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Servives Join In Annual Armed Forces Day Event

Schedule Of Events

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Display and Exhibits in Hangar T-82:
 Fire Department Reaching for Space T-38 Mock-up
 Physiological Training 6-Ft. Model B-70 Holloman AFB Exhibit
 Survival Training 6-Ft. Model Marine Corps
 First Aid Stand Minuteman Continuous film
 Civil Air Patrol Combined USAF, showing
 Jet Engine Display USN U.S. Navy Munitions Display

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Static Display of Military Aircraft and Weapons:
 T-29 F-102 F-9-F 155 mm Howitzer
 T-37 F-104 S-2-F 105 mm Howitzer
 T-33 B-47 U-1-A M-60 Machine Gun
 H-21 B-57 L-19 Matador Missile
 H-43 KC-135 L-20 Lacrosse Missile
 F-100 F-86D Snark Missile
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10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Model Airplane Contest, Cadet Athletic Field
 11 a.m. - Armed Forces Day Address by Lt. Gen. Roscoe C. Wilson, Base Theater.

Flyovers - F-100, 9:30 a.m.; F-100, 10:31 a.m.; F-104, 11 a.m.; F-102, noon; C-130, 12:31 p.m.
 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. - Ramp Show
 T-33 Flyover - Marine Corps Attack - Spinnerettes - USAF Thunderbirds Aerial Demonstration.

Military Bases Playing Host To Public During Observance

The Armed Forces of the United States, throughout the nation and overseas, plays hosts to neighbors this week, climaxing the celebration with Armed Forces Day Saturday. Reese will be the center of the South Plains observance.

President John F. Kennedy has proclaimed the day. The first observance was established by presidential proclamation in May, 1950.

As a symbol of the close working relationship between the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Reserve components, Armed Forces Day gives the public an annual report of the nation's defenses. As in the past eight years, 1961's slogan is "Power for Peace."

The observance will feature open houses on stations around the world. Civilian guests in several thousand communities will be shown exhibits and demonstrations designed to increase understanding of national strength.

In addition, more than 1,000 community programs will be held in the United States, featuring parades and displays. The Defense Department has encouraged this type of program while still emphasizing the on-base, open

house aspect of the observance.

Defense Department records show that about 24 million people attended or participated in open house and community programs during last year's Armed Forces Week. Information on the national security carried in various news media reached millions of others.

COURSES OPEN

All Extension Course Institute courses have been reopened and immediate registrations are possible, the base was notified Thursday morning. ECI was forced to close all registration last November when so many enrolled that paperwork could not be handled.



Flight Passes 10,000-Hour Safety Mark

Flight 3 of the 3501st Pilot Training Squadron at Reese Air Force Base this week held a record of upwards of 10,000 flying hours without an accident. Second Lt. William J. Groves, instructor pilot, and 2nd Lt. Richard T. Matthews, student in Class 62-B, logged the hours that gave the flight its high mark.

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During the record period more than 6,700 training sorties and upwards of 26,000 students landings were made, Capt. Joseph Raiti, flight commander, declared. The flight has never had an accident since its organization in November, 1958.

Lt. Groves was assigned to Flight 3 in January, 1961. He is a Reese graduate, completing training last July in Flight 4.

Lt. Mathews belongs to a special student class. Class 62-B students received only 80 hours of training in T-37 jet aircraft and are accumulating 180 flying hours in the T-33. Normally, students received 132 hours in T-37's in primary pilot training and 130 hours in T-33's in basic pilot training.

Flight 3 won the 1960 Reese Flying Safety Award.

Students Fly Solos In T-37

First solo flights in T-37 aircraft were flown by students of Flight 1, 3501st Pilot Training Squadron, Tuesday morning. The solos marked a major step in the new Undergraduate Pilot Training program here.

The first two soloists to land were 2nd Lts. Wolfgang P. Pohl and Gerald B. Johnston. Lt. Pohl, of Mannheim, Germany, and assigned to training here as a member of the German Air Force, is a student of 1st Lt. Byron Evans; Lt. Johnston, of North Bend, Ore., is a student of 1st Lt. Frederick H. Faulkner.

Solos were flown in an overcast sky and in winds.

Thunderbird Display, Speech By General Day's Highlights

Many thousand South Plains residents are expected to converge on Reese Air Force Base Saturday as military forces combine in a display of strength and accomplishments for the 12th annual Armed Forces Day.

Many displays, exhibits and demonstrations are scheduled in showing again the "Power for Peace" available in the national defense picture.

Highlights of the day will feature displays, the aerial demonstration by The Thunderbirds, and an address by Lt. Gen. Roscoe C. Wilson, USAF deputy chief of staff for development.

Open house is scheduled from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday, with auxiliary police assisting in parking of automobiles. During the day major aircraft from several bases will fly over the base and towns of the South Plains.

Aircraft in fly-overs are the F-100 at 9:30 a.m. and 10:31 a.m., the F-104 at 11 a.m., F-102 at noon and C-130 at 12:31 p.m.

On display on the Reese flight line will be the F-100, TF-102, F-86L, B-47, B-57, KC-135, T-29, L-19, L-20, U1A, S-2F, F-9F, T-34 of the Reese Aero Club, and planes from the Civil Air Patrol.

Gen. Wilson, who arrives late Friday afternoon from Washington, will speak in the base theater at 11 a.m.

The Thunderbirds will present the spectacular air show at 2:45 p.m., offering the same performance which has thrilled hundreds of thousands of persons throughout the world. The team will present numerous aerobatics in showing capability of the defense force. The men fly F-100 jet aircraft in close formation.

Numerous displays in hangars and on the flight line will include a J-57 engine cutaway, J-75 engine simulator, a J-57 afterburner trainer, a J-85 engine on a stand, a J-47 cutaway, the "Reaching for Space" display of the Orientation Group at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, a six-foot B-70 model, six-foot Minuteman missile model, T-38 mockup, survival training display, a disassembled T-33, a physiological display, Civil Air Patrol exhibit, and others.

The Marine Corps will show an "Ontos" defense vehicle and have a practice maneuver in which a

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Bahamas Win Talent Crown Of District

Reese's musical organization, The Bahamas, next weekend will compete in the Air Training Command Talent Contest and a chance to join the cast of "Command Performance - 1961" which will tour command bases to present a variety entertainment program.

The organization last weekend won the Northern District competition and the right to enter the command contest at James Connally AFB. The Bahamas consist of A3C Dale Dixon, congo drums; A3C Fred Bailey, snare drums; A3C Billy Nauden, bongo drums; and A2C George Jackson, piano.

ATC winners may compete in the World-Wide Air Force Talent contest June 5-9 at Andrews AFB.

