

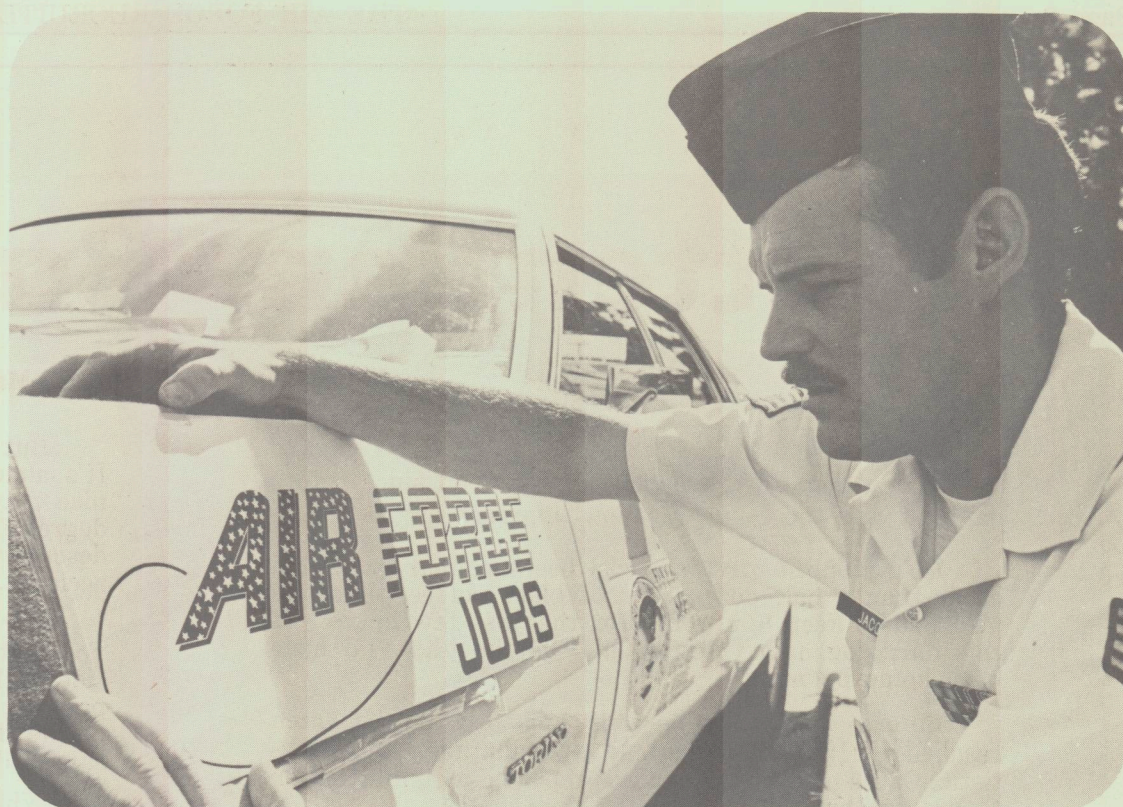
AF judges rate 'Recruiter' tops

For the second year in a row the **Air Force Recruiter** newspaper has been judged best in its class in the worldwide Air Force newspaper contest.

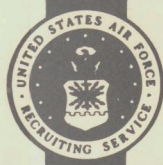
Second place went to the **News Review** of Air Force Systems Command and third was won by the **Intercom** of Air Force Communications Service.

One of six first place winners out of 114 entries in the annual competition, the paper is edited by Staff Sergeant David B. Drachlis, a native of California who has four years newspaper experience.

During 1974 other editors were Technical Sergeant Charles V. Majors, now chief, media branch, Publicity Division, and Master Sergeant Marvin N. Matter, who retired in November 1974.



INGENUITY WAS THE ORDER of the day for Staff Sergeant Ralph W. Jacob Jr., U.S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 303, as he prepared for a recent parade at Ft. Pierce, Fla. The recruiter combined various advertising and publicity display items to produce his entry. (Air Force Photo by Captain D. L. Toler)



The AIR FORCE RECRUITER

Air Power Starts Here

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AF film explains enlistment areas

"Tell It Like It Is," an old cliché in many circles, is the way of life in Air Force recruiting.

To reinforce the concept, U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service officials here are producing a new super-eight film. It explains the Air Force's four aptitude index enlistment areas (mechanical, administrative, general and electronics) and qualifying scores needed for certain jobs offered in each area, and should be released to recruiting offices throughout the country this month.

According to Major E. L. Johnson, Directorate of Advertising audio visual branch here, "Some people enter the Air Force knowing exactly what job they are going to have when they complete basic training. Their enlistment agreement guarantees training in a designated skill.

"However," he continued, "there are many others who de-

cide to join without a specific job—they enlist in a selected aptitude area. And this is where most of the misunderstandings occur. For example, a person enlisting into the mechanical aptitude area may truthfully feel that he is going to be trained to become some type of Air Force mechanic. As it may turn out, he might not be needed for mechanical training, and might be assigned as a vehicle operator. Both vocations are in the mechanical aptitude index area, but not all enlistees understand the situation. This film should help eliminate questions or misconceptions enlistees might have regarding their enlistment."

The nine-and-one-half minute color film, produced by Recruiting Service and the Air Force Audio Visual Service, features Captain J. J. Mannion, educational affairs division. He explains how jobs are assigned aptitude index area enlistees after they enter basic training. The as-

signments are based on three major factors: a job the Air Force needs, a job the enlistee can qualify for, and a job the enlistee desires.

"The new film," concluded Maj. Johnson, "will be distributed to all Air Force recruiting groups, detachments, offices and Armed Forces Examining and Entrance Stations. It will be shown to the prospective applicants during initial visits to the recruiting offices, so that the applicant is fully informed of the enlistment opportunities and programs."

'Popcorn' accompanies motion picture release

"Popcorn," a U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service Gold Medal award winning film, is being released to movie theaters across the country.

The eight-and-one-half minute color animated featurette supporting Air Force Reserve recruiting will accompany Paramount Pictures' release of "Murder on the Orient Express," an Agatha Christie mystery that features 15 top motion picture stars.

"Popcorn" will appear with each showing of the GP-rated "Express."

It was the only military film to win an award at the recent Atlanta International Film Festival in a contest featuring 2,000 entries from 32 countries. A super-eight cartridge version of the cartoon is being produced for Reserve recruiters throughout the country.

Ordered by the Directorate of Advertising, U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service here, it was produced by D'Arcy, McManus & Masius, a New York based advertising agency.

New distribution system begins

Air Force recruiters are now receiving important operational guidance from Headquarters U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service more rapidly.

A new system, the Operations Distribution System (ODS), enables headquarters here to dispatch operational instructions and update existing instructions directly to all recruiting locations.

One copy of each dispatch will go to each 99120 authorization at all U.S. Air Force Recruiting groups, detachments, offices, medical recruiting teams, and Armed Forces Entrance and Examining Stations.

"The system will be used to transmit only important information requiring immediate attention," explained Chief Master Sergeant Leland E. Farmer, noncommissioned officer in charge of recruiting operations and project officer for the new program. "It is designed to considerably reduce the time it takes this vital information to reach field recruiting personnel," he said.

Designed by Technical Sergeant Paul Seidel, of the accounts branch, Directorate of Advertising here, ODS is being administered by Dialogue Marketing, Inc., Peoria, Ill.

"A copy of the message to be distributed is sent via telecopier to Dialogue," explained TSgt. Seidel. "Using data automation equipment, they in turn reproduce and mail it simultaneously, within 48 hours, to all of the some 1,100 addressees."

Each item is numbered in sequence for easy monitoring and accounting. "To make certain the ODS works properly, detachments with offices not receiving the letters should notify the Directorate of Operation (RSO) through their groups," said CMSgt. Farmer. "And any changes in address, including office openings and closings, should be reported to USAFRS/RSAAA through channels immediately," he continued.

The first letter, ODS-1, was distributed Jan. 28.

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Inattention—Balderdash!

by Technical Sergeant Chuck Majors

It had been a long day and the airman was glad to be heading home. He had been on the road since before daylight and the hour was now approaching 10 p.m.

He'd stopped off for a cool beer an hour back, and other than a half dozen cups of black coffee, that's all he'd had to keep him going for the past few hours. "If this darn fog hadn't settled in," he thought, "I'd have been home by now."

Before the hands on his smashed wrist watch reached 10:15, he had become just another traffic statistic. Cause of the accident was reported as, "Inattention to Proper Driving Techniques."

