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Burgmann, MAC's 'top civilian'



THE BEST among the Military Airlift Command's (MAC) more than 17,000 civilians was not the title Walter S. "Wally" Burgmann earned when chosen as the MAC Outstanding Civilian of the Year for 1978, but that is what his win represents. Burgmann is the chief of the Environmental Technical Applications Center's technical information section and director of AWS technical library. (U.S. Air Force photo)

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SCOTT AFB, IL—The Military Airlift Command (MAC) Outstanding Civilian of the Year for 1978 is a weather man. The Award which accompanied the honor was recently presented to Walter S. Burgmann during an official ceremony at Headquarters MAC.

Gen. William G. Moore Jr., MAC commander in chief, presented the award, which he put into proper perspective when he pointed out that the command employs more than 17,000 civilians. General Moore cited Burgmann for his improvements in the Air Weather Service (AWS) technical library through use of automated library systems, display of superior management and personal motivation toward mission accomplishment. "Obviously Burgmann believes in going that extra mile," General Moore said.

Since November 1975, Burgmann has been chief of the AWS' Environmental Technical Applications Center's technical

information section and director of the command's technical library. He is also the scientific and technical information officer for AWS.

A graduate of Florida State University, Burgmann has a bachelor of science degree in meteorology and a masters degree in management.

Burgmann is an active member of several professional and civic groups. These include membership in the American Meteorological Society and its Greater St. Louis (MO) Chapter; Make Today Count, Belleville (IL) Chapter; Lebanon, IL, Rotary Club; Lebanon Lodge 110 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; Lebanon Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star; is on the Lebanon Cub Scott Advisory Council; Special Libraries Association's Greater St. Louis Chapter; and the Air Force Association. Additionally, he is a certified lay speaker for the Lebanon United Methodist Church.

Burgmann and his wife Kay are the parents of two sons, Jay, 11 and Jon, eight.

Commander to gain star

SCOTT AFB, IL—With the presidential nomination of Col. Albert J. Kaehn, Jr. for promotion to the rank of brigadier general, the Air Weather Service will gain the twelfth general officer to command the organization.

Colonel Kaehn received notification of his nomination in early January but at press time the AWS OBSERVER had not been advised when he would change rank.

Others to command AWS as general officers were Donald N. Yates, William O. Senter, Thomas S. Moorman, Jr., Harold H. Bassett, Norman L. Peterson, Roy W. Nelson, Jr., Russell K. Pierce, Jr., William H. Best, Jr., Thomas A. Aldrich, John W. Collens and Berry W. Rowe.



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Reservist acclaimed hero

PEASE AFB, NH—MSgt. Daniel T. O'Brien, a reservist weather forecaster from Det. 6, 26th Weather Squadron, during a recent staff meeting here, received the Airmans Medal for heroism.

The Airmans Medal is given to Air Force persons who display heroism involving voluntary risk of life under conditions other than those in conflict with an armed enemy.

On April 3, 1977, Sergeant O'Brien and the late Sgt. John E. Bennett, a member of the local munitions maintenance squadron, were scuba diving for scallops in 40-foot deep water at Pretty Marsh in Bar Harbor.

At the time they began the dive, weather was nearly ideal; surface winds of less than 10 knots and a calm water surface. Around 25 minutes later, as the men broke surface after having been at the bottom, they found that wind conditions had deteriorated rapidly. The wind velocity was reported later to be 35 knots with gusts greater than 50 knots.

As the two men broke the surface they decided to swim back to shore underwater. As they descended, Sergeant O'Brien saw that his companion was having difficulty clearing his ears. O'Brien looked away, then back—and his friend was gone.

Seconds later the weather man resurfaced to see Sergeant Bennett about 15 feet away. The maintenance man was having trouble snorkeling and his voice, as well as his movements, told that he had become disoriented and incoherent.

Seeing that help was needed fast, the weather man swam toward his friend. As he neared, the victim panicked and made a desperate grab for the man coming to help him. A seeming "save and survive" wrestling match followed, with both divers being forced underwater several times.

Finally the stricken swimmer went limp. When this happened, Sergeant O'Brien began to tow him toward shore. The act was a gigantic feat since the lone swimmer not only had his own weight, and the weight of his swimming equipment, but was trying to pull, in stormy seas, a 180-



MSgt. DANIEL T. O'BRIEN displays the Airmans Medal he was awarded following his heroic attempt to rescue a fellow scuba diver. The victim, Sgt. John E. Bennett, of a Pease AFB, NH, unit, lived one hour after the ordeal. (U.S. Air Force photo by Fran Collins)

pound man who had more than 100 pounds of equipment and scallops strapped and tied to him. Other experienced divers, who were at the scene, said they had extreme difficulty swimming to shore alone, much less trying to tow another person.

"The victim was more than a quarter of a mile from shore with a useless flotation device, 65 pounds of scallops tied to his wrist, a 25-pound weight belt and 45 pounds of scuba tank" said SSgt. Gerald K. Wilcox, a member of Sergeant O'Brien's diving club. Sergeant Wilcox had been at the scene. "Sergeant O'Brien went to his (Sergeant Bennett's) rescue with complete disregard for his own personal safety. He caught hold of Sergeant Bennett and tried to cast off the scallops, weight belt and tank. The tank straps and weight belt were tangled and couldn't be removed. The bag of scallops was tied to Bennett's wrist and also couldn't be removed in the water. Sergeant O'Brien swam with this 180-pound man with all that extra weight for over a quarter of a mile at full speed while calling for help.

Bennett was finally brought to shore and O'Brien gave cardio-pulmonary resuscitation. Sergeant Bennett lived for an hour after being pulled to shore," Sergeant Wilcox said. Sergeant Bennett died of hypothermia, despite the heroic efforts of his friend.

Later, Sergeant O'Brien said an incredible amount of adrenalin flowed through his body during the attempted rescue. He added that he knows he could not do it again under the same conditions. He said, "Hours afterward I could still barely walk due to stiffness in my muscles. For nights I also had nightmares.

"I think I'm a better diver after what happened," he continued. "I'm now more aware of the other divers and more conscious of what they are doing."

Maj. Donald Baker, Sergeant O'Brien's commander at the time of the accident, said, "Sergeant O'Brien's act was unmistakably done out of love for his fellow man. He didn't want to be a hero. He just exposed his own safety and life to save the life of a friend. It was true gut-level heroism."

33 AWSers chosen for regular O-5

SCOTT AFB, IL—Twenty-three Air Weather Service people were recently selected for appointment as Regular Air Force lieutenant colonels. They are: from AWS: Hansjoachim E. Fischer, Donald B. Hodges, Rufus D. McCollum Jr. and Joseph R. Zimmerlee; 1st Weather Wing (WW): Joseph W. Martin Jr. and Walter D. Meyer; 2WW: Mikel W. Cohick, Lee L. Harkins Jr. and Charles M. McDonald; 3WW: Craig D. Shaw and James H. Wood; 5WW: Lee R. Clausen, Richard D. Dickover Jr., Owen Y. Macy and Philip W. West; 7WW: David S. Lydon; and Air Force Global Weather Central: Clarence B. Givens, Russell A. Hankins, John A. Lasley Jr., Serhij J. Pilipowski, Charles F. Quinby, Allan C. Ramsey and Frederick A. Scheeren.

Safety honor goes to det

RANDOLPH AFB, TX—The 12th Flying Training Wing Safety Award of the Quarter does not come easy here, but it was recently won by members of Det. 1, 24th Weather Squadron.

