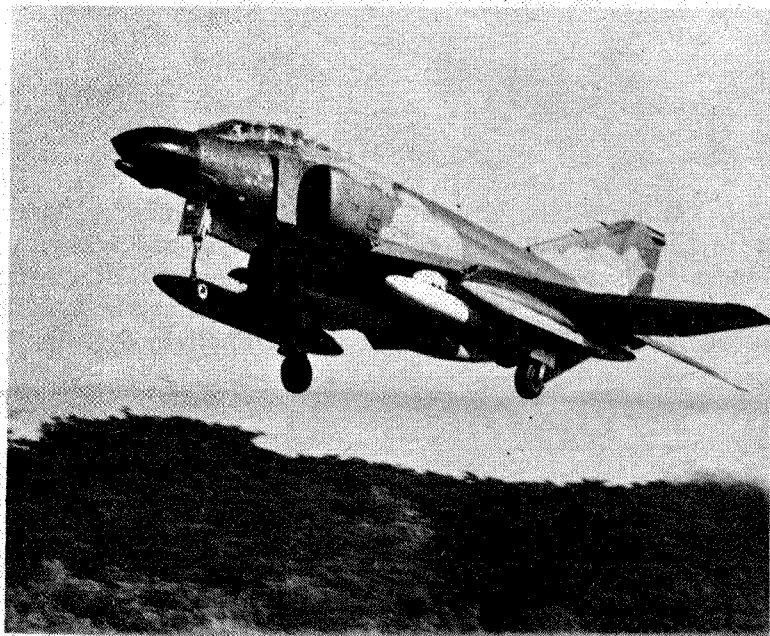


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TSGT. JOHN F. Custer, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the inside plant of the 1998th Communication Squadron was only one of many Comm personnel rushing against time to change Korat's existing 3,000-line exchange to a 2,000-line exchange. The job took about 36 hours to complete and a lot of overtime, according to Comm officials. (U.S. Air Force Photo by A1C John Homer)



Now playing here...



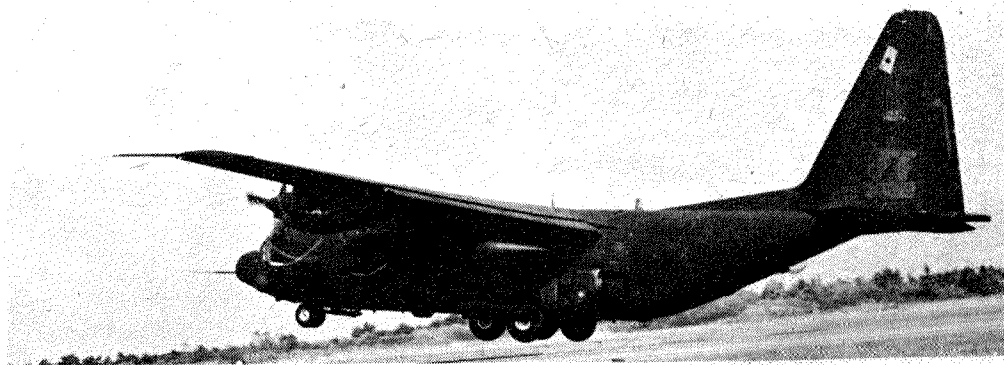
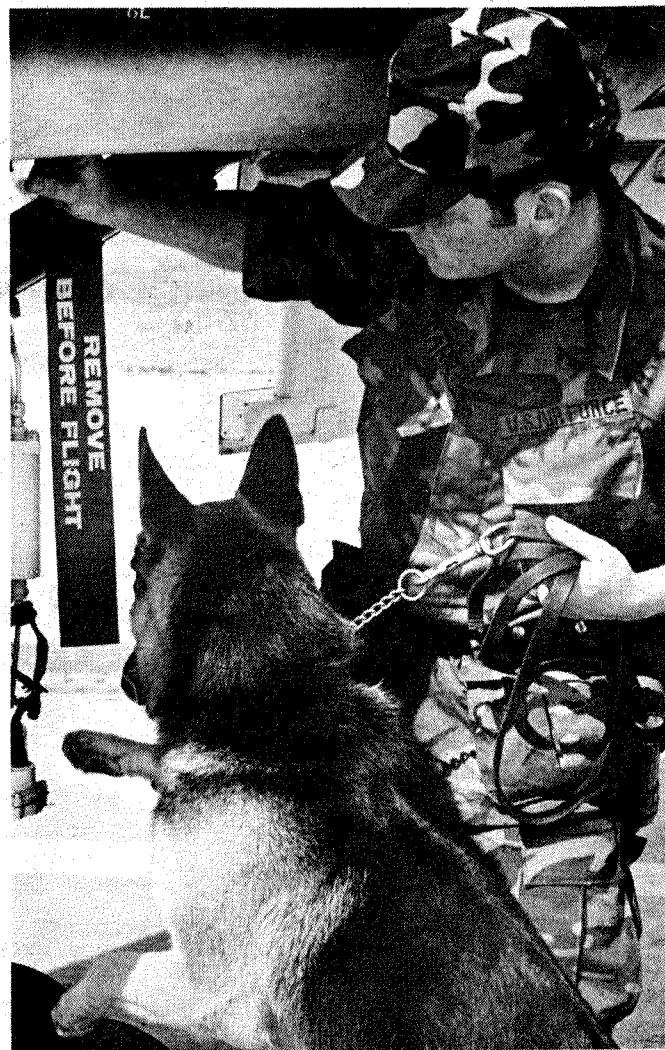


