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News briefs

President asks for support

President Ronald Reagan has asked all federal employees and military personnel to "join with me in supporting the Combined Federal Campaign."

The CFC, he said, combines the annual fundraising efforts for all military members and federal employees for the United Way, the National Health Agencies, the International Service Agencies, the National Service Agencies, local non-federated voluntary agencies and the American Red Cross.

"Through voluntary giving, we prove what individuals can do on their own without having to go through government channels," President Reagan said. "We can help relieve pain and problems now and fund research to keep them out of our future."

"In America, we have traditionally accepted the responsibility of voluntary giving for good causes. The values that cause us to care for our neighbors, our countrymen and people around the world are the values that make us great." (AFNS)

Vets to lose benefits

Time is running out for some 900,000 veterans to use educational benefits of the GI Bill, now in its 37th year.

About one-fifth of 4.3 million eligible veterans will lose their eligibility for benefits this year, according to the Veterans Administration. The law permits a veteran to use the education benefits within 10 years following discharge from service, or by Dec. 31, 1989, whichever is earlier.

A new program, which requires financial participation by service personnel, is available for those who entered the military after Dec. 31, 1976.

Veterans who need information on GI Bill eligibility should contact the nearest VA regional office. (AFNS)

Extensions reflect attitudes

Increased extensions reflect a "wait-and-see" attitude regarding pay and compensation, say Air Force Manpower and Personnel Center officials at Randolph AFB, Texas.

Extensions rose by 10,000—from 75,000 to 85,000—from October 1980 through April 1981. And extensions for "personal reasons" were 77 percent higher in the February through May 1981 period than the same period in 1980.

Two versions of the military pay bill are being considered—one linking the amount of raise to rank and years of service and the other giving an across-the-board raise.

The targeted raise is part of the Jepsen-Exon military pay bill being considered by the Senate. The across-the-board increase is part of a House version of the bill.

Under the Jepsen-Exon version, pay raises would be graduated by rank and years of service. For example, an E-1 would get a 7 percent raise. An E-2 would get 8 percent and so on. The proposed upper limit is 22 percent.

The House across-the-board raise applies the increase equally to all ranks and to pay and allowances. The figure being considered is 14.3 percent.

Both versions also propose increases to other benefits.

After the two versions are forwarded to the full Congress, more work will be needed to come up with a single bill to be signed by the president. (AFNS)



PLOTTING—Sgt. Gary E. Hodges plots a suspicious weather area off the coast of Mexico. With other members of OL G, Coral Gables, Fla., he's ready to go into action when

there's a storm brewing. For story and picture see Page 3. (U.S. Air Force photo by SSgt. Jennifer Smith)

Join spouse

Fact sheets available on assignment decline

To ensure Air Weather Service military couples are aware of the expected decline in the approval rate for join-spouse assignment requests, the Air Force Manpower and Personnel Center will soon be mailing a fact sheet to military couples through their base personnel office.

AFMPC officials said they will continue efforts to keep military couples assigned together, but Air Force requirements are the basis for all assignment actions.

As the numbers of couples increase and they attain higher grades, available positions decrease, which lessen the possibilities for a join-spouse assignment.

The fact sheet explains the

reasons why the current 95-percent approval rate cannot be maintained, and what military couples can do to ensure that they are considered for a join-spouse assignment.

"We're concerned that military couples are under the impression that a joint assignment is guaranteed," said Capt. Robert A. Hooper at AFMPC's Special Assignment Policy and Control Section.

"Many couples make career and family decisions believing that they will always be assigned to the same location," Captain Hooper said. "But with the number of military couples doubling over the last five years, joint assignments are becoming more and more difficult to make."

The number of military couples has increased to more than 20,000. As these couples attain higher grades, matching skill and grade requirements for both at the same location becomes more difficult.

"We're not expecting the bottom to fall out," Captain Hooper said, "and we'll continue to do our best to assign couples together."

"However," he continued, "military couples should consider the increased potential for assignments away from their spouse in the future."

Additional fact sheets and information are available from customer service centers in CBPOs. The OBSERVER will print more information as it becomes available.

OBSERVER to change hands

Responsibility for the Air Weather Service OBSERVER will change hands this month when SSgt. Ethel S. (Sue) Shearer, takes over as the new editor.

Beginning with the October

issue, Sergeant Shearer, a public affairs specialist assigned to Headquarters Air Weather Service, will be in charge of the newspaper.

For questions or information on the OBSERVER, contact her at Autovon 638-2065. Submissions for publication should now be sent to HQ AWS/PA, Scott AFB, IL 62225.

Command line . . .

Visits will continue to newest part of AWS family at Chanute

Early this month, Chief Horn and I visited the Chanute Technical Training Center, Ill., where we spent parts of two days in very informative and productive visits.

We had the chance to interact with the staff of the weather branch, discussing all three areas of instruction: the weather specialist course (observer); the weather technician course (forecaster); and the specialized courses (station chief, satellite interpretation, etc.). I want to share some of my observations with you, and tell you about some initiatives we will undertake.

I had the opportunity to meet with all the weather people in all the courses; the instructors whose schedules permitted also attended this session, held in the base theater. I was very glad to have the chance to tell them (some 250 people) where Air Weather Service is, what recent changes we've made, something about the major issues we're facing, and what initiatives we are working at this time.

The theater session lasted for a little over one hour, with most of that time spent responding to questions. An evening get-together, and a facilities tour, gave

Chief Horn and me additional opportunities to discuss current issues and individual concerns with weather people in both classroom and social situations.

I want to focus on "weather people" students in the observer course will soon be "our people"; students in the forecaster and specialized courses are already "our people"; and the military members of the instructional staff will one day return to AWS, so as the functional manager for the 251XX AFSC, with a bit of license from the CTTC, I would like to call them "our people" too.

The point I would make here is that in both an individual and corporate sense, all these people are fundamentally members of the Air Force's weather family. All the weather people at Chanute need our recognition; they need our encouragement; and they have the same appetite for information on what's going on in AWS as do their peers at any of our worldwide units. We must not lose sight of this.

Some observations regarding the technician (forecaster) course:

- The TDY course is tough—the days are long and the pace is rapid. But our people are hacking it! A

tribute to them!

- The instructors are very motivated—dedicated to seeing everyone who can (and is willing to work) succeeds in the course. I did not meet one instructor, officer or NCO, who doesn't like his job. They find great reward in graduating people who are prepared to launch into the forecasting business. They go at their work like true professionals. Our hats are off to them!

