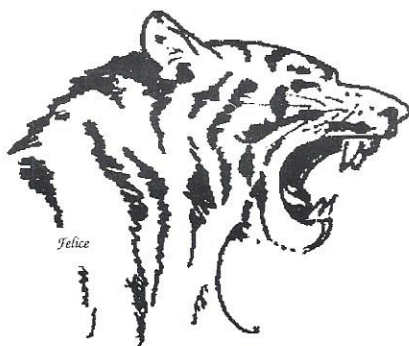


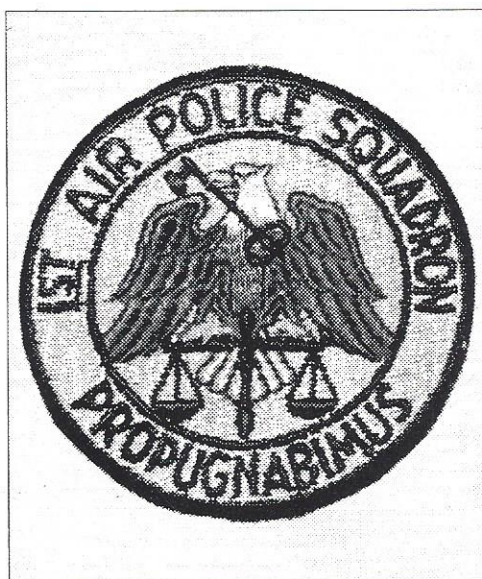
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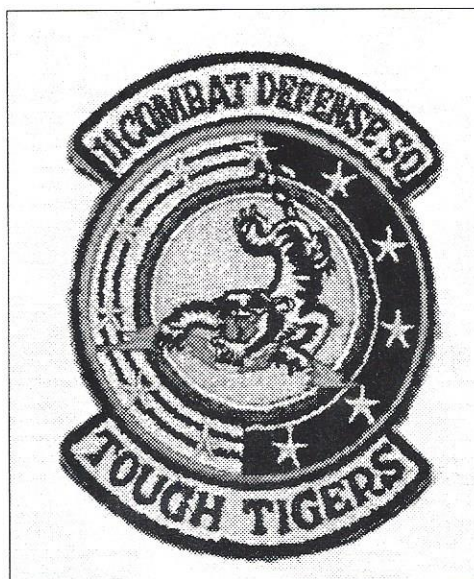
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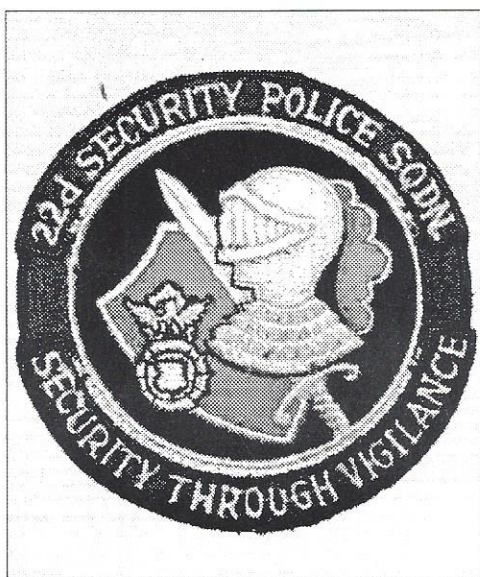
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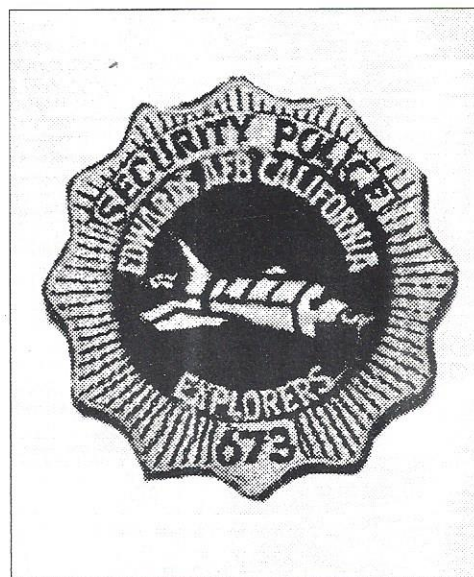
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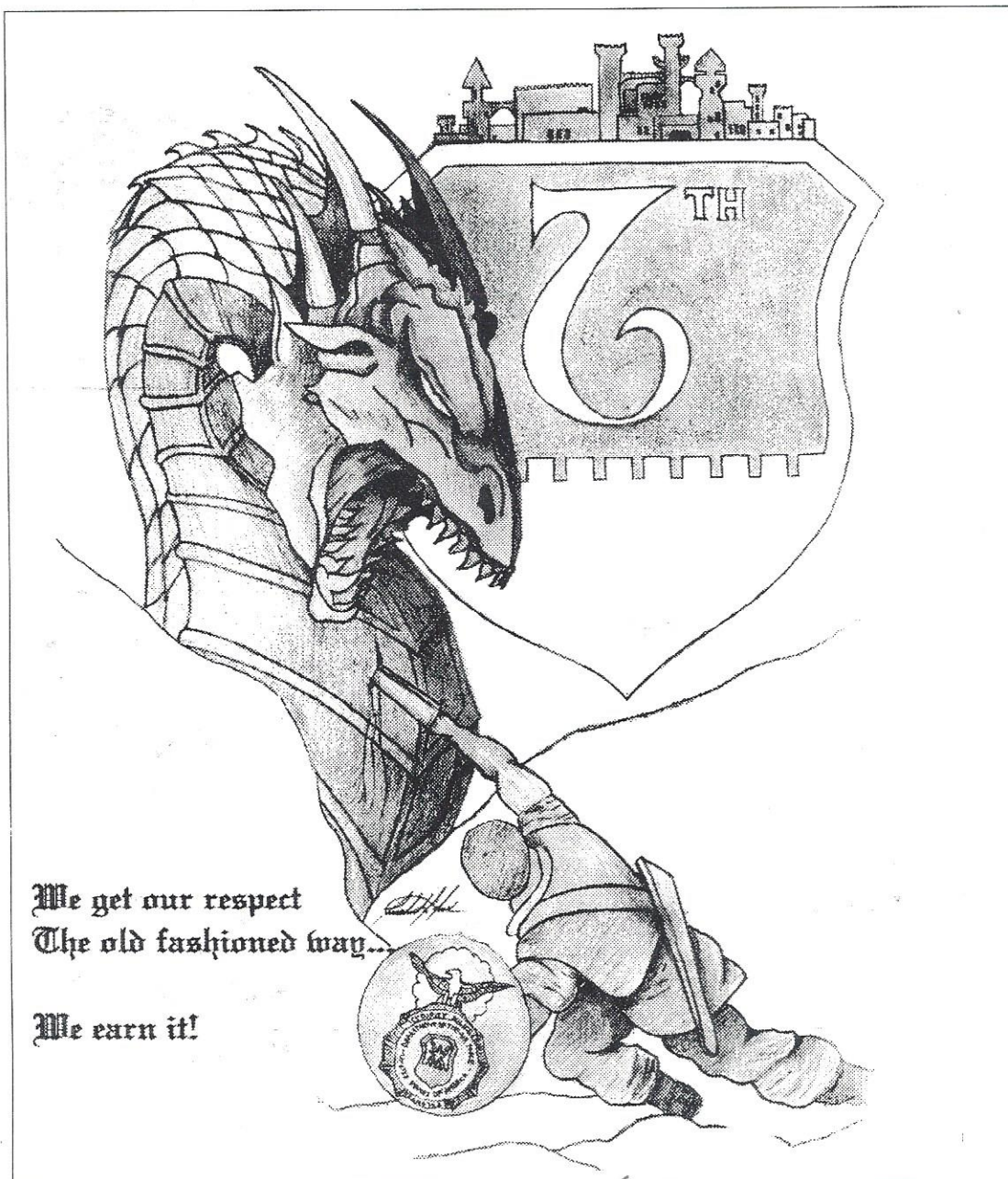
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6510 Security Police Squadron



A Tradition of Devotion

Past

A shield of gold, and a sword of steel,
We're the security police and we are for real.
We come to work with a one track mind,
To protect our resources like no other kind.
We work long hours to make it safe inside,
You can try and run but never will you hide.
We go without food; we go without sleep.
Our lives are on the line but the resources we
will keep.

Present

We live a tradition from years before,
When the job was finished we were there for
more.
When the security police was proud and true,
And no one can beat the security of the Red,
White and Blue.
From then to now things are still the same,
Where security sets the rules, so no one can
play games.
We're here to stay, never will we fail,
Whether we're dressed in blues or greens, secu-
rity will prevail.

Future

The future security is still yet to arrive,
With dedicated troops to make it thrive.
But the fact remains the job will be done,
From the coldest weather to the hottest sun.
Nothing can stop us or get in our way,
We'll enforce our laws day after day.
Whether at home or out in the field,
This is a salute to the men and women behind
our shield.

—Michael A. Trotts,
76th SPS, Kelly AFB (Security)

Prez Sez...

The Mid-Year Meeting, Volunteering, and Recruiting are on my mind



When Nick called to remind me it was time to write this piece, I realized there aren't many chances left for me to do so. Time is fast approaching to elect new officers and a board of directors, as well as some new committee folks.

As this goes to press, we need to remember that our officers, board and committee chairs will be paying their own way to Granbury, TX for the Mid-Year Meeting. There may be an occasional one who is sponsored by an employer and others who must take vacation time to attend, as I will this year. Serving the membership, your community, church, school, or country... is there anything more important?

During this election year, we need to remember that. With all the negative things we see and hear in the media these days, it's important that we acknowledge the efforts of those who serve. We do appreciate the contributions of so many dedicated people and their families.

The Mid-Year meeting was held the April 26-27 weekend, and we returned to Granbury's central US location for the fourth consecutive year. It's an important session; attendees focus on topics that affect the entire membership. We'll report the results in the next *Tiger Flight*.

As dynamic organizations grow, one of the challenges is to recruit new members while retaining those on-board. In 1981, when I left active duty, there were over 40,000 security police supporting the Air Force. Even with attrition, we've probably realized a membership opportunity in AFSPA of a million or more. (My math skills won't allow me to get that specific on my desktop calculator.) My point: there are still active, retired and former air/security police out there who don't know about our Association.

As I near the completion of my second term as your president, allow me to ask you to continue working to find and retain new members.

Larry Breazeale in California has been superb in seeking creative ways of locating new members. He's attacking the membership and reten-

tion problem with innovative gatherings, informational brochures, and an aggressive marketing campaign that targets veterans' groups as well as police and security organizations. With members like Larry around, we'll make that 3,000 membership window real soon!

I found a bunch of potential members in Marina del Rey, CA recently. Some have signed up! In Houston this week, Bruce Marquis, a former SP officer (Hickam '79-'81) who now heads Houston's Independent School Board and is running for sheriff of Harris County joined. I didn't even know he was in my town.

Rick Maitland has just completed another fund drive for his annual Big Brothers and Sister project. If you're within telephone distance, Rick can accept your donation. He's collected several thousand dollars over the years for his favorite charity.

Gotta run, airplane leaving for Saudi Arabia where I'll spend the next two weeks. Make those Tampa plans—see you there. Regards from Jean to all the ladies. We're busy!

Ed Johnson

Executive Director's Notes

What does the future hold for the Association?



The mid-term board of directors meeting was held April 26-28. This year our discussion revolved around the future of AFSPA.

In the three years since our dues were lowered from \$35 to 25 we have seen the cost of doing business rise and the income steadily fall. At \$35, we were beginning to build some reserve toward the future. That reserve has just about disappeared. The real problem is that as we grow we are not able to provide the service needed with a volunteer staff and an office in the home.

We have been blessed as an Association by people like Nick Keck who donates untold hours putting *Tiger Flight* to bed. It would cost us over \$35,000 per year to hire that

work done.

To rent office space, equip it, and pay an executive with a minimal staff would cost us about \$100,000 per year. Right now our dues are barely covering the cost of doing business with no salaries or real estate involved at all.

When the Association was founded we made the decision that we would not process credit cards, insurance, tours etc. We may need to re-examine that decision.

We have talked often about corporate sponsors. The officers and board members are open to your suggestions on corporate sponsorship.

This is not intended to be a gloomy picture but it is time for a reality check. In Tampa we need to have your input on the future

of AFSPA. We have something that is very good. Please let us know your thoughts and ideas.

For AFSPA Netizens, please visit our very special home page at (<http://uts.cc.utexas.edu/~ehre/AFSPA.html>). Yes, that is a tilde in there.

Jack Brokaw and his daughter Ann have put a lot of work into the page. If you haven't visited it lately there is a surprise on the net as you take a virtual tour of the Security Police Museum.

We are frequently asked for a directory of the members who are on the Internet and can send e-mail. We will be glad to put one together if you will send your address to jbullock@axiom.net. While you're at it, go ahead and send an info copy to Nick_Keck@Macnexus.org.



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Memorial Retreat Invite

I am Major Ed Addison, Chief of Security Police of the 56th Security Police Squadron at Luke AFB, AZ, and a proud member of the AFSPA. I'm writing this e-mail to ask your assistance in publicizing a retreat ceremony my squadron has planned for May 17th. As I'm sure you recall, around May 10, 1975, 54 members from the 56th Security Police Squadron (then located at NKP, Thailand) boarded three CH/HH-53 helicopters to Utapao AB, Thailand, to stage for an assault on the SS Mayaguez that had been captured by the Cambodians. While enroute to Utapao, one of the helicopters crashed, killing 18 security policemen, 4 crew members, and 1 linguist. The other two helicopters landed safely at Utapao but were not used in the assault (I believe the Marines were used instead).

Since we, Luke AFB, now are the proud members of the 56 SPS, we are planning to ensure the legacy of this event be memorialized. Last year, we organized a simple memorial retreat on the 20th anniversary of this tragic event. This year, we want to expand our retreat ceremony and would like to invite any and all former members of the 56 SPS who were stationed at NKP, Thailand, to be our guests of honor at the retreat ceremony on 17 May.

My challenge to make this happen is publicity. I don't have a mechanism to either find former members or publicize the event. Could you please assist me in finding former members of the 56 SPS and direct me in how I can get the AFSPA newsletter to print an advertisement notifying the membership of our retreat. If you can help, I can be reached via e-mail at bosshawg4@aol.com or by USPS at the following address:

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Thank you for your assistance.

EDWARD N. ADDISON,
Major, USAF
Commander, 56 SPS



New Member Is Collector

I am thrilled to finally be able to contact an organization of fellow AP/SPs. One of, if not, the proudest days of my life was the day I earned my badge and beret. My Mom came to my graduation and pinned my badge on. The smile on her face was worth a million bucks.

I am currently assigned to the 314th SPS at Little Rock AFB where I am an explosive detector dog handler.

Tiger Flight is excellent; I love to read about SP history.

I am enclosing a membership application and an order for some memorabilia. I would also greatly appreciate a description of the "Stormer" statuette.

One last thing, I am a small collector of AP/SP squadron/unit patches, pins and other such things. I would greatly appreciate if my name is printed in *Tiger Flight* on this matter. Thanks and keep it going please.

Sincerely

SSgt Hugo A Nunez
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SP Patch Identified

I have an answer for the misspelled Pirinlik AS SP patch mentioned in Mr. Louis Nicastro's Collector's Corner article in the Nov-Dec 95 *Tiger Flight*. The second 'N' on the patch does not belong. Pirinlik AS is alive and well as USAFE's easternmost installation. The name means roughly "place of rice fields" in Turkish. Located approximately 15 miles due west of the 5th largest city in Turkey, Diyarbakir, in the southeast quadrant of the country, it is just

70 miles north of Syria and 130 miles northwest of Iraq. The site was constructed in 1953 as part of the implementation of the Truman Doctrine and in response to the need for monitoring Soviet ballistic missile launches. After over 40 years of service, the original AN/FPS-17 fixed position radar was deactivated by AFSPACOM on 1 Dec 95. This radar and the original unit here, USAFSSS' 6935th Radio Sq, was the first to detect Sputnik I in orbit Oct 1957.

Another radar put in several years later is carrying on the mission of theater ballistic missile launch warning plus deep space and near space surveillance. The patch is pre-1975, before Turkey ejected all US military personnel over the Turk-Greek-Cypriot problem and other politics.