'GOODBYE KORAT!'

Starring: The 388th TFW
Featuring: 16th SOS
34th TFS,
etc., etc.



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Base Champions

HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON SECTION claimed the distinction of 1975 Intramural Flag Football Base Champions. League Champs for '75 were FMS in the National League and AMS in the American League. Congratulations to all personnel who made this last season of flag football at Korat a memorable one. Members of the HSS championship squad this year were: top row from left to right, Joe Gentry,

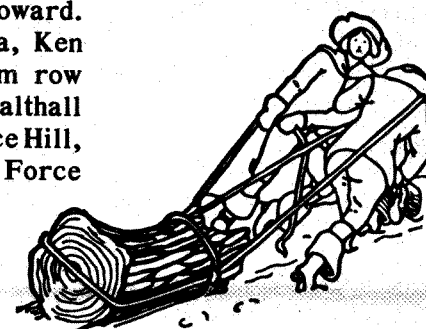
Vince Sanders, Juan Ayala, Ken Bradley, B.J. Smith, Dave Dimmick, Joe Millard, Jim Roch, Tim Howard. Center row from left to right, Tony Zabalza, Ken Placide, Ron Rogers, Willie Wright. Bottom row from left to right, Jerry McMillian, Ben Walthall (coach), Ed Jenkins, Ronnie Brownlee, Maurice Hill, Mitch Bevins and Dean Ramsey. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Sgt Bob Hempel)

AF hikes per diem

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The House of Representatives passed a bill to raise the maximum per diem expenses of military members from \$25 a day to \$35 a day.

The bill also provides for up to \$40 to \$50 a day in certain conditions when actual expenses exceed the allowable per diem. This could apply to certain high-cost areas and under unusual circumstances.

This raises military rates to exactly those of civilian employees of the government. Testimony earlier this year had shown that the old rate of \$25 per day was inadequate in more than half of the cases of travel.



Holiday club menus

These menus were provided by the various club managers and the noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the dining hall. All personnel of these organizations wish you and yours a sincerely happy holiday and good eating!

Officers Club Menu

(Dinner will be served from 2 to 7 p.m. Thursday. The dining room will be closed from 1 to 2 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. that day).

