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Bill Allen

Gen. Boles visits Reese, Lubbock

Col. Randy Gelwix, 64th Flying Training Wing commander, welcomes Gen. Billy Boles, Air Education and Training Command commander, to Reese Wednesday. Before he departed Thursday he met with senior enlisted members, flew a T-38 formation sortie, attended a Lubbock-Reese Redevelopment Committee meeting, met with area recruiters and presented the April-June 96 Enlisted Quarterly Awards at the Wing Enlisted Call.

Reese troops pleased with AFPC/AETC assignment drop

by Tech. Sgt. Dave Brown
NCOIC, public affairs

Headquarters Air Force Personnel Center and Headquarters Air Education and Training Command assignment personnel provided 54 people with their assignments on Monday and conducted three assignment selection briefings Tuesday.

The assignment drops on Monday provided happy times for people. Those assignments included 15 base choices in

Texas, 13 in Florida and several in California. The assignment briefings held at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Tuesday provided valuable and much needed information to all personnel for upcoming assignment selections before closure of Reese AFB.

The assignment process is determined by the date of availability, negotiated by the individual, immediate supervisor and squadron commander, indicated Tech. Sgt. Lori Trainor, HQ AFPC briefer for Tuesday's briefings.

"It allows people to meet

the overseas assignment dates," she said. "This in turn establishes a reporting date for the assignment with that reporting date approximately from July to September 1997."

A statement of availability allows each person to meet two overseas assignment cycles according to Trainor. The first cycle is in September and the second being in December. She also indicated that the EQUAL listings, the available assignments in the AFPC assignment computer system, will be available on Aug. 6 for the September cycle and Nov. 5 for the

December cycle.

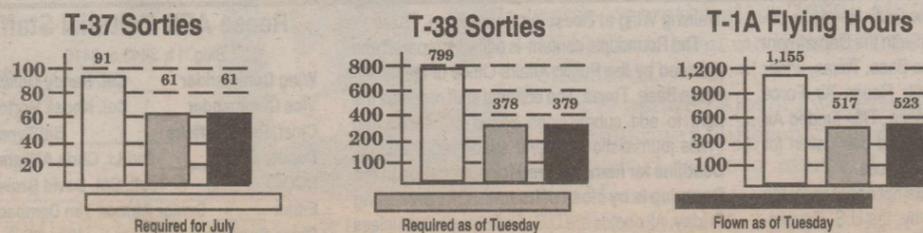
Trainor indicated that to make it a fair and equitable system, AFPC must determine a priority on how the records rack and stack for assignment selection. The sequence will be made based on grade and AFSC, date of rank, total active federal military service date and date of birth. If everything is equal at that point, another method will be used.

Retainability is a weighty factor for receiving an assignment, Trainor said. She indicated that the normal retainability for a CONUS as-

signment is 24 months. However, that can be waived down from 23 months to 12 months. Exceptions include factors such as weight management, high year of tenure, or a declination statement. However, if a person signs a declination statement and has 12 months' retainability remaining, they will PCS to their next base and separate there.

Special personnel programs are available and provide flexibility within the assignment program. They include the humanitarian/EFMP program, (continued on Page 3)

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Your attitude is your choice

**Chaplain (Lt. Col.)
Stephen D. Hess**
Senior chaplain

I just visited some deployed troops at a desolate location south of here. Daily temperatures went well above 100 degrees, with little shade, hot blowing dust, and not a drop of rain throughout the deployment. The whole area was infested with rattlesnakes, scorpions, and tarantulas.

The unit I visited displayed one of the toughest attitudes I've seen in uniform. No one complained, whined, or lost their temper. They were well trained, informed, and prepared.

They had spent this past winter practicing and preparing for this deployment.

They had a well defined mission, "to increase each person's competence in specific 'life skills'". They also had very ambitious objectives: "to be validated as competent in at least five skills each".

They returned without a single reportable injury, snake bite, case of dehydration, or even serious sunburn. Even more impressive, they exceeded their objective by 7.6 percent.

Who is this tough outfit? Troop 500 of the Boy Scouts of America, 13 boys ages 11 through 14. They went

to Camp C.W. Post, an area of thick mesquite brush just off the Caprock, with the expectation to have the time of their lives. No one told them that they weren't having fun, so they had fun and exceeded theirs and everyone else's expectations for a successful camp, earning 70 instead of the goal of 65 merit badges.

These boys had an attitude. They would accomplish their mission, ... and have fun, ...or else! No one would make them do otherwise.

Wise leaders guided them in protection of their physical well being, but the boys themselves protected their own mental and emotional well being.

They took serious the core values of the Boy Scouts of America; trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. If an eleven year old can internalize 12

values and experience such success, those of us who have taken an oath to defend all the ideals of our nation cannot do any less. Our three basic Air Force core values of integrity, service above self, and the pursuit of excellence really encompasses more than the 12 Scout Laws.

A respected leader once told me, "There is no incompetence that will defeat one's purpose as quickly as the incompetence of a bad attitude." With a bad attitude, our mission and objectives are defeated before we begin. Constant complaining and criticizing add nothing to any team.

Encouragement and enthusiasm always culminate in success and achievement.

