

388th TFW transferred to Hill AFB

Effective Dec. 23, the 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, (TFW) host wing here since 1966, was symbolically transferred from Korat RTAFB to Hill AFB, Utah, with ceremonies at both Korat and Hill.

The 388th TFW commander, Col. Neil L. Eddins will assume the same position with the wing at Hill AFB.

The 388th has a long and impressive history dating back to its beginnings as the 388th Bombardment Group (heavy) during World War II, when its aircraft struck a number of significant targets in the course of the conflict. The 388th also performed interdiction missions during the war as well.

In August 1945, the 388th returned to the United States and was deactivated at Sioux Falls AAB, S.D., Aug. 28.

March 23, 1953, saw the 388th designation return to the rolls of Air Force units with the institution of the 388th Fighter-Day Wing. The Wing was redesignated as a fighter-bomber unit on Nov. 5,

1953, and on Nov. 23, 1953, it was activated at Clovis, N.M. The 388th FBW began training in the F-86 Sabre jet in 1954, and on Nov. 28 began its move to Europe as part of the build-up of United States forces under the NATO agreements.

During 1956-57, the 388th FBW converted to the F-100D Super-sabre and on Dec. 10, 1957, the unit was inactivated in France.

The third of four "re-activations" of the 388th took place on May 1, 1962, and the 388th TFW was born at McConnell AFB, Kan. While at McConnell, the Wing was equipped with the new F-105 Thunderchiefs. On Feb. 8, 1964, the 388th was discontinued and inactivated at McConnell.

The need for a more stable organizational control of combat units operating in Southeast Asia on missions over North Vietnam brought about the 388th's return once more to combat status in 1966. Activated on March 14, 1966, the 388th TFW was organized at

Korat RTAFB on April 8.

While being organized at Korat, the 388th TFW inherited the history and honors of the 388th Bombardment Group (heavy), which had been activated Christmas Eve of 1942 at Gowen Field, Idaho. The group trained for combat in the famed Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, moving from Gowen Field to Wendover Field, Utah, in February 1943, and to Sioux City Army Station, Knettishall, England, where it remained throughout the war as one of the key units of the Eighth Air Force.

In June 1966 F-105s of the 13th and 34th TFS deployed from Japan to Korat and were assigned to the 388th for combat duty.

Prior to the November 1968 bombing halt of North Vietnam, the 388th TFW had flown an impressive number of combat hours and dropped approximately 90,000 tons of ordnance in raids on all major targets in North Vietnam. Wing pilots flew through the most intensive and sophisticated de-

fenses in the history of warfare in the air to strike at key logistical and industrial areas.

The 388th TFW established an unrivaled reputation for the aggressiveness of its aircrews in attacking and destroying surface-to-air missile (SAM) sites, anti-aircraft flak sites, and other defensive installations surrounding the major targets.

In air-to-air encounters, a 388th TFW pilot, Maj. Fred L. Tracy, flew the first F-105 to shoot down a Communist MIG-17 on June 29, 1967. At the end of 1967 the Wing had been credited with eight confirmed MIG kills.

During the massive air strikes against North Vietnam at the end of December 1972, 388th aircrews struck rail yards and the Hanoi thermal plant in the capital city area, and also the Yen Bai airfield. In addition the 388th's fighters destroyed or damaged several

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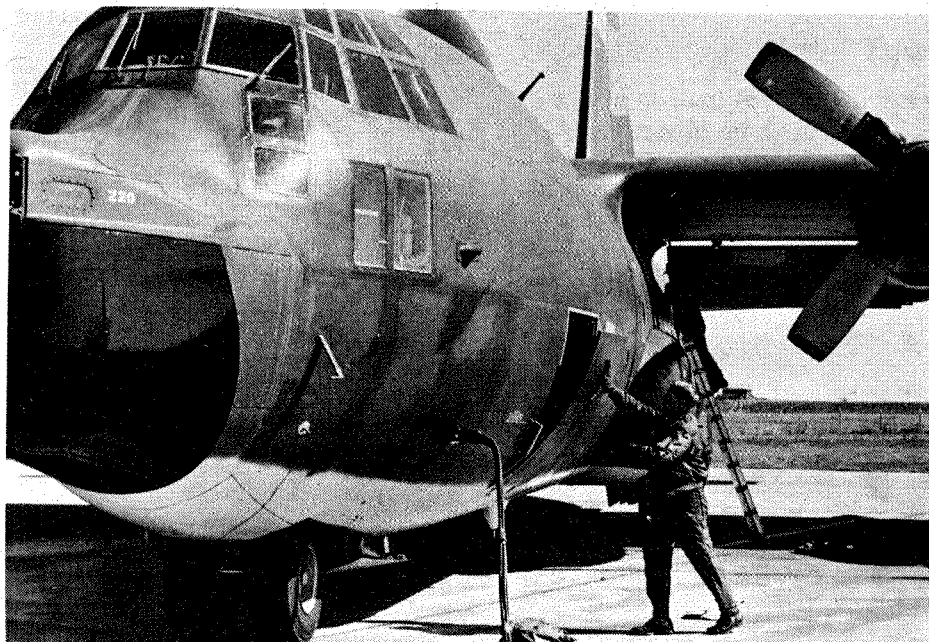
'Jolly Greens,' 'King birds' depart Korat

By 1st Lt. Richard Mole
40th Aerospace Rescue and
Recovery Squadron

The 40th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, Military Airlift Command (MAC), has made an indelible mark on the record book of the Southeast Asian conflict. As we left Korat, we were secure in the knowledge that we had done our job well.

Originally Det. 2, 37th ARRS, it was redesignated the 40th ARRS on March 18, 1968. The unit initially had both HH-3E and HH-53B aircraft. The HH-3 "Jolly Green Giants" had been in Southeast Asia since Oct. 4, 1965. On Sept. 20, 1967, the first HH-53B "Super Jolly Green" arrived.

Much larger, faster and better equipped for their role in rescue in Southeast Asia, the HH-53B soon became our



Closing the hatch

CLOSING OUT OPERATIONS at Korat RTAFB recently was the 40th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, who packed

their aircraft and left for new assignments. (U.S. Air Force Photo by A1C John Homer)

primary aircraft. The HH-53B became known as the "BUFF," the Big Ugly Friendly Fellow. To many downed air crews, however, they were anything but ugly.

In February 1969, the squadron received its first HH-53C. With better engines and operating capability the new "BUFF" gave the 40th ARRS an unprecedented rescue capacity.

The squadron's mission was to recover distressed personnel engaged in combat operations in Southeast Asia. Able to refuel in flight from the HC-130P "King" aircraft, the "BUFF" is able to stay near the action, ready when needed. Escorted by the A-1 and, more recently, the A-7D "Sandies," the "Jolly Greens" round out the rescue team.

Through Dec. 31, 1975, the 40th ARRS was credited with 300 combat saves, 199 non-combat saves, 32 medical evacuation

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Timberrrrr!