I am told by Col James Algood, 722 ABS Commander/Pirinlik's Senior American Installation Commander, Col Daisley, 39th Support Group Commander at Incirlik AB, as well as others who know the history a little bit better, that C. D. I. stood for "Common Defense Installation." Other US/Turkish installations were also known as CDIs.

After America was allowed back in country, all the installations were reorganized as Turkish installations with US units as guest or tenant units technically under control of a Turkish installation commander, the Turkish General Staff and Host Nation. For example, here at Pirinlik, the overall installation commander is Turkish Colonel Erturk.

The 39th Wing history office confirmed that the 171st SPS or SPF was a guard unit rotating in and out of Pirinlik in the early '70s but was never actually permanently assigned here so it would seem Mr. Nicastro's patch is authentic.

The Air Base Squadron here was designated the 7022nd from 1 Jan 72 until it was redesignated 722nd on 15 Jun 1993. Other units at Pirinlik are AFSPACOM's 19 Space Surveillance Sq and the US Army's Eagle Flight Operation PROVIDE COMFORT helicopter detachment.

The patch in the article also looks like the beret crest and is a very rough shape of

Turkey. This is all I know so far. I'll do my best to answer any other questions if I can. You can reach me at PSC 95 Box 127, APO AE 09825; DSN (314) 679-3447; Comm. (from ConUS) 011-90-412-323-3438/39/40 /41 ask for ext. 3447.

Matthew H. Morrow, Capt, USAF
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Chief Coffey's Funeral

Dear Col Johnson,

I thought you'd like to see this obituary. Don would've been proud of the funeral arrangements I'd made—his son was there in his AF Major's uniform and tried to do the eulogy without crying, but couldn't; his wife and two children were also there as well as our daughter and two boys from MI. John Woods from Austin and CJ Scholfield were there, the honor guard was from Reese, his cousins came from Grand Junction CO, as did cousins from the local area. Masons did the pall bearing plus I did the obituary for the local paper. I'm going to have to sell the house and plan to relocate to Rocky Mount, NC.

Love and Prayers,

Dee Coffey

Graveside services for Donald Edward Coffey Sr., 65, of Dover, will be held Monday in Center Plains, Texas. Mr. Coffey died of chronic bronchitis emphysema, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and squamous cell lung cancer Wednesday, Nov 29, 1995, at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Elsmere.

Mr. Coffey was born Oct 9, 1930, in Clayton, NM, and enlisted in the US Air Force on March 15, 1949, completing basic training at Lackland AFB, TX, and Military Police School at Camp Gordon, GA. He served as military/air/security policeman at Dover AFB, DE, Langley AFB, VA, and was selected for assignment to Killeen AFB, TX, while the remainder of 4th Air Police Squadron was deployed to Korea. He also served at Manzano Base, NM, as

well as Komaki AFB, Japan, Selfridge AFB, MI, Bergstrom AFB, TX, Udorn RTAFB, Thailand, Utapao RTAFB, Thailand and Carswell AFB, TX, retiring in 1978.

Mr. Coffey was a member of the Dover AFB Enlisted Open Mess, Air Force Sergeants Association, National Rifle Association, Nagoya /Komaki Association, Air Force Security Police Association, Union Lodge 7 AF&AM and Dover's Wesley United Methodist Men and Wesley Methodist Church.

He was awarded the Bronze Star, Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the Royal Thai Supreme Command Forward Master Badge as well as numerous other accolades.

He was a dedicated husband and dad, as well as a loving grandfather, who will be sadly missed by his children.

He is survived by his wife, the former Doris Ann Bohannon; his children: Donald Jr., and Donna; and four grandchildren, Joshua and Jason Veara, and Erin and Scott Coffey.



Cuban Peacekeeper Challenge

I've enclosed a brief article I wrote to have printed in the next available issue of *Tiger Flight*. I have been a security policeman for almost six years and although I am separating from the Air Force in May of 1996 I will always be an SP at heart and look forward to keeping in touch through friends and *Tiger Flight*. I have been a member for just about a year now and I enjoy reading letters from other members about various experiences. I thought I would take some time and share an experience of my own.

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JROTC Visits SP Museum

Some few weeks back, I had the pleasure of escorting, with other booster club members, some 75 Air Force JROTC cadets on tour of Lackland AFB. I was able to convince the staff we should visit the SP Museum.

These young people were thoroughly impressed and asked me a million questions. They are very Air Force career oriented and I'm sure some will wear the SP badge in the future. By the way, my grandson, Cadet SMSgt Cory Firrier, is the First Sergeant.

John Wood, Sr.
MSGT, USAF (Ret)



Planning Reunion

I am a current member of the AFSPA and I would like to have the following information published in the *Tiger Flight*, in a future issue:

Two of us former members of the 38th Bomb Wing/38th Air Police Sqdn, 66th Tac Recon Wing/66th Air Police Sqdn, are compiling a data base of former members for a possible reunion in 1997. If you were stationed at Laon AB, France, in the late 1950s and early 1960s, or know of someone who was stationed there, please have them contact:

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Also, anyone knowing the whereabouts of the following former members of the 66th APRON, please contact Bill Poe: Primus McMullen from Georgia; William D. Howard from New Smyrna Beach, Florida; Belyea from California; and Forte

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New Air Force Chief of Security Police assigned to Pentagon

New general brings 40 years of active duty experience to the position.

BRIG GENERAL RICHARD A Coleman is the new Chief, Security Police of the US Air Force; he reported for duty at the Pentagon in March.

General Coleman enlisted in the Air Force in November, 1956, and for the next 15 years performed air/security police duties in the Philippines, Georgia, Morocco, England, Oklahoma, Texas and Vietnam. He was commissioned in 1972 through the Bootstrap Commissioning Program. General Coleman and his wife, the former Marguerite Catherine Smith of Victoria, British Columbia, have three children, Dean, Tina and Shanon.

EDUCATION

1972 - Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice, Univ. of Nebraska at Omaha

1975 - Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, AL

1982- Masters degree in criminal justice, Webster College, Fairmont, WA

1984 - Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL

1990 - US Army War College, Carlisle, PA

ASSIGNMENTS

June 72-Oct 73, operations officer, 308th SPS, Little Rock AFB, AR

Nov 73-Jul 78, Philippine liaison officer, officer in charge of the Department of Defense Civilian Guard Force, 3rd SPG Clark AF, Republic of the Philippines

Jul 78-Aug 79, chief, combat studies branch and squadron commander, 328th Tech Training Group, Lackland AFB, TX

Aug 79-Aug 80, chief, combat studies branch and squadron commander, 3290th Training Group, Lackland AFB, TX

Sept 80-Mar 81, commander Det 1, 3700 SPS, Lackland AFB, TX

Mar 81-Feb 83, operations officer, 2700 SPS, Lackland AFB, TX

With 15 years experience as an airman and 24 years as an officer, the new general brings tremendous insight to a position that will require he use all of it.

Feb 83-Sep 86, commander and chief of security police, 10th SPS, Royal Air Force Alconbury, UK

Sep 86-Jun 87, chief, current operations branch, AF Office of Security Police, Kirtland AFB, NM

Jun 87-May 88, chief, base division, AF Office of Security Police, Kirtland AFB, NM

May 88-Jul 89, chief, base contingency division, AF Office of Security Police, Kirtland AFB, NM

Jul 89-Jun 90, student, US Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA

Jun 90-Jan 94, commander and chief

of security police, 24th SPS, Howard AFB, Panama

Jan 94-Jul 94, commander, 24th Support GP, Howard AFB, Panama

Jul 94-Mar 96, Director of Security Police, HQ Air Combat Command, Langley AFB, VA

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with four OLC

Air Force Commendation Medal with OLC

National Defense Service Medal with device

Vietnam Service Medal with two devices

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

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The following is presented to cross-feed chapter activities. Imitation remains the highest form of flattery.



Alamo Chapter

JOHAN WOOD, CHAIR-
man, called the
January meeting to
order at 0900 hrs.

Guest Speaker: Capt. Joe Rector gave a presentation on the Air Intelligence Agency (AIA), previously known as the Security Service. The presentation covered mission, organization, size, impact of consolidation, quality Air Force and foreign government interface.

There were twenty members present from the San Antonio area, four new members: Lee Tompkins, Mark Ardel, Mike Dickey and David Kent.

Ron Hannan reported the Chapter's current balance is \$847.10. He also collected dues for the coming year.

Chairman Wood announced he has contacted an airline for special rates to Tampa for Sept; the cost is \$193; a \$50 deposit is required. Personnel requiring more information should contact John Wood.

John Wood announced that the nominating committee at the national level is seeking volunteers to run for the upcoming vacancies as there will be a large turn-over, 7 positions. Members were encouraged to give serious consideration to serving the Association if their schedules and time permit.

Membership was discussed and the current listing of personnel who have attended past meetings, previous members or known potential new members was distributed.

Members were encouraged to contact those with out-of-date membership to update their membership. Col. Feldman recommended a sign be made for the Association and the chapter that could be posted at the Museum to advise visitors of the organizations; if the signs are made he will have them posted.

Doc and Bob announced there would be a special drawing for the members that bring a potential new member to the next meeting. Fritz was selected to come up with the prize since he missed today's meeting to go hunting.

Doc announced that he had one local area Entertainment Discount Book for sale, \$25, and that, he appreciated the memberships support for this fund raiser.

Chairman Wood announced that Larry Madden had proposed a fund raiser for the chapter that was a marketing program. Col. Bullock noted that Larry was asked by the board or directors to investigate ways of enhancing the Association's revenue since the dependency on membership dues is causing financial concerns.

Larry has obtained a networking marketing program that will be presented to the board. The financial situation has been brought about as a result of previous decisions not to involve the Association in other fund raising activities such as credit cards. Cost for postage and reproduction of *Tiger Flight* and the Directory are major expenditures. Col. Feldman suggested that a supplement be sent out for the directory rather than an annual revision. Col. Bullock noted that would result in a considerable savings and those types of actions are being considered by the Board to reduce costs. It was expressed that *Tiger*

Flight should remain in its current format and schedule. More info to follow.

Col. Bullock announced that the 50th Anniversary of the Air Force celebration was being held in Las Vegas in April 1997. Consideration is being given to obtaining a booth at the Convention Center to solicit new members and advertise the Association. There will be more information to follow.

Chief Bob Egger announced that he has video cassettes available from the 1995 convention for \$10 if anyone would like to have one. It was noted that six orders have already been placed. Anyone interested contact Fritz or Bob E.

Col. Bullock announced that the Association is on the Internet with a homepage as a result of the work of Dr. John Brokaw and his daughter. The listing results in 3 to 4 inquiries almost daily. The address is listed in *Tiger Flight*.

President Wood announced that he had two copies of SP Lessons Learned that are available for personnel to review and update, as appropriate. Major Dickey noted that there is a new course for NCOs that is built around lessons learned and improving supervision; it is important to document the SP work and events of the past to insure leadership today does not make some of the same errors we made in the past. Members were encouraged to review the book and provide information.

Col. Feldman announced that the Museum has received support in the form of two full-time positions, however, they will not come on the books and therefore cannot be manned until the fall. Members were asked if they had time they could volunteer to operate/man the Museum. Please contact Sherrie Morrison, Red Cross Volunteer Coordinator, at 671-1855 and sign up.

Lt Col. Tompkins announced that he will be retiring in April; Lt Col Al Reigel, (Col. select) will be his replacement. Preparations are underway for the change of command ceremony and BGen Dick Coleman will preside over the ceremony.

TSgt John Collier announced the Pilgrimage to the Alamo in April and asked if the chapter wanted to participate in the march. In Feb there will be the 2nd Battle of the Alamo reenactment.

The next meeting will be Saturday, March 9, 1996, at 0900 hrs., at Kelly Field National Bank.

Jack Brokaw won the drawing.



Sacramento Valley

THE CHAPTER HELD ITS 18 November, 1995, meeting at the Bakers Square Restaurant in Rancho Cordova.

Following a hearty breakfast that seemed to take forever to arrive (we have to fix this with the management if they want our business) Bill Bell informed those present of the activities at the Annual Meeting in San Antonio.

Training has undergone yet another change to those joining the career field. Both law enforcement and security troops go to Camp Bullis upon completion of basic. Everyone receives the same four weeks of joint training.

Each chapter received a copy of Lessons Learned, a comprehensive review of incidents from all bases. Anyone with additional lessons worthy of inclusion or who has information that was omitted is encouraged to contact Bill Bell.

Tampa, Florida, is the site of the 1996 General Meeting, September 26-28.

John Spencer asked for a nominating committee to review membership for the official Chapter nominations and election of officers at the next meeting.

Nominations, THUS FAR, are:
John Spencer - President
Bill Bell - Vice President
George Cheaney - Treasurer
Susan Vroom Watson - Secretary

L. V. Rabun provided members a review of DAV benefits and programs.

Sue Watson discussed the need to remain current on legislation out of Washington that affects retirees. Currently there is the need to tell our Senators and Congressmen we are not happy with the latest attempt to change COLAs. She will fax a letter on behalf of the chapter.

The next meeting is scheduled for 27 January, at 0900, in the Bakers Square Restaurant.

The January breakfast was held on the 27th. Following several heated discussions, and a lot of war stories, members observed order and settled down to official business.

Election of chapter officers resulted in three of four positions being filled. The election of a treasurer remains an item of business for the March meeting.

Newly elected president, John Spencer, stated he will work hard to increase membership. Everyone thanked John for his work this past year holding the chapter together and bringing in new members. Vice President, Bill Bell, said his goal is to organize a health and welfare committee to reach out to all members and their families in times of need. Sue Watson was elected secretary and will work toward providing

members a semi-annual newsletter.

Alfred Carney informed members of the need to find a suitable location for future meetings and recommended we meet in March at the VFW Post 4647 hall. Everyone agreed to this proposal. Alfred said he will coordinate arrangements and keep Sue Watson apprised so she can mail the meeting notification cards.

Nick Keck spoke to the group about the need to nominate new members to the National board. He said forms will be in the next issue of *Tiger Flight* magazine along with information about the nomination process.

He also briefed the chapter on the pros and cons of Life Membership. Costs for such still are being evaluated. Members also learned that Gene Tucker had been appointed to explore the feasibility of corporate sponsorship. Gene will need to develop criteria and evaluate benefits.

The meeting closed with a reminder to everyone that chapter dues are payable at the March meeting.



Billy Renfro

RICK MAITLAND CALLED THE January meeting to order at the Carswell Club, NAS Fort Worth. Minutes of the 11 Nov 95 meeting as well as a treasurer's report were approved by the 23 members in attendance. We currently have about \$625 in the bank and we still have some hats for sale.

Our guest speaker was Mr. Bob Lassiter who is a DEA Supervisor with the Fort Worth DEA office. Mr. Lassiter has been with the DEA for 24 years and also was a reserve

OSI agent. He supervises a 15-man DEA task force that works with police and sheriff department personnel in the North Texas area. The Dallas-Fort Worth area is a major transshipment point for drugs moving to USA markets out of Mexico. The DEA is a worldwide organization with agents located in 50 foreign countries. Mr. Lassiter indicated that in spite of excellent cooperation among the various enforcement agencies at the federal and local level drugs remain prevalent in our society. In spite of the risk of being prosecuted, the profits and demand for drugs remain high. A spirited question and answer period followed the presentation.

Ed Johnson provided an excellent update on activities at the national level. Membership continues to rise. The members was delighted to hear that Jerry Bullock continues to recover nicely from his surgical procedure. The Tampa, Florida, Peacekeepers are working hard on this year's Annual Meeting.

Rick Maitland discussed his efforts to support the Big Brothers and Sisters. A pledge sheet was circulated to allow members to pledge support for the annual fund raising drive to be conducted in the Spring.

The annual Jerry Lewis Telethon, the primary fund raiser for Muscular Dystrophy, will be conducted Labor Day. The chapter is going to marshal forces to support this effort.

The secretary reported on the Christmas Party that was held the previous month. Attendance was good and those who attended donated a large number of toys to support the Toys for Tots Campaign.

The secretary discussed a letter that he received from Bob Barnishin who could not attend the Jan. 96 meeting. In it, Bob outlined his efforts to get guest speakers for our meetings.