Now is a time when most duty sections are short handed because of summer leave. Reese is also in a historical transition period. Most of us are here until the end of that

transition. One of these variables could give us an excuse to let our attitude slip with each other or our customers.

We forget that we always have a choice of how we deal with life's events and stresses. Not just a choice of response but also a choice of internal feelings about each event. We actually choose to allow ourselves to get upset, or angry, or we can choose to not let events, unexpected set backs, other people, or disappointments tear down our attitude.

As the most intelligent of all God's creations, we are given dominion or rule of this planet. Part of that rule is of our own internal selves. The joy of internal discipline far exceeds the disappointments of lost self-control. If we choose to be positive about our life's role, whatever or wherever it may take us, we will find there the resources to also be content when that role is challenged.

Faith goes beyond Sunday Worship. Faith always looks beyond the immediate with hope for a bright future that is one of our choosing. If we are spending too much time looking over our shoulders or at someone else's faults, we are neglecting our own responsibility for our own happiness. The happiest people I know have chosen to be that way. You can make the same choice.



Mentoring: A fresh look at a time-honored tradition

by **Brig. Gen. Susan Pamerleau**
Randolph Air Force Base, Texas

"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."

These are the words of Henry Adams in his renowned autobiography, "The Education of Henry Adams."

As the great—grandson of John Adams, our second president, Henry recognized history's progress depends on lessons passed from one generation to the next.

His words emphasize both the importance of what the past taught him and the legacy he left behind as a historian and keen observer of 19th century America.

You don't have to be a great author or a president to have lasting influence. As Henry Adams said, those with the greatest influence are teachers. As Air Force leaders, we all have the chance to "affect eternity" in our role as mentors.

Those of us who have been around the Air Force for a while can probably point to some senior officer who served as a mentor by steering us toward the right jobs at the right time, making sure that each assignment brought new and larger responsibilities.

This kind of "job" mentoring also extends to the feedback we give to those junior to us in rank or experience. If you are a supervisor, the professional growth of subordinates is an important measure of your ability as a leader.

The supervisor's role is to help others recognize how their strengths contribute to the mission, and to show them how to make that contribution by conquering or working through their weaknesses.

Whether you're a general officer in charge of a wing or a junior NCO in charge of an airman, one of your—if not your most pressing—daily concerns should be providing the kind of clear and honest feedback that makes growth happen.

Beyond career advice or the development of job skills, however, there's a second aspect of

mentoring that applies to every member of the Air Force team.

While not all of us may have the chance or experience to be "job" mentors, we all have the opportunity to be "character" mentors or role models.

As many of us can point to mentors who have been the roadmaps for our professional lives, we can also point to mentors who have influenced our personal lives.

A major part of who we are is who we want to be like: our parents, our friends and our heroes.

Are you being a good role model to those around you? Good leaders keep asking themselves this question, and they measure their achievements by those principles identified as the Air Force's three core values: integrity, service before self, and excellence in all they do.

Everyone can benefit from good mentors. As teachers, we do have the ability to affect eternity. I ask you to seize that opportunity and commit yourself to the challenge of mentoring.

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for people like ...

Senior Airman Roxann PlesKovitch
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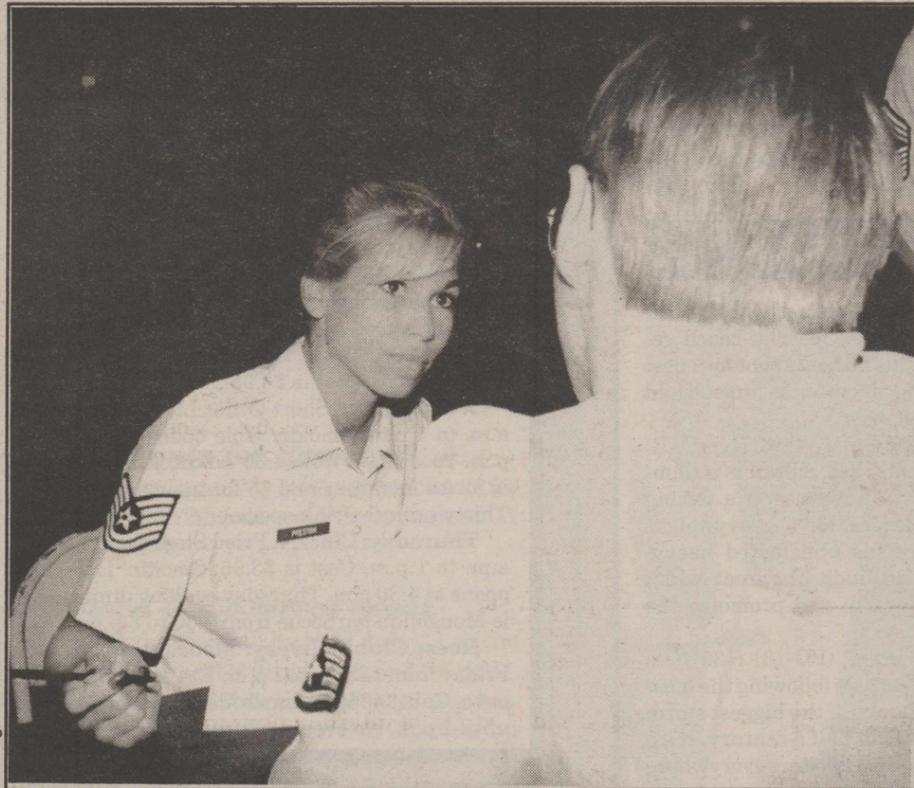
Training Wing at Reese Air Force Base, Texas.