Balderdash! "Inattention" hadn't killed him. He was tired, exhausted hadn't eaten all day, had consumed alcohol, and he was driving to fast on a fog-shrouded road.

But "inattentive" sounds better or nicer to some.

A friend of mine once noted, "It's too bad the report of a motor vehicle fatality can't be written before the accident happens. It would be so easy for the commander, supervisor, and friends to read it and take the necessary action to save the person's life."

But how do you counsel anyone about "inattention"? It's almost synonymous with "unthinking." It's just a nice way of saying "careless" which is just a small degree from "reckless." But none of these words truly describes the unsafe act committed which caused the accident.

Try these descriptions on for counseling purposes: Too fast for conditions; driving while drinking; wrong side of the road; did not have the right-of-way; improper passing; speeding. The list is endless. When you talk to people that way, there's no doubt what you're trying to say. Talk about "inattention," and it's anybody's guess.

Which leads us to the final "fickle finger of fate" — when you have to complete a vehicle accident report, tell it like it is for everyone's sake. Tell what the accident victim was doing at the time of the accident (going to or from work returning home after leaving the club, etc.), tell whether or not he was thrown from the vehicle, give the approximate speed he was traveling, and list any previous activities the person was involved in which might have contributed to the accident.

The time required to properly fill out a motor vehicle accident report might not help the victim, but it could add years to the life of your buddy, or your buddy's buddy.

It can't happen to me!

It can't happen to me!

That's a familiar phrase, but accidents do happen. And there's no guarantee that you'll be around tomorrow.

If something should happen to you, are you absolutely certain that your personal affairs are in order?

Surely, as a member of the U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service you have a will, sufficient insurance, and you know that the Air Force "takes care of its

own." But if your Air Force Form 246, Record of Emergency Data, is not correct, then your personal affairs are not in proper order.

Personnel officials here have noted that there is often a wide disparity between the local address of dependents reflected on the Form 246 and dependents' addresses listed in the personnel data system.

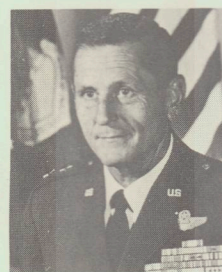
The Form 246 is the primary means of locating next-of-kin

in the event something happens to you. Naturally, it's in your own best interest to keep the document correct and up-to-date.

If you aren't sure of the currency and correctness of your Record of Emergency Data, contact your detachment personnel noncommissioned officer. He'll help you in filling out a new one.

After all, it can happen to you.

Ask the COMMANDER



Why do Air Force recruiters consistently get bogged down with forms and paperwork, when other service recruiting commands do their best to reduce redundant admin. paper mills? The Army and Marine recruiters sign a statement each month indicating the amount of "out-of-pocket" funds they expended. The Air Force? Reference the following that recently appeared in our detachment bulletin: "During a recent visit by the group budget officer, it was noted that out-of-pocket vouchers did not contain the names of the applicants or COIs listed. Although not incorrect, this procedure does not provide an audit trail. Effective immediately, ALL out-of-pocket vouchers will require the actual names of applicants or COIs listed." Sign me, "Need the money, but no time for paperwork." (Name withheld)

I can answer your question about why we require all the information for "out-of-pocket" expense reimbursement, however, I cannot justify why you feel "bogged" down with paperwork. In keeping with my policy to do things just a little better, especially where the spending of tight DoD resources is concerned, I feel it is necessary to have audit trails (means of determining where, when, why and how much) for money spent. The extra few minutes involved in keeping records of names are well spent in insuring the proper repayment of out-of-pocket money. This payment has been a hard fought benefit that is under constant attention from various agencies. Any actions necessary to preserve and protect this benefit for the recruiter must be taken. In this case, the paperwork is both necessary and desirable.



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A note from the commander

The word for 1975 is QUALITY.

Whether you believe in New Year's resolutions or not, our primary resolution, as always, must be to attract and enlist the highest quality person available to meet the ever increasing manpower needs of the Air Force.

You have done a good job in this regard in the past and I am particularly proud of your accomplishments. Together we have achieved an enviable position among all the services for consistently producing top quality enlistments and attaining all of our regular recruiting program goals.

Our task will be even more difficult this year because of recent changes to further improve the quality of Air Force people. The need for state certified GED certificates, the minimum composite aptitude score of 170, and other measures taken earlier this year, all combine to make it more difficult to achieve our goals. I am confident, however, you can do the job and that these measures are necessary steps to insure our Air Force continues to be the best in the world.

Thank you for your past accomplishments and let's maintain our drive in '75.

American Legion, AF commend six

ALAMEDA, Calif.—Six members of U.S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 606 here were recently commended by the American Legion and top Air Force officials.

Master Sergeants Gary J. Barnette and Dalton Duval, Technical Sergeant Gerald Collins, Staff Sergeants Joe Kelley and Gary Sanders, and Sector A secretary, Ms. Maria Castello received a certificate of appreciation, in letter form, from the 10th District Department of the California American Legion.

It was bestowed for an outstanding job, and effectiveness in gaining support and respect for the Air Force.

The certificate was endorsed by Secretary of the Air Force, John L. McLucas and General R. H. Ellis, Air Force vice chief

of staff. Secretary McLucas noted, "Our recruiters have managed to establish a rapport with the local community which is of vital significance in accomplishing the goals of our Recruiting Service."

Vernon E. Wilde, congressional liaison officer, American Legion, in the certificate, congratulated the recipients for doing an outstanding job. He said, "... you are a direct asset to the community in the excellent way in which you present yourselves in service for our country. This is a great challenge. You have achieved your goal." He concluded by encouraging them to keep up the excellent work.

The recipients are all assigned to the Hayward, Calif., recruiting office.



A ROLLING AIR FORCE poster was obtained for U.S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 208 by Technical Sergeant George A. Yorty with the help of Bucks County Prison officials and inmates.

CCAF accepts nine schools for affiliation

Nine additional Air Force schools have been accepted for affiliation with the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF).

This action means that upon successful completion of the schools, airmen will be able to receive semester hour credit on their CCAF transcripts.

The Air Force schools named as candidates for accreditation are: U.S. Air Force Senior-Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Academy, Gunter Air Force Station, Ala.; Air National Guard (ANG) Professional Education Center, Alcoa ANG Station, Tenn.; Air Force Logistics Command NCO Academy (including the NCO Leadership School), Robins Air Force Base, Ga. and Strategic Air Command NCO Academy and the Second Air Force NCO Leadership School, Barksdale AFB, La. Also, U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine, Brooks AFB, Tex.; Tactical Air Command NCO Academy, Langley AFB, Va.;

Aerospace Defense Command NCO Academy, Tyndall AFB, Fla. and the Allied Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Courses presently being taught at the Senior NCO Academy have already been added. Finalization of the courses at the other schools depends on when the appropriate documentation from the schools is received and analyzed by CCAF.

The decision to add the nine schools to the CCAF program was announced after the annual convention of the Delegate Assembly of the Commission on Occupational Education Institutions, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS/COEI).

Upon accreditation of these schools by SACS/COEI, they will become affiliate members of the CCAF.

Lieutenant Colonel Wade R. Kilbride, chief, CCAF professional relations division, said that 17 other Air Force schools are seeking affiliation with CCAF. (ATCPS)

HARRISBURG, Pa.—Technical Sergeant George A. Yorty of U.S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 208's Reading, Pa., office, enlisted the support of Bucks County Prison officials. With their help he got the talents of three inmates to refurbish a 1964 Rambler American sedan to give it an Air Force image.

TSgt. Yorty had acquired the car for \$100. It ran pretty well, but was dented and in need of a good paint job. With no funds to pay for the work, he turned to Warden Walter G. Scheipe to see if any of the inmates would do the work.

Although they normally work only on county cars, Warden Scheipe recognized the unusual circumstances surrounding the request and allowed three of the inmates to refurbish the vehicle, with TSgt. Yorty picking up the tab for \$60 worth

of paint out of his own pocket.

The trio, worked two weeks and turned out the red, white and blue product. One of the inmates was a professional painter.

"I drive it everywhere I go," he explained, "In parades, on

school visits and just around the town. People want to know who I am and its a form of recognition for the Air Force." Said TSgt. Yorty. "Once you get the kids attention," he said, "the questions about the Air Force start coming."

Vocational Testing Group tests one millionth student

The Armed Forces Vocational Testing Group last month logged the one millionth student tested under the Department of Defense High School Testing Program during the 1974-'75 school year.

Nineteen seventy four was the first time more than a million students had participated in the program during a single school year, and that milestone was not reached until March.

