

The Kansas Coyote



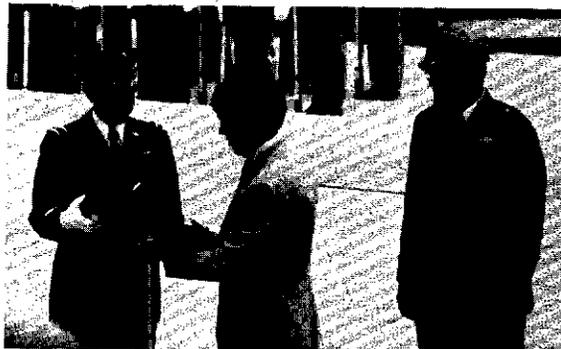
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Memorial Wreath Presentation Honoring Kansans Interned in Arlington National Cemetery.



Governor John Carlin, assisted by Major General Edward R. Fry, present the Kansas Medal of Honor to Major General Robert Arter.



190th Is Represented In Memorial Ceremony

Three members of the 190th AREFG travelled to Washington, D.C. June 9 and 10 to attend the Kansas memorial ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Arlington National Cemetery.

Attending the ceremony was Col William S. Mahler, Group Commander, Maj Warren Grant, and 1st Lt Robert Burk Jr.

Making the presentation of a memorial wreath and the State of Kansas Medal of Honor was Kansas Governor John Carlin, assisted by State Adjutant General, Maj Gen Edward R. Fry.

Kansas was the sixteenth state to present the Medal of Honor to Arlington National Cemetery and Governor Carlin was the first Governor to personally present the honorarium.

The medal was presented to the Commanding General, Military District of Washington, who in turn, presented it to Allen H. Long, the deputy superintendent of the Arlington National Cemetery. During the ceremony, members of the Old Guard from Fort Myers conducted a changing of the guard, presentation of colors and an honorary burial detail.

According to Major Grant, the whole proceeding was highly professional and conducted with a great deal of



Commander's Comments

The August UTA will contain some new wrinkles. For example, the aircraft generation will utilize non-technicians to the utmost — the Battle Staff will be manned by the alternate staff; Prime BEEF team mobility will be evaluated. You will note that normal flying activity will continue during these exercises. The schedule has been developed to optimize training. Exercise inputs are designed to train and test procedures and not contrary to popular belief — attain a critical mass. We will control the stress inputs so that the rubber band stretches but not break.

I mentioned in the last article that we had accrued or completed our ORI flying requirements. We have received formally the rating of Outstanding in Mission Effectiveness with an overall ORI rating of Outstanding. My congratulations to all of you for a job well done. Remember with pride all the hard work and effort you expended to earn that rating. Next year we will be even more proficient and ready — that's what the UTA training is all about.

Position Available

The Base Training Section has a position available for a Training Technician, 751X2. Authorized grade level is E-7 (Master Sergeant).

The Training Technician will report to the Chief, Base Training and will assist in administering the Group Ancillary Training Program. This is an exceptional retraining opportunity for those

VA Pays Burial Expenses

Financial assistance from the Veterans Administration can provide from \$450 to \$1,000 toward burial expenses.

If a veteran is not buried in a national cemetery or other government cemetery, VA will provide up to \$300 toward burial expenses and an additional \$150 as a plot or interment allowance.

If the death is service-connected, VA will pay up to \$1,100 instead of the usual burial allowance.

If a state agency or the veteran's employer makes such payments, the VA payments will be reduced or eliminated.

Veterans' eligibility for VA plot, burial allowances and burial in a national cemetery include:

- Those with other than dishonorable discharges;
- Those who served in the Spanish-American War during the Mexican Border period;
- Those who served in World War I and II;
- And those who served during the Ko-

rean Conflict or the Vietnam era.

Peacetime veterans with other than dishonorable discharges are eligible for burial in a national cemetery and a headstone or grave marker. They are not entitled to burial or plot allowances unless they were receiving compensation payments or were discharged for disability reasons.

Headstones or grave markers and memorial markers are provided for service members who die on active duty and whose remains are not recovered or who are buried at sea.

Upon request, an American flag will be supplied for use in covering the casket.

Burial is available to eligible veterans at all national cemeteries having space, with the exception of Arlington National Cemetery. Those interested in eligibility requirements for burial at Arlington should contact the superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., 22211.

An eligible veteran's spouse, minor children and, under certain circumstances, unmarried adult children may also be authorized burial in national cemeteries. (AFNS)

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Cam Squadron Is 96% Retention

Retention is one of the most important aspects in every Guard unit. Maj Pat Dale, Commander CAM Sq., and his staff have discovered a way of reaching a 96% level and keeping it there for the past 7 months. The Retention rate is the measure of people who are eligible for reenlistment against those who do reenlist.