According to Maj. Kenneth L. Wantzloeben, unit commander, Det. 1 earned the award for having a perfect ground safety record from July through September 1978.

AFAF drive starts soon

SCOTT AFB, IL—The 1979 fund drive which keeps airmen's money "at home" will take place from Feb. 21 until March 31. It is the Air Force Assistance Fund drive or AFAF.

The AFAF drive provides support to the Air Force Aid Society, the Air Force Enlisted Widows Home and its officer counterpart, the Air Force Village.

All weather units have project officers who can provide additional information about where donated funds go and what they are used for. The Air Weather Service goal for the drive will be around \$20,000.

Kadena, Japan, Gets New Rainfall Record

KADENA AB, JAPAN—As snow set records across the United States, here the record set was for rain. The 1956 mark for rainfall was 132.21 inches. After Typhoons Carmen, Ora and Wendy dumped their moisture on the island, the people saw a new record—136.30 inches.

COMMAND LINE

Over the last 3-5 years, much has been said and written in the **OBSERVER** and the Air Weather Service (AWS) **Operations Digest** about the Automated Weather Distribution System or AWDS, the single career ladder, the station chief and the NCO detachment commander (detco). I think we all agree that AWS has devoted much time and talent to develop and implement these programs. In so doing, a considerable amount of energy was applied, and rightly so, to mapping out, in some detail, a strategy for the best employment and career development of the AWS enlisted personnel resource. Last month, this column focused on the training and flow of our enlisted people through the Chanute (AFB, IL) Technical Training Center—a continuation of our efforts to disseminate information on future changes in AWS, and how those changes affect our enlisted people.

WHAT ABOUT OFFICERS?

It is my notion that in a corporate sense, we haven't devoted a strategy for career development and upward mobility for our officers. We must recognize the impact programmed changes has on the AWS resource. I intend to use this column to bring to everyone's attention these issues; in my judgment, it is absolutely essential that we continue to function as a corporate body, where each of us is aware of, and sensitive to the impact certain changes will have on our fellow workers as well as ourselves. So, let's examine some issues which surfaced as I visited with the fine people of our Service.

Regarding the NCO detco program: At this writing there are 161 detachments in AWS. Some 10 percent of these are designated to be led by senior NCOs. The number will remain around 10 percent and will be driven by requirements. Some that are now for NCO detcos may, in the future, change to officer detcos based on requirements changes, and vice versa. Also, we can't overlook that detco jobs are extremely important for officers in that they provide a natural career progression opportunity—they are jobs which lead to squadron and wing staff and command positions.

We are now staffing a proposal to reinstate the second officer manpower space in 2nd Weather Wing detachments (mostly in the 31st Weather Squadron). We need to do this to support operational requirements; also, it is compatible with implementation of the station chief program. Additionally, the action affords young officers an overseas opportunity in a broadening wing weather officer job.

EDUCATION AND ITS USE

We will continue to emphasize placing officer undergraduate meteorology graduates in base weather stations for their initial AWS assignment. They get valuable training there, much of it under the

watchful eye of station chiefs and other senior NCOs. (The procedure is not unique to our career field—and we know it works!) The junior officers should learn all aspects of forecast counter operation, for every shift: it is basic to their career progression. Further, in that position people make judgments as to what our service and profession are all about. At a time to be determined by the detco, the young officer should move into wing weather officer duties, and should tackle additional duties to support the overall detachment mission.

Graduate work is essential for all officers. It indicates a strong desire for self-improvement and mission contribution. The earlier officers start on a graduate degree program, the better. First, it makes them most competitive for promotions; second, if they choose graduate work in meteorology, leading to the advanced weather officer specialty (2546), they avail themselves of 100 percent of the available weather jobs in AWS.

What I'm saying here is that a full career in AWS is possible without a 2546. But, it must be recognized that from the grade of captain on, without the 2546, officers reduce the number of jobs they can qualify for by some 40 percent. Graduate education in meteorology (or an allied discipline) through the Air Force Institute of Technology is very attractive, and should be sought early in a career—before physical science skills from undergraduate days become fuzzy and difficult to recall.

Professional Military Education (PME) is a must for all our people. The best advice: complete the PME commensurate with the grade to which you are going! PME makes you valuable to the Air Force—and statistics show what PME means for promotion and job selection. Never pass up an opportunity to attend PME in residence, even though you've completed successfully and been selected—not to mention the numerous other benefits which accrue.

YOUR WORK IS PROOF

Finally, remember that job performance is the "big pole in the tent." Concentrate on doing the absolute best you can in the job you have today—and tomorrow will take care of itself. Make your assignment preferences known: enlisted people should seek advice from unit career counsellors and wing senior enlisted advisors; officers should pursue information from their supervisors and commanders, and should feel free to call the Palace Weather team at the Air Force Manpower and Personnel Center at Autovon 487-5061.

I will continue to use this space as a way to bring career information to everyone. We've got a big job to do; the AWS is alive and well, and will remain so as long as our talented, dedicated, professional people are kept informed. The corporate AWS owes each of you nothing less!

Keep pitchin'!

ENLISTED LINE

Military assignments are good, bad; people should prepare for both kinds

You probably won't believe this, but the worst assignment I ever had was terrific.

Like many of you, I've been broiled, frozen, sandblasted, consumed by mosquitos and victimized by landlords. I've found restless sleep in moving trucks, on alert ramps, in tents and on bare springs in "no frills" transient quarters. I've been too hot, too cold, too damp, too dry, too far north and too far south. Like you, I've suffered most of the indignities imposed by moving through the various and wide-flung assignment options of our peculiar calling, but, there was always something about each that made it all worthwhile, if only in retrospect.

Since the indignities and hardships are hard to forget, I un-

derstand the numerous assignment cancellation or modification requests. Although the assignment system tries to satisfy individual "druthers," to do so across the board is impossible. After all, the surest formula for failure is to try to please everyone—but we still try to please everyone.

The odds against all of us being in or going to the exact station of choice are astronomical. Each day, many AWS people will be dissatisfied with their next assignment, no matter how hard Palace Weather tries. The assignments business has even been called "the equitable distribution of dissatisfaction."

It's easy to understand why a skier prefers Colorado to Illinois, or a scuba enthusiast wants Florida over Arizona. It's easier

still to understand how military families, with tentative roots in an extended assignment, get the nesting instinct and harbor hopes to stay in one place—forever. Anyone with a teenager who feels about to be destroyed by a move, will all but break out in a rash at the sight of a moving van. It's not always easy, this nomadic globe-trotting, but it is part of our calling and must be understood as such.

It's also understandable that as we get older, we get more roots conscious. It gets harder to haul up stakes as a chief master sergeant who is pressing 30 years military service than it was when he was an E-5 with 10. But the call to move is equal throughout the grade structure; the only difference being that older careerists

may (and often do) elect to retire rather than make that "one more move." This is, of course, the unattractive option to those of us who value experience.

What does all of this add up to? A military career implies frequent travel. It always has, and unless technology succeeds geography, it always will. Although we sympathize with the nesting instinct, we owe it to ourselves and our families to face the realities of the thing. New York City's public utilities firm, Consolidated Edison, uses as its motto, "Dig we must." Ours might well be "Move we must."

If we can accept this fact as a condition of our calling we are better equipped to handle it when the time comes again.