The actual figure on January 17, 1975 was 1,005,292, which is 176,566 more than were tested during the same period last school year. According to Colo-

nel Ralph S. Hoggatt, group commander, the figure is indicative of the continuing success of the program, and represents considerable effort on the part of many people of all services involved in testing.

The Army tested more than half of the one million-plus figure with a 55.2 percentage of the total number, followed by the Navy with 22.1 per cent. The Air Force tested 18.2 per cent, the Marine Corps 4.1 per cent, and the Coast Guard tested 4 per cent.

The goal for the current school year is 1.6 million students.

American Flag purchase prompts speaking tour

CHICAGO—The purchase of a standard United States Flag by a member of U.S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 501 has led to an unusual community relations approach here.

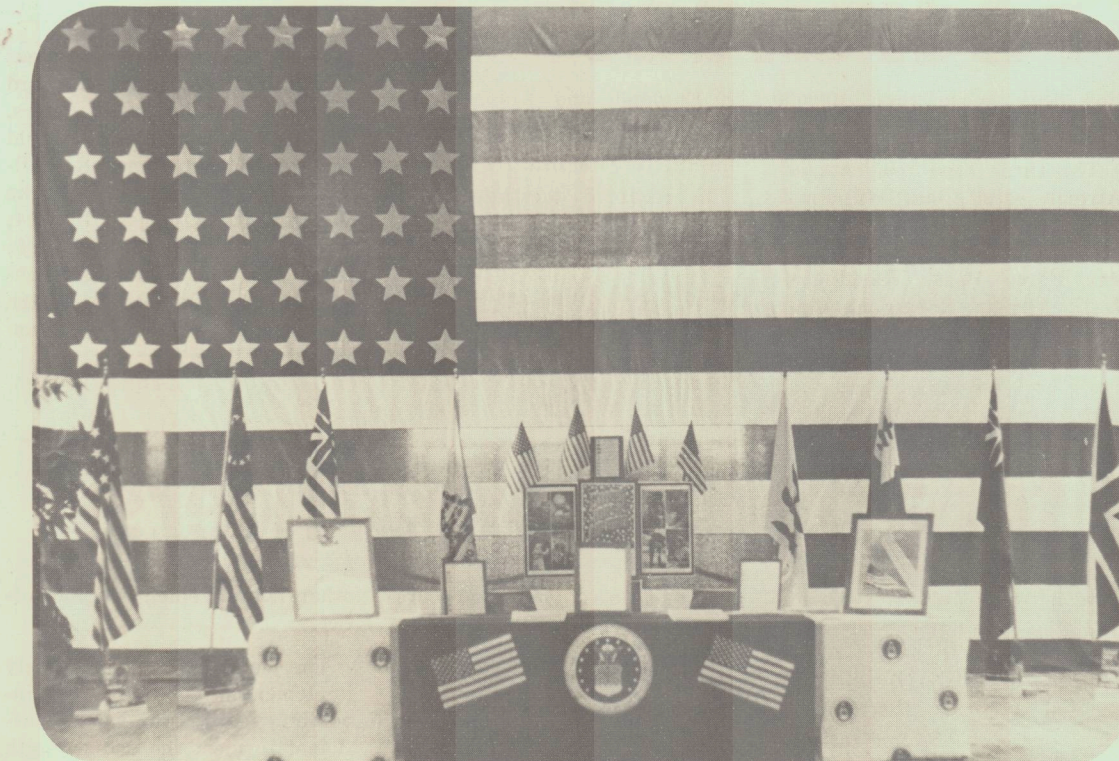
When Staff Sergeant Terry Brigham purchased an outdoor flag, he found an advertisement for a set of historical American flags and bought them.

Soon local merchants and high school faculty members learned of the flags and they asked about their history. Supported by his display, SSgt. Brigham began making presentations during which he describes how the American flag known today originated. Air

Force recruiting messages and displays are always part of his lectures.

During the past two years, he spoke to Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), American Veterans, and thousands of people attending Memorial Day observances throughout Illinois.

Highlighting the sergeant's collection is the South Chicago Centennial Flag which was handmade, and measures 18 feet by 30 feet. It took Mrs. Cecelia Bieggy of Chicago two years to complete. A gift to their VFW post, it has been displayed only three times since its first display in 1936 and is now on loan to SSgt. Brigham.



A HISTORICAL AMERICAN FLAGS set combined with Air Force recruiting material makes an attractive display for U.S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 501. The flags which belong to Staff Sergeant Terry Brigham, a detachment recruiter, have led to an unusual community relations approach. The large handmade flag is on loan from a Chicago Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

146 to add another stripe

Eighty-four technical sergeants and 62 staff sergeants assigned to U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service have been selected for promotion.

Two technical sergeants assigned to Headquarters, U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service here, have been selected for promotion to master sergeant. They are Kenneth L. Kuhn and Frederick Russell.

3501st USAFRG

Personnel in the 3501st U.S. Air Force Recruiting Group (USAFRG) identified for promotion to master sergeant are Technical Sergeants Joshua Sargent, group headquarters; Chester F. Beres, James C. Farmer, Jr., and John L. Giles, U.S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 103; Raymond S. Marino, Det. 104; Francis Narsavage, Det. 106; James F. Cox, Frank R. Luchart, and Leslie R. J. Nichols, Det. 109; and Stephen A. Hale, Det. 110.

Selected from the 3501st USAFRG for promotion to technical sergeant are Staff Sergeants David E. Ogle and Robert Schmitt, Det. 102; Norman F. Chaney, Jr., John J. Irvine, and James K. Zischke, Det. 103; Charles Coaxum, Victor L. Collins, and Eugene A. Zmarzly, Det. 104; Maurice P. Maia, Walter A. Norton and Joseph M. Pryor, Jr., Det. 109; and Albert T. Richmond, from Det. 110.

3502nd USAFRG

From the 3502nd USAFRG, "soon-to-be" master sergeants are TSgts. William Smith, Jr., group headquarters; Walter E. Stokley, Det. 204; Gary Thomas, Det. 206; Joseph J. Hall, Jr., Raymond W. Ross, and William J. Wheeler, Det. 208; Cary J. Laine and Leslie C. Vanhorn, Det. 209; Curtis May, Jr., and Donald G. Miller, Det. 210; and Anthony R. Ciccone, Det. 215.

Selectees for technical sergeant are SSgts. James E. Brazzell, James A. Hudson, Jackie L. Johnson, and Joseph H. Stout, Jr., Det. 204; O. T. Harris and Morris L. Johnson, Det. 206; F. J. Wojciechowski, Jr., Det. 208; and George E. McDermott, Det. 210.

3503rd USAFRG

3503rd USAFRG master sergeant selectees are TSgts. Russell G. Caudle, group headquarters; Herbert Highfield and William L. Pollard, Det. 301; James A. Forrester, David D. Highsmith, Audrey D. Kelley, Francis P. Secula, Philip W. Shaw, and Larry T. Smith, Det. 302; Delmer K. Best, Grattan DeBartolo, and Stanley R. Maynard, Det. 304; Jerry L. Ballard, Emmett B. Burton, and Jerry R. Poole, Det. 306; Will R. Culrins, Lonnie H. Howard, Charles

R. Hutton, and Ernest F. Peacock, Det. 307; and from Det. 311, Don W. Kemp and Jim L. McInturff.

Selected for technical sergeant in the '03rd are SSgts. Kenneth D. Laumer, group headquarters; Bobby L. Dennis and Gerald M. Yochim, Det. 301; John D. Parker, Det. 302; Robert E. Blake and Thomas G. Lovett, Det. 304; Ernie A. Bone, Det. 306; and

Charles A. Binkley, Det. 307.

3504th USAFRG

In the 3504th USAFRG, promotions to master sergeant will go to TSgts. Johnnie L. Almon, Robert G. Cummings, and Carter H. Mattis, group headquarters; Elmer L. Mayberry, Jack R. McGivney, Donald R. Poteat, and Capers H. Sullivan, Det. 402; Genie M. Massengale and Lois E. Morrow, Det. 404;

Bobby J. McGee and James E. Roberts, Jr., Det. 406; Philip Dematteo of Det. 407; Willie J. Landry, Jr., Det. 408; and David J. Galvan, Rodolfo Garcia, Wini-berto Garcia, Jr., Jose Lopez, Jr., and Joe L. Medina, all assigned to Det. 410.