The secretary discussed correspondence received from the Nominating Committee and some efforts made by the committee. *Tiger Flight* will soon contain a letter from the nominating committee soliciting inputs from all members.

The next meeting will be at the Olive Garden Restaurant at 1030 hours on 10 Feb 96. It will be our Annual Sweetheart Luncheon. Members are encouraged to bring their sweethearts or go out and find one.



Greater Los Angeles

THE GREATER LOS ANGELES Chapter held its January monthly meeting at The Club, Los Angeles AFB, CA.

AFSPA has been invited by the Air Force Association to join in the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Air Force. If the AFSPA agrees to holding its Annual Meeting in Las Vegas in 1997, the Denver Annual Meeting would be delayed to 1998.

After the chapter members had discussed this issue, Robert Cobbs made a motion that the chapter was in favor of AFSPA accepting the Air Force Association's invitation to hold its 1997 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas; it passed unanimously.

Charles Thomas was asked to send a letter to the Executive Director expressing the chapter's support for holding the 1997 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas in conjunction with the celebration of the Golden Anniversary of the United States Air Force.

Chapter members agreed AFSPA

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Collector's Corner



A new brassard and good sources

By Louis C. (Nick) Nicastro

Here are the specs for a new security police brassard, some sources and recommended subscriptions, a New York State decoration for medal-winning veterans, a winning canine team, new job descriptions and some thanks to participants.

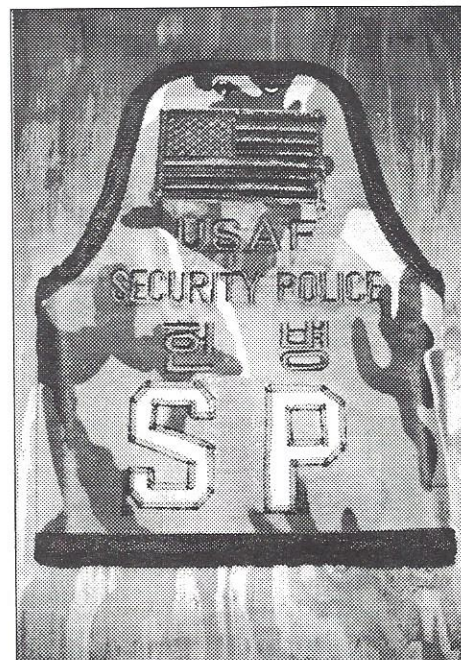
THE FOLLOWING IS AN UPDATE TO my previous article concerning changes to the uniform approved by General Ronald R. Fogleman, AF Chief of Staff, on 15 March 1995.

The Uniform section, Randolph AFB, Texas, advised that the security police (SP) armband authorization has been finalized and reads (as quoted to me): "The purpose was to allow security police armbands in subdued lettering. The Board decided the wear of SP armbands should be an installation-approved option."

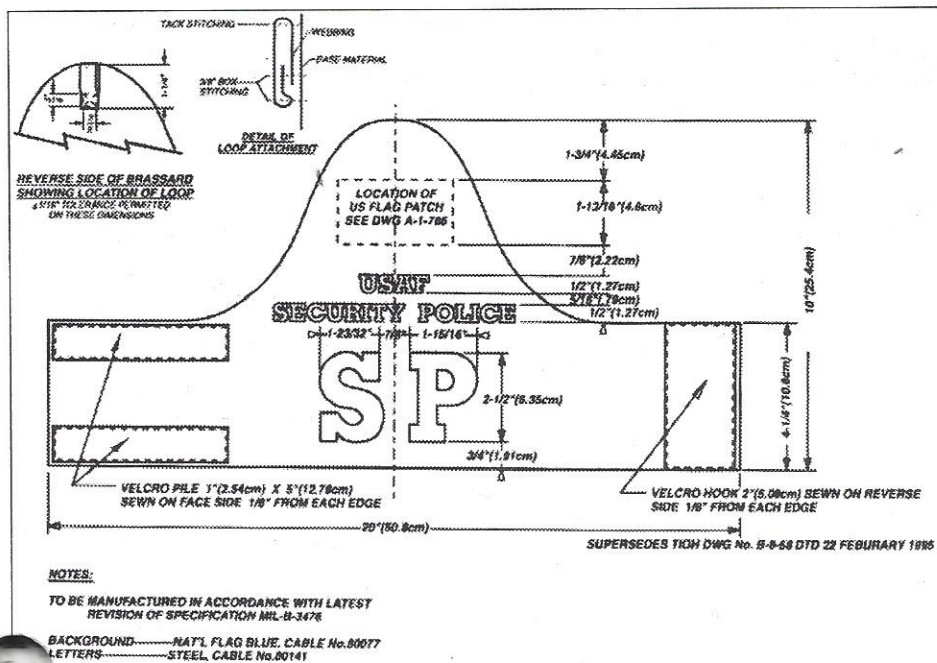
I have no specific information regarding current regulations regarding the use of the newly authorized armband, but I have

received a copy of the approved specifications dated 22 September 1995. It is my opinion this is one of the best designed armbands that I have seen in recent years.

I recently came into possession of a brassard that is being used by the 51st Security Police Squadron, Osan AB, Korea. This armband is very much like the newly authorized Air Force-wide brassard. Someone must have had advance knowledge. The major differences are in the size of lettering, the placement of the flag, and the attachment device. The authorized specifications do not indicate any foreign language on the armband. In any event it is an interesting brassard.



The current 51SPS, Osan AB Korea, brassard



I have received several requests for information on where to obtain Air Force patches, both color and subdued, and not only security police, but also Major Air Command patches. I realize to some of our readers there is a simple solution—go to the Exchange or one of the many local patch shops near most installations. However, we have many readers and members who do not have such facilities available to them. This information will help both groups of members.

There are many ways to get current and older Air Force patches of all sorts. The following companies can be contacted for catalogs, or special requests can be made:

The approved specs for a new security police armband. What goes around, comes around.

Aeroemblem Publications Limited
POB 6206
Wichita Falls, Texas 76311-6206
(817)885-0988

The Military Shop of Hawaii, Inc.
1833 Kalakana Avenue, Suite 100
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815
(808) 942-3414

H. J. Saunders
US Military Insignia
PO Box 3133
Naples, Florida 33939-3133
(813) 775-2100

Dover Army Navy Store, Inc.
222 W. Loockerman Street
Dover, Delaware 19904
(302) 736-1959

The following subscriptions can be obtained and through them one can get information relating to the sale of items and patch show locations and dates.

The American Society of Military Insignia Collectors (ASMIC)
George Duell
526 Lafayette Avenue
Palmerton, Pa. 18071

(This is the best source for insignia shows and selling/trading/buying insignia. The cost for joining is about \$25 per year.)

The Police Collectors News (PC News)
RR 1 Box 14
Baldwin, WI 54002

(This is the best source for civil and some military police insignia shows and selling/trading/buying insignia. The cost for subscribing is about \$25 per year.)

Please keep in mind that I am only offering the aforementioned

information on patch company sources for your information and do not in any way endorse them. Concerning ASMIC and PC News, I highly recommend both; to me they have been an education. As I have stated in past articles, it is important to be informed and to be sure of what you are obtaining. Don't assume that everything available is the real McCoy.

The State of New York recently has made available to New York residents and former residents the New York State Conspicuous Service Cross (NYSCSC). The award is available to anyone who, while a resident of New York State, served in the military either on Active Duty or as a Reservist since 6 April 1917. The state will award the NYSCSC to anyone who has received one or more of the medals listed in the accompanying box.

Applications for the NYSCSC may be obtained from the New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs, 300 Old Nishayuna Road, Latham, NY 12110-2224. Any of our members still living in New York State may obtain an application from their local Assemblyperson or State Senator. The NYSCSC may also be awarded posthumously to a designated survivor of the deceased.

The collection of medals is highly competitive and State medals such

as the NYSCSC have become or will become a valuable collectors item in the near future.

The collection of various types of security police patches is a great hobby and pastime. Some of the more unusual patches are used by the K-9 handlers. I have various K-9 patches in my collection, but the collections of real life stories about K-9s and their handlers is also interesting and enlightening. The following was reported in the *Tiger Times*, Pope AFB, a few months ago.

Dog team helps make border drug bust

A military working dog team assigned to the 47th SPS at Laughlin AFB, TX, helped US Customs officials seize more than 22,000 pounds of marijuana.

Sgt Roberto Hinojosa and his dog Larson were on TDY to Hidalgo, TX, where they were working a port of entry when a tractor trailer attempted to enter the United States.

The trailer was stopped for an inspection and customs officials noticed a depth discrepancy and fresh silicon caulking on the edges of the front wall of the trailer.

Hinojosa and Larson searched the trailer and the military working dog

The New York State Conspicuous Service Cross is awarded to residents who have earned the following medals

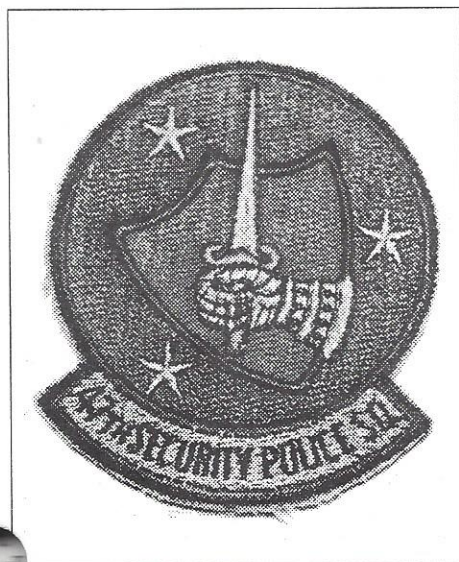
Medal of Honor
Distinguished Service Cross
Navy Cross
Air Force Cross
Defense Distinguished Service Medal
Distinguished Service Medal (Army)
Distinguished Service Medal (Navy-Marine Corps)
Distinguished Service Medal (Air Force)
Distinguished Service Medal (Coast Guard)
Silver Star
Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit

Distinguished Flying Cross
Soldier's Medal
Navy and Marine Corps Medal
Airman's Medal
Coast Guard Medal
Bronze Star Medal
Purple Heart
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal
Air Medal
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Army Commendation Medal
Navy Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal
Coast Guard Commendation Medal

Joint Service Achievement Medal
Army Achievement Medal
Naval Achievement Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Coast Guard Achievement Medal
Gold Lifesaving Medal
Silver Lifesaving Medal
Prisoner of War Medal
Combat Infantry Badge (CIB)
Combat Medical Badge (CMB)
Combat Action Ribbon (CAR)
Mariner's Medal (Merchant Marine)
Merchant Marine Combat Bar

responded by jumping and becoming very excited. A second search conducted with a customs canine team had a similar response.

The front wall of the trailer was dismantled, revealing a trap door that led to a large compartment containing the marijuana. Officials estimated the street value of the drugs at more than \$11 million.



Patch of the 47th Security Police Squadron



Collectors List

The Collector's Corner has two more collectors to add to those interested in security police memorabilia

David A. Cardoza Jr.
25629 Turmeric Way
Moreno Valley, CA 92553

Dave collects, and trades civil law enforcement and security police patches and badges.

Edwin A. Keeney
1830 Artemis Ridge
West Richland, WA. 99353

Ed collects and trades federal, state, security police (any era) patches and badges.

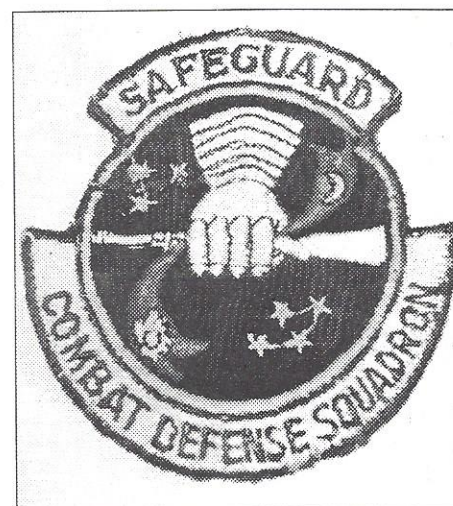


I recently purchased several Air Police and Combat Defense patches from an old collection. I have been able to identify where they were located, with the exception of one. It is the 818th Combat Defense Squadron. Does anyone know the name of the installation this unit was based at? The patch is identified with the logo "SAFEGUARD" and the words "COMBAT DEFENSE SQUADRON"

Yeah, as a matter of fact, I do. The 818th CDS was stationed at Lincoln AFB, NE. I served there from 1962 to 1963 after I had returned from Japan—ed.



Talk about changing times. When I



Patch worn by members of the 818 Combat Defense Squadron, Lincoln AFB, NE

entered the Air Force in 1949 and was assigned to the Air Police, I was awarded a MOS (Army for AFSC)

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Old AFSC	Old Title	New AFSC	New Title
Security Police (Officer)			
8116	Security Police Staff Officer	31P4	Security Police
8111	Security Police Staff Officer	31P4	Security Police
8124	Security Police Officer	31P3	Security Police
8121	Security Police Officer	31P1	Security Police
Combat Arms			
75300	Combat Arms Trg Maint Manager	3P100	No Change
75399	Combat Arms Trg Maint Supervisor	3P190	No Change
75370	Combat Arms Trg Maint Technician	3P171	Combat Arms Trg Maint Craftsman
75350	Combat Arms Trg Maint Specialist	3P151	Combat Arms Trg Maint Journeymen
75330	Combat Arms Trg Maint Specialist	3P131	Combat Arms Trg Maint Apprentice
75310	Combat Arms Trg Maint Helper	3P111	No Change
Corrections			
99702	Correctional Custody Supervisor	8J000	No Change
Security Police (Enlisted)			
81199	Security Police Superintendent	3P090	No Change
81100	Security Police Manager	3P000	No Change
Security			
81170	Security Supervisor	3P071	Security Craftsman
81150	Security Specialist	3P051	Security Journeyman
81130	Apr. Security Specialist	3P031	Security Apprentice
81110	Security Helper	3P011	No Change
Law Enforcement			
81172	Law Enforcement Supervisor	3P072	Law Enforcement Craftsman
81172A	LE Supvr Mil Working Dog Qualified	3P072A	LE Craftsman Mil Working Dog Qualified
81152	Law Enforcement Specialist	3P052	Law Enforcement Journeyman
81152A	LE Specialist Mil Working Dog Qualified	3P052A	LE Journeyman Mil Working Dog Qualified
81132	Apr Law Enforcement Specialist	3P032	Law Enforcement Apprentice
81132A	Apr LE Spec Mil Work. Dog Qualified	3P032A	LE Apr Mil Working Dog Qualified
81112	Law Enforcement Helper	3P012	No Change
81112A	LE Helper Mil Working Dog Qualified	3P012A	No Change

Our Common Heritage



Why not Airperson?

by Winston Padgett, Maj (Ret)

Why we're called airmen rather than air soldiers or some other appellation.

I WORKED FOR A LIEUTENANT several decades ago who, when he used the term "Airman," made it sound like the recipient of his attention was held in slightly less regard than a rabid possum. Little did he know (nor I either at the time) that Airman was created to be a title of respect. Here's how it happened, according to the June 1949 issue of *The Air Provost Marshal Digest*.

"The term 'airman' and its plural 'airmen' were developed by the Air Force to distinguish enlisted personnel of this Department from those of the Department of the Army and the Department of the Navy, and should be used when

referring to all or part of the enlisted segment of the Air Force. The term airman is not a designation to show grade or title of an individual. The term airman is to be considered as a synonym for 'enlisted man of the Air Force' similar to the soldier of the Army and the sailor of the Navy. ...No attempt is being made, nor is it practicable to eliminate the term 'enlisted man.' It must be understood that 'airman' is a term of the Air Force. ...Under present laws, the airman is an enlisted man and must remain as such. We hope that common usage will eventually establish the term and that the airman will take his well earned place beside the honored terms soldier and sailor."

And, by now, we all know that the term airman is, like the terms soldier and sailor, an honored one. It didn't just happen, though. It took dedication, hard work and a desire to excel on the part of hundreds of thousands of airmen. PFC Frank V. Passeno is a good example.