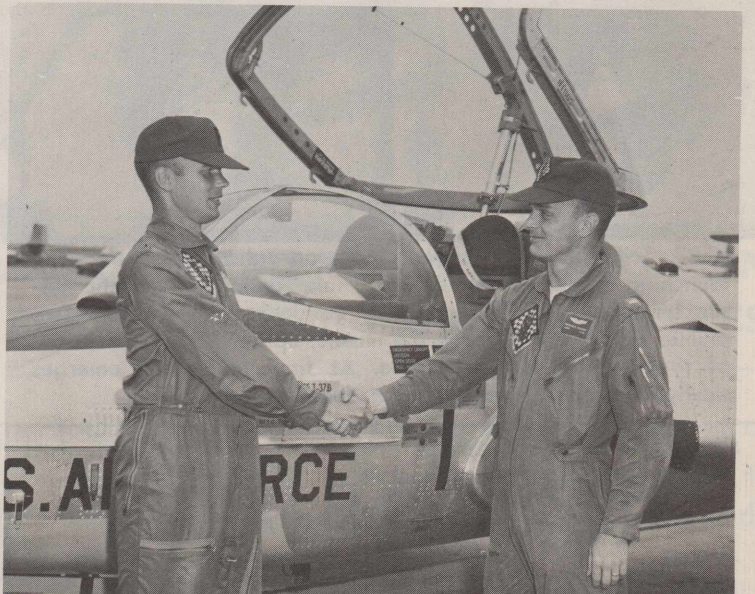
The Bahamas were organized as a unit after playing many jam sessions at Mathis Service Club. The musicians made their first appearance before an audience in the base talent contest April 24 in the base theater.

SPACE AVAILABLE DOUBTFUL

Trying to travel in the Pacific area on space available basis during the summer months simply isn't advisable, PACAF transportation officials are warning. Last year many individuals and families trying to travel by this means never got that "ride" and had to return to far-away duty stations by commercial travel.



SOLOIST—2nd Lt. Wolfgang P. Pohl, foreign student from Mannheim, Germany, is shown here being congratulated by his instructor, 1st Lt. Byron W. Evans, after he became one of the first members of Reese's undergraduate pilot training program to solo in T-37 aircraft.



SOLOIST—2nd Lt. Gerald B. Johnston receives warm welcome from his flying instructor, 1st Lt. Frederick H. Faulkner, after making one of Reese's initial T-37 solos in the new undergraduate pilot training program here.

From The COMMANDER'S DESK

By Col. L. C. Hess, Base Commander

Tomorrow, Armed Forces Day, Reese will again open its gates to one of the largest crowds ever to visit us.

On the flight line aircraft, missiles, and other equipment will be exhibited to show our citizens the might and power of our defense. The USAF Thunderbird demonstration, and other exhibits will not only amaze most of our civilian visitors, but also will be something for each of us to see.

We are proud to be members of the Air Force and to serve with our sister services — the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Reserve components that make up the greatest Defense Team in the world.

We, the "human elements" of the Armed Forces, will also be on display along with our weapons and weapon systems. I am depending on every member of the Reese Family to put "his best foot forward." It's up to each individual to contribute his part toward this end.

You're Responsible!

One of the ills of society in this second half of the 20th Century has been the decline of the sense of responsibility in our general economic life. The term "organization man" has come into common usage to describe the worker who loses himself and his individuality in the vastness of the institution for which he works. This decline of individual responsibility is also noted in international relations when the whole weight seems to be thrown upon the United Nations to think and act for all people.

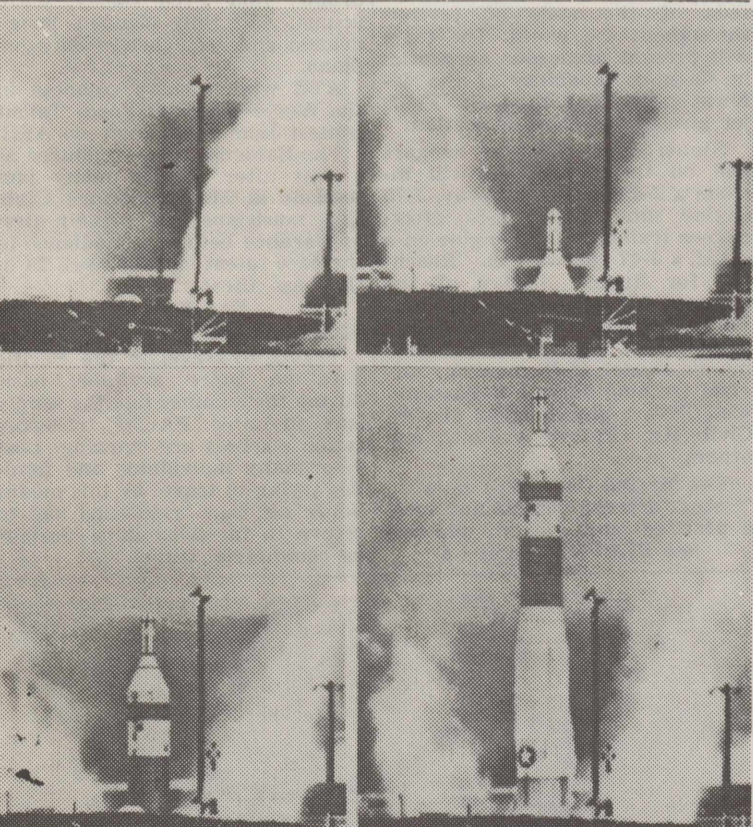
Some cynic may say to all this, "Isn't every member of the armed forces hopelessly bogged down in conformity? Don't you discourage individuality — and therefore individual responsibility?"

Negative! When a man becomes part of the Air Force, his hand is raised in a solemn oath as he agrees to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic." He further pledges himself to "bear true faith and allegiance to the same." Without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion he literally pledges his honor and his life to the nation he serves.

It is evident that when we choose the Air Force as a career it is something quite different from agreeing to work at Joe's Quick Lunch. Responsibility to the nation, to the service, to our families and to ourselves becomes a moral obligation. The responsibilities of my job, therefore, become mine as an individual. They cannot be thrown off upon my neighbor or upon my organization.

Everyone Cooperates

The recent flight of Mercury Astronaut Alan B. Shepard, Jr., proved not only the technical capability of the U.S., but also our capability and willingness to cooperate to get a job done. The men and women who made this flight possible were military and civilian, working together in the best American tradition. The NASA was fully supported with technical assistance, equipment, personnel and ranges by the Department of Defense. This was a team effort, the same effort that will enable us to conquer the next frontiers in space. The Air Force will continue to extend the fullest cooperation to other services and to NASA. The future calls for national determination and teamwork, not only between the Department of Defense and NASA, but also from the scientific community, industry and the general public.



HERE SHE COMES—Sequence photographs depict the first launching of the Air Force Titan I intercontinental ballistic missile from an underground silo at Vandenberg AFB, Calif. Two plumes of exhaust precede the missile, upper left, as it rises out of the 146-foot concrete tube. At first the missile emerges slowly, but increases speed as it thunders skyward.