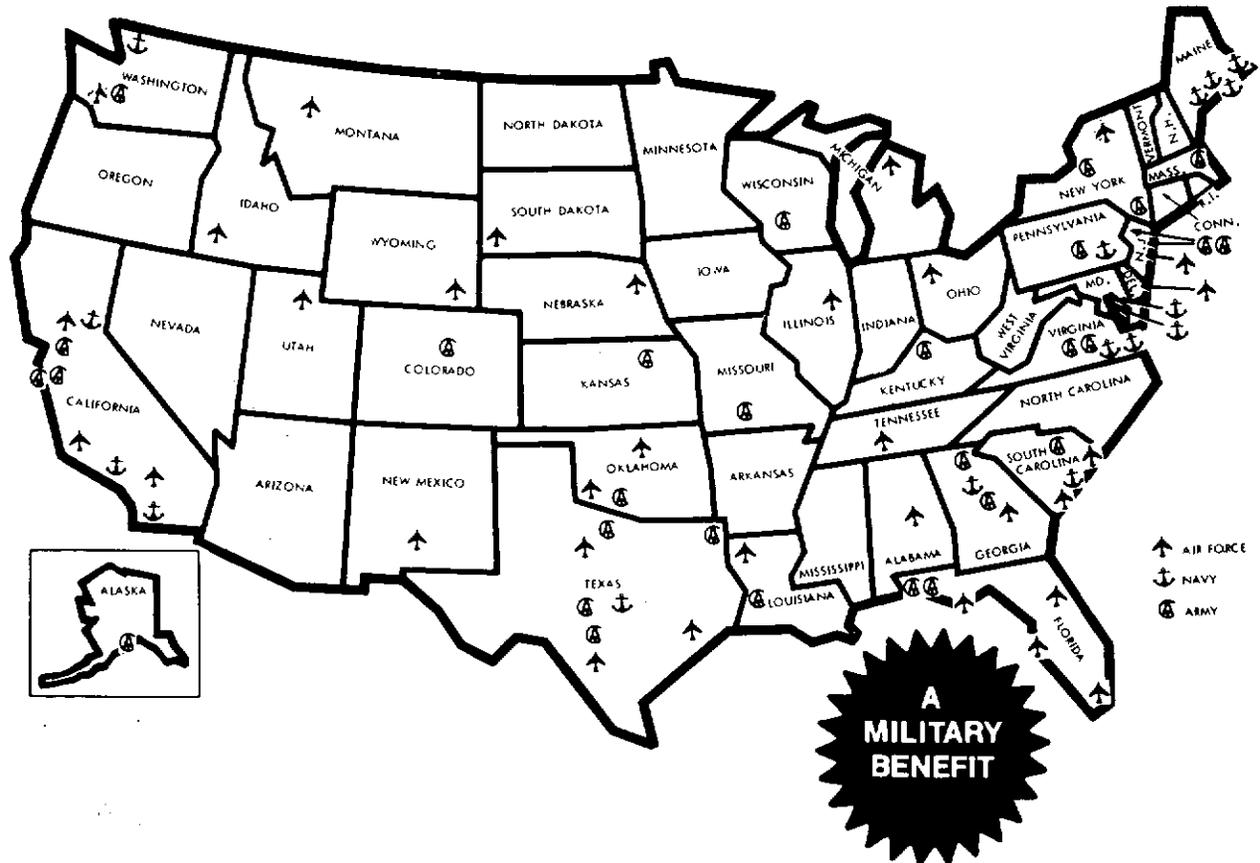
"Since December, we have had eleven members come up for extensions and ten did. The only one who didn't was out for only two UTA's and then, thanks to Sergeant Rein (190th recruiter), reenlisted in another shop, but still in CAM Sq.," Maj Dale said.

All new people coming into CAM receive a 20 item check list to process into the squadron and the group. This, along with an information booklet (explaining benefits, map of the Base, how to use the Country Store, and a few other things that help a new person know what's going on) and an interview with Maj Dale, gives a good idea of what is expected of them both in CAM and the Air Guard.