Air Policeman Top Ranking Student

"Sitting on top of a class of eighty-four Army and Air Force students at a six-weeks course at the Military Police School, Camp Gordon, Georgia, PFC Frank V. Passeno returned to the 7th Air Police Squadron at Carswell Air Force Base to find a letter of commendation awaiting him. PFC Passeno enlisted in the Air Force thirty months ago after more than three years of service in the Pacific with the Marine Corps." (1949) ¶



Photo by Jim Allen

"Note AP brassard and helmets. Please excuse the uniform violation, I had my shirt sleeves turned under, my only violation in 25 years! We were well-equipped for a combat zone—flashlight and M-1 carbine for the guard, but no radio or telephone." Jim Allen

Creed of A Security Policeman

I am a security policeman. I hold allegiance to my country, devotion to duty, and personal integrity above all. I wear my badge of authority with dignity and restraint, and promote by example high standards of conduct, appearance, courtesy, and performance. I seek no favor because of my position. I perform my duties in a firm, courteous, and impartial manner, irrespective of a person's color, race, religion, national origin, or sex. I strive to merit the respect of my fellow airmen and all with whom I come in contact.

SECURITY POLICE DIGEST

Headquarters United States Air Force



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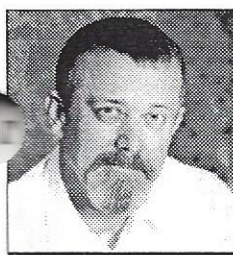
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Then-Major Fritz Heiss edited this edition of the SP Digest that Harry Eaton, CMSgt (Ret) discovered recently among his memorabilia.



Our collective past—Part V

by John W. Brokaw, PhD

In his last installment, Jack discussed the training early MPs received and from whom. In this one, he expands on that and covers initial recruiting procedures as well as assignment, uniform and badging policies.

SINCE AAF POLICY BEGAN IN THE Air Staff and reached the aviation MPs through the Air Provost Marshal (APM), this officer still played an important role in the development of the career field. He was the voice of the troops in the councils of the mighty; he conveyed command decisions to the troops through regulations, directives, and other publications. The APM, however, walked a delicate line between the AAF and the Corps of Military Police, headed by the Army's Provost Marshal General. In theory, the APM was the PMG's liaison with the AAF, but in fact, he worked for the Inspector General of the AAF. If there were complications or frictions in this arrangement, they did not make a mark in the official records. Of course, absent reports from the APM to the PMG, the latter would only discover such complications or frictions if he really sought them out and, judging from the official report cited before, the PMG happily let the AAF go its own way as he let the MPs assigned to combat units go theirs. He had quite enough on his plate with the ever-expanding duties given him by the War Department.

In 1942, the PMG became subordinate to the Army Service Forces. His duties, specified in the General Order bringing about this assignment, included the supervision of recruitment and training of all Military Government as well as Military Police troops, the security of all military installations, the apprehension of military personnel absent from their posts without leave, the insurance of proper behavior of military personnel in major cities and on troops trains,

and the investigation of crimes involving military personnel. By 30 June 1945, the PMG had reportedly investigated over 47,000 complaints of criminal acts by military

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personnel of which 20% were crimes against people and 80% crimes against property. In addition to military responsibilities, the PMG also had to provide security for vital industries.

Originally, plans had called on the State Guards (i.e., those State forces which remained at the Governors' disposal after the National Guards went into Federal service) to provide industrial security in time of

war, but in the event they proved unequal to the immense job suddenly imposed upon them; after all they were largely untrained and could perform guard duties only part-time. By February 1942, therefore, the PMG had the task handed to him by which time 31,123 troops, not all MPs, were on industrial guard duty in addition to the 3,742 State Guards. By May of that year, the PMG had 56 battalions of MPs on such guard duty and no State Guards; however, the Army needed those battalions of MPs for military duties in the combat theaters. Consequently, the PMG organized "Auxiliary Military Police," civilians trained in the rudiments of security, lightly armed with pistols and shotguns, and put to the duties recently met by Army MPs. By 1943, the PM General had 43,200 Auxiliary MPs guarding American industries vital to the War Effort.

This rapid build-up of civilian guards had a counterpart in the equally rapid build up in MP battalions. War plans called for 56 MP battalions for home defense alone, but in September 1941, when the Corps of Military Police came into existence, the Army had only three MP battalions and those only on paper. Congress, responding to the bombing of Pearl Harbor, set the number of troops authorized to be raised by the Administration and within that number, which changed during the war as circumstances changed, the War Department set out the "Troop Basis" or number and type of personnel they thought necessary to do the tasks at hand. Of course, some of the troops—for example, engineers, physicians,

nurses, telephone linemen or repairmen—would do in the Army more or less what they had done in civilian life. Others—for example, riflemen, tank gunners, artillerymen, and intelligence officers—do rather different things than they did at home. These latter troops required much more training and of a different type than the former. Some of these exclusively military jobs, however, required a certain amount of aptitude in trainees as well as more time and resources. Although the Army never expressed it officially, it acted as though anyone could be an infantry rifleman and almost anyone could be an MP; in cases of emergency, many soldiers trained in other fields found themselves transferred to rifle units, especially in early 1944 before D-Day and during the Battle of the Bulge, or to MP duties in the absence of trained troops.

Military Police fit into the group whose military occupation is more or less like its civilian counterpart. One might expect, therefore, to find many ex-policemen in MP units. One would be disappointed, however, because policemen were officially excused from military service since they were classified vital to the War Effort. Many young policemen did in fact quit their jobs to enlist and many of those found themselves in the MPs. Nevertheless, the demands for MPs far outstripped the supply of ex-policemen. As a consequence, the official history of the Army in WW2 reports that, out of a thousand men assigned to the MPs, approximately 108 were ex-policemen, 112 came from basic training as volunteers to the Corps, and 780 were simply assigned to meet the needs of the Army. Just like those earliest assignees who, simply because they were pulling MP duty at the time the CMP was formed, ended up in the CMP, many of the 780 must have followed a similar course and wondered how they became MPs.

Consider the vast scope and numer-

ous demands on the classification personnel who assigned the millions of men and women called to the colors during the war. On the one hand, divisions, corps, and armies demanding troops forming for emergency employment and, on the other, the Classification Specialists, with all those recruits, enlistees, and draftees in front of them, trying to fill all the slots in the TO&Es. Even if they inclined toward fine-tuning the classification process, there wasn't time. So, MP battalions filled up with per-

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sons who had no training in police work and no particular inclination to pursue it, but were simply available. The most pressing task for the CMP at first was in training, a luxury that no PMG had had before.

The PMG established training centers successively at Ft Riley, Kansas; Ft Meyer, Florida; Ft Oglethorpe, Georgia; Ft Custer, Minnesota; and Ft Sam Houston, Texas. In addition, Ft Meyer also

housed the PMG School between February 1942 and May 1944. At these facilities, both individuals and units received training. Individuals were trained in criminal investigation and military government; while MP officer candidates also were trained at these posts after July 1943; before that date, most came from infantry and cavalry OCS. Also in 1943, when the barrage balloon units were disbanded, many of those officers transferred to the CMP. The official history of the OPMG reports 8,116 officers in the CMP in December 1943, 8,757 in December 1944, and 9,003 in July 1945. Obviously, since MP OCS did not get under way until July 1943, most of these officers came from other branches.

Allen W. Gullion, Major General and Provost Marshal General, throughout most of the war, reported in the Army-Navy Journal of 7 December 1942 that his duties, which he assumed in July 1941, differed from those of all previous PMGs who had merely supervised the conscription of troops. He had many other duties associated with the new Corps of Military Police, already mentioned. Of course, the PMG exercised no command of MPs, although he did supervise certain investigations and had administrative responsibility for the military prisons, all of which involved MPs.

Among his most significant acts, Gullion established a distinctive official emblem of authority for MPs: the brassard or arm band in dark blue cloth with “MP” in block, white letters on it, worn on the left sleeve midway between shoulder and elbow. The MP brassards had originated in the first World War, but before that, chest badges of one sort or another appeared during the Civil War and Spanish American War. None, however, had been official; all were ad hoc and ephemeral; the brassard, by contrast, remains

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The 10 Commandments for Job Seekers

by Arnold E. Zimmerman

Some basic rules to guide you during your job search

ARNOLD E. ZIMMERMAN recommends becoming well informed about the company and showing confidence

1. You must have a good attitude. Attitude is as important as aptitude. You must be pleasant to work with and willing to do your share of the work. It is important to convey that you want to be a member of the team.

2. You must be well qualified. Most employers need skilled people. Job advertisements usually will tell you what skills are required. Only apply for jobs for which you know you are qualified.

3. You must know for what job you are applying. Know the title of the job. Find out as much as possible about the job and the company to which you are applying. Be well-informed.

4. You must be prepared for the interview. Bring documents that would be helpful to you during the interview, or to attach to your application if you don't get an interview right away. This should include a résumé, letters of recommendation, and names and addresses of professional references. Also, remember to bring pens, pencils and a notebook.

5. You must create a good first impression. Appearance is very important when applying for employment. Most companies feel that their employees' appearance reflects their company's ability—

good companies look sharp.

6. You must be punctual. If you have been scheduled to complete an application or an interview, make sure you are there on time. Employers are looking for people they can depend on. Get a map and find out where you are going and how to get there. Be professional—plan ahead.

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The employer wants to know about you and wants to answer your questions.

Realize, however, that he or she has other people to see and other things to do.

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7. You must practice self-control. Limit your speaking and remember to listen carefully. The employer wants to know about you and wants to answer your questions. Realize, however, that he or she has other people to see and other things to do.

8. You must show confidence. Employers want people who believe

in themselves and who have a positive attitude. Be proud of your accomplishments and your skills. It's OK to say, "I can do what you want." Be careful, however, not to appear cocky or "smart-alecky."

9. You must be tactful about salary matters. Employers want good people. The employer knows what the going wage is as well as what the particular job is worth to them. At the end of the interview, you should ask about the salary if it has not already been covered. But, do not make demands of the employer. If the salary does not meet your requirements you need not accept the job. When discussing salary matters at the interview or on an application, it is best to indicate that you are flexible and that you would like to prove yourself in hopes that salary increases would be forthcoming. Don't remove yourself from consideration by making specific demands.

10. You must follow up. Employers want to know that you want the job. Write a note to the person who interviewed you, telling them that you'd like the job. If you were interviewed by several people, send notes to them all. If you only completed an application, return in person and ask if your application has been considered. Follow up more than once if necessary. Persistence and good follow-up often pay off. #

Arnold E. Zimmerman, founder of Sacramento's MTI-Western Business College in 1965, is the author of The 10 Commandments for Job Seekers.



AIR FORCE SECURITY POLICE ASSOCIATION
OFFICER & DIRECTOR NOMINATION APPLICATION
1996-1998 TERM OF OFFICE

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

POSITION DESIRED _____

PERSONAL DATA _____

PICTURE

Any size

B&W or Color

Helpful, but not required

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS _____

PRESENT STATUS _____

WHY ARE YOU VOLUNTEERING FOR THIS POSITION?

(Include a short narrative to help the membership make a decision during the election process.)

Thai security guards at Udorn RTAFB—1967

Thais were definitely on the team, as reported in this 29-year-old article from Udorn's *SEA Scope*.

SIDE BY SIDE, THAI AND USAF security police form a composite security team to protect Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base (RTAFB) in Thailand. Under the



The nerve center of all base security operations is here at Central Security Control. Giving detailed instructions on what to do in case of a base security alert to Thai Guard Phamron Sriyam (standing) is A1C Wayne N. Lee.

direction of AF Major Richard E. Katz, 37, of Wheaton, MD, Thai Guard Company B and Air Force men of the 432nd Security Police Squadron endure the summer sun and monsoon rains on a 24-hour vigil to keep men and planes safe at Udorn.

The team concept is carried out on every post and position throughout this base including the flightline bunker positions as well as in the security patrol vehicles which traverse the base on a 24-hour basis.

The Thai Guard was developed to augment the security force at Royal Thai military bases in Thailand. They begin their training with a five-week military course at Korat RTAFB. It consists of weapons qualification on the M-1 carbine, an extensive physical training course, as well as background in military customs and courtesies.

The new Thai guard then arrive

here at Udorn for another week of advanced training and familiarization with the methods used by the security police.

"Almost immediately they win the respect of their American counterparts as keen, eager students with a strong respect for military discipline and courtesy," said TSgt George G. Wade, 34, of Miami, FL.

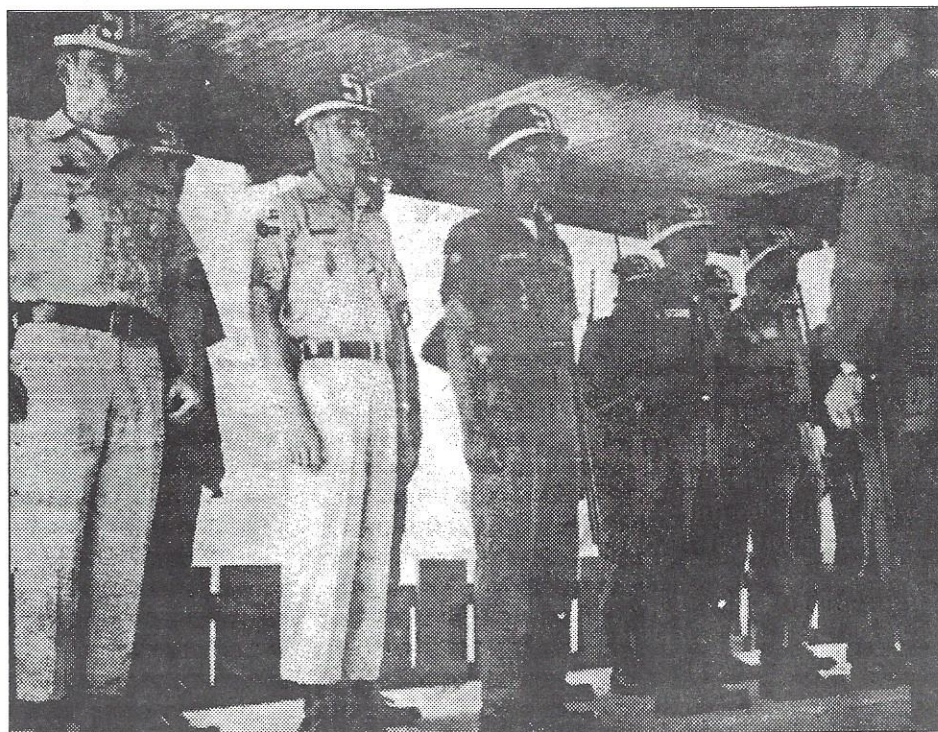
Speaking on the Thai Guard's appearance, Master Sergeant Benjamin O. Hanson, 36, of Pawtucket, RI, said, "While they may wear the customary Thai smile, they are quite capable of administering their duty forcefully when necessary."

"When someone salutes you at more than 50 yards away, it's a safe bet he is a Thai Guard," said Major



Searching a possible saboteur is part of the job of the Security Alert Team (SAT). Show here putting them through their paces in a practice session is SSgt Billy Clevenger.

Katz, Chief of Security Police. "Because of their high quality, joint training, and mutual desire to help us by providing the best security possible, Thai Guard Company B has the reputation of being pace setters for Thai Guard units within Thailand," said Katz. ¶



Receiving instructions for the day's duty are the Thai Guard (right background), and the American security police (left foreground). Giving instructions for the day is SSgt Jacob G. Kildow. The briefings the guards receive contain information on vehicle safety as well as weapons safety.

COLLECTORS, *Cont. from page 13*

677. Later it was changed to 77170. Other changes followed. Now there has been another change to the AFSC identifiers. I realize that our active duty members are aware of this, but for former and retired air/security policemen the box on page 13 is what's current.



A parting shot at some humor... I called a computer organization's 800 number and asked if there was any toll-free access to Internet from Vermont. The individual who answered the phone asked if Vermont was in Arizona or California. Now I know I am really out of the so-called loop...and maybe even out of the country!

I want to thank the following members and non-members for their help, input and assistance in making this column interesting to all our members and readers.