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Parson-to-Person Happiness Found Only In God; Sin Brings On Death

By Chaplain Leo E. Pesek

No human being can live properly unless he knows the purpose of life. We have been created by God in order to glorify Him and to merit eternal happiness with Him in heaven. Our own reason tells us that we have a spiritual soul; and a spirit is immortal — i.e., it will never die. Reason also assures us that we can find perfect happiness only in God, for the desire for happiness in every human heart is unlimited, and hence no created good can fully satisfy it. As St. Augustine said, "The heart of man is made for Thee, O God, and it is restless till it rests in Thee."

God has revealed to us that the happiness to which He invites us in the next life is a share of His own happiness. It consists in seeing God directly in all His goodness and beauty, in loving Him, and in enjoying His presence for all eternity. This happiness, which is called the beatific vision, is a privilege to which human beings naturally have no strict right.

It is true that, because of the spiritual and immortal nature of our soul, we have a right to everlasting happiness in the life to come if we serve God faithfully in this world. We have no claim, however, to the supernatural possession of God such as is given in the beatific vision. In order to merit this supernatural happiness God gives us while we are on earth sufficient grace to live a supernatural life and to perform the actions necessary to earn this reward.

The Sacred Scriptures, God's own word, frequently refer to the happiness prepared for us in heaven, and urge us to strive to attain it. God has called all men to this happiness, but some do not attain it because they commit grave sins and die without repenting of them. These souls are cast into hell, and will never possess God. Hence, it is the most important duty of our lives to fulfill the conditions necessary to merit eternal happiness. These conditions are to know, to love, and to serve God in a supernatural manner.

Some Quotas Already Filled

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—First reports indicate that the first term airmen reenlistment cycle for the second half of fiscal year 1962 is progressing so well that some quotas already have been met.

This means that in some skill areas the opportunity to reenlist is limited to retraining.

Several major commands already have asked USAF for additional reenlistment quotas in certain career fields, personnel officials said.

While described as a "desirable situation," Pentagon personnel officials point out that requests for additional quotas cannot be honored at this time. Any quota adjustment can come only after USAF has received and evaluated first term airmen reenlistment reports from all commands.

"Procedure for requesting additional quotas will be announced at a later date," USAF told all commands.

Qualified airmen who want to reenlist but are now being held up by the quota should understand that final decision on authority to reenlist depends on an adjustment of the Air Force-wide quota.

The reenlistment selection process is going on and will continue through May. Thus, final determination for reenlistment chances cannot be made immediately.

New Fiber Praised For B-70 Tire Use

A new temperature resistant organic fiber looks promising for use in tires for the B-70 Valkyrie bomber and other aircraft, USAF headquarters has stated. Developed by the Air Force Systems Command, the fiber also could be used in decelerator parachutes from space capsules, personnel parachutes, and in military clothing. It looks like nylon but will not melt or burn, scientists say.



ARMED FORCES DAY 1961—During search and rescue exercises held off Miami, Fla., a Coast Guard helicopter simulates a hoist basket pickup of a downed flyer from the sea.

Defense For Everyone

"National defense, like the continuing search for peace with freedom and justice for all, is 'everybody's business.' Our investment in this effort, the greatest in our nation's history, reflects our determination to ensure the peace and the future of freedom.

"It is a sound investment. As the President has said, 'Only when our arms are sufficient beyond doubt can we be certain that they will never be employed.'

"Armed Forces Day is the annual report on this investment, a public presentation designed to give our own people, and the people in other lands who stand with us with peace for freedom and justice, the best possible opportunity to see and understand what we have and why we have it.

"Every commander throughout our defense system has responsibility to invite public attention to Armed Forces Day activities. As Secretary of Defense, I endorse their invitations and urge acceptance by the public."

—Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense

Head Of Chiefs Speaks

"All of us in the Armed Forces welcome the opportunity provided by Armed Forces Day to demonstrate our activities, weapons and equipment to the American people whom we serve.

"Behind the displays and observances on this occasion, and exemplified by them, is the vast and continuing effort. This effort is being carried out not only in the United States but wherever American soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines are serving throughout the Free World. Combining the energies, skills, ingenuity, and dedication to duty of our servicemen and women as they perform their vital tasks on land, in the air, and at sea, its objective is to maintain the peace which is an indispensable element in the preservation of peace. We hope that all who join us on this occasion will find their visit a worthwhile and rewarding experience."

—Gen. L. L. Lennitzer, Chairman,
Joint Chiefs of Staff

Day Serves Notice

"Armed Force Day is more than a day on which we honor the men and women of our Armed Services. It is a notice to the world that we intend to maintain such strength that war will be unprofitable to any possible enemy. The Air Force firmly believes that if we maintain this strength, there is a real chance that the world will be freed of the threat of war.

"We in the Department of the Air Force take advantage of this occasion to salute the other branches of the Armed Forces, and to promise continued devotion in the vital task of providing the unsailable aerospace power so necessary to the peace and security of our country."

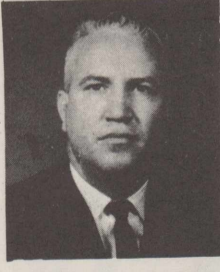
—Eugene M. Zuckert, Secretary of the Air Force

Power Stands As Guard

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"Aware of the grave responsibilities with which we are entrusted, the Air Force is proud to join on this twelfth Armed Forces Day with our sister services in rededicating ourselves to the preservation of freedom and to continue peace."

—Gen. Thomas D. White, Air Force Chief of Staff

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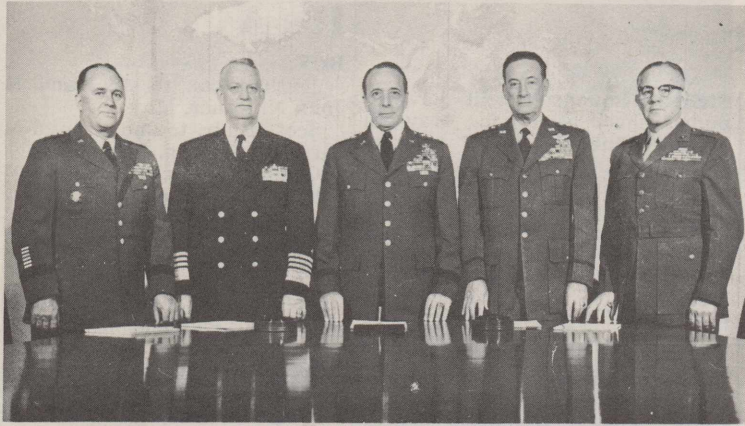
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MEMBERS OF THE Joint Chiefs of Staff assemble for one of their regular meetings at the Pentagon in Washington, D. C. Left to right: Gen. George H. Decker, Chief of Staff, U. S. Army; Adm. Arleigh A. Burke, Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Lyman L. Lemnitzer, U. S. Army, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. Thomas D. White, Chief of Staff, U. S. Air Force; and Gen. David M. Shoup, Commandant, U. S. Marine Corps.