PERSONNEL FROM THE 388th Civil Engineering Squadron began dismantling the first of many buildings on Korat to be turned over to the Royal Thai government Dec. 11. The sight will become more common as time comes closer to Feb. 29. (U.S. Air Force Photo by A1C John Homer)

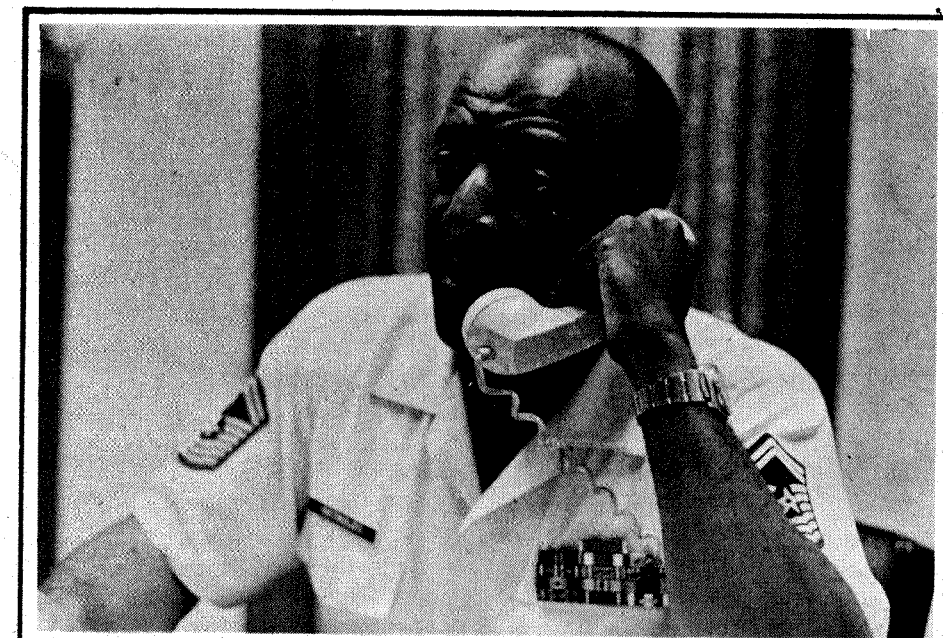
Energy saver

According to the Federal Energy Administration, the Nation's network of interstate natural gas pipelines will be short 1.3 trillion cubic feet of the 9.0 trillion cubic feet of gas needed for the upcoming winter heating season. This represents a shortage 30 per cent greater than the nation endured last winter.

Outside bank teller windows

open for daily check cashing

The base banking facility is offering additional service to its customers. The outside teller windows are now open for daily check



New PACAF enlisted advisor

CMSGT. CHARLES REYNOLDS, 388th TFW Senior enlisted advisor here at Korat since October 1975 has been selected for the post of Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) Senior Enlisted Advisor effective in January 1976. He will be an assistant to Gen. Louis Wilson, PACAF Commander, and will keep him advised on the matters affecting the health, welfare and morale of troops throughout Pacific Air Forces. He will accomplish this through personal visits to all of the bases in PACAF and according to Sergeant Reynolds, "Just talking to people." How does he feel about the assignment? "Both honored and privileged. It is a very prestigious position and I'm thankful for it." (U.S. Air Force Photo)

AAFES explains customs

DALLAS — Patrons of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) mail order catalog service are reminded that foreign-made products entering the United States or its territories are subject to customs duty charges.

That word comes from Mr. Arthur L. Walker, chief of the Catalog Sales Center here who reports that several inquiries are being received with regard to customs charges for items ordered through AAFES catalogs in Europe and the Pacific.

Mr. Waler explained that customs fees are a form of import tax set forth by the U.S. Customs Service that must be paid by the recipient of any package containing foreign-made goods mailed from another country. "Many customers have asked if the customs fee can be pre-paid at the time the order is placed, but that isn't possible because the fees are assessed at

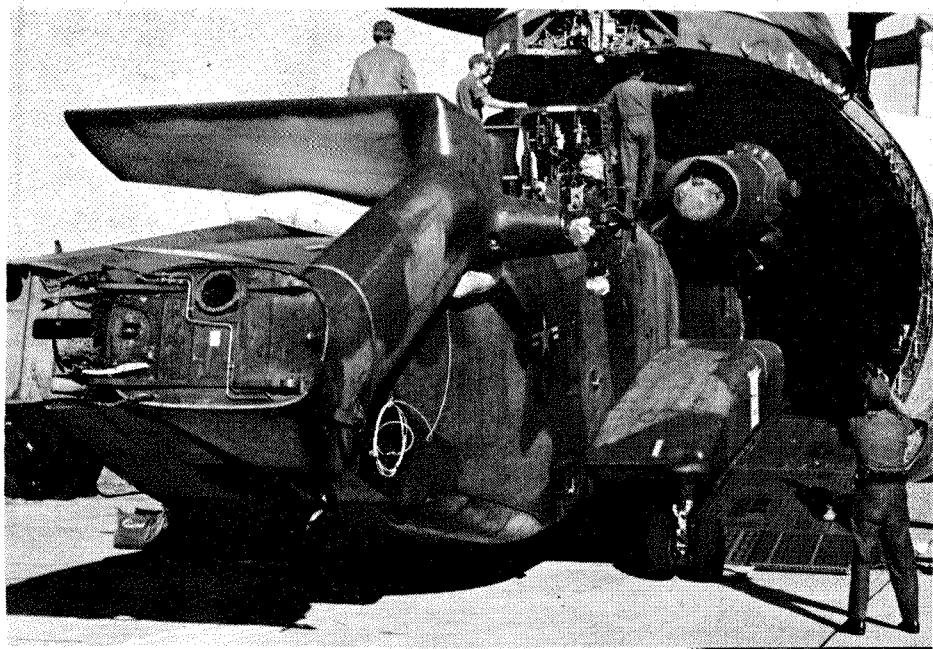
the point of entry into the United States and must be paid by the recipient," he said.

He pointed out that AAFES mail-order catalog customers do, however, qualify for a "one-parcel per day" exemption on each bona fide gift mailed by overseas AAFES catalog warehouses if items in the parcel are valued at not over \$10.

According to Mr. Walker, customers occasionally send their own customs tags when placing an order through AAFES catalogs. This should not be done since the customs tags are prepared by computer at the Catalog Sales Center. "That's one of the conveniences of ordering through AAFES catalogs," he said.



"First of all, sir, the men appreciate the fact that you're trying to develop a youthful image..."



Large load

MINUS ITS ROTORS and with its tail assembly detached and strapped to its fuselage, an HH-53C "Jolly Green Giant" helicopter is eased into the mammoth cargo area of a C-5A Galaxy. The helicopter was one of six assigned to the 40th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron. It is being transported out as part of the phase down of the U.S. Air Force facility here. (U.S. Air Force Photo by A1C John Homer)

PACAF rock combo coming to Korat Jan. 9

Get ready for some boogeyin' Jan. 9 and 10!

The 10-man PACAF Command Band Rock Combo will perform two shows at Korat. The first will rock the NCO Club starting at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 9. They will follow that with a second concert at the USO at 8 p.m. Jan. 10.

Keep the dates and places in mind and prepare yourselves for some of the tops in rock!