CMSgt William H. Alexander, Mr. Lee Beausoleil, SrA. Brian Bonkowski, Deputy Sheriff David A. Cardoza Jr., SMSgt Edwin L. Dailey, Capt. Gregory E. Ditzler, SrA. Timothy J. Ford, Lt. Col. Garrett (Now in Turkey), Maj. Michael D. Griffith, Mr. Manny Gomes, SSgt Jeffrey J. Goodson, CMSgt Joseph O. Hart Jr., Capt Ronald P. Irvin, SMSgt. Gene Isbell, Mr. John Langley, MSgt John W. Lott, SSgt David D. Pascua, TSgt Jack R. Peck, Mr. John A. Pracko, CMSgt Arthur A. Reifke Jr., SMSgt B. Steven Rivers, Mr. Edward Russell, Lt. Col. R. M. Sullivan, MSgt. Brian S. Sunday, TSgt Frank Tomaselli, and especially Col. Nick Keck.

As always, if there is any disagreement with anything I have written, or if you can add anything that will enhance this column, please write. A twenty-cent postcard is as good as a letter and a thirty-two cent stamp, just pass it on. ¶

A ramp rat's recurring nightmare

by Jesse R. Cox, TSgt (Ret)

Typed on an ole Royal

Direct assignment from Samson to a ramp as a Combat Air Policeman...issued an M-1 rifle, having trained with an M-1 carbine...with many hours of dry firing time at an indoor range...thanks to WWII war movies you knew the operation and nomenclature by heart...during an alert, you were given a BAR with a bandolier of magazines, but you figured it out (again thanks to the war movies)...being put in a foxhole with two augmentees and a .30 cal. machine gun, but you didn't have to worry, it was either frozen or jammed up with dust...on alert twelve and twelve for months...how many egg sammiches did you eat?...turning down green liver at the mess hall only to consume with gusto cold liver sammiches that night...was the coffee ever hot?...suffer from cramps from SOS...took a shower with your pants on when you got off duty...if you made it to the latrine, the enlisted's was full, so you used the officers'...if you used the officers' you saluted the commode when you left...took a leak with your Fat-boy pants on and dribbled both inside an' out...hugging up to a running GPU...starting a GPU only to find it was plugged into an aircraft, which then lit up like a Christmas tree...remembering how all the GPUs would become quiet when the sector sergeant's vehicle left APO...'citing your general orders to the sector sergeant...having the sector sergeant, on a cold, bitter night, approach your post, flashing his lights, so he wouldn't be challenged...cracking his window a millimeter to ask you your general orders, or if you would like to re-up...challenge the sector sergeant anyways to show him you don't play games...he never knew your

name...who was that no-striper that always rode with him?...close your eyes only to find the sector sergeant or a taxiing aircraft in your face...field strip your weapon and have the sector sergeant bear down on you with his bright lights on...when "the hawk" was taking names, put your back to the wind and be knocked on your butt by a 40 mph tumbleweed...remembering those little needles working their way out of your skin...having 20 or 30 tumbleweeds attack you at the same time...and some were head high...on a day off, having to go out and collect tumble weeds from around the security area fence...plugging-in your "ear," an' hooking it into a million dollar antenna (the aircraft's)...listening to Wolfman Jack or another DJ on an all night station...your favorite was Day-o and you still know the words...of course the radio was a crystal set...being rousted out of your bug-infested bunk, despite liberal sprayings with those DDT cans you got from supply...to sit in a tanker with parachute tightly attached for umpteen hours...never, ever, see the flight crew...and when you were released to be told the alert had been over for hours...did you ever fall asleep? (no, not that you can remember).

Now, the day shift was a whole different challenge.

All these memories were character-building, yet when your four years were up you were out...except for those of us who, for lack of a better word, "adapted." So the bonding of the Castro Caps will always be...who ever heard of a blue beret?

Ramp Rats Forever! ¶

Tips for membership

Mike Marcelain, Membership Chair

Suggestions on how to sign up former air and security police



THIS ARTICLE continues the theme of the last—contacting former AP/SP's and others.

As we approach the 50th Anniversary of the United States Air Force and the 10th Anniversary of the Air Force Security Police Association we are constantly reminded of the personal sacrifices that were made by those who were assigned to the air and security police career field. Groups are even now working on projects to memorialize our 50th. I believe those efforts would be incomplete if they don't give credit to the people who protected the air bases and kept the planes secure so they could fly their missions.

There may be holes in the story of

our career field that a former security policeman knows about.

In some of my talks with former security policemen, some of them said that since all they did was four years they should not be included in any mention of the career field. I use myself and others as examples to the contrary. We are a fraternity in which time is not a factor in our qualification for membership.

There is a potential problem, however, as we grow and become better known. Not only will we have the upside as membership increases and we create more chapters but there will be a downside as unqualified people try to join our ranks. All groups have had wannabes try to become members. Some may know enough to join (i.e. bad cops, 35-99, or the non-honorable discharged). The only way to prevent this is for you to be alert to the fact

that there may be some out there trying to sneak in. If you suspect a person has not been truthful on his or her application, let Headquarters know.

There are others places where you can find people who can be recruited as members. Such places as DOD police; Army, Marine, etc.; military police; federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, and those working as civilian security professionals. Why not invite your local chief of police or sheriff or maybe a local policeman to sit down and identify those people they know who may qualify to join. This is one way to not just advertise who we are as a organization, but to show how knowledgeable and professional we are. It may lead to finding jobs you can forward to members who are getting out of the AF and are searching for a position in the civilian sector. ¶

Next: Suggestions from members

When to Submit Articles

The crucial factor is *Tiger Flight's* cover date.

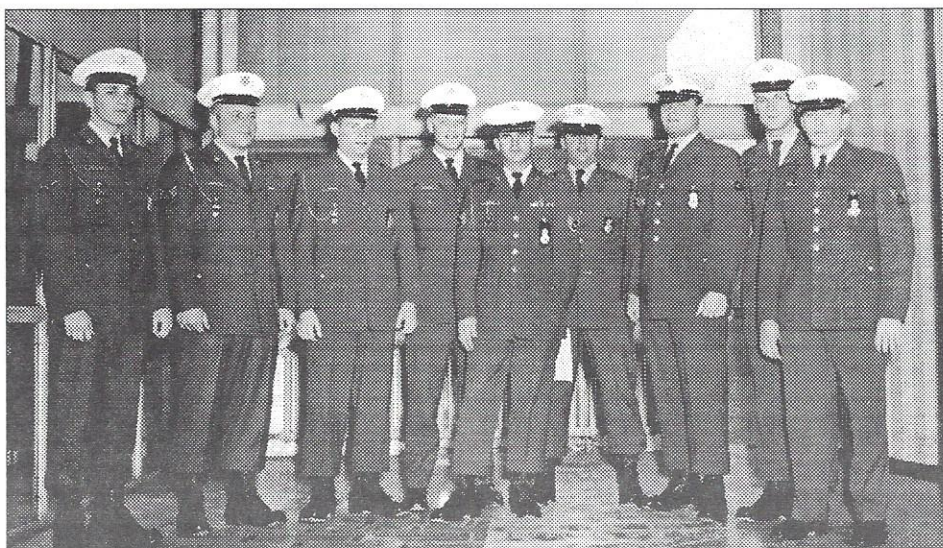
Writing and editing begins 90 to 120 days before and copy is in final format 30 days before that date. The issue is printed and mailed during those 30 days to reach our readers on time.

Material should reach me at 8825 Bold Ruler Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628-6416 (see also page 4) 80-90 days before the the date of the issue in which you wish it to appear.

Extraordinary circumstances may delay a particular article to a subsequent issue. Material also may be sent by fax to 1-800-972-0062 or by Internet email to nick_keck@macnexus.org.

If you send an article by fax, please call the same number to assure it arrives. Machine malfunctions are common.

—your editor



Guardmount, Law Enforcement Flight, Ankara, Turkey, 1964. SSgt Tom Botchie, Flight Commander. Sgt Botchie would very much like to hear from any of the men pictured in this group. Write to Tom Botchie, MSgt (Ret), 46 Farmfield Avenue, Charleston, SC, 29407

Escape!

by Richard Kent Fouts, MSgt (Ret)

AFSPA member distinctly remembers a night almost 40 years ago and still has the scars to remind him about what happened.

As reported in the base paper

SIX LOWRY AIR FORCE BASE PRISONERS Saturday night slugged a guard and escaped from a medium security building.

Air Policeman Richard Fouts was slugged with a 2-foot-long section of a metal bed as he was checking the room in which all six men were confined. Fouts was taken to the base hospital for observation.

The escape was discovered by other air policemen when Fouts failed to return after making his checks. They found him, unconscious in a corridor.

Lowry officials said the break occurred shortly after 9 p.m. An immediate search of the base I was ordered by the commanding officer but the men were not found.

Air police were unable to determine how the men escaped from the base since all were dressed in prison fatigues.

Lowry officials identified the escapees as: Airmen Dewitt Swartz, 19, and Edgar Garrison, 19, both of

Lowry, Airman James Harvey, 18, of Lackland Air Force Base, Tex., Seaman Apprentice James Blackhorse, 18, of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station; Airman Harold Black, 19, of Sweetwater, Tex., and Airman Steve Campbell, 18, of Cannon Air Force Base, N.M. Base officials said all but Swartz and Garrison were being

The accompanying picture, which was taken in September 1954, shows me at the main gate of the US Air Force Academy when it was located on Lowry AFB, CO.

The rest of the story

Here is what the Provost Marshal wrote in his formal report of the matter.

"1 July 57

SUBJECT: Escape of six prisoners from Base Confinement Facility

TO: Base Commander

THRU: Comdr., 3415th ABGRU

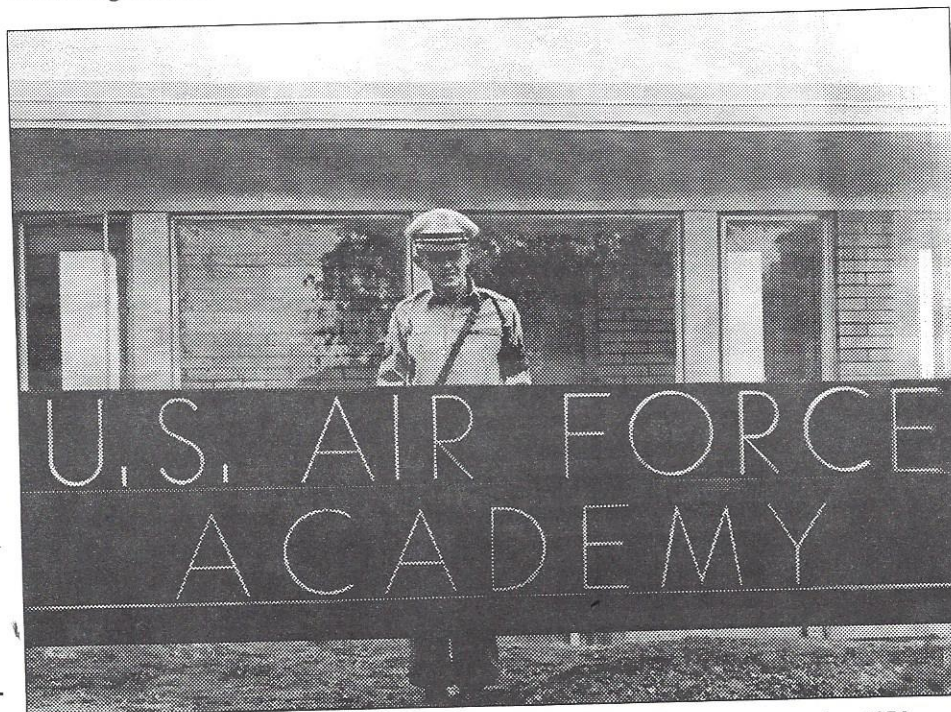
FROM: Provost Marshal

1. The following is information obtained from the Air Police Desk Sergeant, Officer of the Day, and the Base Confinement

Facility pertaining to the escape of six prisoners approximately 1030 hours 29 June 1957.

a. Extract from Air Police Blotter item 34, 2030 hours 29 Jun 57

"Escaped Prisoners: Information received from Sgt Donahue to the effect that six prisoners had slugged the Turnkey and escaped from the base guardhouse. Ambulance was called for A/1C Fouts, Turnkey. A gates and patrols notified. Capt



Air policeman, A2C Kent Fouts, at the main gate to the USAFA, Lowry AFB, September 1954

held at the Lowry stockade for being absent without leave. Swartz, they said, was awaiting transfer to a federal prison.

Denver police and the State Patrol were notified of the escape.

The foregoing was published in the *Denver Post* of June 29, 1959. I received a fractured skull; however, I recovered okay. The prisoner that hit me was sentenced to 80 years at Fort Leavenworth.

Crandall, Sgt Chappell (API), CMP, Aurora PD, Denver PD, and State Patrol notified. All available patrols covering perimeter area. Officer of the Day is checking runway areas with the aid of a TAC truck."

b. Extract from Report of Officer of the Day, Lt Luis N. DeWitt, III, 29 Jun 57

2030 hours—Six confined airmen overpowered Turnkey at base stockade and apparently left the base via over the fence.

2045 hours—Desk Sgt notified myself and Capt Crandall of situation. Capt Crandall instructed me to go to stockade.

2050 hours—I arrived at stockade. Injured Turnkey was already removed to the hospital and all other prisoners under control.

2100 hours—I informed Airdrome Officer of situation and he made his own investigation of remote sites such as GCA, etc. and also made a search of the airstrip.

2115 hours—I reported to Capt Crandall at Base stockade.

c. Report from Base Confinement Facility.

Approximately 2030 hours, 29 Jun 57, A/1C Fouts, Richard K. AF15480261, 3415th Air Police Squadron, while on duty as Turnkey at the Base Confinement Facility, was counting prisoners. A/1C Fouts was in F Cell counting prisoners when he heard Prisoner Swartz, Dewitt, S., Jr., calling for the Turnkey that there was a fight in D Cell. Fouts left F Cell and ran to D Cell, opened the cell door and went to the back of the cell where the fight was supposed to be taking place. Two prisoners were in the back of the cell together as if they were fighting. When Fouts got up to them, he told them to break it up. Airman Fouts noticed that the prisoners were staring at him and about

that time he was hit on the back of the head. He put his hand on the back of his head and his finger went in the hole caused by the blow from a bed adapter and he passed out. Airman Fouts stated later that the only ones behind him were Prisoner Garrison and Prisoner Swartz and he thought Prisoner Garrison was the one that hit him.

Sgt Donahue, James J. AF11229146, 3415th APRON, was on duty as the Desk Sergeant at the time of the incident. Sgt Donahue heard the commotion back in the cells and went to investigate. As he entered the hallway, he saw a prisoner go into the laundry room and close the door behind him. Sgt Donahue went into the laundry room to check on the prisoner and saw one prisoner with the Guardhouse keys locking the door from the outside. Sgt Donahue called to the prisoner and the prisoner left the keys and ran around the north side of the Guardhouse with five other prisoners that were half dressed. Sgt Donahue then rushed to D Cell and saw Airman Fouts lying on the floor with a large cut on the back of his head. Sgt Donahue told the three remaining prisoners not to touch anything until he got back from calling an ambulance. Sgt Donahue called an ambulance and put the escape apprehension plan into effect.

Airman Fouts had nine stitches for the cut on his head and at the present time is reported to be in good condition. He has headaches and X-rays are to be taken.

2. Escaped prisoners are:

Campbell, Steve D., A/B, AF 19530873, 3806 Bomb Sq, Cannon AFB, NM

Swartz, Dewitt S., Jr. A/B, AF 19562118, 3442nd STURON, Lowry AFB, Colo.

Garrison, Edgar, A/B, AF 14623617, 3441st STURON, Lowry AFB,

Colo.

Blackhorse., James L., USN3744079, Great Lakes Naval Station

Black, Harold D., AF 14585074, 683d AC&W Sq, Sweetwater, Tex.

Harvey, James E., A/B, AF 19583667, 3725th Basic Tng Sq, Lackland AFB, Tex.