- Everyone has worked very hard to get ready for the conversion to the PCS forecaster course. The new curriculum calls for an eight-hour class day, but the hectic pace and the amount of homework should be reduced by scheduling only five hours of lecture and three hours of laboratory work each day. The PCS course will be 22.4 weeks long, and will allow more emphasis on analysis to demonstrate the practical application of theory.

- I want to emphasize the importance of the Forecaster Preparatory Program. We in AWS, and the Chanute staff, firmly believe that a person significantly improves his ability to handle and complete the forecaster course if he diligently works through the

FPP before going to Chanute.

Data at Chanute supports this conclusion. So start it early.

- All the weather people at Chanute are to be recognized and congratulated for their intense interest, keen desire, and will to succeed—that strengthens AWS—you are our future.

Here are some actions we will take, all of which have the support of Maj. Gen. Norma Brown, commander of the CTTC, and Col. Gerald B. Lasko, 3350th Technical Training Group commander.

- Either I, or one of the AWS wing commanders, will continue to visit Chanute, on a scheduled basis, every six to eight weeks.

- Chief Horn and wing senior enlisted advisers will be encouraged to visit Chanute at least as frequently as their bosses do. When AWS senior enlisted advisor conferences are held at Scott, these seven "chiefs" will attempt to visit Chanute as a group for an overnight stay.

- Members of the HQ AWS staff will be encouraged to visit Chanute for orientation, familiarization and fostering of an even better, closer working relationship between AWS and the CTTC.

- And finally, we will prepare a



Brig. Gen. Albert J. Kaehn Jr.
AWS Commander

PCS forecaster course fact sheet, which will be sent to all AWS units worldwide during October. It will cover course content, PCS requirements, application procedures, assignment actions after graduation, and information on housing—class start dates will also be included.

I came away from Chanute with a keen awareness of the items of concern there—but buoyed up by the spirit and will of our AWS people, and the dedication and intent to succeed of the weather branch staff.

I said it before, and still believe it—Chanute is our lifeline. We will continue to focus corporate attention there. I'm optimistic—let's meet the issues head-on—General Brown and her staff will help and support us. Together we can handle it! Keep pitchin'!

Enlisted line . . .

Feedback shows Chanute-bound folks find things upbeat, positive

If you've finished this month's Command line, you've probably gotten the impression that General Kaehn has an extraordinarily good feeling about what's happening at Chanute U. So have I.

As one who has spent a large slice of his adult life inside the Chanute gates, let me tell you that I've never seen things so upbeat or so positive. Since all the wing enlisted advisers will join me there for a two-day visit in mid-October, there'll be more feedback later on specifics. For now, I'd like to pass on a few thoughts about the new, longer, PCS forecaster course—things anyone looking forward to attending should know now.

By the time you read this, you should have seen the PCS forecaster course fact sheet, dated Oct. 9. If you haven't, ask your detco or station chief for it. It should tell you everything you need to know about the PCS course, including assignment considerations, housing while in school, and class dates. If there's some info missing, please ask.

First, housing. You'll find the Chanute family housing folks super-cooperative. They know your situation and they understand

what you'll be going through. They've pledged to do their very best to make your stay at Chanute as pleasant and comfortable as possible. As you'll see in the fact sheet, our Operating Location C at Chanute (CMSgt. Ellington and SrA. Reinke) will do everything they can to smooth out the move for you.

That's the good news. The bad news is bachelor housing. To put it bluntly, there just isn't very much bachelor housing of any kind available at Chanute. What that means is, if you plan to arrive unaccompanied, plan to live off-base. If you're single, you'll draw basic allowance for quarters. If you've left the family behind, you'll already be drawing BAQ—you can't get any more. You'll have to find (and pay for) your own accommodations because you elected not to bring your family.

This general lack of quarters for bachelors, by the way, is not unique to Chanute, so please don't blame the Chanute billeting people. I'm telling you how it is now so you'll be able to make the best decision for you (and your family), knowing all the facts.

The billeting officer will do all he can to help you get squared away, but he simply cannot do anything for you in the long term. If you do plan to attend unaccompanied, I suggest you get in touch with AWS/DOT (CMSgt. Denton) or OLC and start thinking about sharing quarters with other bachelors. Good news: There are plenty of reasonably-priced apartments in and around the area.

A late change to the fact sheet under the temporary living quarters section: The billeting officer says that students with families can call in for TLQ reservations 60 days before reporting. That number is Autovon 862-2277.

Now let's talk class quotas. As you know, forecaster school attendance is now voluntary; i.e., you decide when you want to go and work out the details with AWS/DOT. We'd very much like to keep it that way, even though it's a lot bigger workload for Chief Denton in DOT.

I'd be blowing smoke, however, if I told you that mandatory selection hasn't been discussed or that it isn't a possibility.

We must keep the classes full.

We'll continue the extra workload inherent to the "voluntary" program—and will go to mandatory selection only when it's clear we have to do that to meet class quotas. I guess that leaves it up to you, the eligibles.

The 7-level school is mandatory. We want you to stay in our business. That says you "gotta go sometime!" Trust me—you're a lot better off influencing your own choice of class dates than having someone else make that decision for you.

Class choice isn't the only advantage here. As a volunteer, odds are you'll be able to make a better post-graduation assignment deal. As a forecaster-qualified 251XX, I can assure you a better chance for promotion to staff sergeant. And you'll feel better knowing it was your decision and not "the system's."

We must keep the schoolhouse full this year and graduate as many forecasters as possible—that's all there is to it. You, the pool of school eligibles, are the answer to our forecaster manning problems. Help yourself and AWS by grabbing off a class now.



CMSgt. George M. Horn
AWS Senior Enlisted Adviser

As an aside to the school issue, you may have missed the news that the troublesome "Catch 22" in the selective reenlistment bonus law has finally been eliminated. The Armed Forces Pay Act of 1981 (H.R. 3380) did away with subtraction of SRB credit for "previously obligated service" (up to two years) imposed by extensions of enlistment.

In effect, you are no longer penalized for doing what amounts to the right thing; i.e., extending to attend forecaster school or accept an assignment. We're pleased with that, and we hope you are, too.

Brig. Gen. A. J. Kaehn Jr.
AWS Commander

SSgt. Michele Crenshaw
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Observers, forecasters undergo rigid training

By SSgt. Richard T. Reck
"Chanute-East" is how people of Det. 13, 5th Weather Squadron fondly refer to their organization.

Once they arrive at this detachment on Felker Army Airfield, Fort Eustis, Va., newly assigned observers and forecasters quickly find themselves thrust into a rigorous certification process—much like the technical school disciplines they thought they'd left behind at Chanute AFB, Ill.

Observers train early, and constant but loose supervision allows for errors and learning early in the process.

As training progresses, things get tighter, to simulate pressure of actual on-duty responsibility.