Chilled wine, egg nog or fruit cup.
Baked Virginia ham with pineapple sauce.
Roast young tom turkey.
Prime roast beef.
Whipped buttered potatoes.
Giblet gravy.
Candied yams.
Black-eyed peas.
Buttered wax beans.
Corn-on-the-cob.
Assorted salads.
Cranberry sauce.
Hot rolls with butter.
Mince meat, pumpkin and apple pies.
Fruits, nuts and candy.
Coffee and ice tea.

NCO Club Menu

Roast tom turkey.
Creamed potatoes.
Candied yams.
Cornbread dressing.
Giblet gravy.

Buttered corn.
Tossed salad with assorted dressings.
Dinner rolls with butter.
Mince meat and pumpkin pies and fruit cake.
Assorted fruits and candy.

(Note: According to NCO Club officials, this dinner is free to all Club Members. Dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

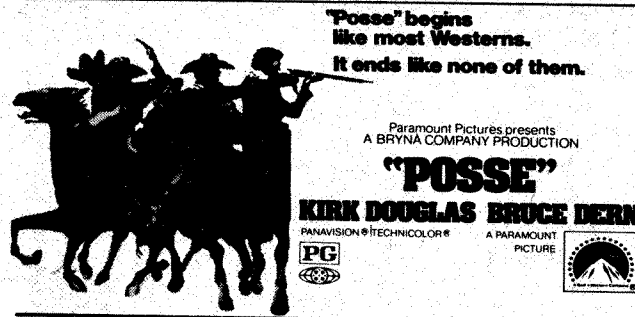
Dining Hall Menu

Shrimp cocktail with crackers.
Roast tom turkey.
Baked Virginia ham with cherry sauce.
Oven roast of beef.
Giblet gravy
Brown gravy.
Cranberry sauce.
Buttered asparagus.
Buttered peas and carrots.
Corn O'Brien.
Cornbread dressing.
Candied sweet potatoes with marshmallows.
Snowflake potatoes.
Hot parker rolls.
Assorted bread and butter.
Assorted relish tray.
Tossed salads and assorted dressings.
Coffee/ tea/ milk/ egg nog.
Assorted nuts.
Mince meat, pumpkin and apple pies.
Fruit cake.
Assorted fresh fruits.

KORAT SHOWTIME

Sunday and Monday

THE PARALLAX VIEW is a story about a political rally held in Seattle's Space Needle at which Senator Bill Joyce is assassinated. The supposed killer, a busboy, dies after a chase and the assassin is unsuspected. Three years later, TV reporter Paula Prentiss frantically asks investigative reporter Warren Beatty for help. Out of the 10 original witnesses only he, she



and William Daniels remain alive.



CANADIAN GOLF PROS Bill Tape, left, from Toronto and Bill Panasiuk from Windsor visited Korat Dec. 7 after participating in the Navantee Golf Tourney in Bangkok. For about two hours they passed on valuable golf lessons and also showed some frequent moments of humor to the assembled duffers. Next stop on their procket is the Expo Cup Invitational in Okinawa. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Sgt. Paul Ries)

Tuesday

FIVE ON THE BLACK HAND SIDE is the story of a Black, middle-class family with problems. Leonard Jackson, head of the household, is a domestic tyrant. Clarice Taylor, his long-suffering wife, encouraged by a neighbor, finally rebels and launches an effective and hilarious women's lib counter-attack. One son, Glynn Turman, who had already clashed with his father, takes her side.

Wednesday

DARK PLACES is an enjoyable little thriller in store for those who choose to attend the movies this Korat Christmas Eve. It incorporates mystery, suspense, psychological disorder, a gruesome climax and a love factor into one package. Robert Hardy gives a skilled performance in a dual role as a man whose mind plays psychic tricks on him and as Marr, a man whose evil lives after him in a Gothic horror of a mansion.

Christmas

The Christmas feature for 1975 will be CINDERELLA LIBERTY, which is Navy slang for a pass that expires at midnight. It is during such a CINDERELLA LIBERTY that sailor James Caan finds himself unexpectedly involved with a local bargirl, Marsha Mason, (Academy Award Nominee-Best Actress), and her 11-year old mulatto son. Mason is sexy, spunky and self-destructive.