Thunderbirds Dedicated Men, Real Workers, Book Declares

The world-renowned Air Force Aerial Demonstration Team, the Thunderbirds, have thrilled the people of Reese AFB and the South Plains on appearances here. They have thrilled millions of people in many lands and serve as an inspiration to the free world. But for members of the Thunderbird team — the pilots and maintenance men — these demonstrations are real work. Just how much work is graphically detailed by Martin Caidin in his new book, THUNDERBIRDS, which may be ordered in paperback form for 50 cents from the Reese BX.

The author spent 30 days living and flying with the team. The book strips away any thought of glamour and substitutes an accurate picture of men who work hard to be more than good; who give so much of their time that they are away from home nearly three-quarters of their time; who constantly have a tiger by the tail in their every performance and practice.

And practice, the Thunderbirds do. Three days out of the cockpit and they feel rusty. The de-

sired razor sharpness is gone. So, they take to the sky in their bending planes on holidays, weekends, and even before a performance so that the smallest errors of timing, spacing, and maneuvering which appeared in the last show will not show up again.

The book tells the life story of each team member. It tells just why the demonstration team functions, and how.

Keglers Move Into Command Lane Finals

Winner of second place in the Northern District Bowling tournament, the Reese bowling team this weekend is competing in the Air Training Command tourney at Brooks AFB. Competition started today and lasts until Sunday.

Reese was the darkhorse in district competition last weekend at Sheppard AFB, but finished with 2,706, only 22 pins behind Lowry, tournament veteran. The teams led eight entrants all the way.

SMSgt. James Larey and 2nd Lt. Dave Sweigart qualified as members of the district all-events team which is competing, along with base winners, for the ATC championship. The sergeant rolled a 612 final three-game series to take second place among individuals, while the lieutenant was among the top six men all the way and finished fifth. Sgt. Larey had a 1,753 total and Lt. Sweigart a 1,712.

Winners in ATC competition will represent the command in the World Wide tournament at Bolling AFB, Va.

Air Force people are stationed from Thule, Greenland, in the Arctic to the Antarctic, in such places as Eritrea, Greece, Lybia, India and Thailand.



AFTER THE FLIGHT—Climbing out of the cockpit of the T-33 that flew the 10,000th accident-free flying hour for Flight 3, 2nd Lt. William J. Groves, left, instructor pilot, and 2nd Lt. Richard T. Mathews, student pilot, discuss the mission.

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 pillbox is captured. A flame-thrower will also be used.
 The Navy will show a Sidewinder, an MK-9 depth charge, two five-inch HVR's and two Mighty Mouse missiles.
 On the ramp a unit from Fort Bliss is to exhibit an anti-missile RCAT weapon. Artillerymen from Fort Sill will show a 105mm Howitzer, a 155mm Howitzer, a Lacrosse missile with launcher, and an M-60 machine gun.
 From Holloman AFB, N. Mex., will come a Matador missile on a launcher and two Falcons.
 Early in the afternoon, the Spinerettes, a unit of girls from Houston, will present a 20-minute show on the ramp. The girls also will give a performance at the Mathis Service Club at night.
 First aid stands will be set up for emergencies and refreshment stands are to be at various places where the crowd will be.
 A model airplane show is planned for most of the day.

The Air Force and Army have extended until December, 1963, individual and crew training of U. S. and allied Air Force students on the Jupiter intermediate-range ballistic missile by the Army Ordnance Guided Missile School at Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

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Woman's Chatter

By Mrs. Nelson J. Sprague
 Wives working in the Officers Wives Club Armed Forces Day booth are asked to wear aprons with pockets, and low heeled shoes, and those who volunteered to make cookies, please don't forget.

Mrs. Joseph Fidler and Mrs. David Reiner gave a farewell party last Tuesday in the Fidler home for Mrs. Ronald Tinsley, who with her husband plans to leave June 2 for their new assignment at Moody AFB. Mrs. Wesley Fowler also will honor Mrs. Tinsley at a luncheon May 29 in her home.

Mrs. Roger Shaw and Mrs. Tinsley will have a personal shower for Mrs. Fowler on May 22 in the Tinsley home. Capt. and Mrs. Fowler will leave June 3 for a 6-weeks course in California, followed by 6-weeks at Walker AFB.

Capt. and Mrs. Amos O. Fox were entertained at dinner by Capt. and Mrs. Ira K. Espe last Saturday evening. The Foxes left May 15 for a new assignment in Arizona.

The Academics section honored Capt. and Mrs. William Reece and Capt. and Mrs. Robert Coburn at a farewell party May 19 at the Club. The Reeces are being reassigned to Hickam AFB, Hawaii, where he will join MATS. The Coburns are going to Moody AFB.

Mrs. William Brandt and Mrs. Alexander Milligan were hostesses for a farewell punch party for Mrs. Fowler when Flight 9 met last Friday in the Milligan home.

The Hospital staff hosted a Hail and Farewell party May 13 at the Club. Farewells were said to Capt. and Mrs. William Threlkeld, Capt. and Mrs. Robert Bertsch and Capt. and Mrs. Ben Norfleet. Welcomed were Capt. Harold T. Falconer, new flight surgeon, and the new dental surgeon, Lt. Col. Bob Bowman, and Mrs. Bowman. Dr. and Mrs. Threlkeld will leave May 20. The doctor has ac-

cepted a position in Kansas City. Mmes. William Alison, Ben Norfleet, Robert Bertsch and William Threlkeld were honored at a farewell bridge luncheon were Mrs. Charles Secrest and May 17 at the club. Hostesses Mrs. William Harris.

A farewell dinner was given May 17 by Maj. and Mrs. Elwin Kirby in honor of Capt. and Mrs. Charles Secrest.

Mrs. William Litle and Mrs. Ronald Kinion were hostesses at a farewell tea for Mrs. Norfleet and Mrs. Threlkeld May 16 at the Club.

Mrs. Alison was hostess for a farewell luncheon for Mrs. Threlkeld May 12 at the Club.

Mrs. Robert Guinn was given an infant seat by her bridge club when it met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Nelson Sprague.

Mrs. Russell Hainline and daughters left Monday to join Maj. Hainline at Chanute AFB, where he is attending a maintenance course. They plan to return July 1.

Capt. and Mrs. William Roth will leave Sunday for San Antonio where he is to attend AIS. Mrs. Roth plans to visit 1st Lt. and Mrs. Jack Dick for a week, after which she will fly to Bedford, Mass., to visit her parents. After completing his course, the captain plans to join his wife and daughter in Massachusetts, returning to Reese about July 1.

Maj. and Mrs. Frank Fleming will leave May 23 for a vacation in California.

Col. and Mrs. L. C. Hess have as their houseguests Mrs. Hess' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Fraser of Hollywood, Cal. Mr. and Mrs. Frazer plan to visit in Washington, D. C., and to tour Alaska before returning to their home.

Mrs. Robert Bertsch and Mrs. Shigeo Sumida were hostesses for the monthly Hospital coffee last week.