13th AF anniversary message

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

On Jan. 13, 13th Air Force will observe its 33rd Anniversary. It has undergone many changes since 1942, facing enemies as varied as MIG 15's during the Korean conflict. The sophisticated weaponry of the Vietnam war, and ground fire from enemy troops massed around the beleaguered capital cities of Southeast Asia last spring, the people of 13th Air Force have played an important role in the continuing struggle to maintain freedom and democracy throughout the world. Thirteenth Air Force is now undergoing a period of rapid transition. Daily, our numbers increase as 13th Air Force is restructured to meet the requirements of a new realignment of forces. Still vital, we remain responsive to the everchanging missions of a more streamlined military. We look forward now to the 34th year of existence of the "jungle Air Force" and trust that we will successfully meet the requirements of the future, armed with the experiences of the past.



Happy
New
Year

Recruiter duty is tough, but fulfilling

RANDOLPH AFB, Tex.—What's this all about? What am I doing here, attending classes after being out of a formal classroom for eight years? Why did I volunteer to come here anyway?

These are just a few of the questions overheard from Air Force noncommissioned officers in the first day of Air Force Recruiting School.

Along with the questions come unfamiliar tasks...sales labs...benefits...speeches...learning criteria for enlistment...and filling out Personal Interview Records. These are all a part of training to develop professional Air Force recruiters.

As the six weeks of school pass, the NCOs learn and practice skills necessary to begin their "most rewarding tour of duty" as Air Force recruiters.

The school is tough and demanding, but then, so is the job. During the first weeks of school, unfamiliar words pop up. Steps for the Borden Speech Plan, the Five Points of the Smith Safe Driving Plan, Sizzlers, The AIDA Sales

Formula, COIs and terms unique to recruiting are discussed.

As knowledge grows, sales labs enable students to practice skills. With practice, comes confidence, and the beginnings of a professional recruiter.

Approximately one month after graduation the student is assigned to a field recruiting unit. Representing the Air Force, the recruiter counsels young Americans about Air Force job opportunities, seeks applicants and selects top

quality recruits to fill the needs of the service and you can tell him at a glance...he's sharp, knowledgeable and confident. He tells the Air Force story "just as it really is" and his honesty and integrity are above reproach. Mr. Air Force in his community, he is a professional recruiter.

Not everyone can quality. Only the best will don the distinctive recruiting badge that only the select can wear. But those who do make the grade will readily testify that this is the most rewarding job in their entire Air Force career — that of an Air Force recruiter.

In some areas, recruiters may be eligible for government-leased family or bachelor housing, plus up to \$150 a month Special Duty Pay, limited reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses, a stabilized tour and some receive assignments near their hometowns.

For further information and complete application procedures, contact the Customer Service Section of the Consolidated Base Personnel Office (CBPO).

The SPIRIT of 1776 AMERICA 1976

Selected events from around the country during the National Bicentennial Celebration.

THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY at West Point, in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities, is presenting a lecture series and symposium on the military history of the American Revolutionary War. The lectures will continue through April 6, 1976. For further information contact Colonel Roy K. Flint, Department of History, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, NY 10996.

NASSAU COUNTY, NEW YORK Has planned a variety of Bicentennial projects for 1976. An air show, complete with stunt flying, skydivers, helicopter demonstrations and an array of displays on the ground will take place in 1976. In addition to the air

show to be held in July, the county's Bicentennial commission is planning a Fireman Show on May 15 which will include 100 pieces of antique fire fighting equipment and 71 county fire department marching bands. The county will participate in the American Issues Forum by holding panel discussions in the historic Bethpage Restoration Village in November and December of this year and in "Operation Sail 76" on July 1, 1976, by hosting a number of foreign tall-masted sailing ships at an old fashioned clambake.

CALEDONIA (Mo.), one of the smallest incorporated Bicentennial villages in the State of Missouri, has ho-

nored the man who said "You'll have to show me. I'm from Missouri", thereby giving Missouri the nickname "The Show Me State". The Caledonia Bicentennial Committee, the Community Development and Betterment organization, and the village's Board of Trustees joined in sponsoring the creation of a bust in honor of Willard Duncan Vandiver, the Missouri educator and legislator, who coined the phrase in making a quip during a banquet of the Five O'Clock Club of Philadelphia in 1899. Dr. Vandiver was a long time resident of Caledonia. The sculpture of the educator was a Heritage project in Caledonia's Bicentennial program. The bust is on display in Caledonia's Cavalier Inn.



Dear Abbot,

Editor's note: For the past few weeks leading up to this issue, I've been getting letters from a funny looking guy with a problem. Maybe you readers can help him, and yourselves. Following is just some of the correspondence I've received and the answers.

Dear Abbot,

Who are you, and what do you think you're doing, trying to get into our paper?

Concerned Editor

Dear Editor,

Listen, sonny, I'm older than you but still tough, so don't get smart!

The Abbot

Dear Abbot,

Hey, you need me: I don't need you! So, lay some good answers on me fast or out you go, scratchy quill and all! Just because you look religious doesn't mean you belong in our paper. If you're peddling sermons, go see the chaplain. If you're looking for someone to make

you look good, go see a plastic surgeon. If you're trying to convert me, I'm a hardtop. What's your pitch, little man?

Wasting time, Editor

Dear Wasting,

Awright, awright! You may be a good editor, kid, but you sure need a course in public relations! The chaplains told me to write you. You've got readers with questions. I've got answers. It's as simple as that. Just between us male chauvinist pigs, I'm fed up with women columnists. Abigail VanBuren and Ann Landers...who needs 'em? I say you can't trust a women, especially with important things. Keep 'em on the society page where they belong. When it comes to questions about religion or morality or clergymen, you need me. The chaplains are willing to let me speak up. How about you? Try the Abbot habit. By the way, the column is free—and worth every cent.

Dear Abbot,

Shouldn't that be clergypersons? OK. I'll give you a try. Your price is right. But the chauvinism's got to go! I'll tell my readers to send questions that a cantankerous old monk can answer to me, and I'll forward them to you for reply.

Reluctantly, Editor

Dear Readers,

Got a question that a cranky monk in a dusty Air Force blue habit can answer? Send them to "Dear Abbot" in care of SAF/OII, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20330. But don't blame me for the answer you get!

Editor

Make 1976 profitable and rewarding

What is a professional? In civilian life we have the professions of law, medicine, etc., and we know that the men who follow them spend years of study before they are ready to practice. But as professionals they never, throughout their careers, stop studying and disciplining themselves to acquire greater skill and knowledge.

What is a professional military man? The answer might be: He's no tyro. He has chosen the ser-

vice as a career. It is his way of making a livelihood by service to his fellow men, just as the doctor and lawyer serve in their respective fields.

Your real military pro, having elected his service, does more than commit himself to it like a barnacle on a rock. He proceeds methodically to make it on his own. He takes over. How? By giving himself to it.

It isn't anything like sacrifice.

How could it be, when one of the distinguishing marks of the pro is pride and confidence in his service and in himself? It is no chore for him to be constantly expanding his knowledge of that service and its ways because with greater understanding comes greater confidence.