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Commander shares letters

Three top DoD officials commend AWS, USAF for their Guyana Mission roles

Editor's note: The air Weather Service commander recently received three congratulatory letters related to the service rendered during the Guyana tragedy in which more than 900

people took their lives. The commander, Col. Albert J. Kaehn Jr., asked that the contents of these letters be forwarded to the people who contributed to that operation—you. The letters said . . .

From the Secretary of Defense:

"I want to share with you my admiration of the dedication and steadfastness exhibited by the U.S. Air Force personnel who participated in the recent humanitarian effort in Guyana.

"Everyone performed most ably in a mission that must have been as unpleasant as it was unexpected. The entire operation has confirmed my view that our men and women in uniform are equal to any challenge.

"Please convey my personal appreciation to everyone who participated in the operation."

Harold Brown

From the Secretary of the Air Force:

"The . . . memo from Secretary Brown aptly and appropriately expresses the admiration all have for the Air Force personnel who participated in the Guyana operation.

"Again, in a time of grave disaster, the men and women of the U.S. Air Force were called upon to perform their duties. They were called because it is a fact that only they and their comrades in arms would answer and professionally carry out this difficult mission without additional recompense.

"Please convey my sincere appreciation to all who so ably participated in this extraordinary operation."

John C. Stetson

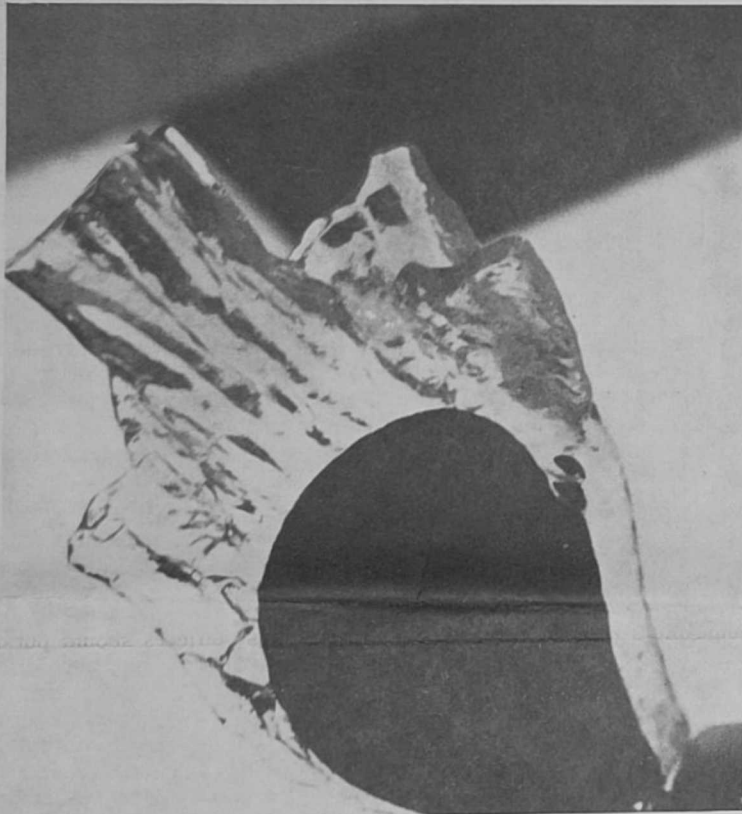
John C. Stetson

From the Air Force Chief of Staff:

"As the Air Force continues to carry out its part in the nation's humanitarian response to the Guyana tragedy, I want to repeat my pride in our people. They were ready when called upon. They have shown great initiative and skill in carrying out difficult tasks in unusual, sometimes unpleasant, circumstances. They have been superbly professional.

"It is gratifying to see the praise of our Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Air Force for these efforts. I join them in thanks and high compliments to all involved."

Lew Allen, Jr.
LEW ALLEN, JR., General, USAF



WEATHER PEOPLE at Blytheville AFB, AR's Det. 14, 26th Weather Squadron, describe this object as an "Arkansas Iceberg." It is actually ice accumulation around the blade of a GMQ-20 wind measuring device. The ice formed during an intense late fall storm which dumped more than five and a half inches of precipitation (including almost one and a half inches of freezing rain) on the base within 24 hours. (U.S. Air Force photo by CMSgt. Jack DuBose)

Weather whys???

"Weather whys???" is a regular feature of the AWS OBSERVER. Questions come from readers and answers from the AWS commander and his staff. If you have a question, send it to: Commander, Air Weather Service, Scott AFB, IL 62225. Although all questions will be answered, space limitations normally preclude printing all of them in the OBSERVER.

Q. My education office tells me I can't get Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) credit for the Navy First and Chiefs course. How come?

A. As a matter of policy, CCAF does not award credit for any military correspondence courses except for the Senior NCO Academy. We hope this doesn't discourage anyone from recognizing the practical value of the First and Chiefs course in helping get ready for forecaster school.

Q. In advertising for enlisted detachment commanders (detco), you've asked for E-7, E-8 and E-9 volunteers. Will you, in fact, accept E-7s for these jobs?

A. Current Air Force policy, as implemented by the Air Force Manpower and Personnel Center (AFMPC) Chief's Group, permits only E-9s to fill any E-9 position—including those for detachment chiefs. Our call for E-7, 8 or 9 volunteers for the Fort Eustis, VA, detachment chief position (which then called for an E-9) was issued before we were fully aware of the "E-9 only" restriction, which is firm and applies to all specialties. The detachment chief authorization for Fort Eustis is now for an E-8, however, and an E-7 or an E-8 (picked from among the E-7 and E-8 volunteers) will be announced this month. There were no chief master sergeant applicants.

CINCMAC tells opinion of PME

by

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SCOTT AFB, IL (MNS)—How important is professional military education for promotion in the enlisted ranks? Should professional military education be important? Is in-residence training better than training by correspondence?

These were a few of the questions the MAC News Service posed to Gen. William G. Moore, Jr., MAC commander in chief (CINCMAC), during an interview here.

"The NCO academies are very important," General Moore said. The academies represent one part of a multi-phased program of military education for enlisted members.

General Moore said, "I think it would be a sad mistake for any NCO to turn down the opportunity to attend one of the academies. It's an opportunity to brush up, to

refresh, to sort of be re-energized in aspects of the military profession that are all important, aspects such as leadership."

According to the general, "The NCO is really the heart and soul of the Air Force. It has been said so many times in the past, but since I believe it so strongly, I'll say it anyway. I do believe it.

"The NCOs make tremendously important contributions to our professionalism and our combat capability.

"We want to enhance the capability of the NCO corps, their prestige. We want them to be leaders, not just technicians, that is, leaders and managers more than technician supervisors."

Why NCO professional military education? General Moore says because NCOs bear greater and greater responsibility and should be prepared to accept those responsibilities.

"There is nothing in the wind now to indicate a diminishment of responsibility for NCOs," General Moore said.

"To the contrary," he added, "responsibilities are going to be increasing in the future. The leadership aspects are going to be more important. And it is important that NCOs prepare themselves and enhance their own capability where they can to handle the responsibilities which they have now and which they will have in the future."

The CINCMAC sees military education by correspondence as an inadequate way for NCOs to properly prepare themselves for the responsibilities they will bear.

"I don't view the correspondence way of attending the academy as the final answer. It's a substitute. It's not a good substitute," he said.

He added, however, "If there's no other way for an NCO to get to

the academy then he or she should do it (by correspondence). But all NCOs should strive to go to the academy. They should never turn down an opportunity to go, because it's going to be to their advantage professionally. It's certainly going to be to the advantage of the Air Force to have that kind of highly trained and professional NCO corps."