Forecasters must undergo the same type of program, even down to the "grilling." This ensures observers really do know local directives and requirements, and forecasters can explain in the daily forecast discussion what has really taken place over the last 24 hours and what will probably happen in the next 48.

The program works—the detachment has an average level of two years experience, but ranks among the best in 5th WS.

Technical instruction has been praised by Military Airlift Command, wing, and squadron inspectors.

"We try to impress the degree of importance we place on technical readiness," Detachment Chief CMSgt. Robert W. Overby said.

"Under wartime conditions, the forecaster may not have access to all the progs and model forecasts which are used every day. They must be ready to do without.

Training is not limited to just observing or forecasting alone. The program contains a bridge which spans the gap between the two functions.

The Forecaster Training Program is designed to integrate knowledge and experience acquired by observers and expand it to provide a sound foundation on which Chanute technical schools can build the basic forecaster.

Chief Overby says he wouldn't hesitate to recommend the unit's training program to anyone.

"I've seen it work here, and I'm convinced it can work anywhere," he said.

Just like tech school? Almost... but with an important difference—this is the real world!



CHANUTE EAST—SSgts. Jerry Spencer and Richard Reck discuss the main features of the 700-mb analysis. Forecaster discussions are an

integral part of the learning process at Det. 13. (U.S. Army photo by Sp5 Connie Reynolds)

Flights provide data for hurricane forecasts

By SSgt. Jennifer Smith

The satellite picture showed a counter-clockwise rotation of clouds located off the east coast of Mexico near Veracruz. Immediately, a WC-130 hurricane hunter from the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron at Keesler AFB, Miss., was dispatched for a closer look at the suspicious area.

When there's a storm brewing or conditions are right for one to spawn, Air Force members assigned to Operating Location G of the Air Weather Service go into action.

Co-located with the National Hurricane Center in Coral Gables, Fla., the unit coordinates and tasks hurricane hunters to provide aircraft reconnaissance data

transmitted from the weather aircraft. Their area of responsibility spans half the globe from 0 to 180 degrees longitude in the Northern hemisphere.

Every 15 minutes the meteorologist on board gathers wind direction and speed, barometer readings and other data and transmits it back to the chief,

aerial reconnaissance coordination, all hurricanes, as the operating location is commonly called.

With this first hand information hurricane center forecasters are able to prepare hurricane forecasts and warnings.

In this instance, the storm moved inland and dissipated before becoming well-developed. Normally, the hurricane hunting aircraft fly training missions in the Gulf of Mexico area. When the season gets busy, normally during the June to November hurricane season, they may fly up to five missions a day.

So far this year hurricane tracker crews have spent 77.7 hours inside the storm areas. Flying at 10,000 feet above sea level inside the developed storm, the meteorologist can obtain optimum weather information, explained Robert E. Hairston, chief, aerial reconnaissance coordination, all hurricanes. The condition in well-developed storms at this altitude correlate to that on the surface, he said.

"We're the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration forecasters' right hand," Mr. Hairston explained.

When they need special storm information the unit schedules one of 10 WC-130 reconnaissance aircraft from the 53rd WRS or 920th Weather Reconnaissance Group from Keesler AFB to get it. In addition, NOAA also has two WP-3 Orions and a WC-130 instrumented for research.

In the 21 years with the unit (six as an Air Force member) and three years flying hurricane hunters based in Bermuda, Mr. Hairston has seen many storms closer than most people would even dream of. "It seems like I've been doing this all my life," he said.

Last year's Hurricane Allen had the lowest barometric pressure ever recorded—899 millibars—but, since it weakened after coming ashore in Texas, it didn't cause much damage. The worst storm he's seen in recent years was Hurricane Camille which hit Biloxi, Miss., in 1969.

In addition to hurricane missions, the unit also schedules reconnaissance for winter storm missions along the east coast of the United States. Data gathered on the flights is used by the National Weather Service's Washington Storm Coordination Center, the National Meteorological Center and forecast offices in preparing warnings and forecasts of adverse weather affecting the eastern portion of the country.

They also monitor WC-135 aircraft from the 55th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron at McClellan AFB, Calif., for weather scout missions. When aircraft are deployed across an ocean, the weather aircraft flies ahead to give weather information along the route.

Unit members include Capt. Bill Naus and Nancy Holtgard, assistant chiefs; and SSgt. Jeffrey C. Strong and Sgt. Gary E. Hodges, reconnaissance monitors.



UP TO THE MINUTE—Capt. Nancy Holtgard keeps information current with the help of electronic computers. She is assistant chief of

OL G with the National Hurricane Center in Coral Gables, Fla. (U.S. Air Force photo by SSgt. Jennifer Smith)

AWS salutes . . .

Information for salutes should be sent by unit public affairs people to AWS/PA, Scott AFB, IL 62225. Items received by the 10th of the month are printed in the following month's AWS OBSERVER.

Abbreviations in this column are AWS - Air Weather Service; AIN - Army Installation; AAF - Army Airfield; AFS - Air Force Station; CCAF - Community College of the Air Force; WW - Weather Wing; WS - Weather Squadron; AFGWC - Air Force Global Weather Central; USAFETAC - U.S. Air Force Environmental Technical Applications Center; WRS - Weather Reconnaissance Squadron; BTZ - Below the Zone; OL - Operating Location; and OLC - Oak Leaf Cluster.

Medals

Meritorious Service Medal: Maj. William H. Elmer, Det. 1, 9th WS, Offutt AFB, Neb.

Air Force Commendation Medal: Capt. Edwin W. Jenkins, Det. 25, 31st WS, Rhein-Main AB, Germany; Capt. Frank L. Kendrick, Det. 17, 24th WS, Randolph AFB, Texas; SSgt. Miles S. Muzio, Det. 7, 17th WS, Kelly AFB, Texas.

Army Commendation Medal: Sgt. James F. Godwin, II, Det. 22, 24th WS, Keesler AFB, Miss.

Promotions

To first lieutenant: Stephen M. Longobardi, Det. 11, 2nd WS, Patrick AFB, Fla.; Edward R. Leeb, Det. 4, 17th WS,

To airman first class: Gerald Claucomb, Det. 11, 17th WS, McChord AFB, Wash.; Penny L. Mauro, Terry L. Barnes, Det. 5, 5th WS, Fort Knox, Ky.

To airman: Susan Slesser, Det. 8, 30th WS, Kadena AB, Japan.

Unit honors

Junior Officer of the Quarter: Capt. Michael J. Baker, Det. 21, 2nd WW, Kapaun AS, Germany.

Senior NCO of the Quarter: MSgt. Dale E. Kipple, Det. 21, 2nd WW, Kapaun AS, Germany.