Why this confidence? He has come to believe in the service, in its mission and its way of life. He has identified himself with it, com-

pletely and irrevocably. Even when he retires, he won't shed it. He can't. It is in his thinking, his manner, his behavior.

You can spot the pro against the amateur, the dabbler, because this identification with a tradition, a single honorable career, makes his life meaningful. He moves and speaks with a purpose that springs from knowing exactly what he is and what he will be tomorrow—the same, only better.

Think of yourself, then, as a pro in the year ahead. Don't make 1976 a year of vacillation and self-doubt. (AFPS)

Don't try to fool customs

A few words for the wise! Sniffer dogs, with their talented noses, are checking all outgoing Thailand mail at the Air Post Office before it is dispatched, at the Aerial Port before shipment and the Bangkok intransit facility before delivery.

In addition, all mail from Thailand will be hit by dogs before delivery. This includes APOs worldwide or intransit facilities for APOs without dog support.

Thailand mail entering is separated by U.S. Customs personnel for the once-over by sniffer dogs and examination. Where there are no dogs, additional attention is directed to the mail later.

Simply put, don't try to fool 'em — you're going to get caught!

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"WELL IF I DIALED A WRONG NUMBER, WHY DID YOU ANSWER IT?"

1975 in Review

As the late President Harry S. Truman stated on many occasions, "There can be no future without knowing the past." With this in mind, the Sawadee Flyer presents, "1975 in Review," a collection of the top stories of the year past, and the people and places that made them possible. So, let's take a trip back in time.....

January

Pedros support civic actions



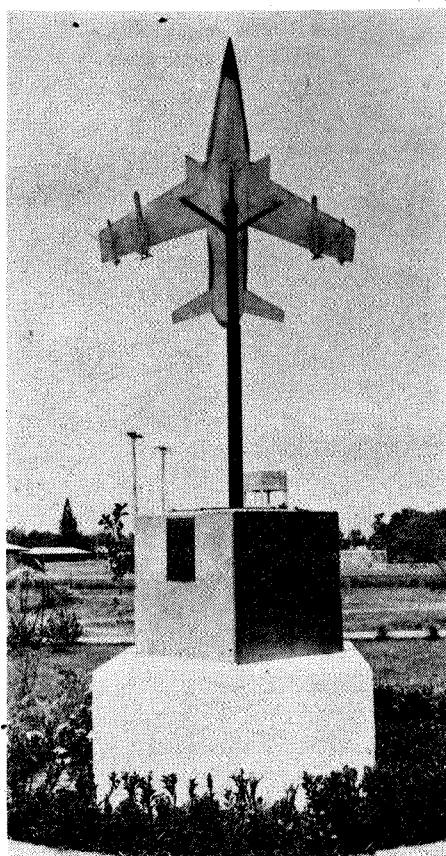
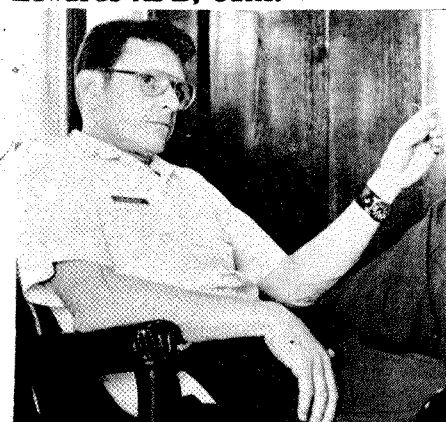
THE VILLAGES OF Ban Kam Pang and Ban Kasieo were in desperate need of portable water storage tanks which could not be transported by ground vehicles because of water obstacles. Capt. Greg Jannarone, base Civic Actions officer, appealed for help through the 56th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron and the result was the introduction of Pedro helicopters for the first time into Korat RTAFB Civic Actions programs.

Memorial erected for Korat POW/MIA

A memorial to the prisoners of war/missing in action airmen from Korat was dedicated Jan. 11, 1975 in ceremonies attended by Lt. Gen. John W. Roberts, personnel director, Headquarters USAF. The man responsible for the construction of the symbolic memorial, now located across the street from the Education Office, was MSgt. Lamech M. Howard, 388th CES.

Col. Jack Trabucco takes 388th CSG post

Col. Jack C. Trabucco assumed command of the 388th Combat Support Group in January 1975. He replaced Col. Kenneth H. Gallagher, who departed for Edwards AFB, Calif.



POW/MIA memorial

Do you remember?

Other January headlines

Economy decision affects buses

FMS tops in charity basketball

Thailand netters sweep 13th AF tourney

Thai drug laws stiffen; 8 GIs jailed

Korat honors Dr. King

Afro-American association holds

Maj. George Sasser memorial

Consolidation gobbles up 483rd EIS

Top February headliners

Thai Ryders Motorcyclists achieve

accident-free 1974 record award

Korat journalists view Civic Actions

388th HSS pitcher hurls perfect game

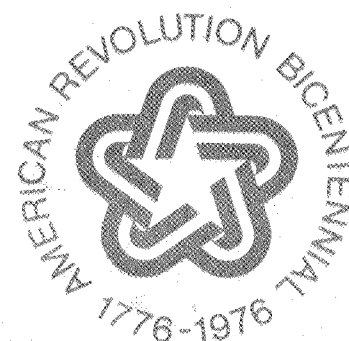
Native Thai comes home,

as USAF airman

1998th Comm Squadron

nominated for PACAF

Achievement Award





Colonel Russell helps dedicate school, orphanage

During Col. John P. Russell's tenure as 388th Tactical Fighter Wing commander he attended many ceremonies, two most notable in 1975 were the dedication of a durable school constructed for the children of Ban Kam Pang village, and the dedication of the Korat Provincial Hospital orphanage.

March happenings

347th Maintenance tops PACAF again
Jolly Greens arrive
PACAF awards
388th TFW safety office
CES renovates
8-man hootches

April headlines

SPS tumbles,
Comm captures base hoop title
HSS, Supply win softball playoffs

347th TFW changes command

Col. Russell E. Thoburn took command of the 347th Tactical Fighter Wing March 22, 1975. He replaced Col. Maurice E. Seaver, who took up duties at Tactical Air Command (TAC) Headquarters, Langley AFB, Va.

Seance spirits At Lady Moe Fair

A seance at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 23, 1975, opened 11 days of fun and entertainment for the people of Korat City. The celebration surrounds the Lady Moe Fair which highlights the lives of the Thai people and will undoubtedly be a focal point for airmen's memories once they return home.

May's top story

Korat receives
praise from AF
for Vietnam
evacuation

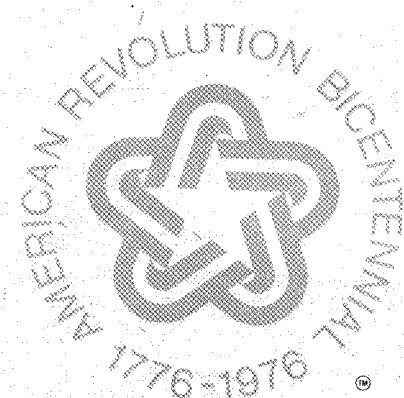
July spotlight

**AC-130A gunships
leave Korat**

August highlight

New bus routes
shorten wait time

1975 IN REVIEW





Colonel Green takes CSG post

Maintaining an open door policy has been the keynote for Col. James D. Green, 388th CSG commander, since he took over the reins of command from Colonel Trabucco in August 1975. Until the end of the current phase down at Korat, he will assume the top U.S. Command leadership here.