He added that professional military training contributes much to the quality of the enlisted force in MAC today.

"The enlisted force is the tops of what I've seen in 34 years of service. The qualifications, the dedication, the capability, the interest of our enlisted force today, I think, has never been exceeded in the past.

"It's just tremendous. Our enlisted force is a remarkably talented group of people trying to do a good job."

Personnel shorts

Did you know that:

* Both Military Airlift Command (MAC) NCO academies increased course length from five to six weeks starting with the January classes? MAC's academies and leadership schools dropped Saturday schedules, changed course length from three to four weeks and will have 10 classes a year rather than 12.

* The president asked Congress for more than \$100 million for a "barracks" cost-of-living allowance for unaccompanied enlisted people overseas? If approved, the move would mean \$30 to \$50 for single or unaccompanied people in dormitories overseas. It could come as early as April 1.

* The Air Force Manpower and Personnel Center turned down a suggestion to do away with the AF Good Conduct Medal?

USAFETAC has 'brain pool'

by
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SCOTT AFB, IL—The Air Weather Service Technical Library (AWSTL) recently marked its second anniversary. The AWSTL, which is part of the USAF Environmental Technical Applications Center (USAFETAC), is the product of a merger of AWS and USAFETAC collections.

The library is the main source of meteorological and climatological information for the command's people. Its people answer reference questions, loans books and technical reports, and photocopies journal articles—these are but a few of the services it offers.

The collection at the AWSTL grows all the time. It contains nearly 100,000 items—books, journals, technical reports and microforms. The library also houses USAFETAC project files, terminal forecast reference files, AWS technical reports, Air Force Global Weather Central technical memos and USAFETAC technical notes.

It is possible for information retrieval experts at the AWSTL to use two on-line computer terminals to search for subject and bibliographic records. Needed materials can be ordered or loaned via these networks by the push of a button.

Two meteorologists and one librarian make up the facility's professional staff. Operating functions are handled by two library technicians and one weather-trained enlisted person. Plans for what is ahead include a program to consolidate library service for all AWS units in the field. The AWSTL, through this move, will then be able to offer more comprehensive service, cut costs and increase availability of technical materials.

Library service for AWS people is now only as far away as the nearest telephone because of the AWSTL's service-oriented procedures. It can be gained when callers dial Autovon 638-2625 for specific document requests and 638-5997 for reference question answers, research and bibliographies.



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STACKS OF KNOWLEDGE are searched by Capt. Jack Jackson as he gathers information needed for a special project.

Bottom Left:

KEEPING the Air Weather Service Technical Library (AWSTL) collection current is one duty of Jeanette Davis. Mrs. Davis uses the Ohio College Library Center or OCLC (an outdated but still used acronym) computer link to do bibliographical research. It is also used to borrow material from other libraries. The borrowing opens more than 2,000 libraries for use by AWS people.

(U.S. Air Force photos)

Above

LIBRARY TECHNICIAN Sheila Ray checks out material to Capt. Frank Holt, an analyst. The AWSTL also loans material to AWS people by mail.

Top Right:

METEOROLOGIST Ralph Koplowitz, a skilled retrieval specialist, uses the AWSTL's Defense Documentation Center's on-line information network terminal.

Right:

SGT. THOMAS CRAIG pulls an entry from the AWSTL's microfilm collection.

AWS salutes.....

Abbreviations used in this column are: OLC—oak leaf cluster; AWS—Air Weather Service Headquarters; OL—operating location; WS—weather Squadron; WW—weather wing; USAFETAC—Environmental Technical Applications Center; AFGWC—Air Force Global Weather Central.

Medals

Defense Meritorious Service Medal: Col. James W. Hall, 2WS, Andrews AFB, MD.

Meritorious Service Medal (OLC): Lt. Col. Glen A. Ryan, AWS. (Basic): Lt. Col. John R. Sweeney, 3WW, Offutt AFB, NE.

Joint Services Commendation Medal: Capt. David J. Pace, Det. 6, 2WW, Vaihingen, Germany.

Air Force Commendation Medal (Two OLC): MSgt. Philip A. Powell, OL-B, AFGWC, Boulder, CO. (OLC): Capt. Richard L. Skillings, AFGWC; MSgt. Gayle J. Fenner, Det. 17, 9WS, Ellsworth AFB, SD; Capt. Norman R. Carron and TSgt. Harry J. Podhora, Det. 2, 1WW, Andersen AFB, Guam; Capt. Robert C. Woronicz, AFGWC; and Capt. Ronald R. Wall, Det. 19, 26WS, Whiteman AFB, MO. (Basic): Capt. Steven L. Nelson, Det. 2, 11WS, Eielson AFB, AK; SSgt. Gary E. Wicklund, Det. 2, 9WS, Castle AFB, CA; TSgt. Charles P. Milliken, Det. 11, 24 WS, Reese AFB, TX; TSgt. Jimmy L. Smith, Det. 6, 2WW, Vaihingen, Germany; SSgt. David M. Thompson, Det. 1, 11WS, Elmendorf AFB, AK; 1st Lt. Donald L. Reinke, 3WW, Offutt AFB, NE; SSgt. Gregory L. Martin, Det. 2, 1WW, Andersen AFB, Guam; and Sgts. Richard A. Guenther, David L. Hannum and Richard O. Williams, and Capt. John B. Massey, AFGWC.

Air Force Good Conduct Medal (Six OLC): MSgt. Gary N. McKenzie, Det. 7, 2WW, Teheran, Iran. (OLC): SSgt. Thomas J. Townsend, Det. 16, 25WS, Nellis AFB, NV; and Sgt. Larry A. Wandschneider, Det. 2, 11WS, Eielson AFB, AK. (Basic): SrA. Michael R. Moran, Det. 16, 25WS, Nellis AFB, NV; SrA. Jean P. LaRiviere, Det. 58, 5WS, Fort Carson, CO; SrA. Gregory J. Dillon, Det. 3, 9WS, Fairchild AFB, WA; Sgt. Philip R. Dutton, Det. 2, 11WS, Eielson AFB, AK; CMSgt. Weslie W. Tindall, SSgt. Samuel R. Brown and SrA. Frederick Mitchell Jr., Richard G. Watling and Beverly J. Whitt, Det. 1, 11WS, Elmendorf AFB, AK; Sgt. John R. Stamm, Det. 16, 9WS, Dyess AFB, TX; SrA. Felix W. Davis and Dennis L. Romig, Det. 7, 9WS, March AFB, CA; Sgt. Orietta A. Sayles, Det. 14, 31WS, Hahn AB, Germany; Sgt. Thomas E. Sannes, USAFETAC; and SrA. Stephen L. Gilvertson, Det. 30, 2WS, Vandenberg AFB, CA.

Special honors

Letters of commendation for their support to Exercise Brave Shield 18 went to Capt. Larry Chun, SSgt. Marty Mindnich, SrA. John Meadow and Joe Pugliese of Det. 3, 5 WS, Fort Bragg, NC. Sergeant Mindnich also received a letter of appreciation for support to Exercise Gallant Eagle 79.

Det. 7, AFGWC, Carswell AFB, TX, for the second consecutive year, received the Carswell AFB "Detachment Commander Trophy" for intramural sports achievements.

1st Lt. Terry Laing and SSgt. Gregory D. Keats, 9WS, March AFB, CA, received letters of appreciation from the Strategic Air Command and its 28th Bomb Wing for service during Exercise Giant Sword 78.