NCO of the Quarter: SSgt. Michael Nardi, Det. 8, 30th WS, Kadena AB, Japan; TSgt. Patrick L. Pritchett, Det. 21, 2nd WW, Kapaun AS, Germany; TSgt. Paul C. Sheffield, Det. 4, 3rd WW, Holloman AFB, N.M.

Airman of the Quarter: SrA. Timothy E. Kale, Det. 11, 1st WW, Hickam AFB, Hawaii; Amn Anne Marie Cipot, Det. 8, 30th WS, Kadena AB, Japan; SrA Debra A. Charlton, Det. 21, 2nd WW, Kapaun AS, Germany.

Weather Editor of the Quarter: A1C John L. Vincent, Det. 40, 2nd WW, RAF Croughton, England.

Team of the Quarter: Maj. Victor K. Kryzysowski, TSgt. Patrick L. Pritchett, SSgt. Janet L. Noe, SrA. Jeffrey A. Fries, SrA. Gerald E. Reynolds, Det. 21, 2nd WW, Kapaun AS, Germany.

Education

Capt. Carlton R. Parks, 25th WS, Bergstrom AFB,



REGULARS—Lt. Gen. Arnold W. Braswell, commander in chief, Pacific Air Forces, administers the oath of office for regular commissions to 1st Lts. Mark DesRosiers, Jill Schmidt and Terry Clark. Lieutenant DesRosiers is assigned to Det. 7, 1st WW, Wheeler, AFB, Hawaii, and Lieutenants Schmidt and Clark are with HQ, 1st WW at Hickam. All three have been selected for captain. (U.S. Air Force photo)

SSgt. Vincent T. Aquino, Jr., Det. 5, 5th WS, Fort Knox, Ky., graduated with distinction from the Weather Technician Course.

Alan M. Rogers, was an honor graduate from the Weather Technician Course.

Nathaniel W. Thomas was a distinguished graduate from the Weather Technician Course.

SSgt. Roseanne Eodchick, HQ, 5th WW, Langley AFB, Va. graduated with honors from NCO Leadership School and received the E'Sprit d'Corps Award, the World Affairs Award and was also a distinguished graduate.

Special honors

1st. Lt. Gerald F. Laszakovits, Det. 25, 31st WS, Rhein-Main AB, Germany, was selected for pilot training.

1st Lt. Mark DesRosiers, Det. 7, 1st WW, Hickam AFB, Hawaii, received his regular commission.

1st Lieutenants Jill Schmidt and Terry Clark, HQ, 1st WW, Hickam AFB, Hawaii, received their regular com-



OUTSTANDING UNIT—Brig. Gen. Albert J. Kaehn attaches the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award decoration to the 5th WW flag at Langley AFB, Va. The wing and all its subordinate units received the

award for the time of April 1, 1978 - March 30, 1980. All people assigned to the wing during this time are eligible to wear the ribbon. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Altus AFB, Okla.

To chief master sergeant: Frank W. Vlcek, 25th WS, Bergstrom AFB, Texas.

To master sergeant: Wayne Strang, HQ AWS, Chanute AFB, Ill.; Bayardo Estrada, Det. 8, 30th WS, Kadena AB, Japan; William M. Scheib, Det. 1, 7th WS, Feucht, Germany.

To technical sergeant: Rob Barclay, Det. 25, 31st WS, Rhein-Main AB, Germany; William A. Brothers, Det. 23, 3rd WS, Moody AFB, Ga.; Roddy A. Holmes, Det. 1, 7th WS, Feucht, Germany.

To staff sergeant: Ruth A. Lofton, Jeffrey K. Martin, Daniel K. Porter, Det. 11, 2nd WS, Patrick AFB, Fla.; Sherrie G. Blanchett, Det. 1, 9th WS, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Mike Moll, Det. 7, 24th WS, Mather AFB, Calif.

To sergeant: David V. Wold, Det. 1, 9th WS, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Thomas P. Catanzaro, Det. 40, 2nd WWRAF Croughton, England; Gerald F. McDolgan, Jr., HQ 1st WW, Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

To senior airman: Rick Suggs, Det. 1, 9th WS, Offutt AFB, Neb. (BTZ); Daryl R. Bargiband, Det. 40, 2nd WW, RAF Croughton, England; Stanley G. Murray, Det. 4, 17th WS, Altus AFB, Okla.; Janice E. Bush, Det. 21, 2nd WW, Kapaun AS, Germany.

Texas, was awarded a master's degree in meteorology from the University of Oklahoma.

SSgt. James Callen, Det. 11, 17th WS, McChord AFB, Wash., completed Phase II PME.

SSgt. Pamela K. Jacobs, Det. 11, 17th WS, McChord AFB, Wash., graduated from NCO Leadership School.

Sgt. James F. Godwin, II, Det. 22, 24th WS, Keesler AFB, Miss. graduated from the Weather Technician Course.

Sgt. Daniel K. Porter, Det. 11, 2nd WS, Patrick AFB, Fla., graduated from Forecaster's School.

MSgt. Kirby Danielson, Det. 25, 31st WS, Rhein-Main AB, Germany completed the Senior NCO Academy correspondence course.

TSgt. Rob Barclay, Det. 25, 31st WS, Rhein-Main AB, Germany, received his CCAF degree.

TSgt. Stephen L. Gross, Det. 5, 5th WS, Fort Knox, Ky., graduated from the MAC-East NCO Academy.

SMSgt. William Williams, Det. 5, 5th WS, Fort Knox, Ky., completed the Environmental Support for Electro Optics Systems Course.

Sgt. Gordon F. Potts, Det. 4, 17th WS, Altus AFB, Okla., completed the Weather Technician Course and Phase II PME.



HONOR GRADUATE—SSgt. Roseanne Eodchick took triple honors at a recent Tactical Air Command NCO Leadership School banquet. She was honor graduate for class 81F, and also received the E'Sprit d'Corps Award and World Affairs Award. She is assigned to the current operations and training division of HQ 5th WW, Langley AFB, Va. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Retention hotline gives good career tips

Concerned because no one ever gets the word out on changes that affect people's pocketbook, leave time or career matters?

So was the Air Force when reenlistment rates began to slip. Personnel officials created the Retention Hotline at Randolph AFB, Texas, to have the word available to anyone who wants it.

Some of the subjects covered in

the most recent hotline recording include:

Military members who are authorized to ship their private vehicles to and from overseas locations during a permanent change of station move may now be granted permissive temporary duty when delivering or accepting the vehicle at the port. Also, members may now join ill family members for up to 10 days in a

permissive TDY status if their presence is deemed essential.