Being promoted to E-6 are SSgts. Jessie Pope, Jr., in the '04th headquarters; Timothy C. Keely, Det. 408; Johnie W. Jen-

nings of Det. 409; and Hector J. Alaniz, Frank Hickman, Jr., David B. Murphy, and Richard W. Stites, Det. 410.

3505th USAFRG

On the list of master sergeant selectees from the 3505th USAFRG are TSgts. Donald J. Haygood and Donald T. Jones, Det. 500; and Albert T. Phillips, Det. 514.

Picked for promotion to technical sergeant in the 3505th are SSgts. William E. Rowe, headquarters; Clarence L. Mueller and Christian Thomasson in Det. 504; and Harry L. Moore, Larry N. Whitt, and Clinton E. Yokley, Jr., Det. 514.

3506th USAFRG

Soon to don master sergeant stripes in the 3506th USAFRG are TSgts. Joseph G. Akens, Frank E. Cox, Jr., and John L. Melting, Det. 603; David W. Lewis, William R. Topor, and Robert B. Uppman, Det. 608; L. B. Burkley, Jr., Det. 609; and Robert E. Baggett and Abelino A. Duran from Det. 610.

Staff sergeants assigned to the '06th who have been identified for promotion to technical sergeant are Robert A. Cote-raz, group headquarters; Phillip E. Dudding, Holger H. Ingoldby, and David S. Lewis, Det. 601; Patrick Farabaugh of Det. 603; Alton Pitts and Gary Sanders, Det. 606; Alfred L. Stone, Det. 608; Lawrence T. Maloney, Det. 609; and Ronald Hershberger from Det. 610.

3507th USAFRG

Ten technical sergeants in the 3507th USAFRG have been selected for promotion to master sergeant. They are James W. Higgins, assigned to group headquarters; Phillip C. Connolly, Richard Loffredo, and William R. Osteen, Det. 701; Wesley E. Ackley and William F. Cook, Det. 702; Thomas P. Crowley and Walter E. Thompson, Det. 704; Ivy L. Armstrong, Det. 706; and from Det. 707, Michael B. Shimon.

Technical sergeant selectees in the '07th are SSgts. Edward L. Cooper and Richard R. Peters, Det. 701; James Haivala, Harold G. Leclaire, and James R. Phillips, Det. 703; Thomas S. Burke and James G. Kingsley, Det. 704; Vernon C. Hlavac, Det. 705; from Det. 706, Ronald L. Vanhoozier; and Kenneth P. Mellan and Ronald W. Nunn, Jr., assigned to Det. 707.

In England, and Amn. Wayne Edwards, a jet engine mechanic, enroute to MacDill AFB, Fla.

In recorded messages, they said they are happy to be in the Air Force and urged friends to contact Air Force recruiters at the Tremont Street recruiting office.

with more than 100,000 daily listeners.

The three area residents are Airman First Class William J. Roberts, a medical services specialist, on his way to Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C.; Airman Robert E. Blair, a Morse system operator, who is heading for an assignment



THANKING HIS AIR FORCE recruiter publicly is Airman Robert E. Blair, one of three new Air Force members who stopped at WMEX radio in Boston to record messages of gratitude. The three thanked Technical Sergeant Bill Anable, a U.S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 109 recruiter, and urged their friends to contact his office.

Airmen publicly thank recruiter

BEDFORD, Mass. — Three airmen enroute to their first duty assignments stopped in Boston to publicly thank their Air Force recruiter.

They broadcast their gratitude to Technical Sergeant Bill Anable, a U.S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 109 recruiter, on WMEX radio, a sta-

tion with more than 100,000 daily listeners.

The three area residents are Airman First Class William J. Roberts, a medical services specialist, on his way to Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C.; Airman Robert E. Blair, a Morse system operator, who is heading for an assignment

under these voluntary programs.

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TERRI'S REWARD after spending days working on a dormant pile of nuts, bolts, wires and tubing, is to hear the engine she repaired spring to life with an earth-shaking roar. The Jeannette, Pa., native, got her start in Air Force jet engine maintenance from Technical Sergeant Carl Clark, a U.S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 210 recruiter. (Courtesy Photo by Jim Edwards)

by Staff Sergeant David B. Drachlis

RELAXING WITH HER GUITAR, Terri enjoys singing and musical composition. Her music reflects satisfaction with her job and the Air Force. (Air Force Photo by Airman First Class Dave Brown)



The sheet metal roof of the old, converted hanger chattered slightly as four thundering engines lifted a huge Air Force tanker into the brisk, clear Southern California sky.

An abandoned wisp of burnt jet fuel floated under the hanger doors and was swallowed by the heavy odor of solvent and engine oil. Now distant, the tanker's roar surrendered to the clinking voice of tools echoing through the cavernous structure.

This is Terri's world—a world of nuts and bolts, wrenches, dirty fingernails and an occasional scraped knuckle—but she loves it.

Airman First Class Terri Ann Ponzetti is an Air Force jet engine mechanic at March Air Force Base, Calif. And when one of the big tanker engines needs work, her job begins.

Its the 19-year-old Jeannette, Pa., native's responsibility to tear apart the 5,000 pound conglomeration of nuts, bolts, wires and tubing; find and repair the problem, and put it all back together. If anyone can do it, and do it well, Terri can. The first woman to attend jet engine maintenance school at Chanute AFB, Ill., she was graduated first in her class of 13 men.

Her work day usually begins at seven as the winter sun pokes its first rays over the mountains surrounding Riverside, Calif., site of the Strategic Air Command base.

Pass the shop anytime before 4 p.m. and you'll find Terri wearing a pair of well-washed green fatigues, with her head in the mouth of a KC-135 aerial refueling tanker engine.

For the most part, after four, Terri's time is her own. Weeknights she attends Chapman College where she is working toward a bachelors degree in engineering. Her reasons for attending are as sure as her goals. "I want to become an Air Force officer and would like to be a flight test engineer," she related.

She plays guitar, sings and composes a bit. And her music reflects satisfaction with her job. She recently wrote a song about the beauty aircraft lifting off the runway. Enjoying anything related to aircraft, she also builds model planes.

It's Terri's world and she loves it

But when the base goes on alert, it is a new ball game.

She remembers well, the cold bite of the night air as she has, on several occasions, headed for work at two or three in the morning.

Sometimes when there is a backlog of engines to repair the work day stretches to 12 hours and occasionally includes Saturday. But this doesn't seem to bother the blue-eyed energetic young woman. "We're all in the same boat," she explains, referring to the men she works with. "Besides, you have to keep the engines working so the aircraft can fly."

Wherever she is, in uniform or out, Terri proudly wears the insignia of her trade—the unmistakable trace of grease around the fingernails.

"You never really get all the grease off your hands, unless you stop working for awhile," she explained, "But it doesn't bother me. I usually associate most with the people I work with and they understand. Others sometimes ask about my hands, and I tell them, because I'm proud of the work I do."

Terri enjoys telling people about her job, and enthusiastically briefs visitors to the shop.

Although indoors now, Terri has worked on the flight line. She still heads in that direction to lend a hand during her spare time.

"I really like that too," she grinned. "But it is a little different. You are out in the elements exposed to wind, rain, sun and cold and there's some pretty strenuous work too."

She recalls her temporary assignment to Hickam AFB, Hawaii. "We had to change an engine during a rain storm in Hawaii, and we got drenched. It was a pretty big storm too. It washed some houses along the shore into the sea."

While at Pease AFB, N.H., she helped a crew chief replace a light on an aircraft.

"I had to climb out on the wing, throw a sling over the aircraft and climb up on top of the plane," she said. "The view was great."