Friday (CINDERELLA LIBERTY listed above).

Saturday

Another Walt Disney Productions classic, ESCAPE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN, is a thriller about two orphans with supernatural powers who become runaways sought by a greedy millionaire (Ray Milland) and his disagreeable agents, the muddled police and a mob who thinks the kids are witches.

Bicentennial picnic today

Today is the day and the Nit Noi area and adjacent fields is the place. For what? C'mon, your

memory isn't that short! That's right, the first and final Korat Bicentennial Sawadee Picnic.

Everything gets underway at noon and you better get there early to be assured of getting a good seat. Don't forget that the menu is headed by free sirloin steak, hot dogs, soft drinks, fruits, and other assorted goodies too numerous to mention.

One of the highlights is the softball game between the Chiefs and Eagles. Rumor has it that both teams are in top form and ready to do battle. If this game gets you excited, there will be plenty of people and sports equipment to settle your nerves for other competition.

And to top off the evening, there will be two bands to rock the evening to a successful close.

So don't stand there reading, get on down to the Nit Noi area right now!! Remember, it's free!

BOOGIE NEWS with dave duggins

TOP O' THE ROCK—Do you remember a few months ago there was a song by 10 CC called, "I'm Not In Love?" Well, anyway, taking a backward glance at the song called a triumph of technology, the song had 256 over-dubs. LOL CREME, guitarist for the group didn't want to give away any trade secrets but said the same effect would be on the next album. Speaking of albums, there are a bunch of new ones due out in a few weeks that deserve some lines to let you know what to look for..... JONI MITCHELL has one coming named, "The Hissing of Summer Lawns," then there's CAT STEVEN'S new one, "Numbers." JOHN DENVER is issuing a Christmas album with a few songs that will probably become season classics. Did you know that the best selling song of all time was a Christmas song??? It's true, it's true...no, it's not "White Christmas"... can you guess? Well, it was GENE AUTRY'S, "Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer," first recorded in 1949. It sold over 125,000,000 copies as of Christmas count in 1972. Now, remember that and you can win a few pots of yuletide nog...with just a touch of grated nutmeg if you please, my dear...aaah thank you.

SOUL SAUCE—There are some new jams coming from JEAN "Mr Big Stuff" KNIGHT now that she's signed with Chelsea Records. In a few weeks look for JEAN'S, "Jesse James Was An Outlaw" which, according to Cashbox magazine, should be a monster. GRAHAM CENTRAL STATION'S album, "No Bout-A-Doubt It" just went gold...nice Christmas present for

the STATION. Do you remember the first time you heard the SPINNERS? Then, my man, you've been around longer than we'd care to admit to...they are celebrating their 20th year in show biz...they are still hot on the charts with "Games People Play"...New albums to look for under your Christmas tree (if you're lucky enough, that is) "Who Am I"...DAVID RUFFIN, "Free To Be Myself"...EDWIN STARR, "Hot Chocolate"...HOT CHOCOLATE... "Supersound"...JIMMY CASTOR BUNCH and finally one to wish for most.... "Aretha" by who else???

NASHVILLE CATS—Returning from a tour to Europe to enjoy the holidays are TAMMY WYNETTE along with DAVID HOUSTON. Meanwhile BILLY SWAN and his new band are launching their six-week tour of the continent. GEORGE LINDSEY, "Hee Haw" regular, will be on the rodeo circuit this summer...lotsa green there my friend. JERRY CLOWER is the official sales spokesman for Chrysler Motors now... wanna bet he doesn't have any trouble getting his new pickup truck (complete with a coon hunting scene on the back) serviced??? TOMMY CASH is leaving his old Electra label and where he's going will be told later.

Well, that's about it for this one... I gotta go sit under my decorated banana tree and hope Santa recognizes it and drops one those early MAC travel forms under it. HEEY babe, wanna boogie???