SSgt. Jackey D. Nichols, a forecaster with Det. 10, 25WS, Bergstrom AFB, TX, received the "Commanding General's Aviation Safety Award" from Maj. Gen. Jack N. Merritt, Fort Sill (OK) commander. The award was given for service while he was a Det. 11, 5WS, member.

Education

Capt. Harry H. Hughes, of the special programs division of the Air Force Institute of Technology, WPAFB, OH, recently told the AWS OBSERVER that the following persons earned degrees:

Doctorate degrees: Maj. James L. Hatch (atmospheric meteorology) and Capt. Harold R. Schmitt Jr. (synoptic meteorology) from the University of Utah (U of U).

Masters degrees: Capt. Robert L. Agne (climatology from Colorado State University (CSU)); Capt. Eugene J. Bennuzzi (climatology from the University of Wisconsin (UW)); Capt. John E. Erickson (atmospheric dynamics from the Naval Postgraduate School (NPGS)); Capt. Joseph R. Gahlinger (synoptic meteorology, UW); Capt. David A. Grimm (synoptic meteorology from Texas A&M University (TA&M)); Capt. Kirk E. Lehneis (atmospheric dynamics from the University of Oklahoma); Capt. Earle L. McCormick Jr. (atmospheric dynamics, NPGS); and Capt.

Gerard D. Wittman (atmospheric dynamics, U of U).

Bachelors degrees: Capt. Alan D. Cox, 1st Lt. Richard W. Taylor and 2nd Lts. Larry J. Becker, Sherry L. Bowen, Gerald T. Byrne, Dorothy E. Coyle, Robert C. Jenson Jr., Gerald F. Laszakovits, Christopher J. Lopes, Curtis A. Reutner, Thomas B. Schott, Gregory D. Wilke and Earl C. Wyatt (basic meteorology, TA&M); SMSgt. James A. Denton, USAFETAC (industrial technology, Southern Illinois University).

Persons completing service schools were:

Senior NCO Academy: SMSgt. Albert K. Barnes.

NCO Leadership School: SSgt. Robert B. Brock, SSgt. Fred Chapman, and SSgt. Gregory H. Smith.

NCO Academy: Sgt. David C. Winkler, TSgt. James L. Buckley and TSgt. Frederick E. Gesser.

Squadron Officer School: Capt. Charles A. Ruberson and 1st Lt. Tamzy J. Cunningham.

Advanced Meteorology Applications Course: Capt. Frank B. Holt and SMSgt. James A. Denton.

Station Chief Course: SMSgt. James A. Denton.

Weather Radar Course: SSgt. Anthony J. Baltz.

Community College of the Air Force: SMSgt. Michael W. Preston (meteorological equipment technology).

Unit honors

(Parentheses indicates unit providing the honor when other than the individual's organization.)

Junior Officer of the Year: 1st Lt. Richard W. Cannata, Det. 6, 26WS, Pease AFB, NH (26WS).

Observer of the Year: SSgt. Brad Butler, Det. 6, 26WS, Pease AFB, NH (26WS).

Airman of the Year: A1C. Bob Hamilton, Det. 6, 26WS, Pease AFB, NH.

Technical Supervisor of the Year: SMSgt. John E. Steffen, Det. 12, 31WS, Torrejon AB, Spain (31WS and 2WW).

NCO of the Quarter: Sgt. Ursula B. Seyerle, Det. 8, 30WS, Kadena AB, Japan; SSgt. Brad Butler, Det. 6, 26WS, Pease AFB, NH (26WS); SSgt. Jean M. Bross, Det. 17, 30WS, Yokota AB, Japan; TSgt. Marvin L. Freimund, USAFETAC; SSgt. Gregory L. Martin, Det. 2, 1WW, Andersen AFB, Guam; Sgt. Steven F. Graves, Det. 11, 2WS, Patrick AFB, FL.

Airman of the Quarter: SrA. Laurie J. Shelby, Det. 8, 30WS, Kadena AB, Japan; A1C. Glenn M. French, OL-A, Det. 21, 5WS, Fort Stewart, GA (5WS); SrA. Robert A. Fischer, Det. 17, 30WS, Yokota AB, Japan; A1C. Tanya M. Serkin, USAFETAC; SrA. Julie G. Sudduth, Det. 2, 1WW, Andersen AFB, Guam; and A1C. Jeffrey L. Torgerson, Det. 11, 2WS, Patrick AFB, FL.

Observer of the Quarter: SrA. Christine M. Harr, Det. 19, 26WS, Whiteman AFB, MO (26WS)/

Promotions

To lieutenant colonel: Richard P. Breese, Det. 7, AFGWC, Carswell AFB, TX.

To major: Bruce M. Nagle, AWS.

To captain: Steven L. Nelson, Det. 2, 11WS, Eielson AFB, AK.

To first lieutenant: Delores K. Lacy, Det. 15, 15WS, WPAFB, OH; Eleanor A. Doyle, Det. 1, 11WS, Elmendorf AFB, AK.

To master sergeant: Gary F. Schmidt, Det. 10, 25WS, Bergstrom AFB, TX; Handley E. Jackson Jr., Det. 1, 11WS, Elmendorf AFB, AK; and Ruben De La Ossa, Det. 30, 2WS, Vandenberg AFB, CA.

To technical sergeant: John A. Frazier, Det. 14, 31WS, Hahn AB, Germany; Tod B. Barnes, Det. 2, 11WS, Eielson AFB, AK; William G. Copeland, Det. 5, 5WS, Fort Knox, KY; David A. Fulcher, Det. 17, 30WS, Yokota AB, Japan; and Alfred M. Glass, Det. 11, 2WS, Patrick AFB, FL.

To staff sergeant: Steven W. Sayre, Det. 15, 15WS, WPAFB, OH; Douglas L. Martin, Det. 1, 15WS, Tinker AFB, OK; Donnie R. Galarowicz, Det. 16, 25WS, Nellis AFB, NV; Wyatt Preusch, Det. 58, 5WS, Fort Carson, CO; Calvin A. Lumpkin, Det. 6, 3WS, Homestead AFB, FL; and Mary Ellen Ross, Det. 4, 26WS, Loring AFB, ME.

To sergeant: Thomas O. Matthews, Det. 10, 25WS, Bergstrom AFB, TX; Mark S. Wilson, Det. 16, 25WS, Nellis AFB, NV; Mark S. Berrie and Philip R. Dutton, Det. 2, 11WS, Eielson AFB, AK; Janelle A. Arend, Det. 7, 9WS, March AFB, CA; Gary M. Stearns, Det. 5, 5WS, Fort Knox, KY; William A. Anderson and Mark A. Barnette, Det. 13, 15WS, Robins AFB, GA; Dana K. Troutman and Roger A. Woodall, Det. 14, 26WS, Blytheville AFB, AR; Roberg A. Fischer, OL-B, Det. 17, 30WS, Yokota AB, Japan; Alison

F. Johnson, 1WW, Hickam AFB, HI; Deborah A. Arden, 7WS, Heidelberg, Germany; Paul R. Dilodeau, Det. 4, 26WS, Loring AFB, ME; and Andrew E. Fellner and Jeffery D. Keeney, Det. 7, AFGWC, Carswell AFB, TX.