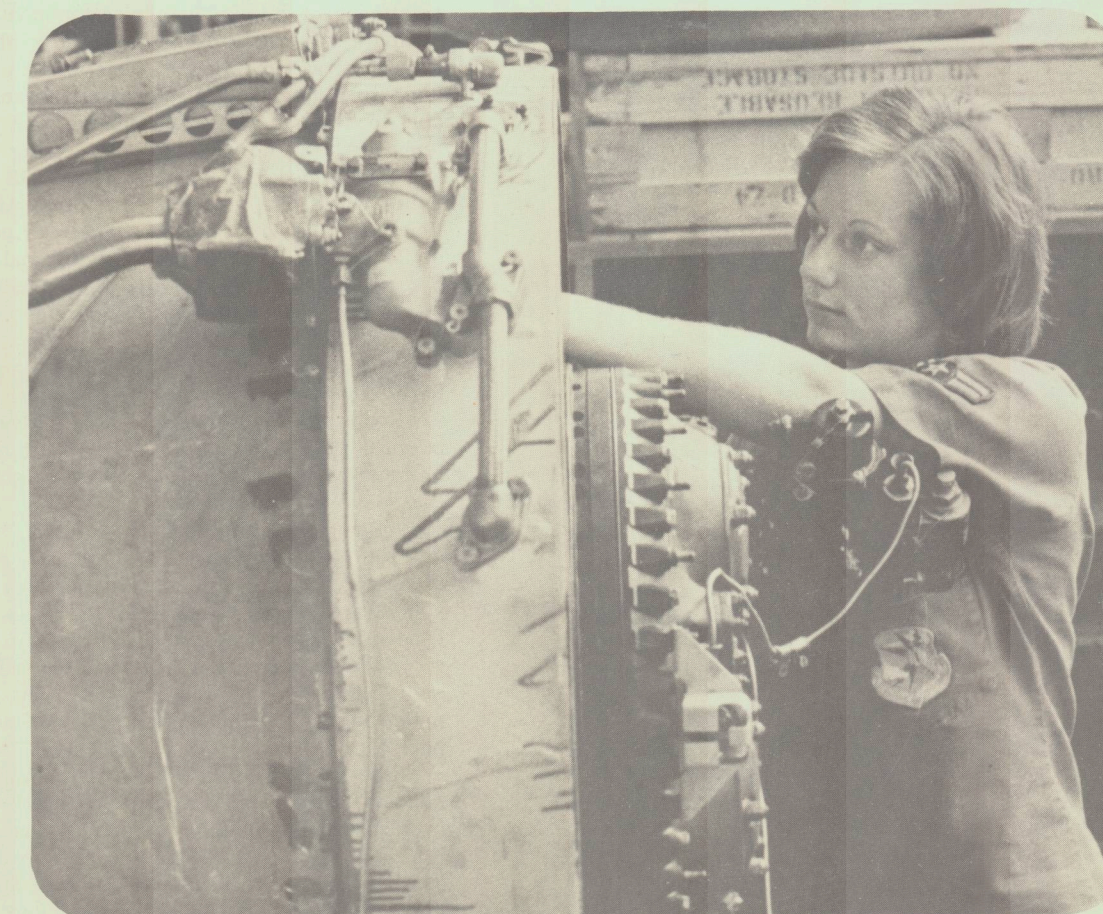
Although she takes her work seriously, it has had its lighter moments. "In Hawaii, I called the tower to request permission to run up an engine—I guess they had never heard a woman do that before—everything went silent. Then the controller said "Oh! . . . Ah. O.K."

Ask Terri if she is a women's libber and her answer is a quick, emphatic, almost hushed "No! It just seems that men have all the interesting jobs."

Today, Terri has one of them in the Air Force and is enjoying every minute of it.



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A JET ENGINE MECHANIC, assigned to March Air Force Base, Calif., Terri is responsible for repairing the huge KC-135 tanker engines. (Air Force Photo by Airman First Class Dave Brown)

She's a cop



PATROLLING A waterfront area in Washington, D.C. are Airman First Class Altheria Watkins and Marine Corporal James R. Capers.

by A1C Rose Haspadora



AIRMAN FIRST CLASS Altheria Watkins is issued a .38 caliber pistol and ammunition by Marine Corporal James R. Capers, as she prepares for a patrol.

Professionalism and femininity, sparkling eyes and fierce determination, plus 5 feet 1½ inches of enthusiasm, add up to an Air Force member of the Washington Armed Forces Police contingent. She is A1C Altheria Watkins.

Altheria grew up in Canton, Ohio, with a sister and five brothers. She learned early the emotional and physical needs of other human beings.

"I think that one of the main influences on my choice of career," says Altheria, "was the juvenile delinquency I saw as I was growing up, and the effect that juvenile courts and counselors had. They often helped individuals to redirect their lives. From there, I became interested in adult programs and criminology."

For three years, Altheria attended the Oregon College of Education with a major in corrections. While in college, she worked in a home for juvenile offenders. There, she learned more about what influences people to commit crimes and how important other people are in reaching out and touching young minds.

She visited Oregon State Penitentiary and noted the positive effects of people programs aimed at normalcy. For a year, she worked as a deputy sheriff in Oregon.

Altheria has very definite views on law enforcement and the treatment of human beings. "We have," she states firmly, "to re-evaluate the structure and meaning of a prison. We must punish people for a crime against society, but physical incarceration does not have to extend to psychological incarceration. A person has to be able to develop, grow, and change, and find out about his own problems. He can't do it if he's just sitting in a cell."

She joined the Air Force in 1973 to gain more experience in police work. She trained at Lackland Air Force Base, Tex., and participated in all activities that the men performed. She learned to fire an M-16 rifle, a 12-gauge shotgun, and a .38 caliber pistol.

From tech school, Altheria was selected to join the elite unit known as the Washington Armed Forces Police, a group of 104 men and women from the four military services.

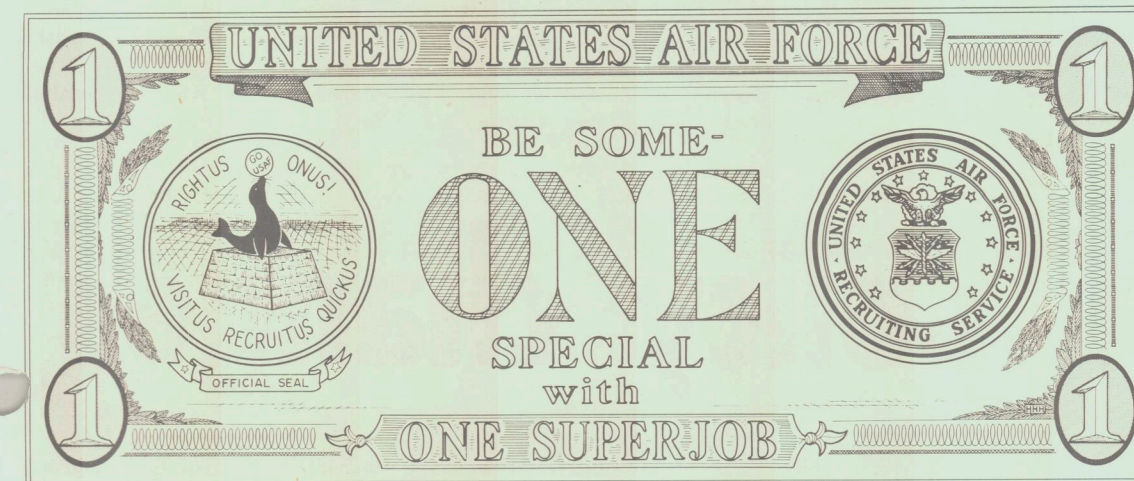
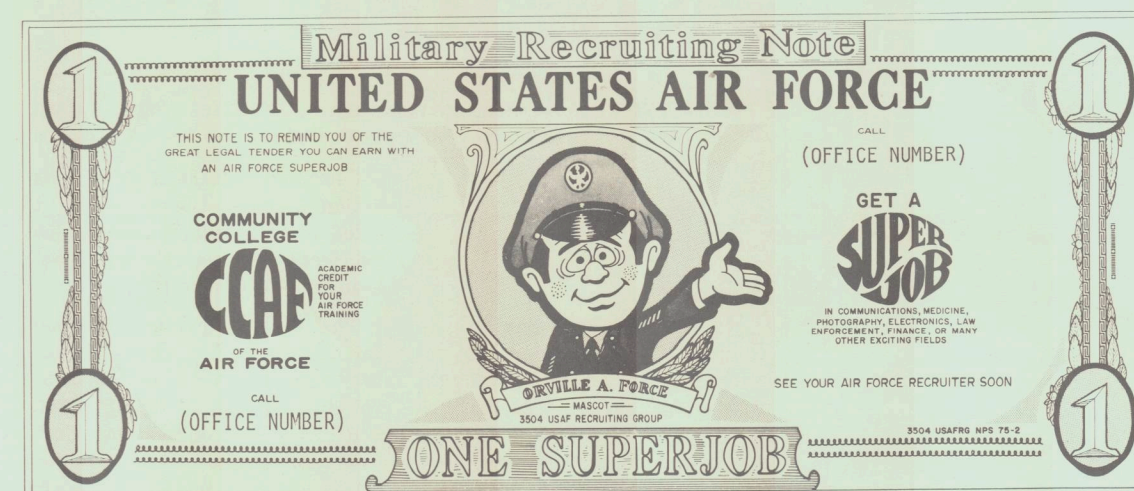
Altheria explains, "My personal opinion is that women have long been needed on police forces. A woman has more resources to draw upon than a man. She is especially needed to deal with cases that concern women and children where, if necessary, she can draw upon her maternal instincts. Only about eight per cent of police work is too rough physically for women."