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Return to Korat brings command

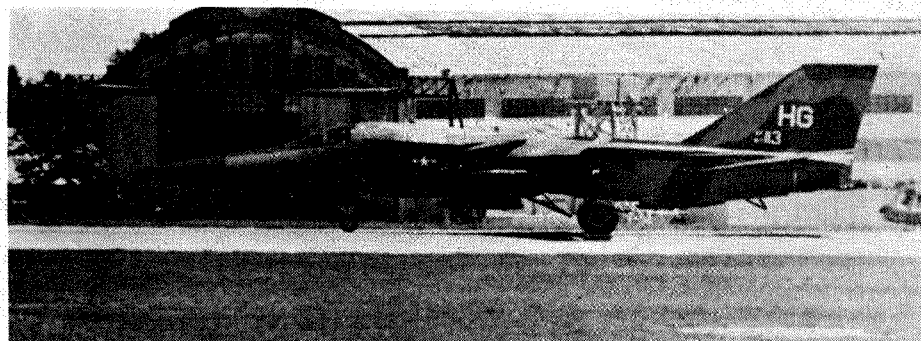
THE CURRENT 388TH TACTICAL Fighter Wing Commander, Col. Neil L. Eddins, assumed his duties at Korat in June 1975. He accepted the guidon of command from Col. John P. Russell, who assumed duties at PACAF Headquarters in the operations area. Colonel Russell served as the 388th commander for one year and, ironically, he flew for the 388th as did Colonel Eddins in 1966.

November shorts

Capt. Roland W. Purser wins AF Cross for extraordinary heroism
A1C Tim Crossman saves Korat resident

F-111s fly last Korat mission

June 15, 1975 saw the first F-111's of the 347th Tactical Fighter Wing lift off from Korat headed for redeployment to Nellis AFB, Nev. The honor of flying the first "Aardvark" went to Col. William S. Gordon, 347th TFW deputy commander of operations and Lt. Col. Charles R. Wright, 428th TFS, chief, radar strike. This ended the role of the F-111 in Southeast Asia. The F-111 played a major role in operations that led to the end of the conflict in Southeast Asia.



September happenings

40th ARRS moves from NKP to Korat
388th TFW wins National Safety Council Merit Award for second year
Det. 1, 6004th Management Engineering wins Excellence award for 1974

December AF leaves Korat

The governments of Thailand and the U.S. have jointly agreed to close the U.S. facility at Korat RTAFB by Feb. 29, 1976. By that date there will be an additional reduction of about 4,500 troops in the authorized level of military troops in Thailand. All combat aircraft located here will be withdrawn by Jan. 15, 1976.

December (cont.)
3rd TFS, 16th SOS
34th TFS, 40th ARRS leave Korat for new assignments

Old age, heart attack strikes down Roscoe, 388th TFW mascot

His prescience will gauge missions for fighter pilots of the 388th Tactical Fighter Wing no more. Roscoe, the 388th TFW mascot canine for nine years fell dead of a heart attack Sept. 12, 1975, outside his favorite place, the Officer's Open Mess.

plans which would have returned him to George AFB, Calif., home of the F-105 Wild Weasels now. Possibly in his own way, Roscoe had chosen to remain where he claimed his glory and served as a comforting warmth to pilots flying over North Vietnam for so many years. Goodbye Roscoe, you're gone but never forgotten.

Ironically, his death forestalls

1975 in Review eulogy

So there it is, as many of the events of 1975 as space and past issues of the Sawadee Flyer would permit us to present to you. 1975 meant something special and different to all of us, and if we didn't get all of the stories that made 1975, or at least your special moments, we apologize.

Space wouldn't permit us to do justice to all of the events that made 1975 meaningful. But we hope we've succeeded in bringing back some memories and jogging your brains a little.

If so, then this special edition of the Sawadee Flyer has more than accomplished its purpose. On behalf of the Sawadee Flyer staff, we wish you and yours a most prosperous and Happy New Year for 1976.



NCO Club grand opening

The NCO Club held its gala grand opening on Sept. 13, 1975 after months of remodeling and refurbishing the old club. The club was completely redone by the 388th Civil Engineering Squadron at a cost of almost \$50,000.



Korat Cobras edge Udorn in 14th

The cool, professional defense of the Korat Cobras keyed a 14-inning, 4-2 victory over the Udorn Cougars for the all-Thailand Fast-Pitch Softball Championship in August 1975.

SPS, HSS 2, Comm dominate softball

The only sports activity going on around Korat these days is the Fun League slow-pitch softball

AF parachutists jump to victory

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AFNS) — The U.S. Air Force Academy parachute team has jumped to victory in the Bicentennial Intercollegiate Championships at Boise, Idaho.

They led the U.S. Military Academy (West Point) by more than 100 points as they compiled 244 points, more than any other school has ever obtained in collegiate parachute competition.

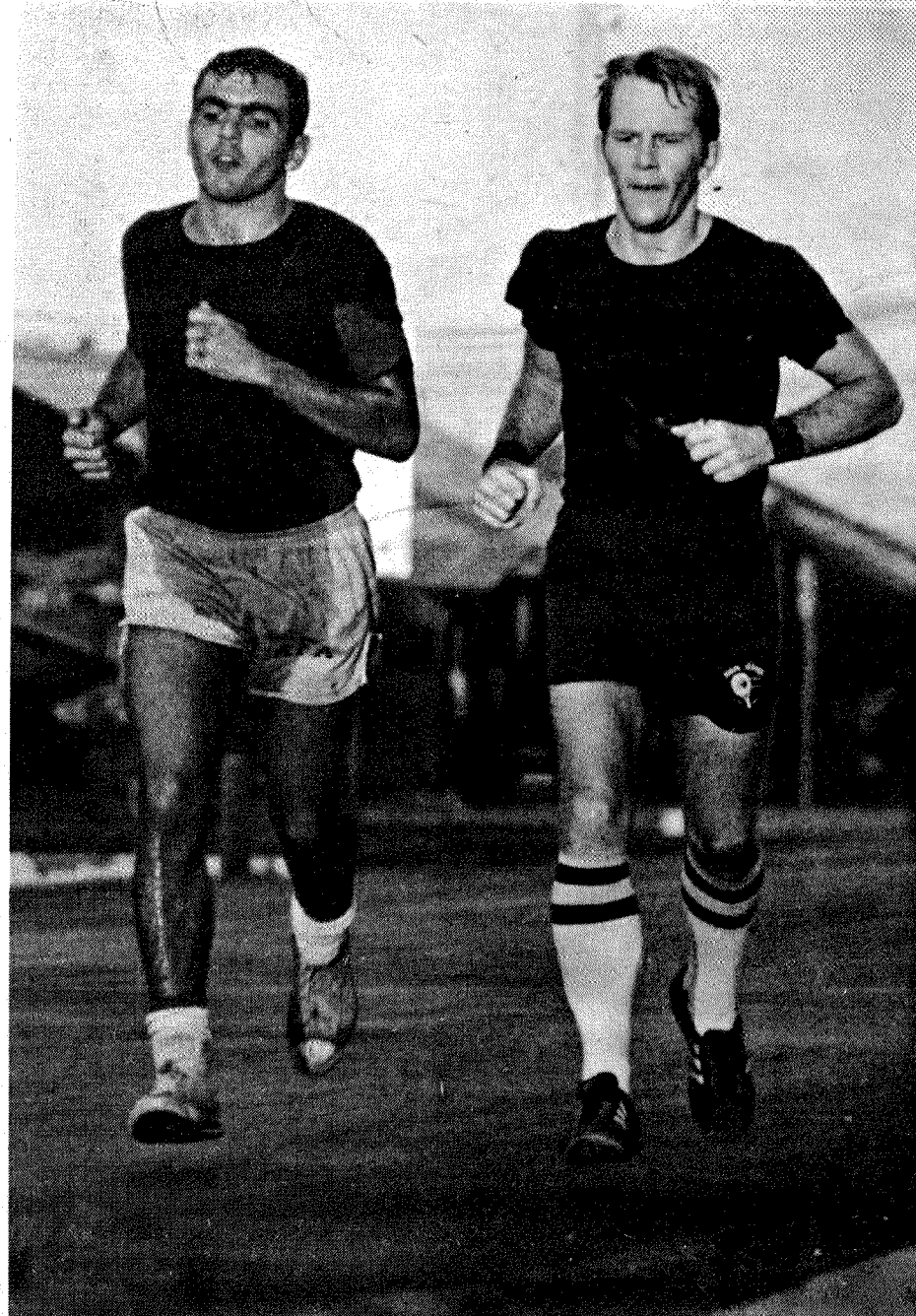
action Monday through Thursday evenings. So far, the security police and headquarters team two and Comm are dominating play.