Pilots who have dreamed of really flying high might realize that dream as a TR-1 pilot at RAF Alconbury, England, which will be the home of the first operational TR-1 squadron in 1983.

Enlisted volunteers for 12-month overseas extension in some specialties may be eligible for a

special incentive program which may mean an extra \$50 per month, a round-trip transportation to the nearest stateside port for 15 days, or 30 days rest and recreation.

There's more on the hotline and the number is Autovon 487-2012 or 2013. Anyone may call.

Subjects range from legislative updates to policy changes. The hotline is updated as needed, and

Air Force officials say it has been a good way to pass on information that members might not receive otherwise.

"We encourage everyone to call the Retention Hotline," said TSgt. Jon Holland, Military Airlift Command career adviser. "The information might be beneficial in a person's career decision-making process." (MNS)

Santa's mailbag program returns

Children can receive a letter from Santa complete with North Pole postmark, thanks to the Military Airlift Command's Det. 2, 11th Air Weather Squadron at Eielson AFB, Alaska.

What began in 1954 as a program for children of U.S. servicemembers stationed overseas has blossomed into an annual project bringing cheer to thousands of children over the world.

It's Santa's Mailbag Program

and it works this way: Children write a letter to Santa Claus. Relatives or friends answer the letter as if it were from Santa, then send the answer, inside a stamped envelope addressed to the child, to Det. 2, 11th WS, Eielson AFB, AK 99702.

Answers are returned with Santa "stamped" artwork on the envelope and the North Pole postmark.

Occasionally letters are received without the letter from a relative

or friend or with no return stamp. When this happens, volunteers reply with a form letter. They do it all on their off-duty time, and receive no funds from the government. Donations from friends and base members usually help pay for stamps.

Santa's "blue-suited" helpers urge parents to be sure to include the self-addressed stamped envelope and the return letter and to mail before Dec. 1, so letters can be returned by Christmas. (MNS)

AWS salutes . . .

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missions.

Capt. Henry A. Chary, USAFETAC, Scott AFB, Ill., has been designated a Certified Consulting Meteorologist by the American Meteorological Society.

SSgt. Michael D. Miller, Det. 5, 5th WS, Fort Knox, Ky., received a letter of commendation for his actions during a recent automobile fire.

A1C Steven Bilodeau, Det. 1, 7th WS, Feucht, Germany, took first place trophy in the Nurnberg Community Military Invitation Powerlifting Tournament.

Det. 5, 5th WS, Fort Knox, Ky., was recognized by the National Safety Council as an award winner for calendar year 1980.

Det. 4, 17th WS, Altus AFB, Okla. led other base units in number of purchases during a recent U.S. Savings Bond drive.

Civilian honors

Patricia L. Nun, 25th WS, Bergstrom AFB, Texas, was awarded an outstanding performance rating.



QUARTERLY WINNER—Brig. Gen. Thomas S. Swalm congratulates TSgt. Paul C. Sheffield for winning the 49th Combat Support Group NCO of the Quarter Award. Sergeant Sheffield is with Det. 4, 3rd WW, Holloman AFB, N.M. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Retirements

Lt. Col. Ralph C. Elliott, Det. 22, 24th WS, Keesler AFB, Miss.

Births

SrA. Gerald E. and Kelly Reynolds, Det. 21, 2nd WW, Kapaun AS, Germany, a son, Phillip Douglas; Capt. Robert D. and Renee Prochaska, HQ AWS, Scott AFB, Ill., a son, Andrew Robert; SSgt. Ludwik and Sharon Chobot, Det. 7, 24th WS, Mather AFB, Calif., a daughter, Sabrina; Ssgt. and Mrs. James F. Murray, Det. 11, 2nd WS, Patrick AFB, Fla., a son, Andrew Michael; Sgt. and Mrs. Stephen F.

Lantz, Det. 11, 2nd WS, Patrick AFB, Calif., a daughter, Amber Marie.

Sgt. and Mrs. Karl Drummond, Det. 17, 9th WS, Ellsworth AFB, S.D., a daughter, Kimberly.

Lieutenants Martha and Michael Connor, Det. 20, 31st WS, Sembach AB, Germany, a girl, Rachel.

Airmen First Anthony K. and Erika D. Mason, a daughter, Katherine. Mother is an observer with Det. 1, 3rd WS, Shaw AFB, S.C.

SSgt. and Mrs. Douglas Martin, a son Jacob. 1st Lt. and Mrs. Glenn Reigelman, a daughter, Kathryn. Parents are with Det. 3, 5th WS, Fort Bragg, N.C.



CLASS 810212—Graduates from this class at Chanute AFB, Ill., are front row, N. Buintanilla, G. Potts, M. Brown, D. Arden, C. Rupert, V. Washington, and J. George. Back

row graduates are F. Godwin, J. Monroe, B. Alvarez, D. Kurek, R. Ray, D. Tewinkel, and D. Shifflett. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Exercise tests weather's support

Personnel, equipment and new initiatives received vigorous testing under bare-base conditions and sweltering heat during Strategic Air Command's conventional exercise Busy Prairie II.

A two-part exercise, named Giant Iron, tested SAC conventional warfare capabilities in June.

For sub-exercise Busy Prairie II, elements of the Strategic Projection Force from Grand Forks AFB, N.D., deployed to Biggs Army Air Field, Texas.

The 57th Air Division commander and his staff from Minot AFB, N.D. deployed to Biggs AAF, as well, along with aircraft contingents from Beale AFB, Calif., and Offutt AFB, Neb. Aircraft from Biggs and Minot exercised conventional operations in the Nevada and Utah training ranges during the employment stage of the exercise.

Aircraft participating in Busy Prairie were B-52Hs, KC-135s, RC-135s, EC-135s, U-2s, SR-71s and the E-3A.

Approximately 1,650 people deployed to Biggs and practiced bare base operations in the desert environment.