"Being out on the road, on patrol, is my favorite job," she says. She rotates equally with the rest of the staff as desk clerk. "You can't separate the easy and challenging jobs," Altheria emphasizes. "If you always place yourself in the slide-by positions, when it comes time to make a decision that means life or death, you might not do so well. On patrol, we drive all around the Maryland, Washington, and Virginia area. We don't do a lot of footpatrol, but we check potentially high-crime places like the bus station and National Airport."

She has helped apprehend three AWOL suspects while on patrol, handcuff, and bring them in. "I find," she says, "that when I talk to a suspect he usually tries to be nice and not belligerent. Perhaps it's because I'm a woman that there's less of a hassle. I would try every tactic before I would use my weapon. We learn how to use the night stick, and riot stick and psychology. If you shoot someone, you better be darn sure that you and your partner's life is in danger and that you have made the right decision."

On the job, Altheria considers herself to be accepted as a coequal. She stands firmly on the ground of professionalism. "I'm not looking for them to treat me like a man, but I do expect them to treat me as a person, here to do a job the best I possibly can. If a woman doesn't worry about her own sexuality, then others won't either." (AFNS)

'04th prints recruiting 'bills'



LACKLAND AFB, Tex.—The 3504th U.S. Air Force Recruiting Group, here, is helping stretch the Air Force recruiting dollar. They're printing "Recruiting Dollars" which are actually handbills promoting Air Force enlistments.

The group originally had 108,000 of the special "bills" printed. Technical Sergeant Hal Hudgins, an advertising and publicity noncommissioned officer and part-time artist, was chiefly responsible for their creation.

"Because of the unique design, we feel that many people will keep, rather than discard them," said Major Frank M. Benton group advertising and publicity officer. "Recruiters can use the 'dollars' as a promotional item at fairs and other exhibits. And with a mailback card included, it becomes an effective direct mail item," he explained.

On the handbills, the group's mascot, Orville A. Force, is featured.

Each recruiter will have his own personalized series of the recruiting "bills" printed with his office number in place of the serial number on the real dollar.

"Initially, we printed them for two or three offices in each detachment," said Maj. Benton. "The results were so successful that we have printed more than 736,000 so far, and if the trend continues, we should exceed the 1,000,000 mark soon."

"We hope to cut the expenditure of real dollars by using the inexpensive 'Recruiting Dollars' to help attract Air Force applicants," concluded the major.

Falcon brings home the 'bacon'

OMAHA, Neb. — A U.S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 705 sector supervisor's unusual hobby has helped spur community relations in his area.

Senior Master Sergeant William Bullard is a falconer, and a promoter of wildlife conservation, specifically birds.

The sergeant who is responsible for recruiting in the eastern two-thirds of South Dakota speaks to wildlife groups and high school assemblies about his hobby. When speaking, he wears his uniform and always puts in a plug for the Air Force.

SMSGt. Bullard has been interested in falcons for six years. He and his son, William Jr.,

have "rescued" many birds since they began the hobby.

As members of the National Falconers Association, the Bullards work closely with ornithologists and veterinarians. On several occasions, they have received birds with broken feet, and wings which they have nursed back to health and released. Birds in really poor condition are sent via air freight to Iowa State University for repair, according to the sergeant.

"I must admit, this gets awfully expensive," he said, "but to us it's more than worthwhile."

SMSGt. Bullard estimates he has more than \$1,000 invested in his hobby.

The sergeant's most recent falcon, Athena, was a good provider for the Bullard family table. It captured 18 rabbits, one duck and one pheasant.



PREPARING FOR A HUNTING trip are Senior Master Sergeant William Bullard and his falcon, Athena. SMSGt. Bullard is a sector supervisor assigned to U.S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 705. The sergeant speaks to groups about falconing and wildlife conservation and always manages to get in an Air Force recruiting message.

U.S. Air Force Photos by
Captain Chester R. Justice

ATHENA, A FALCON, has captured many a meal for the Senior Master Sergeant William Bullard family.



THE F-16 air combat fighter has been selected for full-scale engineering development by the Air Force.

AF selects new fighter

WASHINGTON — Secretary of the Air Force John L. McLucas announced that the General Dynamics Corp., Ft. Worth, Tex., YF-16 has been selected for full-scale engineering development as the F-16 air combat fighter.

Northrop's YF-17 has been in competition with General Dynamics and the YF-16 lightweight fighter prototypes. The decision in favor of General Dynamics was based on cost and technical engineering proposals submitted by the two companies for fabricating the air combat fighter. Results of the prototype flight testing, conducted at the Air Force Flight Test Center, Ed-

wards Air Force Base, Calif., were included in the evaluation.

Secretary McLucas said this action includes the award of a fixed price incentive contract to fabricate 15 engineering development F-16 aircraft.

The F-16 is being developed for the U.S. Air Force inventory as a relatively low-cost supplement to more sophisticated and costly weapon systems. Current Air Force plans call for introduction of the F-16 aircraft into the active Air Force inventory by the early 1980s with deployment of some 200 of the planes to U.S. Air Force units in Europe.

Base housing policy changes

WASHINGTON — The Air Force has announced a major revision of its policy on assignment to military family housing. The new policy will provide a better opportunity for lower ranking personnel to obtain on-base quarters.

The new change will be in effect for all permanent change of station personnel arriving at a new installation April 1, 1975, or later. Major commands will be allowed to change over to the new system earlier than April 1, 1975, if all necessary preparations can be accomplished prior to that date.

There are several sweeping changes involved. The most significant one does away with the system of assigning housing solely on the basis of rank. Under the current system, lower graders are continually "bumped" down the waiting list by higher ranking personnel. Under the new policy, once a waiting list is finalized for the month in which an individual's name is entered he cannot be "bumped" by anyone else (except key/mission essential personnel or hardship assignments).

Enlisted military family housing will now be divided into two categories; one category will be for grades E-4, 5, and 6 and the other for E-7, 8, and 9. Applicants will compete for housing with appropriate number of bedrooms, only within their category, along with their "peers." Commanders will have the authority to assign "out of category," if vacancies exist, to insure total occupancy.

The advance application system will be extended worldwide. Assignment to appropriate waiting lists will be based upon effective application dates.

The current overseas system of assignment in accordance with date departed the continental United States (CONUS) and Department of Defense CONUS points will no longer be used. The effective date of the advance application will be the first day of the month prior to the month in which the individual states he/she will arrive at the new installation (in overseas areas, effective date will

be the first day of the month prior to date departed CONUS month). Individuals who do not submit an advance application will be placed on the appropriate waiting list on the date they walk into the housing office to apply.

Under the new system, an E-4 will be placed below E-6s and E-5s for the month he enters the waiting list but will not be "bumped" by E-6s and E-5s added to the list in the following months. This procedure will

allow Air Force to retain the "rank" factor within a given month, but will achieve a "first come—first served" policy on a month-to-month basis.

Officer military family housing categories will remain unchanged (general officer, senior officer, field grade officer, and company grade officer). The new procedures for assignment to waiting lists will also apply to the officer grades, except for general officers and senior officers (O-6). They will continue to be placed on waiting lists in accordance with current procedures.

Civilians assigned to military family housing in overseas areas will no longer be restricted to the current five-year occupancy limitation, except when there is a waiting list of other eligible civilians.

To preclude individuals currently on waiting lists for military family housing from losing their current position, the present waiting list at each installation will be "frozen" just prior to the changeover date to the new system. Those individuals will then be placed on the new waiting lists, against their category of housing, in their respective position. This does mean, however, that the new procedures will not be fully implemented until current waiting lists are exhausted.

Any questions concerning the new policies can be answered by local housing managers. (AFNS)

B-1 bomber makes maiden flight

WASHINGTON — The B-1 strategic bomber recently completed its first flight.

The aircraft took off from Air Force Plant 42 Palmdale, Calif., and landed at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., 1 hour and 25 minutes later.

The B-1 was rolled out of Rockwell International's final assembly facility at Palmdale Oct. 26. Since then, it has undergone ground engine tests, final checkout of aircraft subsystems, a series of low- and high-speed taxi tests and an extensive review of the aircraft's readiness to fly.