The security police are sporting a six win, one loss record, while headquarters team two and Comm each show identical five win, two loss standings.

The league ends Jan. 9, 1976.

Standings as of Dec. 23.

Team	Won	Lost
SPS	6	1
HSS 2	5	2
Comm	5	2
Hosp	3	4
AFTN	3	4
Supply	3	4
Trans	3	3
HSS 1	1	5
CES	1	6



Almost there

FIRST LT. RICH Comer and Capt. Ron Rand, right, show the strain as they near the end of a 10-mile run. The run, which they completed in 73 minutes, capped a 52-mile effort for the week and moved them closer to their goal of 150 miles for December. (U.S. Air Force Photo by A1C John Homer)

BOOGIE NEWS

With dave duggins

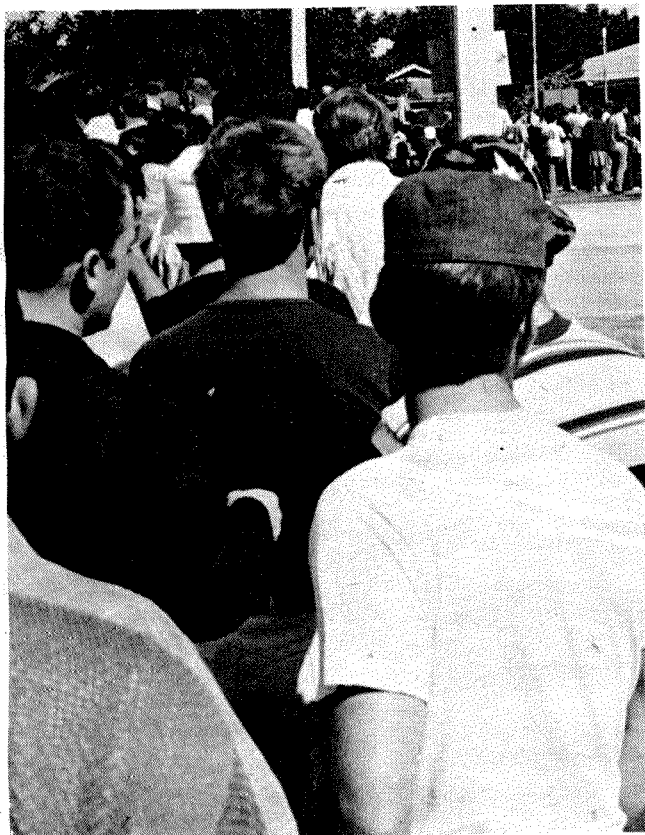
Well, the fat man has done his gig for the year and we hope that your Christmas was a good one, a little bittersweet perhaps because you couldn't be home with your family, but a good one none the less. Now the New Year is upon us and time has come for a look over our shoulder to give a few personal awards to some of the artists and albums that stand out in 1975. Best Rock Album... "Fleetwood Mac" by FLEETWOOD and the vocals by CHRISTINE MCVIE makes this one my bet for the best group album. Best R & B Album... "That's The Way of The World" by EARTH WIND AND FIRE. The album also won the award from the same people who award Emmys, so 'nuff said. Best album for a Lady Artist... JOAN BAEZ'S last albums. Not a political song in the bunch and the whole album is a gem (it could also qualify in the next category too). Comeback of the Year... "Red Octopus" by JEFFERSON STARSHIP. MARTY BALIN is back with GRACE SLICK. The vocale vocals soar and the band never sounded better. Honorable Mention... "Windsong"... JOHN DENVER, "Blood On the Tracks"... BOB DYLAN & THE BAND, "Rock of the Westies"... ELTON JOHN and "Venus and Mars"... WINGS. Best Single of the Year,

"Hurricane" by BOB DYLAN.

THIS 'N' THAT... If you will remember a few years back there was a "manufactured" group with miles of smiles and just cute as li'l bunnies... MONKEES. Well, half the group is back in business and drawing rather large crowds in the larger amusement parks around the country, so large as a matter of fact that BOYCE & HART are joining up and promoting a major tour for the bunch. Oh, the half that's working is the MICKEY DOLENZ and DAVY JONES half. Do you remember when MICKEY DOLENZ was in his own TV series? Waaaaay before the MONKEES made it??? He was Circus Boy, remember???