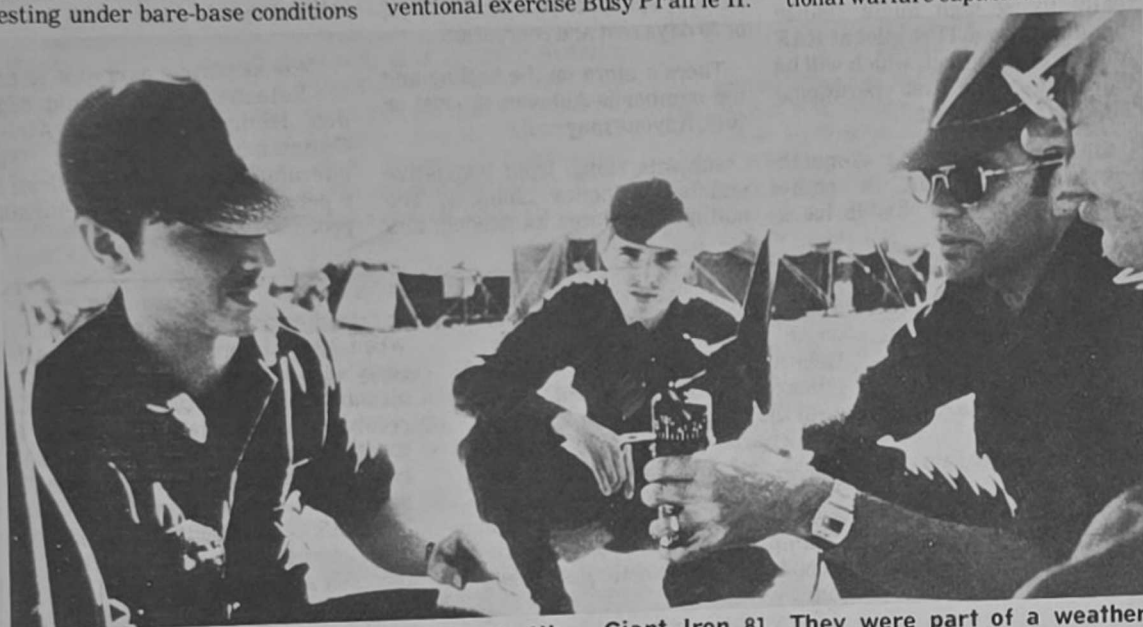
Temperatures soared to 110°F (140°F in sleeping tents) while a weather team supported Busy Prairie operations. People from Dets. 11, 15 and 21, 9th Weather Squadrons, 3rd Weather Wing and

6th WS, manned a tactical air base weather station for the exercise. In addition to this training, weather personnel used a TMQ-22 and tested a "pigmy" anemometer during the exercise.

The SAC weather support unit served as a tactical forecast unit during the exercise and produced the strike mission control forecast. Prairie was a vigorous, realistic test of the tactical weather system, say exercise officials.

Several new initiatives were tested during the exercise. Weather data were relayed to the EC-135. This communication linkage allowed up-to-the-moment presentation of weather data about the target area to the airborne battle field commander.

The 3rd WW Aerospace Sciences Division developed electro-optic viewing system forecasts for Busy Prairie strike missions. The forecasts advised aircrews on optimal sensors, target acquisition distance, and described for aircrews what the target would look like on their EVS scopes.



EXERCISE—SrA. Randy Beam, Det. 21, 9th WS; SSgt. Norm Gotch, 6th WS; Maj. Jim Clark, Det. 21, 9th WS, and SSgt. Randy Mayo, Det. 21, 9th WS, talk about job requirements during the Strategic Air Command exercise

Giant Iron 81. They were part of a weather team that deployed to Biggs AAF, Texas. They also tested a pigmy anemometer. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Colonels, lieutenant colonels, staffs selected

Air Weather Service will have 13 new colonels, 21 permanent lieutenant colonels and 79 new staff sergeants after promotion results announced by Air Force Manpower and Personnel officials become effective.

New colonels are Arthur L. Boright, 2nd Weather Wing; Jerry R. Crenshaw, Headquarters Air Weather Service; William C.

Culver, 7th WW; Charles A. Egolf, Walter J. Harrison and James Kerlin, Air Force Global Weather Central; John E. Klag and James K. Lavin, 5th WW; Terrell D. McCorry and Jareld L. Picantine, 3rd WW; John H. Taylor, AFGWC; John P. Upchurch, 3rd WW and Ardith N. Wagley, 5th WW.

Colonels Boright, Culver, Egolf, Klag, Lavin, McCorry, Picantine

and Wagley were selected for permanent lieutenant colonel.

Others announced for permanent lieutenant colonel selection are Raymond E. Anderson, 1st WW; James S. Bohlson, 2nd WW; Robert E. Dettling, AFGWC; Daniel R. Gornell, 2nd Weather Squadron; Ralph M. Hughes, 2nd WW; James O. Ivory, 3rd WW; Larry W. Jobs, 5th WW; David L. Nelson, 3rd WW;

Max H. Peek, AFGWC; Clark S. Pinder, 5th WW; William J. Sands, AWS; Michael T. Schwitters, 3rd WW; and Bobby D. Underwood, 7th WW.

New staff sergeant selectees are James L. Born, Elizabeth A. Evans and James L. Green, 1st WW; Hubert A. Daniel, Brian P. Emerick, Jeffrey A. Fries, Kenneth H. Kingsbury, Billy L.

Roberts and Serina M. Thomason, 2nd WW.

Also, David D. Cramblet, Steven D. Dawson, Karl E. Drummond, Chris Edwards, Steven D. Elliott, James R. Fouch, Paul K. Gibson, Jeremy F. Harmon, Elizabeth A. Johndrow, Billy R. Kitchen Jr., Mark E. Minard, Michael J. Moll, Richard G. Nickerson, Thomas W. Porter, John C. Ralston, Eva G. Rudisel, Brian T. Sheehan, Perry L. Shrappell, Theresa L. Smith, Timothy C. Stanton, Charles D. Surls, and William J. Woodford, 3rd WW.

From 5th WW, Carolyn M. Berube, Gary M. Billingsley, Kenneth J. Bradley, Fabrice F. Clark, Robert J. Currin, Ronald C. Faverly, James R. Gowan, Thomas W. Jones, William S. Kehr, Jay W. Lawrence, Larry R. Mann, Lavern G. Miller and Robert W. Murders.

Also from 5th WW are Thomas C. Needham Jr., Michael R. Ross, Deborah R. Samans, Colin D. Sells, Thomas J. Shine, Dennis W. Snyder, Terry D. Stamey, Randy L. Watkins and Steven G. Watson.

Nia L. Bogert, Barbara G. Klein, James L. Laurenti, Timothy M. Sloan, Robert B. Trotter, Ricky L. Whorten and Keith T. Williams are the AFGWC selectees.

Carl A. Ashford, Steven M. Broderick, John T. Carty Jr., Donald J. Garske Jr., Evelyn M. Gibson, Kathy L. Larowe, Jerry A. Monroe, John M. Moody, Jamie M. Roth, Robin D. Shanks, Joseph M. Thomas, Joe N. Vaughn and Herbert L. Walters are the 7th WW selectees.

From 2nd WS are William J. Boyle, John H. Donahoe, Kenneth R. Gibson, Jeffrey K. Martin, Daniel K. Porter and Robert C. Williams.