To senior airman: Scott E. Markle, 2WW, Kapaun, Germany; Ronald W. Pagitt, Det. 58, 5WS, Fort Carson, CO; Daniel I. Armenta, Det. 3, 9WS, Fairchild AFB, WA; Frederick H. Mitchell Jr., Det. 1, 11WS, Elmendorf AFB, AK; Michael A. Jenkins, Det. 5, 5WS, Fort Knox, KY; Felix W. Davis, Bruce W. Powell and Dennis L. Romig, Det. 7, 9WS, March AFB, CA; Randy R. Rennert, 7WS, Heidelberg, Germany; and Tonia R. Wood, Det. 7, AFGWC, Carswell AFB, TX.

To airman first class: Michael O. Kimsey, Det. 11, 24WS, Reese AFB, TX; Jerry F. McColgan Jr., Det. 5, 5WS, Fort Knox, KY; and Victor G. Carrillo, Det. 17, 9WS, Ellsworth AFB, SD.

To airman: Gary G. Beltz, Det. 58, 5WS, Fort Carson, CO.

Civilian Honors

An outstanding performance rating went to Diane D. Ciz, Det. 2, 11WS, Eielson AFB, AK.

Eduardo Hidrogo, 9WS, March AFB, CA, received a letter of appreciation for service during Exercise Giant Sword 78.

Sustained superior performance awards went to Joyce Haigh, Det. 6, 26WS, Pease AFB, NH; and Wanda Blush, Det. 2, 1WW, Andersen AFB, Guam.

Thomas Beauchamp, Det. 1, 15WS, Tinker AFB, OK, was recognized for having completed 20 years federal service.

Command Assignments

Col. James W. Hall now commands the 2WS, Andrews AFB, MD.

Maj. Gary J. Thompson now commands OL-B, 2WS, Kirtland AFB, NM.

Marriages

A1C. Dale L. Burke, an observer with Det. 5, 5WS, Fort Knox, KY, married Karen S. Cook in Cincinnati, Dec. 9.

SrA. Susan M. Singler, Det. 3, 7WS, Heidelberg, Germany, was married to James M. Hatzell in Copenhagen, Denmark, Dec. 6.

Births

SSgt. and Mrs. Ray G. Mealor, son, Michael Ray, Sept. 3. Father a forecaster with Det. 5WS, Fort Knox, KY.

SSgt. and Mrs. Ronald Williams, daughter, Jennifer Lynn, Sept. 23. Father a forecaster with Det. 8, 30WS, Kadena AB, Japan.

SSgt. and Mrs. Roger A. Jagim, son, name not provided, Nov. 9. Father with Det. 17, 9WS, Ellsworth AFB, SD.

Capt. and Mrs. Richard F. Picanso, son, Jeffrey M., Nov. 16. Father a staff meteorologist with 2WS, Andrews AFB, MD.

Sgt. and Mrs. Recie Medlock Jr., son and daughter, Catrell and Crystal, Nov. 17. Father with 2WS, Andrews AFB, MD.

SSgt. and Mrs. Duane Wolfe, son, James D. Nov. 19. Father a forecaster with AFGWC.

Sgt. and Mrs. Patrick Pryne, son, Wesley Patrick, Nov. 28. Father with AFGWC.

TSgt. Jack and A1C Sharyl Shoemaker, son, David, Dec. 6. Father a forecaster and mother an observer with Det. 1, 15WS, Tinker AFB, OK.

SSgt. and Mrs. Johnny Kicklighter, son, Nathan Ryan, Dec. 8. Father a forecaster with Det. 4, 7WW, Altus AFB, OK.

Capt. and Mrs. Charles P. Guard, daughter, Pamela K., Dec. 11. Father a computer systems officer with AFGWC.

On Dec. 13 Capt. and Mrs. Barry M. Oman, 2WW, Kapaun, Germany, gained their son, David Nelson.

1st Lt. and Mrs. James G. Badour, son, Jason Charles, Dec. 15. Father with Det. 7, AFGWC, Carswell AFB, TX.

TSgt. and Mrs. Robert H. Hinson, daughter, Jessica Loren, Dec. 16. Father is chief forecaster, Det. 20, 24WS, Laughlin AFB, TX.

Capt. and Mrs. Robert N. Trapnell, son, Richard Nathaniel, Dec. 16. Father with USAFETAC.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Mikel Cohick, daughter, Karen Elizabeth, Dec. 21. Father with Det. 6, 2WW, Vaihingen, Germany.

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A lesson from history

Weather slams Sicily Invasion Task Force

by
John Fuller
AWS historian

Meeting at Casablanca (French Morocco) to discuss Allied strategy in the Mediterranean, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Franklin Roosevelt, together with their military staffs, decided the Allies should invade Sicily following the Tunisian campaigns. Objectives of the Sicily invasion were to secure Mediterranean sea lanes, divert pressure from the Russian front and force Italy from the war.

As for an invasion date, the staffs approved late July to coincide with a favorable moon. In reality, the second quarter (mid July) moon provided the best blend of light and darkness. The lunar conditions were actually a compromise between the Navy and airborne — troop carrier crews needed moonlight to find drop zones and the fleet required total darkness as cover.

The staffs also picked Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to command the operation. Eisenhower chose England's Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham as his deputy in charge of naval forces.

Two Allied armies would invade Sicily simultaneously: the British Eighth Army and the newly formed U.S. Seventh Army (led by

Maj. Gen. George S. Patton Jr.). Major elements of Patton's army were a corps headquarters and six divisions—four infantry, one armored, and the 82nd Airborne Division.

The Eighth Army consisted of two corps headquarters, six infantry divisions, an armored and an airborne division. The two armies totalled close to a half million men—160,000 in the initial assault force—14,000 vehicles, 600 tanks and 1,800 guns—all to move from ports in Africa via 2,600 ships.

Opposing the Allies was the Italian Sixth Army, which controlled two corps, four field divisions and six coastal divisions. Initially they were backed by 30,000 Germans in two divisions. This later expanded to four German divisions to bring the total Axis strength on Sicily to about a quarter of a million men.

"This was the greatest amphibious operation so far attempted in history," wrote Churchill, "but all depended on the weather."

The Allies also enjoyed sea and air superiority. While the Axis had between 1,000 and 1,600 aircraft, the Allies had from 3,700 to 4,000 planes in North Africa.

To minimize loss of life, General Eisenhower and his staff wanted a particular set of weather conditions. For preparations in Africa

and airstrikes on Sicily and in Italy, they needed several days of good weather. For the actual July 10 invasion they needed smooth seas and clear skies approaching land. Inshore, however, they wanted choppy waters so landing craft would be difficult targets for enemy shore guns. "As history now knows, that forecast was perfect," wrote Col. William O. Senter, who later commanded the Air Weather Service; "the weather for the invasion of Sicily was made to order."

The first invasion vessel put to sea from Oran (Algeria) on July 4, 1943, and for five days the Mediterranean was relatively calm. As the convoys arrived off Malta, the winds and sea began to rise. The northwest wind increased from 10 miles per hour (mph) to almost 40 mph in the afternoon. Discomfort and seasickness grew, especially among the men crowded aboard small landing craft. As the invasion fleet turned north for the final approach to Sicily, it began taking the wind and seas broadside. Landing craft were slowed to the point where straggling occurred as convoy discipline broke down. News of the gale's effects reached Eisenhower and, as tensions increased, the possibility of a 24-hour postponement arose.