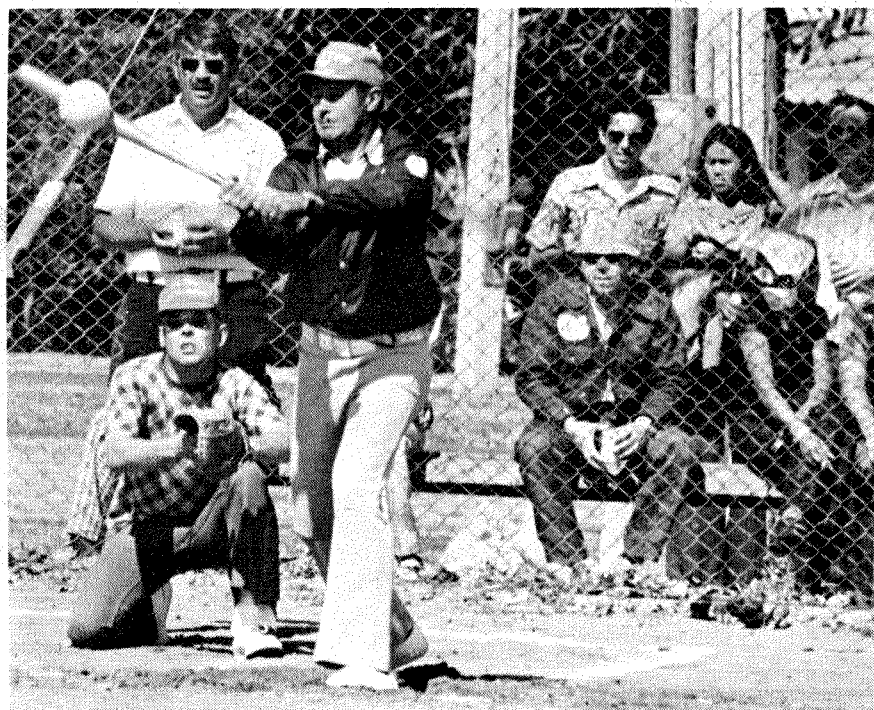
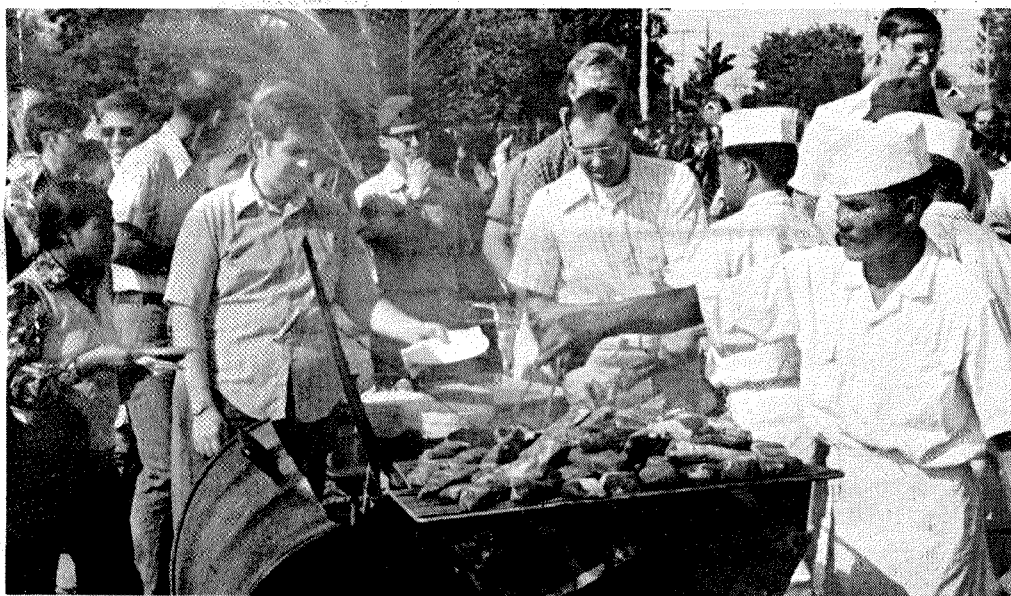
SOUL SAUCE... Well it's splits for HAROLD MELVIN & THE BLUENOTES. MELVIN is going out on his own and the group is forming THE BLUENOTES. The breakup was attributed to unfavorable working conditions. Look for some new singles by SMOKEY ROBINSON, WILSON PICKETT and the COMMODORES.

Well, that's about it for this year. If your're still here next year, I'll see you (for a while). Meanwhile, heeey babe, wanna boogie?



Great time had by all!

First, final Korat Bicentennial Sawadee Picnic



U.S. Air Force Photos
by Capt. Ron Rand
and Sgt. Paul Ries





Smell anything

THIS SECURITY POLICE sniffer dog carefully noses through cargo of the 40th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron prior to their departing Korat recently. Before any aircraft leave the runway and dart skyward, they and their cargoes are subjected to a through search for illegal contraband and baggage. (U.S. Air Force Photo by A1C John Homer)

Mail to Turkey ban lifted

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—American Embassy officials have received assurances from the Turkish Prime Minister's Office that Air Post Office restrictions against parcels will be lifted during the holiday season (now through Jan. 30). Department of Defense and U.S. Postal Service will accept official and personal

parcels for Turkey addressees effective immediately through Jan. 15, 1976. The remaining two weeks will allow sufficient time to effect delivery of all parcels to Turkey. Parcels originating in Turkey will be accepted by serving Air Post Offices until Jan. 30, 1976.

USAF Academy receives requests from 299 women

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo., (AFNS) — Two months after women became eligible to attend the Nation's military academies, 299 young women have asked for appointments to the Air Force Academy.

From Dec. 2-8, 307 women contacted the academy for admissions information, and 70 asked for appointments. A total of 3,334 have inquired about the academy.

Texas continues to be the state with the most women cadet hopefuls, 39. Most of the appointment requests come from Texas

cities with nearby Air Force bases and from bases located there.

Colorado is represented with 31 women, who are also from areas with high military populations, and California has 26 women cadet aspirants.

Young women interested in attending the Air Force Academy have until Jan. 31, 1976, to have their Congressmen submit their nominations to the academy, or they can contact the Admissions Liaison Office, USAF Academy, Colo., 80840, or call the office at (303) 472-2640.

AF secretary nominated

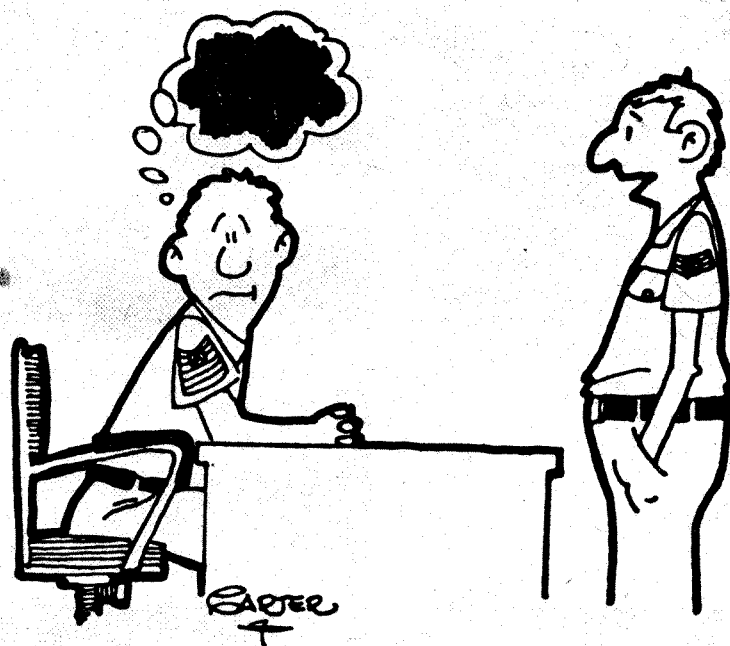
WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The President has announced his intention to nominate Thomas C. Reed of Ross, Calif., to be Secretary of the Air Force. He will succeed John L. McLucas who became administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration last month.