LLOYD L. CRANDALL
Captain, USAF
Provost Marshal

Murphy's Law of Combat

- The only thing more accurate than incoming enemy fire is incoming friendly fire.
- Suppressive Fires - Won't.
- If it's stupid but works, it isn't.
- Don't look conspicuous - it draws fire.
- When in doubt, empty the magazine.
- Never share a foxhole with anyone braver than you are.
- If your attack is going really well, it's an ambush.
- No plan survives the first contact intact.
- All five-second grenade fuses will burn down in three seconds.
- If you are forward of your position, the artillery will fall short.
- The enemy diversion you are ignoring is the main attack.
- The important things are always simple.
- The simple things are always hard.
- The easiest way is always mined.
- If you are short of everything except enemy, you are in contact.
- Incoming fire has the right-of-way.
- No combat-ready unit has ever passed inspection.
- If the enemy is in range, so are you!
- Beer math is 2 beers times 37 men equals 49 cases.
- Body count math is 3 guerrillas plus 1 probable plus 2 pigs equals 37 enemy killed.
- Friendly fire - isn't.
- Things that must be together to work usually can't be shipped together.
- Radios will fail as soon as you need fire support desperately. (Corollary: radar tends to fail at night and in bad weather—especially during both).
- Anything you do can get you shot - including doing nothing.
- Make it too tough for the enemy to get in, and you can't get out!
- Tracers work both ways!

From Bulls Eye, Vet Press

Maj. Gen. Joseph V. De P Dillon

by Mitchell A. "Mike" Mabardy, Col (Ret)

The following article about the Air Provost Marshal was written at the request of Gen Dillon's widow to complete a biography for the archives of the US Military Academy at West Point. It was written by Air Staff member Col Mabardy, and then Maj. Leighton W. Dudley, a correctional services professional who had been called to active duty to work on USAF corrections.

MAJOR GENERAL JOSEPH V. DE P Dillon, USAF (Ret) was assigned as Air Provost Marshal, HQ AAF, Washington, D.C. from 20 February 1946 to 1 January 1948 and as the Air Provost Marshal, Office of Inspector General, HQ USAF from January 2, 1948 to July 1953.

In discharging the duties of his office as Air Provost Marshal of the Army Air Force and later the United States Air Force, over a period of time spanning 1946 to 1953, Major General Joseph V. De P Dillon's career was distinguished by his dedication to the service, far-sightedness, courage of convictions, straight forwardness, tenacity, compassion, and exceptional ability as an innovator. He was, in many respects, well ahead of some of his contemporaries who were leading and guiding the new United States Air Force and planning its systems. He most ably guided his staff in the development and documentation of various systems in the areas of military discipline, custody and rehabilitation of military prisoners, and internal security.

In 1947, Major General Dillon was one of two delegates selected to represent the United States at a worldwide meeting held in Geneva, Switzerland, by the International Red Cross for updating and refining the international rules of land warfare pertaining to prisoners of war. Stemming from this meeting was the Geneva Convention of August 12, 1949, on the Rules of Land War pertaining to prisoners of war.

Primary areas of responsibilities

under Major General Dillon's supervision and direction included:

Air Force Discipline Policy; Policy and procedures for the organization, training and operation of Air Force, Air Police, Law Enforcement and Security Elements; Custody and rehabilitation of Air Force prisoners;

"We have an obligation to the young serviceman to at least return him to the community no worse than when we got him."

Staff supervision over the Air Force Air Base Defense Training Center; Security policies, procedures and systems for:

Nuclear weapons; Combat alert strike units and weapons systems; Installation security; Classified information; Personnel clearances; Classified industrial activities; Presidential aircraft; Military censorship (wartime).

Major General Dillon developed

and provided the first positive guidance for the above mentioned fields for the emerging and new United States Air Force. In discharging his assigned responsibilities, he often met with staunch opposition from some of the senior members of the Air Staff. Generally, these were persons who in all probability failed to comprehend requirements of the newly emerging and independent Air Force and what certainly must have appeared to them to be strange activities. Undoubtedly, and in all probability during those early days, they were more concerned with the requirements of flying activities and the application of limited USAF resource assess for such purposes. In meeting this stiff and difficult opposition, Major General Dillon exhibited qualities of perseverance and grim determination not found in many.

Major General Dillon's achievements in the area of custody and rehabilitation of Air Force prisoners is best summed up in the words of one of today's foremost authorities in this special field, Leighton W. Dudley, Deputy Secretary for Correctional Services, Department of Public Safety and Correctional & Services, State of Maryland.

"Joe Dillon undoubtedly had a far greater understanding of realistic military discipline, the real needs of individual servicemen, and the military's true responsibility to the community in its handling of men than any military leader of this century.

"As a hard bitten military police

veteran of WWII campaigns in North Africa and Europe, one would have expected this volatile American of Irish ancestry to be somewhat intolerant of errant behavior and a champion of the traditional military attitude of severe punishment and summary elimination from the service for violation of the Military Code of Justice.

"However, in this respect, maybe more than any other, Joe Dillon's touch of greatness shows through with his great depth of understanding of true human nature and a realistic evaluation of the military's responsibility to society. He had practical understanding of the real dividends of intelligent handling of the recalcitrant serviceman."

As the Air Provost Marshal shortly after the end of WWII, Major General Dillon was in a position to apply great influence on effective discipline in the modern Air Force. As the innovator, he was joined by a handful of senior Air Force generals in pushing developments that made the Air Force an outstanding leader in the field of corrections, a field in which the military had been noted for its reactionary approach.

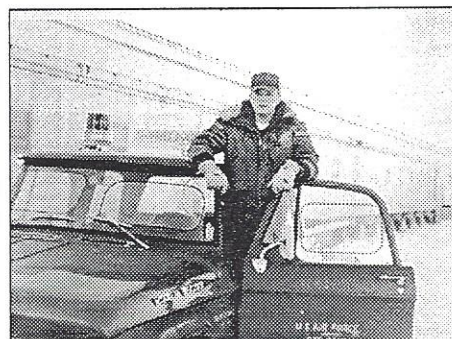
Major General Dillon felt strongly with regard to the rehabilitation of young servicemen and often said: "We have an obligation to the young serviceman to at least return him to the community no worse than when we got him." If any neglect or poor handling contributed to the serviceman's downfall, it was a responsibility of the military to provide him with an opportunity to redeem himself.

In May of 1951, the Air Staff approved Major General Dillon's plan for the implementation of an Air Force prisoner rehabilitation program resulting in the creation of the 3320th retraining group at Amarillo Air Force Base, Texas. The corrections program was a unique combination of a normal Air Force activity and an intensive profes-

sional correctional treatment institution. It has been considered by many to be the best correctional institution in the world. There were many times over the years, particularly during budgetary cuts, when attempts were made to scuttle the program but Major General Dillon's dream survived to the 1970s when it was acclaimed as an example of the military's understanding of the youth of today.

In the area of internal security, policies, principles, and procedures founded under Major General Dillon's leadership are being applied today to a large degree, both in industry and in government. For example, in the field of internal security certain fundamental systems and principles have been adopted and placed into use by the Department of Defense and virtually all other U.S. Government agencies having a need for security of weapons systems, combat operational alert systems, installations, classified information, and classified industrial contracts.

Without a doubt, Major General Joseph V. De P Dillon stands out as the most dynamic, foresighted, sensible leader in the above described specialized fields and disciplines which are of significance to all armed forces, various governmental agencies, certain segments of society, and industrial activities. His practical contributions have an enduring impact, with widespread and increasing application. ¶



Then-Sgt JP McGuinness, taking a break at Thule AB, Greenland, 1974

A daughter ponders war and her father's death

My father, an Air Force F-4 navigator, was killed in Vietnam in 1969. I was ten years old at the time. Growing up, I heard comments that my father's death was a waste or a shame. I countered by responding that he died fighting for his country.

It wasn't until the late 1980s that I was convinced that my father's death was truly not a waste. It was then that I met Tuan Lun, a Vietnamese American who had miraculously escaped Saigon in 1975 when he was 15.

I never really understood my father's job. What kind of plane did he navigate? What was it like to take photographs over enemy territory?

Tuan, an engineer, began explaining to me the design of the F-4 Phantom, sharing with me a book on airplanes. He assembled and painted an F-4 model for me that is proudly displayed in my den. Tuan taught me about who my dad was, but more importantly, Tuan is my tangible proof that my father's death was not a waste. My father died so that men like Tuan could live in freedom.

My father was from New Jersey, so my family was invited to attend the dedication last May of the New Jersey Vietnam Veteran's Memorial. After the dedication, while my younger sister and I trailed behind, discussing our emotions, we agreed that we were overwhelmed with the urge to stop people and ask them about their experiences.

We approached a circle of motorcyclists dressed in black jackets bearing the symbol of their Vietnam fighting unit or the black and white POW/MIA emblem. My sister mentioned wanting to say thanks to these vets. It was now or never! We mustered up the courage and broke in on their conversation. We nervously expressed our thanks, and then the group asked us about our dad. When we finished, one vet responded with a statement that I will never forget, "Your father is a hero."

This year I am 37—my father's age when he died. As I celebrate Veterans Day in November, my father's death is no longer a waste or a shame. Ludwig G. Baumann is a hero.

Deborah Baumann Wilcox

Attention all early birds (and Johnny come latelies)

THE CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER has received several phone calls concerning accommodations for the 10th Anniversary Annual Meeting in Tampa, Sept 26-28th, 1996.

First, the big event will be staged at the Sheraton Grand Hotel, 4860 West Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33607-2591. The hotel is located approximately three miles south-east of one of the finest airports in the world, Tampa International. As their brochure proclaims, there are only six Sheraton Grands in the world and Tampa has one of them.

The Sheraton's standard rates for the off-season (April through November) is \$160 per day; however we have negotiated a rate of \$69, single/double, for our group and is available for 3 days prior and 2 days after our meeting dates. Good negotiators, as most Peace Keepers are, may be able to extend those time limits if they desire a longer stay.

The hotel is located in the West Shore business district at the intersection of Kennedy and West Shore Blvds. West Shore Plaza shopping mall is directly across the street as well as various restaurants, etc. You may make reservations by writing to the hotel at the above address or call toll free (800) 866-7177 or commercially at (813) 286-1400. Be sure to mention you are attending the AFSPA Annual Meeting.

Additionally, the hotel is approximately seven miles north of MacDill AFB. MacDill is home to the award winning military lodging facility known as the MacDill Inn. It is a very nice facility; however reservations can only be made 24-hours in advance and the stay is limited to 72 hours, depending on whether other reservations are

pending. As with most military facilities, availability will depend upon active duty mission requirements.

The manager states that September is normally a slow month so your chances might be good. You may write for more information from MacDill Inn, Attn: Bobby Isenegger, MacDill AFB, FL 33608 or call commercially (813) 828-2617/2594, AV 968-2617/12594, fax commercially at (813) 830-2660 or AV 968-2660. Oh yes, it is worth mentioning that their rates are a whopping \$8 per day, all enlisted grades.

Also, for those who bring "home" with them, the MacDill AFB FamCamp is as good as it gets! Located at the tip end of the Tampa Bay peninsula on MacDill, the facility is right on a great beach overlooking Tampa Bay to the Gulf of Mexico. A marina with various boats/water craft for rent, miniature golf, picnic pavilions/cabacraft for rent, miniature golf, picnic pavilions/cabanas, skeet range, cafe, etc are all adjacent to the area. There are 196 full-service sites with electricity, water, waste disposal, cable TV and optional phone service.

There are also an additional 56 sites with electrical and water hook-ups and 33 dry camp sites.

Tent sites are also available as well as rental 16 foot Casita campers. FamCamp sites rent for \$11 per day (full service), \$9 (partial service), and \$5 for dry camp.

Tent sites are available for \$2.50 per day. Reservations may be made up to one year in advance and length of stay is for 30 days at a time. For further information or reservations you may write to Coon's Creek Recreation Area (FamCamp), P.O.

Box 6825, MacDill AFB, FL 33608 or call toll free (800) 821-4982 or commercially at (813) 840-6919, FAX (813) 828-7507. Availability in September should be excellent, as it is several weeks before the annual "snowbird" migration. However, we recommend you get reservations in as early as possible.

Hope this advance information is adequate. Make your reservations early before they are all gone. Further information on any subject may be acquired by calling Dean Connor, (813) 837-4710. Although Dean is fully retired, you are most likely to reach him after 5:00 P.M. EST, Monday through Friday or anytime Saturday-Sunday.

An added note: MacDill AFB is home to the 6th Air Base Wing, the U. S. Special Operations Command and the U.S. Central Command.

Our chapter looks forward to hosting the biggest, most successful annual meeting/conference/reunion yet. The 10th Anniversary Annual Meeting is certainly the appropriate occasion for that to happen, so this will be a great opportunity to combine a Florida vacation with the conference.

If you should decide to remain permanently in "paradise," we will attempt to assist you there also and help you get Florida "cracker-ized." SEE Y'ALL IN TAMPA! What a Great Idea! f



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(Frenchy) from Louisiana.

If you are interested in attending any sort of a reunion in 1997, possibly in Las Vegas, please contact us at the earliest possible time.

Thanks, we look forward to hearing from any/all former members.

William M. Poe, CMSgt (Ret)
Robert L. Shook



About those ATVs

In the last issue of Tiger Flight, there was a letter from Harry Eaton, CMS (Ret), about Bellows AFS in Hawaii. I thought our readers might be interested in how Bellows came to use the ATVs for beach patrol.

I was the Chief Security Police for Bellows from 1982 through 1988. I have to admit that was a real "hardship" assignment, CSP of an Air Force beach resort. In all my years in the USAF, I had never found a place with more natural beauty; going to work there was a joy each day. I never got over the drive in to the base every morning. From the main entry road to the main base was about two miles, through one of the most beautiful beaches in the world.

The Security Police represented 96% of the military personnel assigned to Bellows; we had about 24 NCOs and Airmen. There was normally a MWR Captain as the Commander, a First Sergeant, one MWR Tech, one 702 and two supply folks. During the last year or so that I was there, I became the 1st Sgt, along with being the CSP.

We were always trying to find ways to do our job better. Some time around 1984, my Supply and Armament NCO, TSgt Mike Weaver, came to me with some pictures of Honda's ATVs. I thought, "Oh, sure, they are going to let us buy these things." But, Mike was bound and determined to get them for us. So, I told him to go ahead and try, never once believing that it would ever happen.

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Air Force Retiree News	http://wwwtest.mpc.af.mil/afretire/
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Air Force Personnel Center	http://www.afpc.af.mil

Tampa, Florida

by Larry Ryley

Hosting the Sept 26-28, 1996, tenth anniversary Annual Meeting

This is the fourth in a series of articles furnished by the Central Florida Chapter highlighting Tampa area attractions that attendees may want to consider before, during or after the September conference activities.

Boats, Charters and Cruises

TAMPA IS A CITY BUILT ON, IN, and beside the water—where people eat, sleep, and play on or near the water. A place where downtown is actually "down by the water," and "out of town" means a scenic water wonderland.

Visitors and locals alike may sail on a variety of dinner, dancing, sunset, sightseeing or casino cruises; charter a boat for deep-sea fishing or a party; take a gondola ride; rent a motorboat or pontoon; or tour downtown aboard a ferry or water taxi.

Visitors may do all that before they

depart from Tampa—or return—from a cruise to ports of call in the western Caribbean, Key West and New Orleans.

Carnival Cruise Lines' *Tropicale*, Holland America's *Nieuw Amsterdam*, Odessa America's *M/V Gruziya* and Regency Cruises' *Regent Rainbow* call the Port of Tampa home. New cruise terminals and the projection of additional cruise lines make Tampa the fastest growing cruise port in the country. The Tampa/cruise combination is a winner.

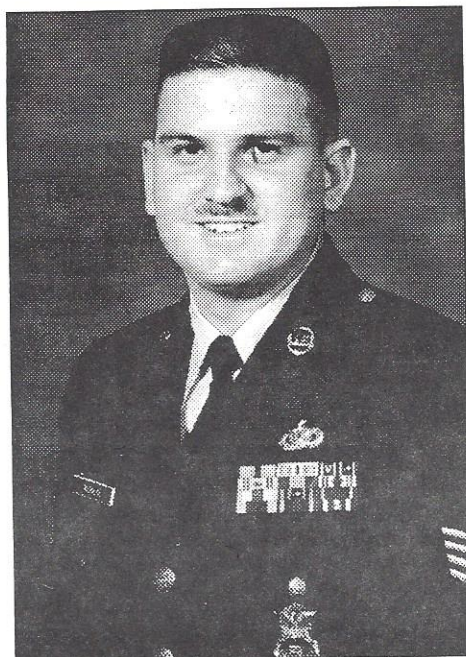
Attendees to the 10th Anniversary Annual Meeting in Tampa who need further assistance or information may contact Dean Connor at 4506 Trask St., Tampa, FL, 33611-2129 or phone (813) 837-4710.