After conferring with Admiral Cunningham's meteorologists,

General Eisenhower's decision to go ahead was based on a prognosis that the wind would let up. "The wind mercifully eased during the night," Admiral Cunningham later reported, "and by the morning of the tenth (it) had ceased, leaving only a tiresome swell and surf on the western beaches."

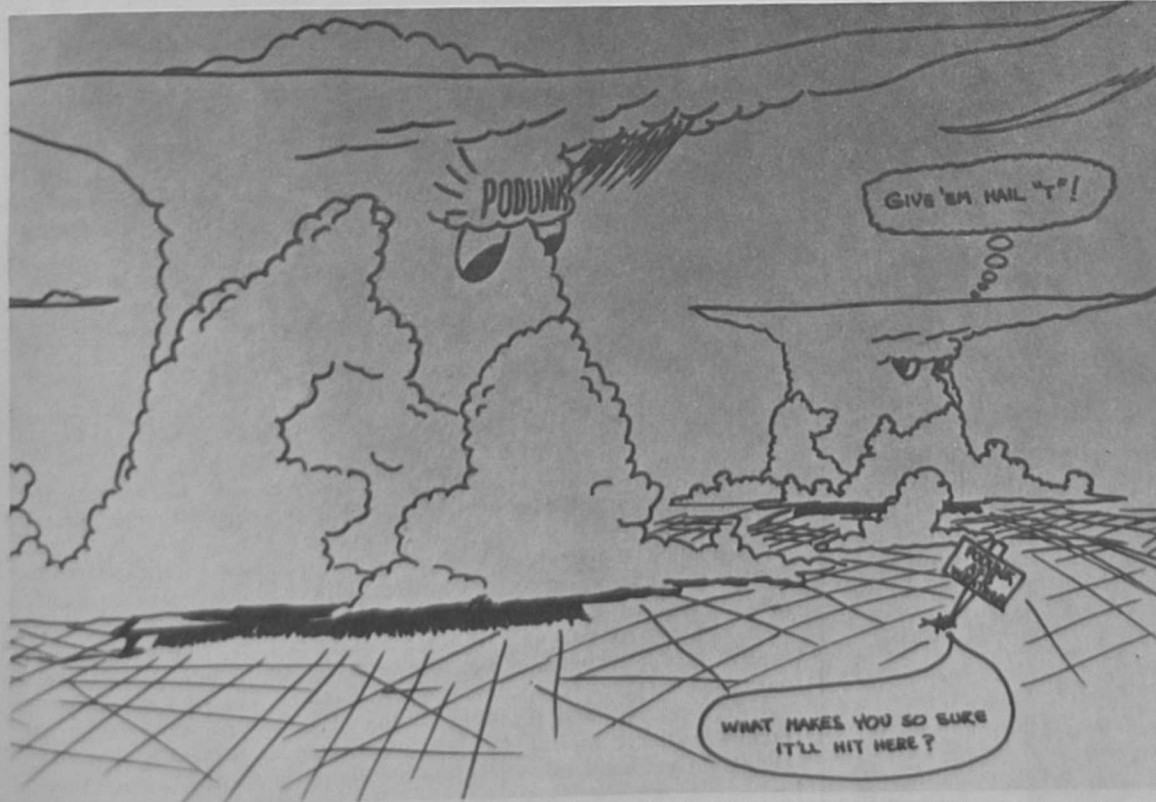
Aboard one of the landing boats nearing the Sicily beachhead on invasion day was a mobile weather team of the weather service's 12th Weather Squadron. The squadron's mission was to support U. S. Army and Army Air Forces units in the Mediterranean theater, particularly the XII Army Support Command. Equipped with a jeep, a radio and basic weather gear, the weather team had trained at Tunis in utmost secrecy for Sicily. Assigned to the team was one officer and eight enlisted men, among whom was SSgt. David W. Fogo, who was killed later in action at Anzio.

The boat carrying the weather team tried to land five miles east of Gela, Sicily, but was forced back by enemy aircraft. A short while later, the skipper of the weather team's boat steered into a burning boat to help survivors. Three weather team members displayed exceptional bravery in the rescue attempt and received the Silver Star. Enemy dive-bomber attacks

delayed the weather team's landing until July 11.

They immediately dug in a quarter of a mile inland and two days later reached their objective: the airport at Ponta Olivo, six miles inland from Gela. By July 14, they had a weather station in limited operation, distributing forecasts amid frequent enemy attacks on the three Army Air Forces fighter squadrons which occupied Ponta Olivo.

As it turned out, the July 9 bad weather was a blessing in disguise. It lulled Sicily into a false sense of security. Since the early July weather seemed ideal for amphibious landings, Axis intelligence repeatedly warned of Sicily's danger. But when the moon was past its full phase, Italian weathermen and naval officers told their commanders that the weather was now too bad to permit a beach landing. Italians on the Sicilian coast tended to assume that the whistling wind and rough seas guaranteed another night of rest. As Admiral Cunningham remarked in a dispatch, the unfavorable conditions had "the effect of making the weary Italians, who had been alert for many nights, turn thankfully in their beds saying 'tonight, at any rate, they can't come,' — but they came."



(by SrA Tim Pierce, Det. 21, 7WW, Pope AFB, NC)

MAC seeks captains for Volant Spotlight

SCOTT AFB, IL. (MNS)—The Military Airlift Command seeks up to 10 captains to take part in its Volant Spotlight program. Volant Spotlight, the command's version of the Air Force's Air Staff Training program commonly known as ASTRA, will begin this summer at MAC headquarters. The captains could come from Air Weather Service as well as from other MAC elements.

Command officials say the purpose of the program is to offer selected captains a career broadening and executive development opportunity. Persons selected for the program will receive extensive training in one of five MAC headquarter's offices: operations, personnel, plans, transportation or Inspector General. Through exposure to the various offices in the command's headquarters, Volant Spotlight officers are expected to gain a working knowledge of headquarters staff operations and major command issues.

Volant Spotlight assignments to MAC headquarters may run from a year to 15 months. Selected officers may then be selected to remain on the MAC staff, be assigned to a post with a MAC numbered air force, or return to assignments in their former specialties at a wing-level unit.

Officers eligible for the program must be captains and have from four to eight years total active federal commissioned service as of June 1, 1979. Applications must arrive at MAC headquarters by March 1, 1979. A panel of officers will select program participants.

Applications should be submitted to MAC/DPR, Scott AFB, IL. 62225.

AWS salutes. . . . (Continued from opposite page)

SSgt. and Mrs. Craig A. Lewis, daughter, April Marie, Dec. 22. Father a forecaster with Det. 2, 3WS, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC.

Reenlistments

MSgt. Gary N. McKenzie, Det. 7, 2WW, Teheran, Iran.
SSgt. Ricky R. Morehead, Det. 14, 26WS, Blytheville AFB, AR.

Sgt. Charles Louis-Jacques, a member of Det. 12,

7WW, Richards-Gebaur AFB, MO.

MSgt. Leroy J. Phillips, Det. 5, 12WS, Ramey, PR.

MSgt. Hans-Dieter Fecke, Det. 36, 31WS, RAF Alconbury, UK.

SrA. David A. Shingledecker, Det. 17, 30WS, Yokota AB, Japan.

SSgt. John J. McAleenan Jr., USAFEATC.

Retirements

MSgt. Gayle J. Fenner, Det. 17, 9WS, Ellsworth AFB, SD, after 26 years military service.

SMSgt. James T. Chadwick, Det. 20, 26WS, Barksdale AFB, LA, after 24 years service.