One-man shop supports Army Guard operations

TSgt. Bill Elliott is a jack-of-all trades. He has to be. His job as noncommissioned officer in charge of OL P, Det. 6, Headquarters Air Weather Service, necessitates it.

He runs a one-man show from Camp Robinson, Ark., in support of Army operations. "I'm an adviser to the active duty adviser to the command there and advise the 154th Weather Flight of the Arkansas National Guard," explained Sergeant Elliott.

A weather forecaster by trade, Sergeant Elliott says his assignment is far different than working in a base weather station.

"This job is unique since I have my own active duty requirements to meet in addition to working with people I see only two days out of the month," he said.

"It's my job to keep the unit running the rest of the time. You need to be skilled in several areas, including supply, ad-

ministration and training to get the job done."

One big difference with this job is that Sergeant Elliott often accompanies the Army Guard on exercises. "Usually weather forecasters don't go on the front line. In this job, however, you go with the Guard and camp out in tents," he said.

Sergeant Elliott enjoys the job, but since he works alone, misses the tight-knit feeling of working with a small weather detachment.

"I had a hard time overcoming the isolation here. It is a good opportunity to see how good a boss you are. The job definitely takes self reliance and self discipline."

A 15-year veteran, Sergeant Elliott has been assigned to Germany, Offutt AFB, Neb., Ellsworth AFB, S. D., and served in Vietnam.

Following retirement, he would like to become a television weatherman or coach a high school football team.



(U.S. Air Force Photo)

TSgt. Bill Elliott

Stanley closes 40-year weather career

After more than 40 years, Dick Stanley of OL-A at Rickenbacker AFB, Ohio, hung up his Air Weather Service "cleats" for the last time, July 24, ending what records show to be one of the longest continuing treks of service.

Mr. Stanley's career began on Feb. 5, 1941, when he enlisted in the Army Air Corps at Chanute Field, Ill.

"Back then, you had to first write a letter to an Army enlistment office asking to join up," he said.

He originally planned a career as an aerial photographer, but because of manning problems, he was unable to enter the career

field. Instead he signed up for weather observer training.

He had to take a bus from his home in Marietta, Ohio, to Chanute Field where he was dropped off at the main gate and was assigned a tent that was the students' quarters back then.

After completing his basic training and weather observer training while at Chanute, he was assigned to Will Rogers Field in Oklahoma City, Okla.

About a year later he returned to Chanute for weather forecaster training and graduated from the forecaster school in November 1942. He had subsequent assignments as a weather forecaster to

Waco, Texas, San Bernardino, Calif., Fort Knox, Ky., and Dover, Del., within a period of four years and was promoted to master sergeant within five-and-one half years.

In 1945 he married his wife Ann while stationed in Birmingham, Ala., and in 1946 was assigned to Lechfeld, Germany as part of the Occupational Force following WW II.

In 1946, Lechfeld closed and he was reassigned to Munich-Reims, Germany, and was there during the conversion of the Army Air Corps to the United States Air Force. From Munich, he went to Neubiberg, Germany where he

took part in the Berlin Airlift.

After returning to the states, he became a warrant officer, junior grade and became station chief at O'Hare Field, Ill. He received his commission as a second lieutenant while assigned there.

From O'Hare, he was back overseas, that time to Lajes Field in the Azores as Weather Officer in charge of the Sferics and Rawindsonde Section. While at Lajes, he logged 755 hours flying C-54s and B-17s on aerial reconnaissance missions.

From the Azores, he returned for another year of duty at Neubiberg and then moved on to Lockbourne AFB, Ohio in 1956.

At the time Lockbourne was a hub of activity with an Air Division Headquarters, two B-47 wings with two supporting KC-97 squadrons and a fighter squadron of F-100s.

He left Lockbourne as a captain and was assigned to Ankara, Turkey, as a weather officer and adviser to the Turkish Weather Service.

In February 1963 he returned to Lockbourne until his retirement from active duty Aug. 31, 1965.

In 1966 he was assigned as a GS-9 at the Lockbourne BWS under what was known as the "MIX FIX program". He remained at Lockbourne, which was renamed Rickenbacker in the early 1970s.

Three units cited for space shuttle support

Three Patrick AFB, Fla. units received the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Group Achievement Award for supporting the first space shuttle flight at ceremonies at the Kennedy Space Center.

NASA Administrator James Beggs, and KSC director Dick Smith made the presentations to the Eastern Space and Missile Center, Department of Defense Manager's Space Shuttle Support Office, and Det. 11, 2nd Weather Squadron. The awards were for exceptional achievement and superior performance.

Lt. Col. John W. Oliver heads Det. 11, 2 WS. The unit's facility at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Fla., provided full space shuttle meteorological support for pre-launch and launch operation. The weather unit furnished surface and upper air observations, short and long-range forecasts, weather warnings and advisories, special

metwatch support and meteorological consultation.

Col. Marvin L. Jones commands the ESMC which is the lead range agency for the Space Shuttle Orbital Flight Test Program. During the first shuttle launch the ESMC provided pre-launch support, launch and landing instrumentation and data transmission. Also, the center furnished radar tracking support, telemetry augmentation, computer and data processing support and other range and network support, including range safety.

Col. John W. Sniegowski is the director of DDMS, which was cited for its unique rescue capability for the shuttle launch. The unit's role included contingency landing site support, coordination for contingency airlift support and operation communications. In addition, DDMS made arrangements for contingency medical personnel and supplies.

Palehua-based personnel battle raging hillside fire

By SSgt. Floyd M. Parton

A raging fire was climbing rapidly up the hillside towards Timberline Camp.

At the U.S. Air Force Air Weather Service Palehua Solar Observatory, located a little further up the hillside, personnel were wondering if they would have a place to work the next day. They were also thinking about the children of Timberline Camp.

SSgt. Bob Evans, 1957th Communications Group, took the unit van down to Timberline Camp and informed them of the impending fire. The children and counselors were evacuated in the van to Palehua as the fire blazed along the roadside.

The fire worsened and it was decided to try to get the children down the hill to safety. The children were once again loaded

into the van and SSgt. Bill "Dusty" Rhodes, Det. 6, 1st Weather Wing, braved the flames and smoke, taking them down the hill and out of danger.

The remaining personnel at Palehua prepared themselves for the worst with water hoses and fire extinguishers. The blaze reached to within 100 feet of the front gate of Palehua Solar Observatory but was held at bay until local firefighters arrived.

Using fire trucks and helicopters equipped with 50 gallon water buckets, the blaze was finally extinguished.

Thanks to the resourcefulness of the personnel of Det. 6 and the 1957th CG, no damage was done to the site and the Timberline Camp children were safely evacuated, officials said.