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Tech. Sgt. Martina Preston, 64th Medical Support Squadron, receives her assignment choices from Staff Sgt. David Nowinsky, headquarters AETC/Surgeon General medical enlisted assignments manager.

Troops happy with assignments

(continued from Page 1)
retraining, special duty assignments, retirements, separations and Join Spouse assignments. It is very important to contact the Reese Military Personnel Flight to accomplish any of these options.

Trainor stated that the EQUAL PLUS system advertises special duty assignments. It is important to apply for these assignments as early as possible, because release dates could affect approval of the assignments.

Retirements can be categorized in three areas. They include closure or inactivation date, HYT before closure date and the seven-day option program. The MPF has more details on these options.

"A person can choose to separate instead of relocating if that person has less than 11 months retainability," Trainor said. "Then it is essential to work with the squadron commander ensuring departure is on the separation date rather than earlier if

retainability in the work center is no longer required."

Other separation options include the miscellaneous and Palace Chase options. A person will need to apply under Palace Chase first. If the request is disapproved then separation can be applied for under the miscellaneous category.

For those desiring a Join Spouse assignment, it is vital to contact the MPF for more details.

The assignment selection process for a base closure is very dynamic. It maximizes personal assignment desires, but the truth is that the Air Force mission requirements come first.

The assignment team is due back to Reese in the January-February period with approximately 400 more assignments.

For more in-depth information or further guidance on all of these issues, be sure to contact the MPF assignments and separations section in Bldg. 900 at 3361 or 3420.

Air Force cracks down on BAQ fraud

Reese airman gets two months confinement, hard labor, bad conduct discharge

by Staff judge
advocate office
Reese AFB

Airman 1st Class Hollee Robinson, 35th Flying Training Squadron, pled guilty to one charge of larceny and two specifications of false official statement at a special court-martial here July 8.

The case involved the theft

of \$1,755.60 of government funds in the form of basic allowance for quarters at the dependent rate.

For the crimes, the military judge sentenced Robinson to a bad conduct discharge, two months confinement with hard labor and reduction to airman basic.

In late November 1995, Robinson made false official statements to security police

and to a physician at the primary care clinic here. After suspecting the accuracy of the statements, office of special investigation agents launched an investigation, which led to the discovery that Robinson was committing BAQ fraud.

The evidence developed by OSI showed that Robinson had been married since March 1992. Her marriage entitled her to receive BAQ at the with-

dependent rate, and she received this additional allowance rate from November 1995 until April 1996. When Robinson recertified her eligibility to receive BAQ at the with-dependent rate, she certified that she was sending her husband support. Robinson, however, never provided her husband any support.

Capt. Tadia Whitner, assistant trial counsel in the case,

said, "The decision in the Robinson case sends out a message to the military community about the importance of truth, honesty and integrity. As military members, we serve in positions of trust and we cannot abuse that trust."

Whitner added, "This case makes clear that the Air Force is serious. If you get caught defrauding the government, you will pay a heavy price."



Mike Parrish

Paul Harris, LMLM, puts tape over the T-37B tail to replace the state of Texas and the "LB."

Final Tweet leaves today

The final T-37B Tweet is scheduled to leave Reese today and will be flown to Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

The T-37's have been used at Reese as the primary jet trainer since March 13, 1961.

The T-37A made its first flight in 1955 and went into service with the Air Force in 1956. The T-37B became operational in 1959. All T-37A's have been modified to T-37B standards.

"I've painted a lot of Tweets here, but this one's different," said Joe Ramirez, Lockheed Martin Logistics Management, who painted the T-37B headed to Columbus. "It feels kind of strange. It's the last one."



Joe Ramirez, LMLM, sands the last "LB" off Reese's last Tweet.

Around Reese

Ruby's Lounge

(885-3156)

Today: Social hour begins at 4:30 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and beverage specials. Shuffleboard tournament with prizes at 7 p.m. Variety Disc Jockey begins at 9 p.m.

Saturday: Lounge opens at noon.

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Monday: Lounge opens at 3 p.m.

Tuesday: Lounge opens at 3 p.m. \$500 Early Bird Bingo at 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Lounge opens at 3 p.m. Taco night from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Free for members.

Thursday: Lounge opens at 3 p.m. with 30 minute beverage special.

Reese Chapel

(885-3238)

Catholic services: Mass -- Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11:30 a.m., Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Confessions -- Saturday from 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. and weekdays by appointment. Religious education -- 11 a.m.

Protestant services: Sunday worship 11:15 a.m. Sunday school -- 9:45 a.m.

Bible Study: Wednesday at noon is a great time at the chapel! A light lunch is provided, then Bible Study is served up with wit, enlightenment and the joy of fellowship. Chaplain Janner is the instructor.

For information on other worship opportunities in the local community call 3237.

Library

(885-3344)

Tuesday and Thursday: Family video matinees in the conference room at 2 p.m. "Mac and Me" and "Tall Tales" are featured.

Monday Story Time continues with a vacation theme from 11 to 11:45 a.m. for children ages three to six. Registration is required. Call 3344 to sign up.