The Student Wives of the 3501st

Student Squadron will have a punch party at 1 p.m., May 24, at the Club. Hostesses will be Mmes. Fran Hunt, Linda Mau, Carol Jackson, Jeannie Martin, Cindy Renick and Glenda Jones.
 Capt. and Mrs. Charles Secrest entertained the three flight surgeons from Thailand at dinner May 15.

Wives of the officers assigned to the wing will have their monthly coffee at 10 a.m., May 24, at the Club. Hostesses will be Mmes. Robert Brumet, Frederick Geier, Andre Deshaies, Joseph Herr and Keaver Holley.

The Academics' Wives had a coffee last week at the home of Mrs. J. D. Boren.

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will conduct their circle meeting in the home of Mrs. Alfred Miller. Mrs. George Worner will speak on composers of religious music and reasons for the compositions.

The OWC Bowling League will have its luncheon May 24. Trophies will be awarded.

Nurses Given More Promotion Chances

This month a selection board meets in USAF headquarters to select and recommend nurses, medical specialists, and female reserve AF officers for promotion to the permanent grade of lieutenant colonel.

Previously, such promotions have depended on vacancies, but temporary authority has been delegated to USAF to promote qualified personnel without regard to vacancies.

Eligible officers, active and inactive who have a promotion service date of June 30, 1958 or earlier and a total years service date of 30 June 1944 or earlier, may obtain the full particulars from officer's personnel division, ext. 642.

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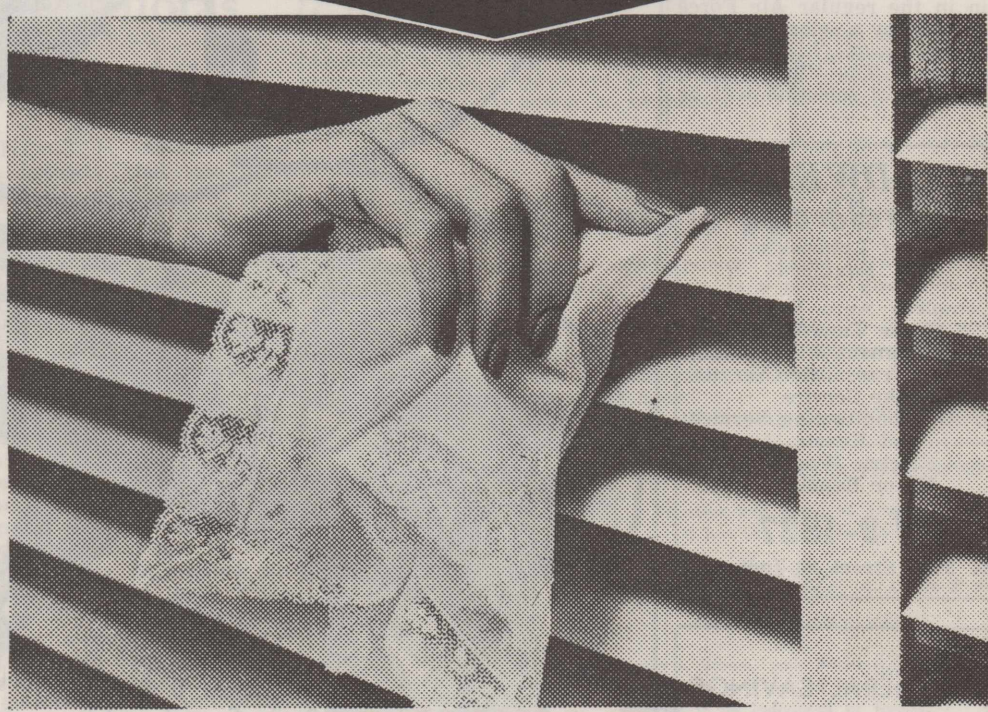
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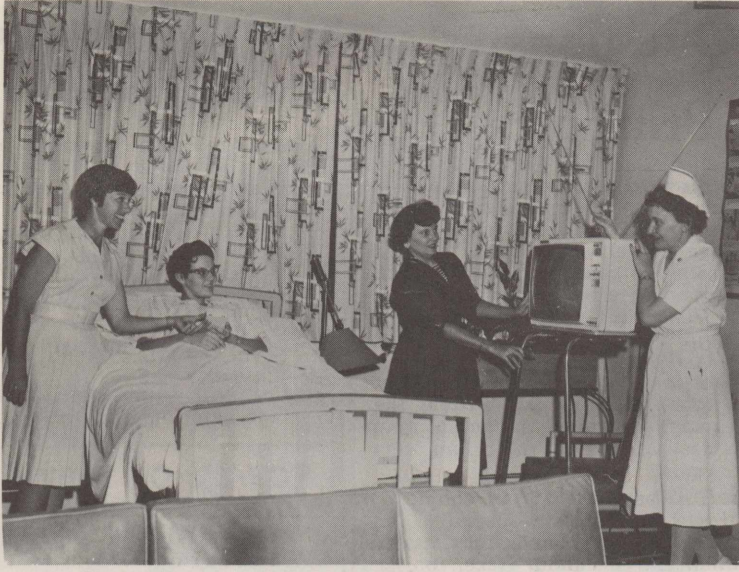
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Civilians Get RIF Chance

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Some Air Force civilians with long service are eligible for earlier retirement than normally allowed when under reduction in force proceedings, Pentagon civilian personnel officials point out.

The reminder was made, officials said, to inform personnel in any possible RIF of their options under the Retirement Act.

Such early retirements also would help the general personnel picture during RIFs in the placement of surplus employees and in the easing of the snow-balling characteristics of "bumping."

Upon notification that he is to be involuntarily separated from his position, an employee subject to the Retirement Act may elect to retire with an immediate annuity if he meets the following criteria:

Has been employed under the Retirement Act for at least one year within the two year period immediately preceding the involuntary conditions;

Is either 50 years of age with 20 years of creditable service, including five years of civilian service, or has completed 25 years of creditable service, regardless of age, with five years of civilian service.

Eligible civilians who meet the above requirements can initiate early retirement proceedings when they are notified during RIF proceedings that their positions are abolished or that they had been bumped.

This option under the Retirement Act for eligible civilian personnel has USAF wide application.

Details of the annuities involved for eligibles and other vital facts and figures can be obtained from civilian personnel officials at all USAF installations.

Riflemen Capture Contest At Idalou

A sharp-shooting Reese rifle squad outpointed its Idalou hosts Saturday and another Reese squad in a three-squad .22 rifle match. The Tommy Tripods split into two squads for the match at the Idalou indoor target range.

The first Reese squad scored 1,244 points of a possible 1,500 to defeat the second squad, scoring 1,138, and the Idalou team, scoring 1,048. The shooting was done with 10 rounds in each of three positions — prone, kneeling, and standing.

A1C Robert Weimer of the first squad was the high man of the match with a score of 274 of a possible 300. SSgt. Darrell Goodwyn of the second squad was high there with 262, and Hugh Daniel led the Idalou team with 241.