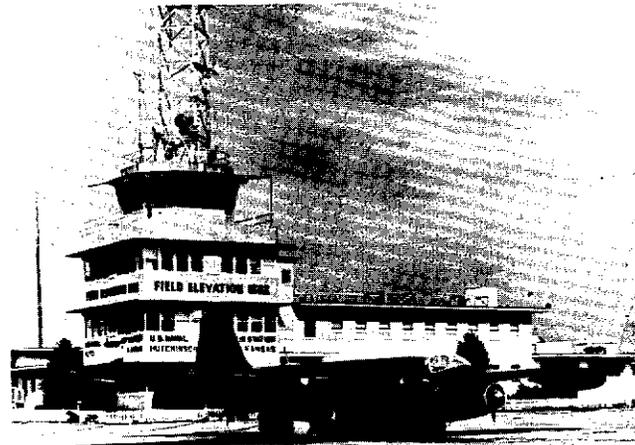
"We practice retention measure from the cradle to the grave," said Maj Dale. "Not only do we have the indoctrination of new troops, but when there are two years left on an enlistment, each branch officer will start to career counsel the troop every six months. This is so we know if any problems exist in time to do something about it. We don't have any surprises."

The administration leader for retention is Lt Sam Lichte and the First Sergeant is MSgt Jim Alber, but Maj Dale said, "It is the people who are responsible for the successful retention in CAM. The individual supervisors and the people themselves who make it work."

Rec Areas At Your Command



Unit History Part II



Now all the unit needed was a home. There were a number of possible sites in Kansas at that time; Schilling AFB (Salina), McConnell AFB (Wichita), Forbes AFB (Topeka) and Hutchinson Naval Air Station, Hutchinson. McConnell already had the 127th, and an additional squadron would have left both units with difficulties in recruiting. Schilling and Forbes were both somewhat crowded at the time. Hutchinson had all its buildings full at the moment, but there was room for more on base. Besides, it already had an Air Force radar detachment, which was something that the 117th would need as an operational fighter-interceptor squadron. So Major Boggs and various other technicians of the 127th prepared to move their families to Hutchinson.

Hutchinson NAS was about twelve miles from the actual town of Hutchinson, (population; 40,000). It had been built during the Second World War to take advantage of the generally good flying weather in Kansas. Deactivated at the end of the war, it had been reactivated and to some extent rebuilt for the Korean War. By 1956 it was no longer as active as it once was, however, and there was some hope that a small augmented squadron could be fitted in.

The announcement that the 117th would be formed at Hutchinson was made by Air Defense Command on 3 January 1957, a Thursday. By the following Monday, a headquarters and recruiting center was in operation at 23½

ognized (and paid) by the Federal government. In order not to imperil the combat readiness of the 127th, only 13 men were transferred in from it.

One of the original 13 was Sergeant Kenneth Horner, who retired in January of 1979, the last of the original members of 1946, and was the first E-8 and the first E-9 of the Kansas ANG as these ranks were created.

Now, an additional 79 men would have to be recruited from the community at Hutchinson in less than two months. The recruiters, though, had certain advantages. First, they had slots for 27 air technicians, of whom only eight were transfers from the 127th. Thus 19 men would gain full-time employment by joining the 117th. The second factor was the draft.

Not only was the community filled with veterans of World War II and Korea, but all those who were not yet trained could expect to be called up sooner or later. These young men had only one hope of avoiding the regulars (and possibly marching in the infantry) and that was to join a unit of the National Guard or reserves. The situation reminds one of the Civil War recruiting poster reading "Last chance to AVOID THE DRAFT! ENLIST IN THE CALVARY!"

These advantages did not make raising the required men easy. They made it just barely possible. As an early member recalled, they took "anything that breathed" to make up the 20% of strength needed for federal recognition. When the 117th Fighter-Interceptor

One of these more suitable men was SMSgt Melvin Simpson, whose recruitment illustrates the methods used by the unit. A records search was made for any former USAF personnel trained in certain specialties needed by the 117th, and with residences within a reasonable distance of Hutchinson. Sergeant Simpson was among those turned up. Raised in Hutchinson, he had completed a four-year hitch in the regular Air Force in May of 1956, and then taken a civil service position with the Air Force.

Nothing could have made him happier than the call from the recruiter, offering him an Air Force job in his home town. Sergeant Simpson joined the unit as First Sergeant in March, and became an air technician in April 1957.

The Air Guard And You

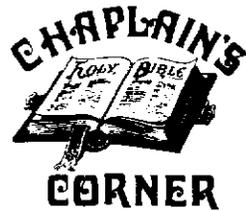
Maybe you know someone that is thinking about the Air Guard. You know who we are. You know our mission, our aircraft, and the kinds of skills we need.

You know the Air Guard offers valuable extra income, and retirement benefits backed by Uncle Sam himself. Is there anything more?