Read-N-Bowl in July: Read a book, write a report and receive a free game of bowling.

Carol's Video Picks-'O-the-Week: Family entertainment -- "Suburban Commando," Adult -- "Mortal Kombat," Children -- "Dr Seuss's Butter Battle Book." Storytelling videos are also here!

Hours of Operation: Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday from 12 to 5 p.m. The library is closed on Fridays and holidays.

Auto Skills Center

(885-3142)

Hours of Operation: Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays from 12 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center is closed on Sunday, Monday and holidays. The center is open goal days from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

July: Free safety inspections offered.

Simler Theater

(885-4888)

NOW SHOWING

Friday: "Original Ganstas," (PG-13) 7:30 p.m. Hammer, an L.A. football coach returns home after his father is shot by a new generation of gang members he himself had formed 30 years earlier.

Saturday: "The Great White Hype," (R) 7:30 p.m. Reverend Fred Sultan is a flamboyant con man, a hustler and a boxing promoter. He searches for a heavyweight contender to face his undefeated heavyweight champ. He finds his great white hope in Terry Conklin and promotes the fight of the century.

Sunday: "Twister," (PG-13) 6:30 p.m. Join a group of scientists following the massive destructive power of the biggest storm to strike Oklahoma in half a century. It's a killer system dropping twisters everywhere along the countryside.

Ticket price for adults is \$1.50 and \$1.25 for children under 12 years old.

All movies begin promptly as scheduled.

Caprock Cafe

(6027 - voice / 6028 - menu)

Today: Lunch — Spicy Baked Fish, BBQ Chicken, Ground Beef Cordon Bleu. Dinner — Cajun Meatloaf, Simmered Knockwurst, Roast Fresh Ham.

Saturday: Lunch — Herbed Baked Fish, Chicken A la King, Roast Beef Dinner — Grilled Ham Steaks, FF Fish Portions, Chicken Enchiladas.

Sunday: Lunch — Chicken Adobo, Oven Fried Fish, Honey Glazed Cornish Hen Dinner — Grilled Liver, Fried Scalops, Savory Baked Chicken.

Monday: Lunch — Baked Canned Ham, BBQ Pork Loin, Hot and Spicy Chicken Dinner — Braised Beef & Noodles, Lemon Basted Sole, Beef Porcupines.

Tuesday: Lunch — Beef Fajitas, BBQ Spareribs, Roast Turkey Dinner — Sauerbraten, Pork Chops W/Apple Rings, Chinese Five Spice Chicken

Wednesday: Lunch — Grilled Tenderloin Steak, Baked Canned Ham, Fried Chicken Dinner — Beef Ravioli, FF Shrimp, Roast Pork of Loin.

Thursday: Lunch — Steak Ranchero, Pork Chop Suey, Szechwan Chicken Dinner — Spinach Lasagna, Hamburger Yakisoba, Roast Turkey.

Skills Development Center

(885-3787)

Reese souvenir T-shirts available in various designs. The center also has framed photos and prints and reduced prices on wood furniture sets and displays.

Custom framing/color prints by John Ficklin (T-1A, T-37B, T-38A) also available. **Self defense class coming in August!**

Reese Club

(885-3466)

Today: Short Order Line from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Smokin' Hole opens at 4 p.m. Social hour at 5 p.m. with free hors d'oeuvres and beverage specials.

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Sunday Brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday: Short Order Line from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday: Texas BBQ Buffet from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$3.95.

Wednesday: Short Order Line from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Smokin' Hole opens at 4:30 p.m. Taco Night from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$2 for members and \$5 for nonmembers. Thirty minute drink special.

Thursday: Chicken Fried Steak from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$3.95. Smokin' Hole opens at 4:30 p.m. Thursday evening dining is Mongolian barbecue from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Reese Club Delivery: Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Eat in or carry out. Call 3466 for lunch delivery service until 1 p.m. No evening delivery available.

Youth Center

(885-3820)

Friday: Friday night live pool party from 8 to 10 p.m.

Friday: Movie with snack from 5 to 7 p.m. **Monday:** Three-on-three basketball for ages 10 to 18 from 5 to 8 p.m. **Wednesday:** Arts & Crafts from 5 to 6 p.m. **Thursday:** Cooking from 5 to 6 p.m.

Child Development Center

(885-3541)

Friday: Splash Day (weather permitting) for toddlers from 2 to 2:30 p.m., age two from 2:30 to 3 p.m. and ages three to five from 3 to 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Base fitness center field trip from 9:30 to 10 a.m.

July 27: Give parents a break respite care program from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reservations are due by July 24.

Bowling Center

Crock Pot Specials

(885-6555)

Monday: Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes with Cream Gravy, Small Salad and Roll. Cost is \$3.50

Tuesday: Lasagna, Small Salad and Garlic Toast. Cost is \$3.

Wednesday: Fried Rice, Lumpia and Pork Chow Mein with Hard Noodles. Cost is \$3.

Thursday: Two Tacos, Tamales and Refried Beans. Cost is \$2.95.

Friday: Fried Catfish, French Fries, Small Salad and Roll. Cost is \$3.25.

Equipment Rental

(885-3141)

Equipment rental: The center has reduced rental fees for the summer on a variety of equipment just right for the season.