The first squad consisted of Airman Weimer, SSgt. Homer Teague, SSgt. George Vierra, A1C Delmer Callahan, and A1C Ronald Watson. Comprising the second squad were A1C J. D. Drummond, A2C David Lohr, A1C Lloyd Owens, SSgt. Charles Myers, and Sgt. Goodwyn.

The match is one of a series that will run through the summer. Shooters plan to organize an area-wide league in the fall under the sanction of the National Rifle Association.

Missile Fired Successfully

VANDENBERG AFB, Calif. (AFPS) — The Air Force's Titan I intercontinental ballistic missile has been fired successfully for the first time from an underground pad 146 feet below the earth's surface, proving the feasibility of the silo principle.

Fundamental purpose of the underground silos, Air Force officials say, is to provide maximum protection of the missiles against nuclear attacks.

The two-stage, 110-ton test missile with 300,000 pounds of thrust, was purposely destroyed three minutes after take-off. During its brief flight, it rose 20,000 feet and travelled about 35 miles over the Pacific Ocean.

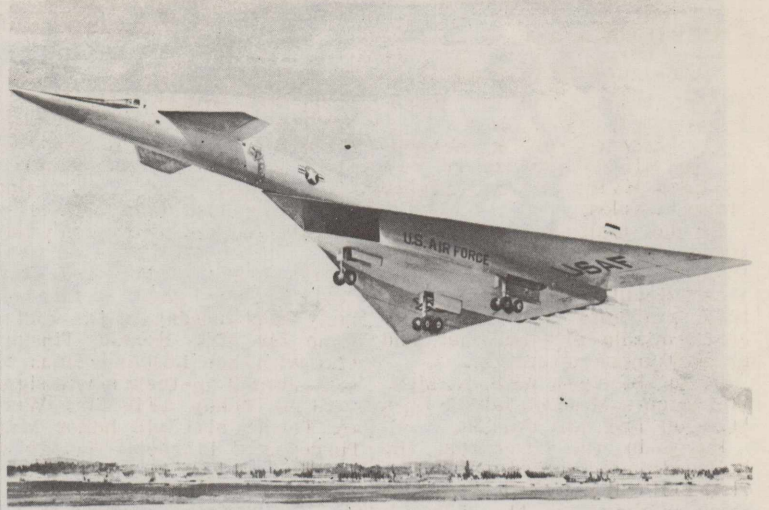
Evaluating the test, Air Force observers said, "This was all that was needed to establish that all aspects of the test had been passed." The tests included the silo capability, missile stress and control factors.

Titan I, largest of the nation's ICBMs, spewed orange flame as its pointed nose zoomed skyward for a minute and 15 seconds. At this point, the liquid-propellant missile arched 90 degrees and nosed its way due west.

The giant missile travelled 7,000 feet a second (about 5,000 m.p.h.). This, Air Force officials said, allowed engineers to see what pressure extremes the missile could take. According to observers, "It appeared to pass the test better than expected."

Titan I has an operational range of at least 6,325 statute miles.

Today, the Air Force is comprised of more than 800,000 officers and airmen, plus about 300,000 civilian employees, totaling well above a million men and women.



ARMED FORCES DAY—1961—A six-foot model of the Air Force's supersonic bomber, the B-70 Valkyrie, will be on display at Reese, May 20, Armed Forces Day. The B-70, which is still in the planning stage, will have a speed of Mach three.

Judging Of Summer Housing Area Starts

Annual competition for government housing beautification will begin this month, with the first judging taking place May 22, and extending each month until September.

Prizes of \$10 will be awarded to an officer and an airman in the base housing area for the best appearing and also for the most improved yard.

During this month's competition, second and third place prizes of \$5 each will be awarded in lieu of the most improved category.

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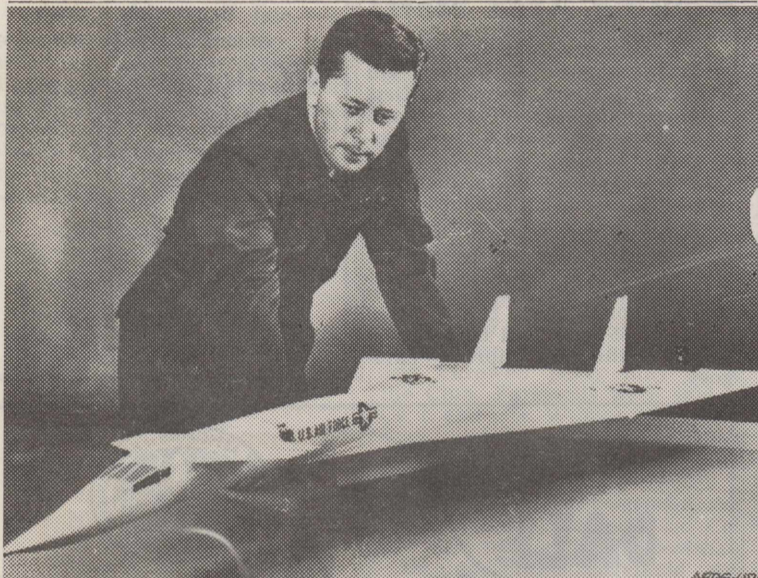
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DEMONSTRATION—First Lt. Inez Molina, operating room nurse, learns how to extinguish a gasoline and wood fire through use of a carbon dioxide extinguisher. Hayes Hefner, fire department chief inspector, shows the proper method. All nurses of the Reese Hospital attended a demonstration to become familiar with fire extinguishers.



NEW CHIEF—Al White, newly appointed chief test pilot of North American Aviation's Los Angeles division, looks over a model of the 2,000 mph B-70 bomber. He is expected to make the first flight of the revolutionary Mach 3 plane late in 1962.

"The survival of our cherished freedom is dependent in large measure upon the capabilities of our armed forces to discourage totalitarian aggression."
—President Kennedy

Skill Level Test Questions Emphasize Basic Principles

(Part I of this two-part feature described changes in classification and skill level test procedure that will allow greater promotion and pro-pay opportunities for most airmen.)

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — A greater "stripe" and "pro-rating" potential for most airmen was predicted by Pentagon officials in announcing important and widespread changes in classification and skill level test procedures.

Tests will reflect closer alignment with Job Training Standards and OJT Package Programs. Along these lines simplified and improved study reference lists will be made up. There will be emphasis on principles and fundamentals.

Even in the best of tests some questions can become obsolete. In the past, obsolete questions, when identified, were not counted in the test scores, although they were not crossed out of test booklets. Now, emphasis is being placed on identifying obsolete questions and deleting them from test booklets.

To take new job knowledge tests the airman must meet mandatory requirements concerning experience, training, education, etc., unless a waiver of these requirements is being requested. Under the old system, a supervisor's okay to take the test was required in addition to other requirements. It's not needed now.

Major air commanders have been given the authority to rule in individual cases on test qualifications. This authority may not be further delegated.

The test qualification waiver policy generally used for those whose poor command of English distorts test results and those at isolated locations, remains in force.