Come on down! We're looking forward to making your stay a memorable one.

AFSPA GOALS

To be successful, an organization needs to have goals that its members can read, understand and strive to attain. Here are the goals that our current president has set for the AFSPA membership for his term of office 1994-1996.

- Provide a professional setting in which to continue the heritage of the security police career field.
- Document the career history of the security police career field in coordination with AF/SP, the Major Commands, the Security Police Museum and our members and thereby maintain the friendships and professionalism of our members—the qualities that set our security police career field apart from the others in the U. S. Air Force.
- Aggressively pursue new members and create more chapters.
- Provide a regional job networking program as the active force transitions following the USAF restructure.
- Continue our excellent relations with the Active and Air Reserve Forces to meet the foregoing.



Staff Sergeant Jeffrey S. Michalke, 377 SPS

Kirtland AFB Sergeant wins

SSGT JEFFREY S. MICHALKE OF THE 377th Security Police Squadron was recently selected as the AFMC representative for the Government Employees Insurance Company (GEICO) Military Service Award, Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Category.

GEICO established this award to annually recognize military enlisted members for their contributions to the military and private communities.

SSgt Michalke has demonstrated this dedication to the community by ensuring quality drug/alcohol abuse prevention training is given

to over 2,000 students at the three elementary schools on base. He is the driving force behind the ongoing Kirtland Alcohol Task force (KAT). Since he also is a nationally certified Field Sobriety Test instructor, he is authorized to train the unit's members.

SSgt Michalke's dedication, and hard work produced significant reductions in the number of drug and alcohol incidents that involved personnel who live and work on Kirtland Air Force Base.

Since he is a local winner, Sgt Michalke also will compete for the Air Force title later this year. ¶

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ould participate in the celebration with some type of exhibit or display to honor the security police. This issue could be further discussed at the Mid-year Meeting.

Even though it may not be until 1999, chapter members still favor hosting an Annual Meeting in the Los Angeles area. A committee has been formed to look into this further.

By mutual consent, the next meeting will be held at the Szechwan Restaurant in Manhattan Beach.



Kline Brogel

GREETINGS FROM BELGIUM! I am Todd Best and have been asked by our new chapter chairman to open the lines of communication between our chapter and the national organization. I brought up the idea at today's meeting to contact you as a good way to start.

Our chapter began three years ago here at Kleine Brogel AB, Belgium. I was elected the first secretary and we worked hard to get our chapter approved and lay a foundation. The next group of officers let things go a bit and there were fewer meetings and fewer activities. The new officers have motivated a lot of new people (as well as some of us old-timers) into joining the chapter and we are looking forward to a great year.

Your last edition of *Tiger Flight* was one of the best ever. It seems to get better every time it comes out and I congratulate you on a very professional publication. One section in particular, Chapter Happenings, caught my eye again this issue, as it always does. I notice many of the

other chapters sending updates and sharing their activities with everyone. I suggested to our new chairman that we should communicate more with the national organization and share our activities here in Belgium with everyone else. He agreed with my suggestion, and, as a reward, appointed me the POC for all communications with you and *Tiger Flight*!

I'd appreciate it if you would let me know your deadlines and submission requirements so we could send material about our chapter for possible addition to your publication. (See Sidebar on page 21—ed)

Also, please update our chapter identification to read: Kleine Brogel Chapter/SSgt Thomas York/617 MUNSS Unit 21903 APO AE 09713. ¶

ERRATUM

John R Knotts, Sr. is the Director of Public Safety in Beverly Hills *Michigan*, not California. We regret the error.

IN MEMORIUM

Since the last issue of Tiger Flight, we learned that the following Security Policeman has picked up his weapons card for the last time. Rest in the arms of God, oh mighty warrior. We shall not forget you.

Jerri Taylor, beloved wife of Harry D. Taylor SMS (Ret), died of pulmonary fibrosis on January 17, 1996

You may reach Sgt Taylor at:
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Phone: 503-536-4034

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Well, it took two years to accomplish it, but he pulled it off. We had to get around the normal supply system and use PACAF/SP money to get them, which involved me having to sell Col Harry Rogers, the then PACAF Chief Security Police, on the idea. When I went to him, his reaction was to recommend that I get a new assignment to a very cold place.

To make a long story short, somehow, Mike was able to push the project through, and one day I looked out the window of my office and saw this truck pull up with four ATVs and one Tech Sergeant with a huge smile on his face.

I guess at this point I should be telling everyone just how great these things were and how effective they were to our beach patrol, etc., but I don't know if they were really all that effective. The one thing I can say is they sure were a lot of fun! We certainly got a lot of attention using them, and the young airmen who drove them just loved it. After we had them about a year, the Honolulu Police Department inspected our program and purchased some for their officers to patrol the beaches of Waikiki—our airman got to train the HPD officers.

Col Rogers never missed a chance to give me a hard time about the ATVs, but at his retirement party I gave him a framed autographed picture of one of them. I was able to get away with that, because I had retired the month before. That was in 1988, and as you can see, they are still being used.

Donald F. Dawson, SMS (Ret)

P.S. For the two years we had them operational before I retired, our safety record was perfect. I trusted our airmen to drive them safely and to take care of them. And of course they always lived up to that trust. (At a farewell party for one of the young SPs who was getting out of the AF, he told me he had found out that even in the deep sand of our beach, he could get the ATV up to 50 MPH. So much for trust; I think luck had a great deal more to do with it.) ¶

Let a smile be your umbrella. "I tried that once. I had pneumonia for six weeks and shrunk a \$450 suit."

—George Burns

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Membership includes a membership card, roster of AFSPA members, a subscription to *Tiger Flight* magazine, one official challenge coin, and an AFSPA lapel pin. The group supports USAF security police events, activities, individuals, and job networking.

Those of you who wore the Blue Beret and the Silver Eagle Shield know you are part of an unique and elite tradition that provides a strong and lasting bond. For more information write or call today.

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POSITION _____

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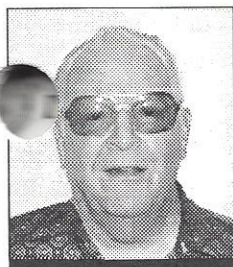
1. Check only one of the following statements (whichever is applicable to you)

- ☐ a. I certify that I have served or am serving honorably as a military or civilian member of the US Air Force or its predecessor service arms, i.e., Air Provost Marshal, etc., in the security or law enforcement career field and have listed my active duty units on the reverse of this application or on a separate sheet or paper.
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More war stories

by Harry Wallace, CMSgt (Ret)

THE FIRST Sgt of a squadron at PAFB

approached me one day to complain that his teenaged daughter had been receiving obscene telephone calls. He wanted the dude identified and arrested. With his permission I had a telephone tap placed on his on-base telephone and within a week received the number of the person who was making all of the calls. I was more than mildly surprised since the number was in the residence of the local OSI Commander.

Because of my friendship and good relations with the Lt Col in ques-

tion, I asked if I could see him at his quarters after duty hours. He agreed and we spoke at great length concerning the calls. Naturally, he denied making them and averred that his teenaged son would never think of making them!

We agreed that his son should call the girl as a test. This was done. Unsurprisingly, she could not ID the boy and he denied making the obscene calls to his father and me.

Convinced that it had to be him, I conferred with the head of the local PD's detectives. He and I went to the local high school where we confronted the subject. Within 15 min-

utes the boy readily admitted that he was guilty. He said the primary reason he wouldn't admit it in front of his father was the fact that he had been caught shoplifting some years before at another base and his father had hanged the shoplifted items over the headboard of his bed for a full year.

We went back and presented the OSI commander with the facts. The matter was then taken up by other authorities but I never did suffer for lack of cooperation from the OSI after that.

While I performed several successful telephone taps after that incident, none involved such unusual circumstances as that of the OSI commander's son. **f**

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Tan Son Nhut Association Reunion in June

Bring your Vietnam pictures and movies for all to enjoy.

The Tan Son Nhut Association's Reunion will be June 14, 15, and 16, 1996, at the Airport Inn, Vandalia, OH (at the Dayton International Airport.) Reservations can be made by calling 800-543-7577. Rooms are \$49 plus tax.

The meeting will include a tour of the Air Force Museum from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday.

The buffet banquet will be on Saturday evening for \$21 per person, including tax and tip. Send buffet money to John Peele 6203 57th Avenue, Riverdale, MD 20737. Make checks payable to Tan Son Nhut Association.

Guest speakers are Col Peebles, Base Commander 1968, and Lt Col Regina Aune, Operation Baby Life.

Questions about the reunion will be answered at 301-277-0072.

Rank has its privileges

by Capt John W. Probst

FROM THE FIRST TIME I HEARD that phrase I grew to despise it. It was always used to justify what I perceived to be a gross inequity. As some airmen earned more rank, this phrase became a favorite in their daily lives. They would use this phrase regularly and with comfort. It was the lazy way out of explaining things. But, no matter who you were, you were never in a position where it could not be used on you.

As an Airman Basic, Airman, and Airman First Class it was seldom part of your vocabulary. You just got used to it. It was the answer to your every question. Why was your dormitory room the only one inspected this week? Why am I posted in the alert area as a close-in-sentry again? When can I work the desk? Airman Smith has had patrol four times this cycle, when is it my turn? It never seemed to end.

They say you always remember your first time—my first apprehension was an exciting affair for me. I remember it all too well today. I had a whole two weeks of experience as a law enforcement specialist military working dog handler at Goose Bay Air Base, Labrador, behind me. The large, blue-gray GE radio told me to respond to the bowling alley and take control of a disagreement. Although not yet a thoroughly seasoned law enforcement veteran, I knew that taking my assigned sentry dog into the crowded bowling alley at 2030 hours on a Friday night was asking for trouble. He stayed in the truck. Even a rookie could spot the suspects once inside—the three poking their fingers in the face of the bowling alley manager.

"You three—come over here, sit down, and let me have your ID cards." It sounded great, but I could

not believe it was me talking! They approached the table and chairs. Then with two quick steps, they were out the door. Following after them closely, I grabbed my radio requesting assistance. Suddenly, they split up in three different directions and continued to run. I chose to follow the largest one. After about 50 yards he stopped, turned around, threw off his parka, put up his fists, and challenged me to take him. Now I realized, the largest suspect was quite big...he was huge!! I assured him this was not what he really wanted to do, because he was not going to win. There was that commanding voice again—where was it coming from? Again, I identified myself as an SP, and ordered him to give me his ID card. He refused, and told me he was a Staff Sergeant, and that he would have me charged with insubordination to an NCO when all this was settled. This whole event was getting much more complicated than the training we had experienced at the Security Police Academy at Lackland in 1971. An Air Force blue Chevrolet pickup quietly rolled up to us. Without any hurry, the operator rolled down his window. The tall man in the green fatigue jacket with six stripes clearly showing asked in a deep voice, "Airman Probst, is that individual giving you a hard time?" Before I could answer, the suspect had his ID card out. "No, sergeant, I think things are going OK for now. I'll take him back to my truck and meet you at the desk." My flight chief then added, "Don't worry about the other two—a patrol just picked them up."

That evening altered my view on the statement "Rank Has Its Privileges." My first Flight Chief, MSgt James Haas, showed me that well-worn phrase had a positive side. ✖

Shots!

Byron Peck, TSgt (Ret)

AT MT. HOME AFB IN 1975, I was a young A1C with the Det. 1 320 BW security police. It was a winter evening and the mid-shift was getting ready for work when gun shots rang out in the barracks area. The base was run by Tactical Air Command; we were Strategic Air Command. As a result, we were separated from their SP operations. Within minutes there were sirens, lights and cops running everywhere. I monitored my radio and learned a drug agent had been shot by dopers in the barracks next to ours. At that time, dope was considered a real problem in the Air Force as well as the entire military. Now, thanks to random drug testing the problem has diminished significantly.

Anyway, the search was on for the suspects. More shots rang out and a lieutenant was babbling on the radio about a security police airman firing his M-16. I ran out of the barracks and joined a TAC security police sergeant with more weapons than he could carry. He gave me an M-16 and I helped herd people into the dining hall while providing potential cover fire. The suspects were not caught immediately. However, within a couple hours OSI did their thing and all was back to normal. Nothing more was ever heard of the incident, but for a while there it was a wild night. ✖

Overheard from the front line:

Why do they put stop signs at base gates and then complain that cops don't wave people through fast enough?

Wouldn't real elite gate guards have capes to go with the ascots rather than dickies?

If clearing barrels are for catching bullets, why do people get upset when they do?

700,000 will get newly approved Kuwait medal

By Vago Muradian, Air Force Times staff writer

ABOUT 70,000 AIR FORCE PERSONNEL who served in southwestern Asia between 1990 and 1993 will be able to pin on a new decoration over the next year.

The Air Force people are among nearly 700,000 current and past U.S. service members who were permitted by Defense Secretary William Perry to begin wearing the new medal. Perry approved the medal, called the Kuwait Liberation Medal—Government of Kuwait, in March.

Kuwaiti officials offered the medal to thank American forces for ejecting Iraqi troops from Kuwait in 1991. The Kuwaiti government will supply 500,000 of the medal sets to the Pentagon. The remaining 200,000 sets needed to satisfy demand will be manufactured and paid for by the U.S. government, sources said.

A similar medal is offered by the Saudi government; that one is called the Kuwait Liberation Medal—Government of Saudi Arabia. The Saudi medal was issued in January 1992.

One Kuwaiti medal and ribbon will be issued to each U.S. service member who served in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar,

United Arab Emirates, the Gulf of Aden, the Arabian Gulf, the Gulf of Oman and a portion of the Arabian Sea or who served as a crew member of an aircraft or vessel supporting military

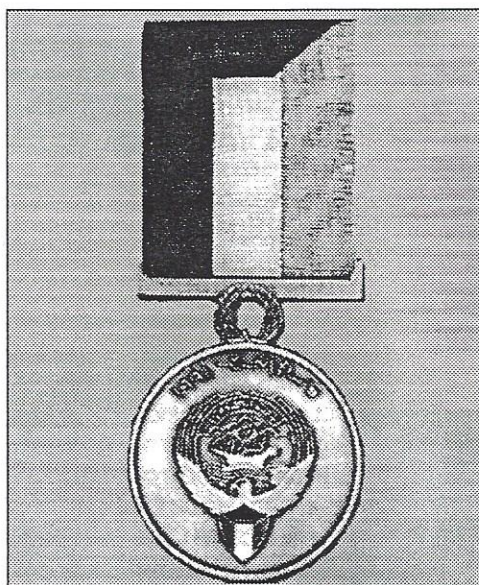
operations in the region between Aug. 2, 1990, and Aug. 31, 1993.

Other eligibility criteria include:

- Having participated as a crew member on one or more flights in direct support of military operations in the designated areas.

- Having served in southwestern Asia on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days.

The decoration also may be awarded posthumously to any service member killed as a result of participating in operations in the region. Air Force people will get the decorations through their wing or squadron commanders. ¶



Portsmouth, R.I. Police charged Gregory Rosa, 25, with a string of vending machine robberies in January. They believed their action was justifiable because Rosa (1) fled from police inexplicably when they spotted him loitering around a vending machine and (2) later tried to post his \$400 bail in coins.

My doctor told me my appendix had to come out. When I demanded a second opinion, he said, "That is my second opinion. At first, I thought it was your kidney."

—Gary Apple

AFSPA State Representatives

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This guy wore a brassard

by SSgt Walter P. Braveheart

Some memories of a really old air policeman, a 28-year veteran who loved every minute of it.

The early days at Hunter AFB, Savannah, Georgia, 1950-55

SAVANNAH WAS A MILITARY town. I had come straight from Air Police School at Tyndall and immediately fell in love with this smallish, colorful old town. It basked in the southern sun on the coastal marshes of Georgia. It was March and the azaleas and dogwoods were starting to explode with color, heralds of the steam and heat that would soon follow. Soldiers from Fort Stewart, marines from Parris Island and sailors from Jacksonville mixed with the airmen from Hunter AFB. There was a never-ending sea of uniforms that flowed like some strange multi-colored tide through the streets and squares of Savannah.