News notes

Services manning minimal today

The 64th Services Squadron will be minimally manned today due to a squadron picnic at 2 p.m.

Housing flight announces hours change

Effective immediately, the housing flight will be moved for lunch from 12-1 p.m. daily. New hours of operation are from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Cotton to coconuts for Reese couple

There will be a going-away potluck luncheon for John and Leslie Kain Monday at Picnic Park at 11 a.m. R.S.V.P. to 3303.

Summer blood drive serves needs

A summer blood drive will be held July 31 at the family support flight center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The need for blood at this time of year is great. Each donator will receive a T-shirt. Call Airman 1st Class Christina Kortright at 885-3183 to sign up.

Martial arts self defense classes slated

Martial arts self defense classes will be held at Ruby's on Fridays beginning Aug. 2 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Registration is through the arts and crafts center at 3141 through July 26. The class is open to all active duty, civilians and spouses. A minimum number of participants is required. Cost is \$35 per month.

Airman appreciation party set

An airman appreciation dinner and pool party will be held July 26 from 4:30 to 10 p.m. at Reese Beach. Food will be served from 4:30 to 6 p.m. and entertainment will continue until 10 p.m. Alcohol is not allowed and will not be served. Bring your beachball, towel and appetite. Call Senior Airman Will Hightower at 3408 for more information.

Parents respite care program on tap

Reservations are due by July 24 for the next Give Parents a Break Respite Care program at the child development center scheduled for July 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The program is open to all active duty military families in three categories: 1) Families with special needs such as a child with extended illness or disability; 2) Families with an active duty member on temporary duty for 30 days or more; 3) Families going through extreme stress.

For more information on the program or to sign up, call Gloria Goff at 3317.

Senior NCO induction ceremony on tap

The Top Three Association will hold a Senior NCO Induction Ceremony today at 2 p.m. at the Reese Club. The purpose of the ceremony is to induct senior noncommissioned officers into an elite organization



A new twist to Aim High Senior Airman Jeffery Engle, 64th Civil Engineer Squadron, gets sworn in by 2nd Lt. Joshua Strickler in a crane at the top of the headquarter's flagpole July 12. Engle is a pavements and heavy equipment operator. He re-enlisted for four more years in the Air Force.

of NCOs with the responsibilities and dedication of the professionals they are.

The inductees for this ceremony are: Master Sergeants select Gregory Bond, 64th Operations Support Squadron; Carrie Dorrance, 64th Communications Squadron; Hubert Dukes, 64th Aerospace Medicine Squadron; and Charles McCully, 64th Services Squadron; Master Sergeants Robert Bates, 64th Medical Support Squadron; Lori DeProspero, 64th Mission Support Squadron; Theresa Faulk, 64th AMDS; Alfredo Gibbs-Vanhorn, 64th Civil Engineer Squadron; James Koranda, 64th AMDS; John Miller Jr., 64th OSS; Jerry Millsaps, 64th MSS; and Carolyn Stephens, 64th Logistics Squadron; Senior Master Sergeants Byron Hicks, 64th Security Police Squadron; and Robyn Huffman, 64th CS.

Direct any questions about the ceremony to Master Sgt. Walt Lilley at 3422.

AAFES sends service dress reminder

The Air Force officer coat retrofit program is coming to an end. The Air Force officer service dress coat with sleeve rank may not be worn as of Oct. 1, 1996. The last day to send coats for conversion is Aug. 1.

Bike rodeo scheduled at BX parking lot

The Reese Exchange/Shoppette will sponsor a bike rodeo July 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the exchange's parking lot. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. that day for ages 2-12 and is open to Reese personnel. Helmets are required on base for all ages. Safety courses and bike inspections will be offered by security police and prizes will be awarded. McGruff will make a special appearance.

ROCC announces two-part resume class

The Reese Options Career Center will offer a two-part resume seminar. "Beginning a Resume" will be held July 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and "Finishing a Resume" is August 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The seminars will be held in the family support flight classroom. Members are required to attend

both sessions of the seminar. Members are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch. Call the family support flight at 3305 for more information.

Free math tutorial services available

Jesse Day is available to tutor South Plains College students in math Mondays through Thursdays from 11:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at no charge. Call 885-3048 to sign up.

Day care providers wanted

The Reese Child Development Center is looking for Family Day Care providers. Earning extra income, being one's own boss and setting one's own hours and fees are all benefits of the program. Call Tonya Mena at 885-6720 for more information.

TriCare Service Center hours

TriCare Service Center hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The service center is not open weekends or holidays. Call 800-406-2832 for TriCare assistance over the phone, or bring all pertinent documentation to the service center.

Navy hosts disco dance party

The 221st Navy Ball Committee will host the Disco Dance Party at the Armed Forces Guard Reserve Center, 301 Regis Street, Saturday from 8 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$4. Music will be '60s through '80s. For more information call 765-6657.

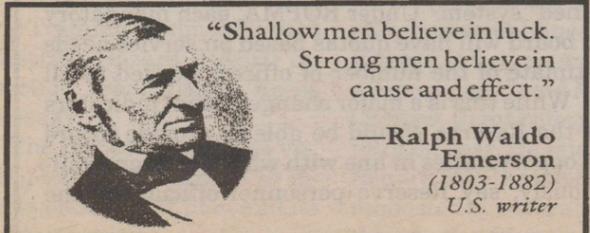
Equal Opportunity 101

Who was the first Black/African-American general in the United States Air Force?