These important changes already have been spelled out in Hq. USAF instructions to all major commands and soon will be incorporated in the two basic references on the subject, AFM 35-1 and AFM 35-8.

The 9-skill level, applicable only to E-7 and above master sergeant, senior master sergeant, chief master sergeant, is not affected by these changes.

While chances of passing tests at the various job knowledge levels will be bettered, officials said, promotion and pro-pay do not follow automatically.

A qualifying job knowledge test score indicates only eligibility for skill upgrading. It's up to the supervisor to recommend the airman for the actual upgrading. And it's up to the airman to take advantage of self-study and OJT programs, to generally apply himself, to convince his supervisor.

With skill upgrading as a prerequisite, the actual stripes are added through a new system of world wide Air Force permissive quotas in every career field that is applied against the actual numerical quotas of major air commands.

Pro pay depends, of course, on possession of a specialty that rates this pay and duty assignment in this field. Here, too, the supervisor's recommendation is vital.

Skill upgradings are the keys to unlock many doors of opportunity, and the changes announced will indirectly offer career chances for virtually all airmen.

In a nutshell, the changes in their entirety mean this: While USAF standards will be maintained, red tape will be cut for those eligible and high performance individuals who do jobs of work that rate pay raises in the eyes of their bosses.

Regulation Changes Saluting Procedure

A new Air Force regulation has outlined the changes in saluting the colors for persons wearing civilian clothes.

The new salute for men wearing a hat is to remove the hat with the right hand and hold it at the left shoulder with the right hand over the heart. Uncovered, the man will place his right hand over his heart.

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ARMED FORCES DAY 1961—Maj. Robert M. White shown in a physiological trailer prior to his high altitude flight of 136,000 feet at Edwards AFB, Calif., in an X-15 research aircraft.

Expenditure Gets Approval

A \$12 billion authorization for procurement of missiles, aircraft and naval vessels has been approved by the House Committee on Armed Services.

Committee Chairman Carl Vinson (D-Ga.) calls the bill the largest single authorization in the history of Congress.

The actual authorization amounts to \$12,368,000,000 and is \$393.2 million above the original figure requested by President Kennedy. The Kennedy request was some \$1.5 billion over the amount former President Eisenhower had asked for. The net result is that well over \$1.5 billion in additional money is authorized for Defense Department hardware items by the house committee.

The added authorization would finance the USAF procurement programs by: Continued production of B-52 and B-58 bombers; Procurement of 15 C-135 jet transports for MATS; Procurement of three Special Air Mission jet airplanes.

The breakdown on aircraft authorizations was: Air Force \$3,670,200,000; Navy and Marine Corps \$1,585,600,000; Army \$211,000,000.

The missile breakdown was: Air Force \$2,792,000,000; Navy \$606,400,000; Marine Corps \$27,000,000; Army \$550,800,000.

Naval vessel procurement totaled \$2,925,000,000.

"While it may well be true that the intercontinental ballistic missile may at some time in the future provide our principal means of deterrence and our greatest offensive capability, that time has not come yet," Chairman Vinson explained in a statement to the press as to why emphasis continues to be placed on manned aircraft.

"This bill is a major step toward making our arms sufficient beyond a doubt," Chairman Vinson summarized.

Rifle Team Forms For Reese Youths

All base dependents, ages 12-18, have the opportunity to join a new junior rifle team forming under the sponsorship of the Reese Rifle Team.

The club, for both boys and girls, will be affiliated with the National Rifle Association.

Standard .22-caliber target rifles will be used and shooting will be done at the indoor range at Texas Tech and the outdoor firing range at Reese.

All youths interested may call SSGT. Darrel Goodwyn, ext. 602 or the Youth Director's office, ext. 207.

Major Given Award For Saving Women

Maj. Milton H. Weiss has been awarded the Airman's Medal for heroism in saving the lives of two Spanish women. While stationed in Spain in the summer of 1959 he swam out to rescue one woman in rough water off San Juan Beach, then gave artificial respiration to her and another woman rescued by others.

Buying Authority Given To Service

Responsibility for buying all non-military supply items not requiring military control has been transferred to the General Services Administration in Washington. The Defense Department said the order affects immediately about 30,000 items. These include tools, hardware, automotive supplies, construction supplies, paint, brushes, furniture, office supplies and office equipment.

What we are born with is God's gift to us. What we make of ourselves is our gift to God.



ARMED FORCES DAY 1961—Marine loads shell into 115-MM boosted rocket XM-70 during test firing. This first automatic artillery weapon will fire six rounds in three and a half seconds and was developed by the Army for the Marine Corps.

Golf Notes

Thirty-eight players turned out for an on-base golf tournament last weekend, in which a six man team to represent the base in the UPT Base tourney will be selected.

Scoring the low net for the first flight was Capt. William Little, with a 137, while A2C Charles Marsh was second, scoring a 138. In the second flight, 2nd Lt. Joseph Platz scored a low net of 135. SMSgt. William Caldwell was second, 139, and Capt. Marvin Ouren was third, 142.

Scoring low gross of the day was Airman Marsh, with a 152. Capt. William Alison was second, 154, and 1st Lt. Jerry Daley placed third, 142.

The intramural league standings shows Supply in the first place position, with 28 points. The Students are holding second place, with 26½ points, while ABG is in the third slot, with 23½ points.

Moisture Seepage Blamed For Crash

Freakish moisture seepage into an electrical missile firing circuit was responsible for the shooting down of a B-52 bomber by an F-100 National Guard fighter near Grants, N. Mex., on April 7, USAF headquarters has announced. Lives of three B-52 crew members were lost in the incident. Investigators found that the F-100 pilot was qualified and did not act improperly.

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OJT 'Assist' Plan Changed

Reese "has the jump" on most other Air Training Command bases in the re-aligned On-the-Job Training program, set up to aid USAF, Pacific and zone of interior bases with OJT work.

In the re-alignment, three OJT courses are being taught by field training detachment instructors, offering the OJT administrator-supervisor, OJT trainer orientation, and staff officers' OJT orientation.

Publicity on the new program has just been released, but all three courses were completed here two weeks ago. Normally courses are conducted at requesting bases by a traveling field training detachment instructor. The instructor here was TSgt. Robert S. Bear, assigned by ATC headquarters.

The re-alignment provides for the traveling instructors to be assigned to ATC headquarters and to go to bases requesting them. Sgt. Bear was stationed at Amarillo AFB and, with other instructors, will be reassigned to ATC this summer.

In addition to conducting OJT courses, the OJT Advisory Service, when requested, sends trouble shooters to commands or bases to check assist in local problems and to qualify OJT instructors.