The first flight assessed the B-1's low-speed flying qualities. After takeoff, the aircraft climbed to 10,000 feet where subsystem operation and flying qualities were evaluated, throttle transient tests and afterburner lights were conducted and the B-1's airspeed system was calibrated. The crew then brought the aircraft in for a landing at Edwards AFB. All tests were conducted with the landing gear down at a top airspeed limited to approximately 180 knots.

Crewmembers for the first flight included Rockwell's Charles C. Bock, Jr., pilot; Col. Emil Sturmthal of the Air Force

Flight Test Center at Edwards AFB, copilot; and Richard Abrams, Rockwell flight test engineer.

The aircraft is currently being tested at Edwards AFB. Results will be used in making the B-1 production decision, currently scheduled for November 1976. If approved for production in late 1976, the first production B-1s could enter the Air Force inventory at the end of the decade.

The B-1 has been designed to serve into the 21st century as a part of the Nation's strategic deterrent forces.

Only two-thirds the size of the B-52, the B-1 will be able to carry nearly twice the payload — faster and far more effectively. Its "quick reaction" takeoff and nuclear hardening will assure its survivability should any enemy attempt a surprise land- or submarine-launched missile attack. Its faster speed, its ability to fly at treetop altitudes, and its reduced radar cross section will give it a greater capability to penetrate an enemy's most advanced defenses.

Air Force Systems Command's Aeronautical Systems Division at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, is responsible for overall B-1 system development. Maj. Gen. Abner B. Martin is the B-1 program director.



THE B-1 BOMBER lifts off the runway at Palmdale, Calif., on its recent maiden flight. Lasting 1 hour, 25 minutes, the mission assessed the aircraft's low speed flying qualities. Upon completion, the B-1 landed at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

Here 'n there in Recruiting

Advisor visit

The senior airman advisor at Chanute Technical Training Center, Chanute Air Force Base, Ill., recently toured several Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois cities on behalf of U.S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 702. Chief Master Sergeant Ray McLaren, attended center of influence breakfasts, lunches and dinners, and spoke to educators and high school students about Air Force technical training — especially that which is conducted at Chanute.

Sergeant commended

Staff Sergeant William A. Laton, Jr., a U.S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 606 logistics noncommissioned officer was presented the Air Force Commendation Medal, first oak leaf cluster, recently. He earned the award for meritorious service while noncommissioned officer in charge of the research section, 91st Supply Squadron, Minot Air Force Base, N.D. Lieutenant Colonel William A. Luther, Det. 606 commander made the presentation.

Marine appreciation

Master Sergeant Robert D. Holloway, an Air Force recruiter assigned to U.S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 402 recently received a U.S. Marine Corps Certificate of Appreciation for "outstanding service rendered." The Tucson, Ariz., recruiter received the award from Major Gene W. Bowers, officer in charge of Marine Corps recruiting in Arizona. MSgt. Holloway said, "I try to help the applicant out. If I don't have a job for him or her, I take him over to the Marine office."

Joint Service Commendation

Sergeant George W. Jones, III, a member of U.S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 204, recently received the Joint Service Commendation Medal for meritorious achievement while assigned to the testing unit at the Armed Forces Examining and Entrance Station in Richmond, Va. The sergeant was cited for energetic application of his extensive knowledge which materially contributed to the mission of the U.S. Army Recruiting Command.

Controller of the Month

Airman First Class Gerard P. McNally, Jr., is the Accession Control Center Controller of the Month. The 19-year-old administrative specialist from Niagara Falls, N.Y., enjoys sports and building model aircraft. He was honored for dedication, motivation and loyalty in his work.

50,000 watt assist

Two popular disc jockeys at a 50,000 watt Los Angeles radio station recently received an autographed photograph of the Thunderbirds, the Air Force aerial demonstration team. Al Lohman and Roger Barkley received the picture from Technical Sergeant Guy Sann, a U.S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 610 recruiter. The photo was presented to the personalities for their support of the Air Force recruiting mission.

Business card caper

Several Air Force recruiters recently failed to receive their business cards on schedule. It seems they put the wrong address on their order form. Member Taylor, chief of the reproduction management branch, Air Training Command, explained that both the address printed on the cards, and the address to which they are mailed is taken from the order blank. He urged recruiters to double check addresses, especially zip codes and whether the office is situated on a street, boulevard, avenue or road.

Sales aid

When Technical Sergeant Bernard A. Barton, a U.S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 304 recruiter, talks to a prospective applicant about travel opportunities in the Air Force, he uses a home made sales aid. It is a globe, built by his son, Bernard Jr., with the help of his mother, and it is marked with the 39 countries the sergeant visited during his seven years as an aircraft flight engineer.

Head linesman

Master Sergeant Dave Mason, a U.S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 102 sector supervisor, has discovered that being a head linesman football official for 43 New York high schools helps his recruiting effort. Through his off-duty involvement with high school sports, he has developed many valuable centers of influence.

All alone

Captain Evelyn A. Strobel, U.S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 302 nurse coordinator was recently elected secretary-treasurer of the Navy Jax Toastmasters Club. She is the only woman in the group composed primarily of Navy officers.

Five from one

Efforts of U.S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 304 recruiter Staff Sergeant Rick Harris, recently culminated in the simultaneous enlistment of five young men from Lithonia, Ga., the largest group of young men to enlist from there.

More families

Staff Sergeant Alden C. Hampton, a member of U.S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 601 has recruited his wife. Mrs. Judith Hampton is scheduled to receive training as a medical material specialist upon completion of basic training.

Welcome aboard

Lieutenant Colonel William H. Miller recently joined the staff of the programs division, Directorate of Advertising here. He was chief of the studies and analysis branch, Management Analysis, at Headquarters Strategic Air Command before his assignment here. Welcome aboard.



THE GONZALES BROTHERS—Major General B. L. Davis, U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service commander, Randolph Air Force Base, Tex., greets the Gonzalez brothers following a ceremony during which he administered the Air Force oath of enlistment to three of them. They are (from left) David, a sergeant, Ferdinand, a technical sergeant, Victor, and John, sons of Mrs. Lupe Gonzales of San Antonio. Victor and John enlisted for the first time, Ferdinand reenlisted, and David is scheduled to reenlist next month but was on hand to wish his brothers well. Ferdinand, a San Antonio Air Force recruiter, enlisted his triplet brothers.

Triplets plus one, equals Air Force togetherness

When Mrs. Lupe M. Gonzales, of San Antonio, is approached about her son in the Air Force, she asks, "Which one?"

In a brief ceremony here recently three of her sons received the oath of enlistment from Major General Bennie L. Davis, U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service commander, while her fourth son, a sergeant assigned to Lackland Air Force Base, looked on. He reenlists next month.

She offers, he accepts, they post

by SSgt. Frank Miccolis

MILFORD, Conn. — The Glen Mortensens of U.S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 106 are a brave family! Him for asking — her for accepting.

When the call went out recently for help with Detachment 106's annual massive mailout campaign, Staff Sergeant Glen Mortensen, detachment personnel technician, did what any red-blooded recruiting type would do — he volunteered the assistance of his wife.

Actually, Mrs. Mortensen, volunteered her services without having to be asked. "I'm home all day, with the children in school," she quipped, "so I thought I'd lend a helping hand."

She admits, however, she had no idea she would be processing more than 34,000 mailouts to prospective applicants. The Mortensen children, Gina, 10, and Shelly, 7, often assisted in the project which took slightly over two weeks to complete.

The Mortensens' have been in Connecticut since 1971, and say they love it. If this is any indication, recruiting is truly a family affair.

The four Gonzales brothers now wearing Air Force blue are Ferdinand, a technical sergeant, David, a sergeant and medical administrative technician at Wilford Hall, and the two latest additions, John and Victor, who began their initial enlistment.

TSgt. Gonzales, a veteran of 16 years' service and a recruiter assigned to U.S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 410 in San Antonio, took his oath of enlistment for the fourth time. He recruited his triplet brothers.

50,000 view recruiting film

PITTSBURGH—Cooperation between Air Force recruiters and the management of a theater chain has produced extensive publicity for U.S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 210 here.

Nearly 50,000 Pennsylvania and West Virginia movie-goers have seen an Air Force recruiting film, viewed Air Force displays and seen outdoor recruiting advertising. It all came about, thanks to T. M. Manos, executive vice president of the Monessen Amusement Company.

He arranged a 56 day showing of the film "Who Has Touched The Sky," at 25 com-

pany theaters. Working with theater managers in their areas, many recruiters set up exhibits in theater lobbies during the showing and arranged for several outdoor theaters to display the recruiter's name and address on their marquees while closed for the winter.