(See next week's Roundup for the answer.)

If you would like to submit equal opportunity trivia information for the Roundup, send a letter with your question and answer to 64 FTW/SA. Your name will be published along with the information you provide.

WORTH REDEFINING



"Shallow men believe in luck. Strong men believe in cause and effect."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson
(1803-1882)
U.S. writer



Staff Sgt. Orlando Guerrero

Maj. Donna Jones, right, provides feedback from a Top Dollar scenario with Staff Sergeant Katenna Edwards, center, and Staff Sgt. Teresa Cooper, 64th CPTF.

Reese members prep for Top Dollar competition

Top Dollar is an Air Force-wide competition designed for Comptroller and Contracting personnel.

This intense four to five day exercise has been on-going for four years.

The objective of Top Dollar is simply to prepare our people to work and survive in combat. Wherever there is a contingency operation, money is a necessity.

Five comptroller and two contracting personnel from each base form a team for the competition. The teams compete at command-level and winners compete at Air Force-

level.

Besides setting up a theater of operations for critical finance and accounting and contracting function scenarios such as handling foreign currency, Top Dollar provides very realistic training in disaster preparedness, first-aid buddy care, marksmanship, security training and physical fitness.

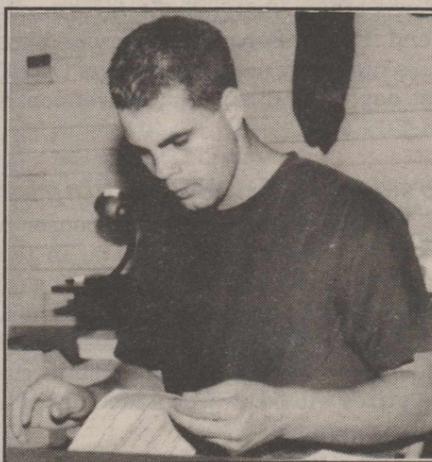
For fiscal year 96, Air Education and Training Command Top Dollar competition will be held Monday through July 26 at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.

The Reese team will actually deploy to Arkansas carry-

ing their cargo and equipment.

Team members from the comptroller flight are Master Sgt. Tony McCurdy, Staff Sgt. Katenna Edwards, Staff Sgt. Joe Schmitt, Senior Airmen Duane Hurd and Senior Airman Joseph Rosal. Contracting squadron members include Tech. Sgt. Susan Richardson and Senior Airman Keith Anderson.

"The team has been practicing since February and the members are well prepared," said Maj. Donna Jones, the comptroller flight commander. "I have no doubt they will do well in the competition."



Left, members of Reese's Top Dollar team don their chemical warfare gear during a mock exercise. Above, Senior Airman Eric Krammer, 64th CPTF, processes a voucher. The team will compete against other AETC bases Monday through July 26. The purpose of the competition is to prepare our people to work and survive in combat.

AF News

Heroism earns four the Airman's Medal

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Four Air Force members earned the Airman's Medal for the heroic actions they took before and after a bomb blast killed 19 people at Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

Three security policemen and a flight surgeon received medals July 3 from Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, Air Force chief of staff, in a ceremony at King Abdul Aziz Air Base. They are presently assigned to the 4404th Provisional Wing.

Presented medals were Maj. Steven P. Goff of Big Bend, Wisc., assigned to Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont.; Staff Sgt. Alfredo R. Guerrero of Modesto, Calif., assigned to Edwards AFB, Calif.; Senior Airman Corey P. Grice of Latta, S.C., assigned to Kelly AFB, Texas; and Airman 1st Class Christopher T. Wagar of Graham, Wash., also assigned to Malmstrom.

The Airman's Medal is awarded for heroic acts during peacetime, usually when people risk their lives.

The brave actions of the four medal recipients exemplified the deeds of the "many heroes" who helped save lives in the aftermath of the blast, Fogleman said. Their "extraordinary actions became ordinary feats," he said.

Twelfth B-2 arrives

WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE, Mo. (AFNS) — The twelfth operational B-2 Spirit bomber arrived July 3. Majors Gavin L. Ketchen and Richard Vanderburgh, both of the 509th Bomb Wing, flew the aircraft from the Northrop Grumman plant at Palmdale, Calif.

This was the fourth B-2 Spirit delivered in 1996. Nine more are scheduled to be delivered by early 1998 to complete the planned fleet of 21 bombers.

Croatian president honors Americans

WASHINGTON — The president of Croatia posthumously awarded the Order of the Croatian Trefoil to those who lost their lives in the April 3 crash of an Air Force jet near Dubrovnik, Croatia.

The incident claimed 33 American lives, among them Commerce Secretary Ronald H. Brown and six U.S. airmen.

Croatian Ambassador Miomir Zuzul presented the awards on behalf of President Franjo Tudjman in a July 1 ceremony held at the Croatian Embassy in Washington.

The Croatian Trefoil — a concave three-leafed cross forged of gold-plated silver — "is awarded to Croatian and foreign citizens for outstanding achievements which contribute to the future of the Republic of Croatia," said Zuzul.