I thought then, and still do today, that Savannah was our town. It belonged to the boys in Air Force blue. The other military were merely visitors. We tolerated and sometimes fought them over the belles of our town. To us, the pawn shops, bars and drive-in theaters were as much a part of the base as were the snack-bar and barracks. The two, town and base, were so closely identified as to be one. It was all Hunter AFB as far as we were concerned. We could walk out the main gate on Montgomery Avenue and be downtown in forty-five minutes. We often made that walk when bus fare was hard to come by or a friend's car was immobilized by lack of fuel. This was a common occurrence even in those days when a gallon of gas cost 28 cents.

Hunter AFB was a fine base for a new guy. Especially an air policeman. As SAC bases go, it was small

and compact. You could walk from any squadron area to the exchange, theater, snack bar or bowling alley in just a minute or two. The barracks were all open bay types with a communal bathroom and shower area. The air police squadron area was all together. We had four flight barracks, an administrative building for the Commander, Squadron Clerk, First Sgt. and assorted staff, a building for the armory and training section and a small building for the base patrol people. Central

Care packages from home were communal property. Fatigues, underwear, civilian shirts and pants, shaving foam, tooth paste and those old two edged razor blades were loaned out or borrowed as needed. The barracks was one huge banking institution. We were all privates or PFCs who averaged about \$82.50 a month base pay.

On the first of each month one of the squadron lieutenants would hand us our pay in cash. Many of the guys were downright wasteful of the government's largesse and exceeded their \$2.75 daily allowance. Borrowing from a frugal buddy was an every day occurrence. Ten percent was the going rate of interest at that time, and ten dollars was the usual loan. I remember the loan business was really hot and heavy between the twentieth and thirtieth of each month. Pay backs were hell because you started out next month \$11 short. That meant you had to borrow \$20 around the twentieth to maintain your flamboyant life style. If it were not for the barter system that soon evolved, most of us would have ended up in debtor's prison. What you soon learned was that taking a buddy's latrine duty or doing his laundry was good for a couple of bucks or so. You could really make a killing if you took a guy's Honor Guard duty, five bucks minimum, often ten dollars if it was on a weekend.

Money talk aside, the real sharing in those days was emotional. We exchanged philosophies while sitting next to each other in the latrine, and knew each other as well as we knew ourselves. So we naturally shared the excitement of a new

SOME THINGS DO CHANGE



Security Control (CSC) was out on the flight line on top of a hangar. It was named StarLite. Life in the barracks was good. Each flight had its own barracks, housing about thirty men. We shared and shared alike.

girlfriend, the anguish of breakups and problems at home. Family problems were discussed by all of us; we knew when a buddy's family was



divorcing, getting back together or down on their luck. We knew when a sister was graduating or when a death occurred. We became a large "barracks" family. Working together was an adventure; we were young and new to the service.

As new air policemen, we were set on making our mark in the USAF. SAC's reputation and the harshness of duty as a "ramp rat" toughened us both mentally and physically. Our commander was in his fifties, an old World War Two bomber pilot, rough and tough talking. Demanding that we give our best, but a guardian in every sense of the word. No one could get to us except through him. He was a mere major, but colonels dared not attempt to bully our flightline sentries or base patrolmen. The flight sergeants were of the same mold. War veterans all, older men who had been

through it and evinced it in their talk, manner and stance. Our flight sergeant was a Merrill's Marauder in the Second World War. I imagine today's counterpart would be a mix of Ranger, Green Beret, and SEAL. Our flight sergeant loved us or hated us, depending on such contributing factors as the time of day, humidity, temperature or the quantity and quality of the beer he had consumed the night before. I'm positive that our youth and spirited nature contributed towards his frustrations with us. His language was glorious. We would listen in awe at his command of some of the choicest profanity, beautifully used at just the right moment to achieve the best possible effect. We would stand resplendent in sharply creased heavily starched fatigues. Black boots gleamed like liquid glass. Clean shaven and cropped haired, we stood so stiffly at attention we fairly quivered. As we listened to his instructions on how we were not to conduct ourselves on post, our hearts brimmed over with the majesty of the man. He was our protector, on and off duty. Like the "Old Man", the commander, we were his charges and he took the responsibility seriously.

A SENTRY POST ON A FLIGHTLINE



*SOUND OF A RIFLE BOLT SLIDING HOME

He knew us all. He knew when we were up and when we were down. He taught us responsibility, compassion and honesty.

The officers! Ah, the officers. There were two classes of officers, lieutenants and the rest. New lieu-

tenants were generally liked and obeyed. Not respected really, but we would never hurt their feelings. They were different from us, college boys who talked nice, with good manners, but dumb about the ways of the Air Force. They couldn't salute right, got left and right faces mixed up, and forgot about about-face. It didn't take us long to notice that the old flight sergeants were sort of educating them, without them really knowing it. The sergeants didn't cuss around the lieutenants because they didn't want them picking up that kind of language. It was almost as if cussing was reserved for enlisted men. At guardmount the sergeant would have the lieutenants stand aside a few times while they went through the procedures. Once the lieutenants caught on and got to doing things right the sergeant would fine-tune the procedure and eventually turn out a damned good bunch of lieutenants who were well respected.

Discipline was a part of our lives. A good part of it was necessary because it was what made us effective in our duty and in our relationships with each other. We respected our officers, sergeants and each

other. Punishments were usually handled by the flight sergeants if our goofs were not real serious. That meant punishment like cleaning weapons, vehicles, or latrines. Incidents on the serious side were Article 15 punishments. But the "Old Man" seldom entered it in our

201 files. We would get the punishment but not black mark in our records to hold us back when we warranted promotion. Courts martial was the big one. We had no sympathy for a guy who faced the big one. We knew he had it coming. Fair was fair.

In SAC the most important air police mission was the absolute security of mission aircraft, their crews and the weapons they carried.

I remember that each Air Police Squadron was pitted against all the others in the quest to be the best in SAC. I also remember that at the unit level each flight had the same objective. To be the best in the squadron. Our flight goal was to assure absolute security on the flight line and for special weapons regardless of location by establishing absolute control over the entire flight line and the special weapons area.

To us that meant that everyone entering our specific area of responsibility was stopped, absolutely identified and then watched the entire time they were in our area. It

worked! Air crews and maintenance people no longer displayed that "possessive" attitude toward their aircraft that used to result in their challenging us to stop our approach...now they stopped at the entry point and asked us for access to the aircraft. The same change of attitude came about at the special weapons area. The result was an outstanding level of security for SAC resources and a new-found respect for the air policemen. General LeMay referred to his air policemen as Tigers and I agree. It was a designation that was earned by the air policemen of the fifties and sixties. As an air policeman of that era I'm proud that today's security policemen are not only continuing in that proud tradition but have added to it—magnificently.

The Tigers at Hunter AFB displayed the same physical signs their ani-

mal counterparts did...particularly when the window of an ORI probability opened. It was then that the ramp rats would assume their post and start pacing, sniffing the air for the spoor of penetrators. Muscles tense, jaws tightening when someone or something approached their post. Each would ask himself, "Is this the penetrator?" Then there was a sharp intake of breath and accelerated heart beat followed by a rapid, almost instinctive snap of the weapon to the ready position and a simultaneous barking of the command, "Hit the dirt, spread 'em, don't move or you're dead!"

Aah, those were the Glory Days... Remember? ¶

From the Space Coast chapter's *Juggernaut*, Phil Hinman, editor

IACP honors 377th SPS for safety efforts

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION of Chiefs of Police (IACP) has awarded the 377th Security Police Squadron second place out of all competing federal law enforcement agencies for their efforts to promote safe driving and educate the community on traffic safety.

While the 1994 Chiefs' Challenge was open to all law enforcement agencies nationwide, Kirtland's security police squadron was the only Air Force unit recognized.

Agencies were recognized for achievement in the areas of seat belt and child safety seat compliance, impaired driving enforcement, speed control, and public information and education programs.

The IACP Traffic Safety Committee reviewed over 300 award nominations in selecting the winners, who will be presented awards at the annual IACP Conference in Miami this fall.

The recognition comes after a year of hard work by the 377th Security Police Squadron, whose dedication to community policing is paying dividends for the entire Kirtland community.

By actively enforcing traffic laws and educating the public on traffic safety issues, such as driving while

impaired and seat belt use, the unit has been able to make Kirtland's roads safer.

The majority of all efforts, especially the curtailment of drunk driving, was done by members of the squadron on off-duty time. ¶

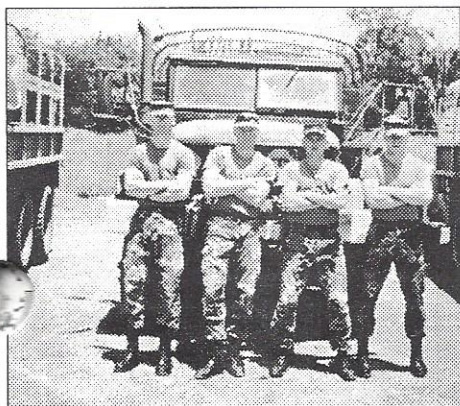


Colonel Harrel, 377 ABW/CC, congratulates Lt Col Cavit, 377 SPS/CC, and the 377th Security Police Squadron for earning 2nd Place in the International Association of Chiefs of Police Chiefs Challenge award for Highway Safety.

Competition

Eric R. Schunk, SrA, USAF

RECENTLY, WHILE DEPLOYED TO OPERATION SEA SIGNAL, JTF 160, Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba, I had the unique opportunity to compete in the first-ever Joint Task Force 160 All Services Peacekeeper Challenge Competition. There were a total of twenty-one teams from all services to include Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force SPs. There was also a civilian team from the Crisis Reaction Team. I was selected to be our team captain because of my previous experience with competitions.



The photo shows Bravo Company's team before the competition. From left to right: A1C Daryl L. Nash, 28th SPS, Ellsworth AFB, SD; Amn William L. Robinson, 28th SPS, Ellsworth AFB, SD; SrA William G. Mehringer, 60th SPS, Travis AFB, CA; and me, SrA Eric R. Schunk, 319th SPS, Grand Forks AFB ND

I am very pleased to say that with only a week to train together my team placed eighth. The competition was similar to SP courses I've run in the past with the addition of a water obstacle and three hundred yard swim at the end. The obstacle course we used was at the Marine Barracks with a mile and a half run up and down Marine Hill. The course was tough but, as usual, SPs overcame, adapted and managed to place in the top ten with those who made it for a living.

SP lessons learned

Extracted from the official records of Hq. USAF Security Police

1. **Submitted by:** HQ AFSPA/SPLE
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2. **Operation/Event:** Use of Deadly Force, Andrews AFB, MD, 1990

3. **Keywords:** Law Enforcement (LE), Deadly Force

4. **Title:** Law Enforcement; Use of Deadly Force

5. **Observation:** SP blocked exit route of vehicle driven by civilian white male, 35 years old, who had left the scene of a minor traffic accident after illegally entering base. SP exited vehicle and walked to position, placing SP vehicle between himself and subject. Subject exited his vehicle, called SP a derogatory name, walked towards him and threatened to kill SP. SP immediately called for back-up. Subject continued to walk towards SP as SP started to walk backwards away from subject. SP again called for back-up and made the comment, "I'm going to have to smoke this guy."

Subject eventually got close enough to hit SP in the face with closed right hand, grabbed SP's beret, threw it to the ground and struck the SP in the face again. Subject then grabbed SP's holster with his left hand and SP's gunbelt with his right hand. SP freed himself and pulled his 9mm pistol from his holster and held it at arm's length away from the subject.

According to his written statement, his intent was to get the weapon as far away as possible from the subject because he feared the subject would take his weapon and kill him. Subject lunged attempting to grab the weapon with both hands. At that point, the SP brought the gun forward and fired one shot into the left side of the subject's chest. Time from initial encounter was

approximately 60-120 seconds. Subject died a short time later and the autopsy revealed traces of PCP in his blood. Eye witnesses to the incident generally corroborated the SP's account.

6. **Discussion:** SP placed himself in a situation from which there was no escape without shooting subject or possibly becoming injured or killed himself. It was also, perhaps, a mistake to remove his weapon from his holster in an attempt to keep the subject from taking the weapon. It would probably have been more secure in the holster. Also, the bullet that killed the subject went through his body and was never recovered.

7. **Lessons Learned:** SP could have continued to keep his vehicle between subject and himself, therefore eliminating any physical contact, until back-up arrived. SP could have used an intermediate level of force, e.g. Mace, when it became clear that subject was uncooperative and uncontrollable or when first physically attacked. He should have kept his weapon holstered until he made the decision that deadly force was his last and only resort. The bullet used was a metal jacket ball cartridge (standard issue) and could have injured or killed someone behind the subject.

8. **Recommended Action:** Review training procedures to insure initial and recurring training emphasize control of violent subjects, weapon retention and the importance of waiting for back-up. Strongly emphasize, in our training, the likelihood and the dangers of the bullet passing through the intended target. HQ AFSPA should test present 9mm round and others to insure we are using the most appropriate bullet.

9. **OPR Comments:** None

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an official emblem even though the badges adopted in the recent past augment them.

During the war, many MP units added other distinctive emblems besides the brassard to identify their personnel as MPs: white helmet liners with distinctive insignia, white lanyards for pistols, white belts and holsters, white leggings. Although tolerated and sometimes encouraged by imaginative commanding generals, none of these was authorized. Still, they did allow MPs to show pride in their job, unit, and themselves.

In summary, the PMG set up the organization, articulated its doctrine, trained some of the personnel, and assigned them to units, and the units to the field armies and installations around the world. Afterward, those units came under their parent army or installation commanders. In the AGF every division had an MP platoon organic to it which numbered close to 100 men. Above divisions, corps and armies had larger MP units at their disposal to augment divisional forces. The AAF, in contrast to the AGF, attached their MP units to bases.

In the AAF, MP units conformed, more or less, to T/O 19-217--the official table of organization for "Military Police Companies, Aviation, Post, Camp, or Station." This T/O, in effect from 1 May 1942, incorporated two patrol sections (motorized and foot), a desk and record section, a traffic and gate section, and a criminal investigation section. The number of personnel assigned varied with the time and place as well as other wartime contingencies. Depending of local conditions, aviation MP units could expand or contract to meet the needs. Bill Burchardt, however, reports an unfortunate consequence of this flexibility when his unit, the 1275th, arrived at Goxhill, England,

in late 1943, they had so few men that everyone had to work four hours on, eight hours off for eight weeks until additional troops arrived. Under such conditions, morale tended to plummet. Perhaps some units had too many men for the job at hand, but presumably not for long.

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Milton A. Reckord, Major General and Provost Marshal General for the European Theater of Operations, wrote in *The Story of the Corps of Military Police [ETO]* that by 1945, "more than 10,000 MPs, stationed in Germany, Belgium, France, and the United Kingdom, guarded runways, hangars, bomb dumps and aircraft at all Air Corps installations." He credited the "almost complete absence of theft, tampering, and sabotage" to their efficiency and effectiveness. On one occasion to which he alludes, Ninth Air Force MPs broke up a gang of French civilians and AWOL American soldiers dealing in stolen

Army supplies.

While MPs were raiding the group hideout and questioning four soldiers, a truck drove up. Sgt Levi M. Dolloff, Needham, Mass., and Pvt Albert De Wilde, Pueville, La., ordered the two men in the truck to dismount. Instead the driver fired, wounding Dolloff. Pvt Frank J. Woods, New York City, killed the driver with a pistol shot but was wounded in the exchange of fire. Pfc Lawrence Allard, Attleboro, Mass., wounded the driver's companion. Thousands of dollars worth of rations, a jeep and two trucks were recovered.

While the aviation MPs aggressively pursued various criminals, they pursued their other duties more benignly. General Reckord, reflecting the PMG's doctrine of proper relationships between the MPs and rest of the Army, writes: "The day of the heavy-handed MP was gone. In his stead was the specially trained World War II MP, an expert in tact, common sense and diplomacy. Minimum force was used to carry out his task; his club was a last resort." This perception, while laudable, was not widely shared by the troops.

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AND THE CAT, SET OUT THE TRASH
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