Mr. Manos saw the film when it was presented by Air Force Recruiting Service at the National Association of Theater Owners early last year and was anxious to show it.

He was presented a certificate of appreciation for his support of the Air Force recruiting mission.

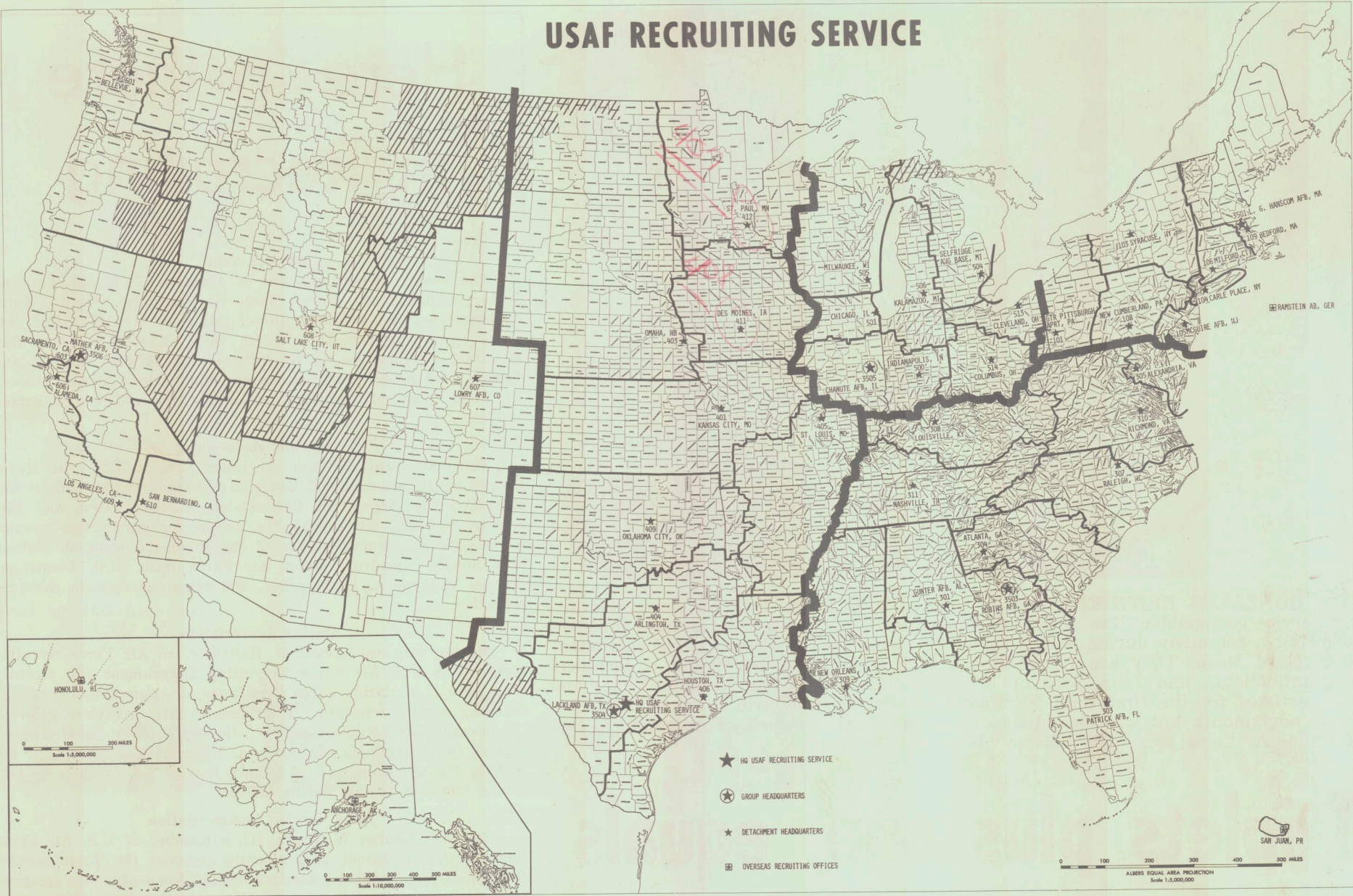
Eleven officers complete AF recruiting course

LACKLAND AFB, Tex.—Ten Air Force officers and a member of the Air National Guard recently completed the recruiting officer course here.

Members of the class were Lieutenant Colonel Francis B. Anderson, U.S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 703 commander; Majors Patrick Broussard, Det. 504 operations officer; and Richard E. King, 3504th U.S. Air Force Recruiting Group (USAFRG), operations division chief; and Captain David A. Abend, advertising and publicity officer at Det. 406.

Capt. Alan M. Forker, 3507th USAFRG production control officer; Bernard Little, Det. 210 support officer; Jeri Minterfer, Det. 303 nurse coordinator; Douglas Patterson, executive officer, Headquarters U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service; and Christine A. Ratajczak, Det. 609 nurse coordinator, also attended the class.

The Air National Guardsman was Capt. John L. Nidiffer, 130th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Tulsa International Airport, Tulsa, Okla.



THE ABOVE MAP was recently published by Headquarters, U.S. Air Force Recruiting Service and depicts the geographical boundaries of the five U.S. Air Force Recruiting groups and 38 detachments which will be in effect on July 1, 1975.

3504th Group leads production competition

The 3504th U.S. Air Force Recruiting Group (USAFRG) led Air Force Recruiting Service production competition at the half-way mark of fiscal year 1975.

During the first six months of the year, the Texas-based group amassed 89,055.667 cumulative competition points and held first place in three of the four achievement trophy categories.

The complete breakout follows.

July 1, 1974 - December 31, 1974 Cumulative Production Competition Points

POS.	GROUP	POINTS
1	3504	89,055.667
2	3503	73,736.325
3	3506	55,409.285
4	3502	54,372.148
5	3501	51,663.966
6	3507	46,412.068
7	3505	36,265.514

July 1, 1974 - December 31, 1974 Achievement Trophy Points

Nonprior Service Male			Nonprior Service Female		
POS.	GROUP	POINTS	GROUP	POINTS	
1	3504	41,796.050	3504	3,678.052	
2	3503	39,783.018	3503	3,506.524	
3	3506	31,150.317	3506	3,502.558	
4	3501	31,035.336	3507	3,480.558	
5	3502	28,237.050	3501	3,279.372	
6	3507	25,878.651	3502	2,942.789	
7	3505	25,150.201	3505	2,655.263	

Officer Training School, Male			Medical Procurement		
POS.	GROUP	POINTS	GROUP	POINTS	
1	3504	21,590.076	3504	19,929.084	
2	3503	13,314.909	3502	15,960.572	
3	3506	7,455.090	3503	14,904.650	
4	3507	6,269.842	3506	12,098.830	
5	3501	5,556.048	3501	10,453.828	
6	3502	5,503.458	3507	9,812.636	
7	3505	3,543.311	3505	3,582.802	

DoD resumes drug urinalysis

The Department of Defense resumed urine testing for drug detection the first of this month.

The test is being administered in the same manner as prior to its suspension July 18, 1974. However, a major change in the program policy involves persons identified by the tests as drug users. They no longer will be subject to less than an honorable discharge as a result of test findings.

This major change will also apply to persons who voluntarily turn themselves in under the Limited Privileged Communication Program (LPCP). Under the old LPCP and urine testing policy, a drug user could be given a general discharge under honorable conditions. This new program marks a significant change in DoD policy toward drug users by minimizing punitive or adverse administrative actions.

For example, persons found by the urine test to be drug users may not receive less than an honorable discharge based on the test results. These personal protections do not apply to evidence developed separately by law enforcement or investigative action.

Since 1971 it has been Air Force policy to identify and provide treatment for members who abuse drugs and to return them to duty whenever possible. While

the urine test has proven in the past to be an effective means of identification, other methods have been refined over the past three years which are equally effective and have identified the bulk of Air Force drug abusers.

Law enforcement actions continue to be the primary means of identification as the total number of drug abusers identified and returned to duty continues to rise.

Air Force officials point out that, under the new system, the order to provide a specimen is a lawful order, since the sample cannot be used for self-incrimination. Therefore, they say, a service member who refuses to take the test may be prosecuted under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Pennsylvania recruiter dies

A U.S. Air Force Recruiting Detachment 209 recruiter, assigned to Pottstown, Pa., died Jan. 21 in a private automobile accident.

He was Staff Sergeant Peter P. Krasnay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Krasnay of McAdoo, Pa. He is survived by his parents, widow Bonarum and daughter Kimberly.