Being an Air Force wife is no easy job

By SSgt. Rick Racquer
Scott AFB, Ill.

Being an Air Force wife is truly a demanding profession, especially during the holidays with their husbands thousands of miles from home. If there was ever a classified ad for the position of an Air Force wife, it would read something like this: Wanted, mature woman to take care of children, home, pets. Must be able to cope with transient husband and be qualified in plumbing, auto and bicycle repair, yard care. Experience in packing and uncrating entire household helpful but not mandatory. On the job training provided.

It is definitely an occupation few can handle. It is a job which requires stamina, tenderness and unending patience. It is a profession that can lift you to the upper levels of joy and fulfillment, or lower you to the depths of boredom and despair.

The Air Force wife is envied by some, pitied by others. Her stories of far-flung travel bring envy to the hearts of many other women, while some women feel sorry for her because she must uproot her home so often.

The people who feel sorry for her seemingly unsettled lifestyle fail to realize that the Air Force wife has roots too. Like those of the giant oak tree, the roots of the Air Force wife reach out to faraway soil that is rich and full of other life-sustaining nutrients. Her far-reaching roots provide a strong foundation on which to grow.

Other women who come into contact with the Air Force wife find it hard to understand how she can cope with months of separation and letters to an Air Post Office. The civilian wife feels secure knowing her husband will be home each evening. The Air Force wife feels

secure and proud that her husband is doing his part insuring Americans can conduct their lives in any manner they choose.

When a remote tour or extended temporary duty comes along, the Air Force wife becomes the sole manager of the household. She alone is the one responsible for the care and well-being of the children and the upkeep of the home and car.

Dealing with the children is probably the most trying task. Kids have a keen sense of getting to the root of a situation with questions such as, "Where is Daddy?" "Why is he away?" "When will he be home?"

The questions are simple. The answers are difficult and usually accompanied by watery eyes and tear-streaked makeup.

She reads his letters to the children and shows them pictures he has sent from that faraway place she never really learns to pronounce. After the kids are asleep, she sits in his favorite chair reading the letters over and over again, trying to feel his warmth in the four-page letter folded six different ways.

Somehow the time passes. The long-awaited day arrives and the Air Force wife feels the burden of responsibility ease off her shoulders. She knows that now all the places at the dinner table will be filled. She knows that now she can enjoy watching him kiss skinned elbows, hearing him praise coloring book masterpieces.

I don't know what secret ingredients go into the making of an Air Force wife, but I'm sure glad they are there. It is the Air Force wife that makes the difference between a fulfilling career or just a 20-year job. Her stamina, tenderness and patience give the Air Force man the support he often needs.

I love my Air Force wife. Merry Christmas Honey!

Finance briefs every Monday

Finance "out-processing briefings" will be held each Monday beginning Dec. 8 in the base theater at 8 a.m. This will remain in force until further notice.

The purpose of these briefings is to inform members about what will happen to their pay upon receipt of permanent change of station (PCS) and to give them an opportunity to apply for advance pay or advance travel. Members should have the following items in their possession for the briefing:

a. PCS orders (don't bother coming without them!)

b. A letter from their commanders for those members in the grade of E-6 or below requesting advance pay.

This is a mandatory briefing. Finance officials request that you attend one of these briefings as soon as possible after you receive your PCS orders. Waiting until the last minute could prevent military pay from disbursing any advance payments!



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Alien registration due in January

Aliens serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and relatives of servicemembers who are not citizens but residents of the U.S. and its possessions are required to report their addresses to the Attorney General during the month of January.

Aliens temporarily absent from the United States during the month of January should not report their addresses but must do so within ten (10) days of their return to the country.

Appropriate cards for filing the report are available at all U.S. Post Offices during the month of January, and at the Immigration and Naturalization Service offices throughout the year.

The completed, signed and stamped card may be dropped into any mail box.

The Immigration and Nationality Act provides serious penalties for willful failure to submit the report.

Think:
SNOW!