Maj. Walter J. Czagas and CMSgt. Adam L. Hauck, Det. 11, 2WS, Patrick AFB, FL.

Distance runners go to ribbons

Runners dominated the AWS sports scene recently. A few of them are:

MARCH AFB, CA—It was not announced whether dad challenged daughter or daughter challenged dad, but in the Robert H. Hedenberg family, father and daughter competed in and completed the San Francisco Magazine's 7.1-mile run. The father ran the distance in 57.42 and his 16-year-old daughter, Lisa, in 1:35.20. The race was unusual in that part of it was the length of the Oakland Bay Bridge.

HICKAM AFB, HI—Steve Esteban, 1st Weather Wing Headquarters, showed his stamina recently by completing the 26-mile Sixth Annual Honolulu Marathon in just under four hours.

BEALE AFB, CA—Two members of Det. 11, 9th Weather Squadron, here, James C. St. John and James M. Davis, received running awards recently. St. John was awarded the 500-mile Club Award and Davis the 100-mile Club Award. Both awards are given under the SAC (Strategic Air Command) Jogging Achievement Program.

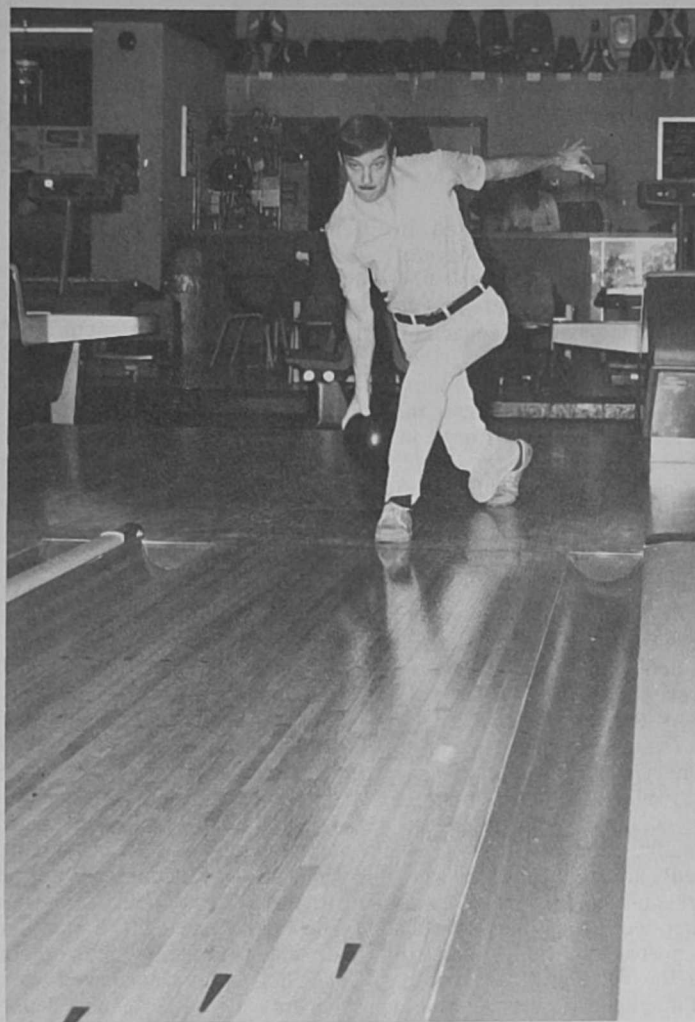
ETAC chooses '78 sportsman

SCOTT AFB, IL—SSgt. John J. McAleenan, Jr., a member of the Air Force Environmental Technical Applications Center, received a special honor here recently. He was named the USAFETAC Sportsman of the Year.

The announcement came during a special Scott AFB sports banquet.

Sergeant McAleenan, last year, took part in sports through bowling, golf, softball and ping-pong.

A BIIIG sports trophy, right, "the Captain's Cup," goes to the Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC), Guam, for the third consecutive year. The JTWC, which is manned by members of AWS' Det. 1, 1st Weather Wing, and U.S. Navy people, earned the trophy for its part in sports during the year. The Captain's Cup equates to the Air Force's Base Commander's Sports Trophy. Representing the respective services in the trophy's acceptance are Capt. Gerald A. Guay, left, and PO2 William E. Sweet. Other Det. 1 people contributing to this year's win were Alan W. Hassebrock, Mike W. Kowa and Charles P. Guard. (U.S. Air Force photo)



CONCENTRATION IS THE KEY to James Vandemark, (Det. 7, 15th Weather Squadron, Kelly AFB, TX) setting a lane record. Vandemark bowled a 707 series during intramural action. His tally was the first time a 700-plus series had been rolled since the base lanes opened a year ago. The same night James M. Crumley, also of Det. 7, piled up a 673 series. (U.S. Air Force photo by Sammy Perales)

Sports



Observations

A Black History Month Quiz

With February designated as Black History Month, test yourself to see how much you know about black history.

- The U.S. Constitution disallowed the importation of slaves as of:
 - 1800
 - 1810
 - 1865
- Jesse Owens won three medals in the Olympics held in:
 - 1932
 - 1936
 - 1940
- Scott Joplin's syncopated music became known as:
 - Blues
 - Ragtime
 - Raggae
- Blacks were first brought to the American colonies in:
 - 1619
 - 1673
 - 1704
- Resurrection City was:
 - The final stop in the Underground Railroad
 - A shanty town set up during the Poor People's March in Washington, DC
 - The first free black community

Answers: 1-b, 2-b, 3-b, 4-a, 5-b

AF offers six special duty areas

WASHDC (AFNS)—Senior lieutenants through lieutenant colonels assigned to Air Weather Service as well as the rest of the Air Force, can now apply for 1979 special duty assignments in one of six different career broadening areas. They are:

- *A stabilized tour for first lieutenants and captains as basic military training officers at Lackland AFB, TX.
- *A stabilized tour for first lieutenants or captains as Officer Training School instructors.
- *Three year tours for captains and majors with masters degrees with the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.
- *Three year tours for first lieutenants and captains with the Recruiting Service.
- *Four year tours for captains through lieutenant colonels as Air Force Institute of Technology instructors at Wright-Patterson AFB, OH.
- *Four year tours for captains through lieutenant colonels with degrees in history or English in the Air Force Office of History at Bolling AFB, DC.

Officers interested in these assignments should update their AF Form 90, "Officer Career Objective Statement." Further information may be obtained by calling autovon 487-2668 or 487-4941.

Selections show '1' gets eagles

WASHDC (AFNS)—A total of 708 lieutenant colonels were named for promotion by the calendar year 1979 Central Temporary Colonel Board, which met at Randolph AFB, TX, in November.

More than 95 percent of the line officer promotions went to persons with a "1" as their most recent controlled officer effectiveness report. No new eligibles with a "3" as their most recent rating were selected.

The board considered 3,953 officers in the primary zone with dates of rank in 1974 or earlier and 606 were selected. An additional 102 officers were selected in the secondary zone from a total of almost 3,300 eligibles.

Performance and potential continued to be the most important factors in selection. After that, level of assignment, professional military education and academic education correlated well with selection rates.

MAC to cut back its navigators

SCOTT AFB, IL (AFNS)—The Military Airlift Command recently announced a decision to reduce its navigator force assigned to C-141 Starlifters by about half in the wake of successful tests of a dual inertial navigation system. Reductions should come through assignment, normal attrition and retirements, but not, officials said, through mass forced reassignments.