The President also announced his intention to nominate William I. Greener of Springfield, Va., to

be Assistant Secretary of Defense (Public Affairs). He will succeed Joseph Laitin who resigned.

Mr. Reed has been director of the Telecommunications and Command and Control Systems in the Department of Defense since 1974. He joined the department in 1973 as assistant to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense.

CHECKS TO FINANCIAL ORGANIZATIONS PROGRAM



YEAH, I KNOW I'VE BEEN GONE FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF, BUT I COULDN'T FIND A PLACE TO PARK AT THE POST OFFICE, THEN I HAD TO WAIT IN LINE TO CASH MY PAYCHECK, AND I THOUGHT I WAS SHORT-CHANGED SO I STOOD IN LINE AGAIN...AND YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE MONEY ORDER WINDOW...
...AH, CAN I GO TO LUNCH NOW?

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surface-to-air missile sites.

By the end of 1972, 388th flyers had shot down nine more enemy aircraft, bringing the Wing's total to 17.

The 388th TFW received the Presidential Unit Citation for destruction of heavily defended industrial complexes in North Vietnam during the period from March 10 to May 1, 1967.

The 388th TFW is also a five-time winner of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, also for plaudits gained in the air war over North Vietnam from June 1966 to Linebacker II operations.

From World War II to Vietnam, the 388th TFW has fought and distinguished itself under combat conditions. Korat RTAFB bids farewell and "Sawadee" to the "best Wing in Southeast Asia," and wishes it well at Hill AFB, Utah.

Jan. 10, 29



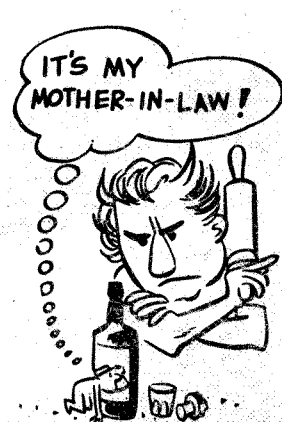
Ever ask WHY you always decide to TAKE IT? An alcoholic can't leave it alone.



Get wise! Alcohol dulls rather than sharpens your mind.



If this is your excuse, perhaps you do need help. Get it from your doctor.



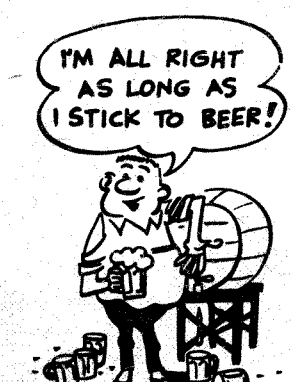
Escape through excessive drinking will only increase those "in-law" problems.



Sure you do! But if you want to be solvent, PAY those debts—you CAN'T drown them!



An alcoholic may INTEND to relax, but the result is usually COLLAPSE.



Are you? One beer contains as much alcohol as an average mixed drink.



Perhaps what you need is TREATMENT instead of understanding.

Accounting, Finance points to two key dates

The Accounting and Finance Office (AFO) urges Koratites to keep the dates Jan. 10 and Jan. 29 in mind.

Jan. 10 has been set aside as the cutoff date for Military Pay to accept voluntary actions against member's pay accounts. These actions include allotment starts, changes or stops; change of address; starting checks to banks; applications for basic allowance for quarters for parents and similar actions.

Only involuntary actions can or will be accepted after Jan. 10. Involuntary actions are basic allowance for quarters stops, disciplinary actions (Article 15), hospitalization, etc. For these actions to be included in the end of month January pay, they must be turned in to the Military Pay section by Jan. 14.

Following these established dates, all documents will be forwarded to U-Tapao or the members' next duty station for processing. Anyone wanting to initiate any actions against his or her pay account should do it now — while they still can.

The Jan. 29 date is also important. Effective this date, the FAO here will no longer have the authority or capability to issue Treasury checks. All check pay-

ments after Jan. 29 will be issued by the U-Tapao AFO.

Disbursements for advance pay usually involve large sums of money, Finance officials point out. Military Pay personnel strongly suggest that members planning to obtain advance pay request it by check.

"When you receive your or-

ders, attend the Finance out-processing briefing (at 8 a.m. Mondays in the base theater) and turn in your letter requesting either advance travel or pay," Capt. John J. Cloos, Accounting and Finance officer said. "You will then be told when to pick up your advance." Military pay suggests a date not earlier than

two work-days before the member's departure date.

Anyone without orders on Jan. 23 wanting an advance should immediately visit the Military Pay section here.

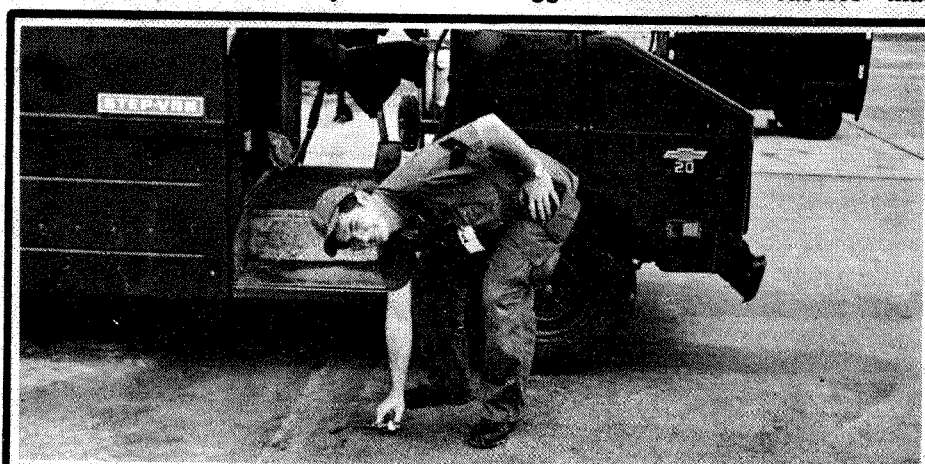
40th ARRS leaves Korat

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missions and 2,810 other rescues.

On July 21, 1971, the 40th ARRS was relocated to Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand. This move was accomplished in order to consolidate rescue forces in Southeast Asia and to provide a more rapid response time. On Sept. 10, 1971, Det. 9, 3rd ARRG (LBR), was consolidated with the 40th ARRS.

The "Pedro" section of the 40th flew the HH-43 "Pedro" aircraft, and their primary mission "Pedro" aircraft were capable of being airborne within minutes of the initial alert. The importance of the "Pedro" mission is evidenced by their record of 87 combat saves, 65 non-combat saves, and eight medical evacuations as of Dec. 31, 1972.



FOD

AS OUR DEROS dates draw near, we all tend to be less concerned in activities which seem to no longer be important. Foreign Object Damage or FOD is still important and it is a subject not to be cast aside. It costs each of us dollars and time. If you should notice FOD, please take the necessary corrective action to preclude a mishap. It takes very little effort on your part to prevent a possible death or the destruction of multi-million dollar machinery. And think of this, FOD could prevent that aircraft that came to take you to the States from ever leaving the ground! (U.S. Air Force Photo by A1C John Homer)