ROPMA from a Pentagon personnel perspective

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — When the Reserve Officer Personnel Management Act goes into effect Oct. 1, some of its key provisions will significantly alter the way the reserve components manage officer appointments, promotions, tenure and separations.

A joint Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve working group began last year to resolve a number of issues before ROPMA is implemented later this year.

ROPMA significantly impacts reserve officer promotion and retirement systems. The traditional "fully qualified" promotion system changes to a "best qualified among the fully qualified" system. Under ROPMA, each mandatory promotion board will have quotas based on service needs and an estimate of the number of officers needed to fill vacancies. While this is a major change, initial indicators show that the Reserve should be able to provide future promotion opportunities in line with what has been available previously, say Reserve personnel officials in the Pentagon.

Changing military scene, wartime experiences led to . . . Defense Department

From the late 18th century stood side by side as cabinet-level equals: the War Department and the Department of the Navy. Generations of officials tried to modify the military organization of the United States, but all failed. Only one of 50 bills looked at by Congress between 1921 and 1945 even made it to the floor of the House.

After World War II, however, most observers agreed change was a must. Burgeoning airpower, including the means for delivering the atomic bomb, plus responsibility for air defense of North America gave the Army Air Forces a significant role. Military manpower drawdowns were in full swing as were budget cutbacks even as the Cold War heated up. The 19th century line between war on land and war at sea was almost totally blurred. World War II had demon-

strated conclusively a coordinated effort would be mandatory in future conflicts.

Only the question of form remained, but it drew heated debate. At the heart of the debate was exactly how the services should interrelate and whether there should be a separate Air Force.

With President Truman and Congress mediating, the parties reached an agreement, resulting in the National Security Act of 1947.

Truman signed it into law on the day it reached his desk, July 26.

The act created the National Military Establishment. It also created the Department of the Air Force,

which became a Cabinet-level executive department along with the Department of the

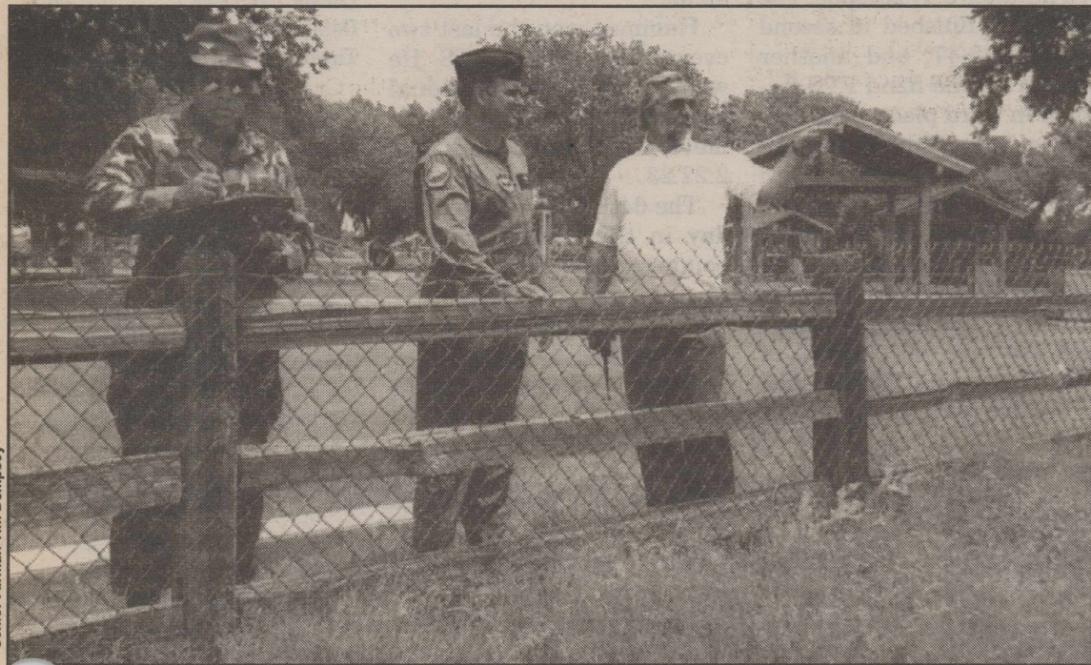
Navy and the War Department. The last of these was redesignated the Department of the Army. The secretary of defense functioned primarily as a coordinator. The act also provided a statutory basis for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, which President Franklin Roosevelt established during World War II, and recognized the Joint Chiefs as principal military advisers to the president and the secretary of defense.

The new establishment went into effect on Sept. 18, 1947, although disagreement about the organization—some of it vigorous—persisted. James V. Forrestal became the first secretary of

defense. The remainder of the 1940s saw further dramatic changes as the postwar defense establishment evolved. Of particular significance were the 1949 amendments to the National Security Act of 1947.

The amendments established the secretary of defense as principal assistant to the president on defense matters with Cabinet status and increased authority. They made Army, Navy and Air Force military departments instead of cabinet-level departments. They created the full-time position of chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the senior military officer.

And the 1949 amendments changed the name of the National Military Establishment to the one by which it is known today: Department of Defense. *-American Forces Press Service*



Senior Airman Tim Dempsey

Sancibrian, wing safety, and members of AETC Bird Airstrike Hazard (BASH) inspection team visit fence between the park and golf course Tuesday.