Instructor 'marches' to tune of different drummer

Most of the graduates from the weather technician course at Chanute AFB, Ill., have met MSgt. Dennis Marsh. The popular opinion of most students is that Sergeant Marsh analyzes maps during his off-duty time, but this instructor's real love is "volksmarching".

Sergeant Marsh participated in more than 100 volksmarches during his two-year tour at Sembach AB, Germany, and plans to continue this sport.

"Volksmarching is great for improving your breathing, it's good exercise, and helps you relax," says Sergeant Marsh. "I lost 25 pounds during my first nine months of walking."

His involvement in walking began in March 1976. "A guy at work called me up and said he was going volksmarching that Saturday. It was snowing, 30 degrees outside, and we tramped through the forests of Germany. It was great."

Volksmarching, which means people's walk, is a non-competitive sport that allows its participants to have fun, chat with fellow walkers and stay in shape. The walks range from 10 to 42 kilometers, (6 to 24 miles).

"I've seen people on crutches, in



BIG DISPLAY—MSgt. Dennis Marsh shows the many medals he's received for volksmarching. (U.S. Air Force photo)

wheelchairs, little babies tied to their parents' back, and youngsters go on the marches," he

said. "If you're really into walking, you can do three or four marches in one day."

Sports shorts for weather fans

Personnel from Det. 1, 1 WW, the Joint Typhoon Warning Center and the Naval Oceanography Command Center formed a team to participate in the Guam Perimeter Relay Run. The 60-mile relay race was routed around the southern portion of the island.

Everyone's first leg was one and one-half miles, with the other legs being .03 to one-and-a-half miles, depending on the terrain. Time limit for the race was 6½ hours. The joint Det. 1, NOCC, JTWC team finished in 6 hours, 28 minutes, 29 seconds.

Det. 1 participants were David C. Danielson, Michael S. Risch,

Roger T. Edson and John W. Diercks. JTWC participants were James H. Bell, George M. Dunnavan, and NOCC participants were Michael D. Fettes and Peter J. Rovero.

Two members of JTWC took part in an annual half marathon which routed through Andersen AFB and went through several villages to Agana, the capital of Guam. The race covered 13.8 miles.

James H. Bell finished the race in 1 hour, 37 minutes and 49 seconds, which placed him 17th overall and third in the Masters Division. John W. Diercks finished the race in 1 hour, 46 minutes and

31 seconds, which placed him 37th overall and sixth in the Masters Division.

The AWS volleyball team placed fourth in Scott AFB, Ill., intramural play.

The Det. 18 volleyball team and members of the 8th U.S. Army band at Yongsan, captured the Yongsan Intramural League championship and finished third in the post-season tourney. Team members were Mike Gottschall, John Vares, Bob Borkowski, Randy Ashby and Buck Burton from weather, and Tom Anderson, Cynthia Oaks and Columbus Frazier from Army.



READY TO GO AGAIN—The Space Shuttle Columbia is rolled into the Vehicle Assembly Building at Cape Kennedy, Fla., for mating to its

external fuel tank and solid rocket boosters. Columbia is scheduled to make its second flight in November. Air Weather Service people around the

world will help throughout the five-day mission. (Photo courtesy of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration)

DOPMA

Key feature is single promotion system Sept. 15, few changes for reserve officers

One of the key features of the Defense Officer Personnel Management Act is the single promotion system, which becomes effective Sept. 15, 1981. Although most reserve officers should note few changes in the promotion area, some actions are required to transition from the dual temporary and permanent systems to the new one.

Date of rank adjustments

Reserve officers serving in a temporary grade higher than their permanent grade will have their permanent grade and date of rank adjusted to coincide with their temporary grade and date of rank Sept. 15, 1981, or as soon thereafter as Senate confirmation is obtained.

For example, a temporary major with a May 4, 1981, date of rank holding the permanent grade of captain, will have his or her permanent grade changed to major with a May 4, 1981, date of rank.

If the individual is a temporary major and holds the rank of permanent major under the Reserve Officer Personnel Act system, the permanent grade and date of rank will be adjusted to agree with the temporary grade and date of rank.

Continue to serve

A temporary captain holding a ROPA permanent grade of major will continue to serve on active duty as a temporary captain and will continue to be eligible for active-duty promotion to major. This officer will still be able to retire in the grade of major, even if not selected for major on active duty.

Captains on the selection list for temporary major will assume the rank of major on the effective date of the

promotion, and the permanent grade and date of rank will then be changed to agree with the temporary grade and date of rank.

Meet next scheduled board

Captains who have once failed selection for temporary major will meet the next scheduled major selection board. If they are not selected by that board, they will be retired—if eligible—separated or continued on active duty to meet Air Force needs.

Reserve captains once failed for promotion to permanent ROPA major will meet the next scheduled ROPA major board. If selected for permanent promotion by the second board, the officer will be continued on active duty and remain eligible for active-duty promotion.

Retired or separated

However, the officer will not be eligible to retire in the higher reserve grade unless subsequently selected for active-duty promotion to the higher grade, since the selection will have been made after DOPMA implementation. Reserve captains who are twice failed for promotion to ROPA major will be retired—if eligible—or separated. These officers are not eligible for continuation under reserve law.

Reserve lieutenant colonels and reserve majors who have not failed promotion to the next higher grade will be considered for regular appointment by a "catch-up board" convened at the Air Force Manpower and Personnel Center here. The board will consider officers for regular augmentation on a fully qualified basis, thus, all eligibles could potentially be offered regular commissions.

Remain on active duty

Reserve majors accepting regular commissions as a result of this board will be allowed by policy to remain on active duty until eligible to retire even if not selected for further promotion, with possible continuation of 24 years of service. Reserve lieutenant colonels who accept regular commissions will be granted 28 years' tenure by law. At the present time, these reserve officers normally would retire after 20 years of active service.

Augmentation programs

Augmentation programs under DOPMA will essentially be the same as now. All new officers, except academy graduates, will be appointed as reserve officers. Consideration points for regular commissions will be upon selection to captain and after five- and seven-years' service. Promotion to the field grades will result in an automatic tender of a regular commission.

Officers will not be forced to accept a regular appointment in order to remain on active duty. However, as reserve officers they have no statutory tenure and serve on active duty according to Air Force policy.

Compete for promotion

Reserve majors who have failed temporary promotion to lieutenant colonel once or twice will, by policy, be allowed to remain on active duty until eligible to retire. They will continue to compete for promotions and, if selected, will be offered a regular commission.

The promotion phase points under DOPMA will remain basically the same as the current temporary system. All promotions under DOPMA will, however, be permanent promotions. (AFNS)

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