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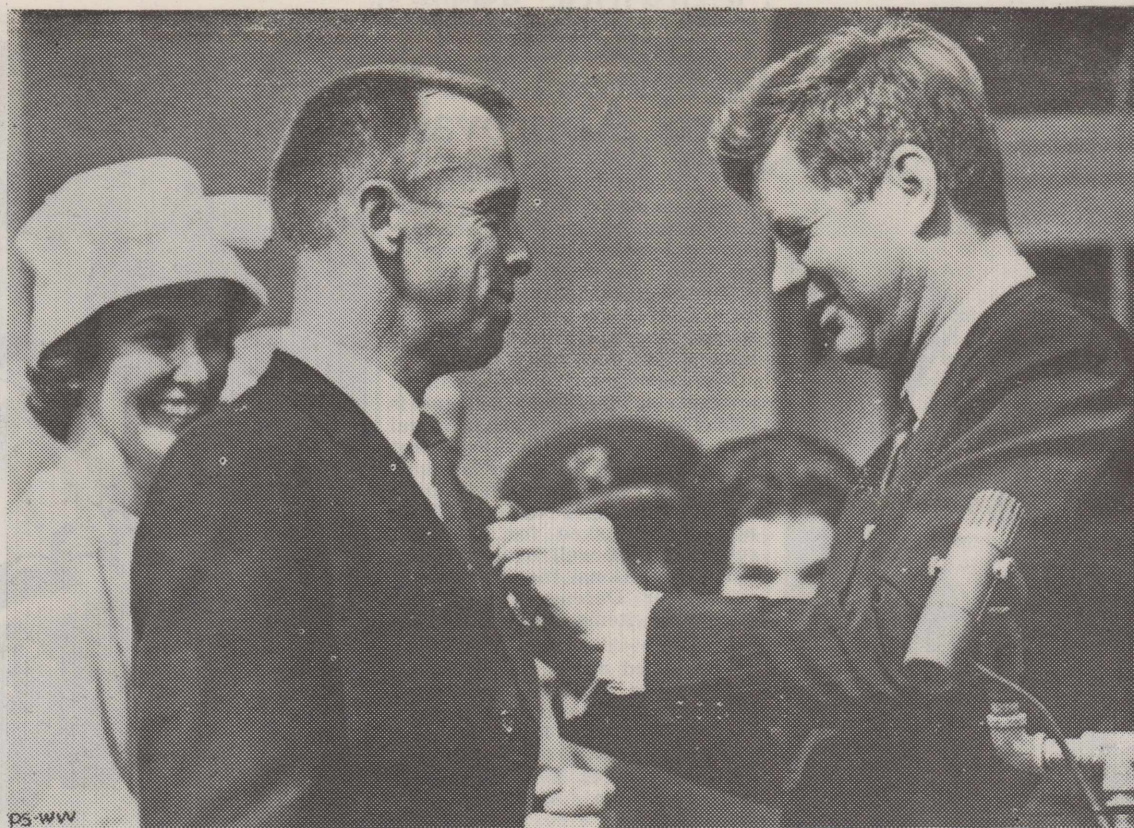
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PROUD OCCASION—President John F. Kennedy pins the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Distinguished Service Medal on Astronaut Alan B. Shepard, Jr., for his outstanding contribution to space technology.

Shepard became the world's first man to make a partially controlled flight into space. Mrs. Shepard, left, beams happily at the White House ceremony.

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First U. S. Astronaut Experienced Test Pilot, Dedicated To Chosen Profession

Commander Alan B. Shepard, Jr., of the Navy, the first man in history to partially pilot a space ship, brought dedication and experience as a test pilot to his job as an astronaut, chosen for rigorous training for Project Mercury's first space shot.

The commander, son of an Army colonel, is a good athlete who enjoys golf, ice skating and water skiing. He is a lean 5 feet, 11 inches tall and weighs 160 pounds.

Born in East Derry, N. H., the commander studied a year at Admiral Farragut Academy before entering the Naval Academy. After graduation from Annapolis in 1944, he served on the destroyer Cosgrove during World War II, then took flight training at Corpus Christi and Pensacola. He won his wings in 1947.

The astronaut spent several

tours of duty in European waters, then attended flight test school at Patuxent, Md. He remained there for two tours, making high altitude tests, contributing to research on carrier landing techniques and experimenting with the Navy's in-flight refueling system.

Between hours of duty as a test pilot, Commander Shepard was operations officer for a night fighter squadron on the West Coast.

In 1958, after graduation from the Naval War College, the commander joined the staff of the commander-in-chief, Atlantic Fleet, in Norfolk, Va.

Commander Shepard is married and has two daughters.

Academy Receives Accredited Status

To date, the Air Force Academy has graduated only two classes, but already it is evident that its graduates are ably meeting the high requirements set forth in its mission.

Academy planners have many indications to prove that their basic educational policies are sound and provide cadet students ample opportunity to develop academically. This belief was borne out as early as 1959 when the school received an unprecedented early accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in time for its first class, that of 1959, to graduate with accredited degrees.

Cadet performance was found to be above average, and the examiners report showed that standard achievement, compared to other selected colleges, was higher than ever the relatively excellent abilities of the student body would indicate.

Reports from Air Training Command indicate that the performance of Academy graduates in pilot training is superior in both academics and flying training to all others. The elimination rate for graduates is much lower than that of other trainees.

Academy planners are convinced that their policies and methods are working well and that the general balance of the curriculum should be preserved. The record to date bears out this belief.

Rule On Accepting Gifts Reemphasized

The Air Force policy on accepting gifts to the Air Force is that military or civilian members may accept a proffer of a gift but that only the Secretary of the Air Force, major air commanders, superintendents of the Air Force Academy, and director of the Air Force Museum may actually accept or reject the gift.

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ACES TO MEET

All Air Force, Navy, Marine and Army combat pilots who hold five or more victories are invited to attend the charter meeting of the Association of Fighter Aces at Pensacola, Fla., June 6-11.

'00th PTS News

By Capt. William Roth

Maj. DeMay H. White, who has been the 3500th Pilot Training Squadron operations officer, has been reassigned to the 3500th PTG headquarters.

First Lt. William A. Wittenburg and 1st Lt. Robert T. Loveridge have completed their indoctrination with the Group Standardization Board and are assigned instructor duties in Flight 8 and 9, respectively.

Capt. James V. Singleton is leaving PCS to attend the University of Wyoming in the AFIT program.

First Lts. Paul C. McClure and George Meeks have left Flight 7 for Flight 6.

The members of Class 62-G reported on Monday to Flight 6. They became the first pilot trainees assigned the squadron in the T-37. The class of 52 USAF officers and 6 students of the German Air Force.

The student class commander is Capt. Frank W. Waxham, Jr. He is assisted by the two group commanders, 1st Lt. Douglas C. Bell and 1st Lt. Charles C. Decker. The class will receive 132 hours of flying training in the T-37, 10 hours of which will be formation flying. This will be the first time formation flying has been offered to USAF pilots during the initial phase of training.

After about 15 hours of instructional flying, the student pilots will be ready to take their first solo jet flight.

Capt. James N. Shankles has assumed duty as assistant squadron operations officer for the T-37 program. He will monitor operation of Flight 6, which is commanded by Capt. Vernie R. Poin-ton. The assistant commander is Capt. Charles R. Penola. Due to the large size of the class, there will be three elements.

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