BASH inspection team visits Reese

Members of Air Education and Training Command's Bird Airstrike Hazard (BASH) inspection team visited Reese Tuesday.

The inspection team is visiting every AETC base to inspect each BASH plan and its implementation.

"They're here to ensure the plan is in compliance with Air Force Instructions and that it's a decent plan," said Maj. Andy Correro, flight safety chief for the past year. He said copies of Reese's BASH plan have been requested by several bases, although the plan is then tai-

lored to that base. The BASH plan details responsibilities of several agencies on base. A bird hazard working group meets twice per year prior to the migratory seasons of October to January and April to June.

Tops in Blue

Free performance
August 9, 7:30 p.m.
Lubbock Municipal Auditorium

4th Street and Boston Ave.



Senior Airman Tim Dempsey

Leo Campos, 64th CES, competes in the 100-meter individual freestyle. Campos finished in second place.

52nd FTS wins intramural swim meet



Enrique Saa, 54th FTS, takes a breath of air during the 50-meter individual breaststroke.

The 52nd Flying Training Squadron captured the intramural swim meet title Saturday with 127 points.

The 52nd FTS won four-out-of-seven swimming events.

Leland Scifers, Anthony and Aaron Larson set the tempo for the squadron by winning the 200-meter relay with a time of 2 minutes 3.47 seconds. The 54th FTS finished in second place, 2:12.47, and another team from the 52nd FTS finished in third place, 2:13.69.

The 54th FTS finished the day in a close second place with 112 points. The team wrapped up first place in the 200-meter medley relay. Benjamin Sanders, Derek Reinhard, Douglas Hammen and Jason Costello won the race with a time of 1:25.83. The 52nd FTS finished in second place in the event

and the 64th Civil Engineer Squadron took third place.

Rosello and Larson continued to bring home the gold for the 52nd FTS. Rosello won the 100-meter individual freestyle in 1:02.70, and the 50-meter individual butterfly in 19.51. Larson took first in the 50-meter individual breaststroke, 49.59.

Hammen won the last two events for the 54th FTS. He won the 50-meter individual backstroke, 44.70, and the 200-meter individual freestyle, 2:22.23.

The 64th CES finished the day in third place with 75 points.

Event results

200-meter relay	
52nd FTS	2:03.47
54th FTS	2:12.12

52nd FTS	2:13.69
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200-meter medley relay

54th FTS	1:25.83
52nd FTS	1:27.21
64th CES	1:32.67

100-meter freestyle

Rosello, 52nd FTS	1:02.70
Leo Campos, 64th CES	1:02.70
Cathie Sanders, 54th FTS	1:02.70

50-meter breaststroke

Larson, 52nd FTS	49.59
Derek Reinhard, 54th FTS	53.51
Timothy Gasser, 52nd FTS	53.78

50-meter butterfly

Rosello, 52nd FTS	19.51
Hammen, 54th FTS	20.06
Campos, 64th CES	20.64

50-meter backstroke

Hammen, 54th FTS	44.70
Campos, 64th CES	47.92
Scifers, 52nd FTS	48.84

200-meter freestyle

Hammen, 54th FTS	2:22.23
Scifers, 52nd FTS	2:28.34
Edwin Redman, 54th FTS	3:05.55

Reese team off to World Armed Forces Softball Tournament

by Ramon Guerrero
64th Communications Squadron

Sixteen Reese members qualified for the World Armed Forces Softball Tournament by finishing in sixth place in a regional qualifier at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, Saturday and Sunday.

The team known as CR will represent Reese in the world tournament held in Bosier City/Shreveport, La., August 23-25.

Normally CR plays at the State D level. However in this tournament,

CR is competing in State A and B levels.

Un-sponsored and full of talented players, CR has amassed an impressive record of 40-10. They have competed in nine tournaments, taking first place four times, second place twice and sixth place once.

The team has also qualified for the Texas State D Championship Softball Tournament and the World D Championship Softball Tournament, both to be held in Lubbock.

If anyone is interested in supporting CR, they can call Al Deforrest at 3944.

Campanale hits grand slam for Air Force

CHICAGO (AFNS) — Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force David J. Campanale hit a grand slam for the Air Force in ceremonies before the Minnesota Twins-Chicago White Sox baseball game at Comiskey Park July 3.

Campanale threw out the first ball and presided over a special tribute to the 19 Air Force members killed in the June 25 bomb attack in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

The Air Mobility Command Band of Mid-America from Scott Air Force Base, Ill., treated the paid crowd of 26,931 to 15 minutes of patriotic music as part of pregame activities.

With the band positioned behind home plate, Campanale and Chicago-based recruiters took their place along

the third-base line.

The White Sox announcer asked for "a moment of silence for the 19 members of your United States Air Force who lost their lives in the recent terrorist bombing in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia and for all the other servicemembers of our armed forces who have lost their lives in the defense of our country."

Following the moment of silence, four F-16C Fighting Falcons from the 127th Fighter Wing, Michigan Air National Guard, Selfridge AFB, zoomed high above centerfield to the delight of the crowd.

Donning a black White Sox cap, Campanale put the finishing touches on the ceremony with a perfect strike to home plate.