Yes, there is. It's something that's personal to each Air Guard man and woman. Personal and different. Here are the words some members use to describe what makes the Air Guard important to them:

"Self fulfillment." "Skill development." "Adventure." "My technical interest." "Chance to serve others." "Educational goals." "The Air Force." "Career training." "Companionship." "Nothing else like it anywhere." "Vital work." "Fascination with flying." "Professional people." "I'm depended on." "Community ties." "An unused talent." "Recognition and status." "State patriotism." "Sense of belonging." "Always something going on at the base." "Totally different." "Love of country."

Maybe a few of these personal reasons sound right for that someone you know that is interested in the Air Guard.



**CHAPLAIN'S
CORNER**

By SSgt Gary Cox

(In the absence of a qualified Protestant Chaplain, SSgt Cox will contribute to this column. He is the Associate Pastor of the South Knollwood Baptist Church, Topeka.)

Practicing What You Preach!

"Preachers — practice what you preach!" I can see some of you raising your eyebrows at this request of mine coming from an ordained Baptist preacher. But why not? We all dislike fakes and phonies and even the religious hypocrite. We expect people to be real and honest and to practice what they preach. If you're a construction worker, you don't want people to judge you by one bad worker. If you are a salesman, you despise crooked salesmen that give your profession a bad name. Preachers are no different.

Some will look at the happenings of the Jim Jones cult in Guyana S.A. in 1978, and say they're all alike — they want money and power. Well, as you know it only takes one to give the wrong impression. That's why I say — preachers like everyone else are to practice what they preach. Let me illustrate what I mean.

Two years ago, our church teen department had a project to see what other ministers of different denominations thought. We thumbed at random through the Topeka phone directory to ask for interviews from 20 ministers of 20 different denominations (including 2 Baptist churches just to be fair). We quizzed them on topics of interest as well as religious matters. The final questions that we asked was, "Sir, as a minister of your denomination, if you were to die today, would you be 100% sure that you would go to Heaven?" Now that

Heaven!!! 80% were not sure! And if they were not sure, what about their congregations? To the 16 teens who participated in the survey, they were shocked and amazed! They couldn't believe what they were recording on paper!

"Preachers, practice what you preach!" Maybe they are doing just that. Perhaps for the 80%, there's not much preached for them to practice!

Preachers, workers, Guard personnel, don't be a phony, or a hypocrite — but practice what you preach!

**Religious Services
Schedule**

Saturday — Bible Study 1100
Sunday — Catholic Services 1400
Sunday — Protestant Services 1500

**Dining Hall Gets
New Hours**

With the change in the UTA hours and in an effort to eliminate the lines at the dining hall, the following serving hours are established.

1100 — 1130 1st Half CAM Sq-SPF
1130 — 1200 HQ-117th-CE-RMS
1200 — 1230 Last Half CAM Sq-CLI-CSS

This change will require the cooperation of all personnel! First, to adhere to the above schedule as closely as possible and secondly, to finish your meal and move out making room for those to follow.

This schedule is established recognizing there will be some requirements to stagger the lunch periods in some sec-

Enlistments

SSgt	Andrews E. Schreiner	CEF
SRA	David K. Worthington	CSS
AIC	Joyce I. Gowens	RMSq
AIC	Kurtis A. Lindensmith	CEF
AB	Ernest Jackson	CSS

Reenlistments/ Extensions

CMSgt	Robert K. Land	CSS
MSgt	Richard H. Tatro	CEF
TSgt	Carl J. Konecny	CSS
SSgt	Phillip C. Blahut	CSS
SSgt	Janita F. Hundley	Group
SRA	Theresa A. Boyd	CAM

**NOMINATION FOR NATIONAL
GUARD MEMBERSHIP**

Please have a recruiter contact:

(Name)

(Address)

(City, State, Zip)

(Phone)

(Age)

Referred by:

(Address)

(City, State, Zip)



VA Awards Marling

For TSgt Robert Marling, 190th Clinic Supply, it was a typical June afternoon. As a recreation therapist at the VA Hospital, Wednesday was the day he and his partner, George Smith (ret. Army), always took the patients out fishing. But on this particular day, they would not make it to their favorite pond.

Four miles west of Holton, Kansas, a strange twist of fate turned the 1975 Dodge van Marling was driving into a blazing time bomb. A hole, from causes unknown, had punctured the van's gas tank and caused gas to leak for about 40 feet before they noticed that the vehicle was on fire. Stopping, Marling and Smith tried to pull the passengers out of the side door, but the heat and flames rising from under the van proved too intense. In desperation, they had to lock and close off that means of escape. Frightened, the patients crushed each other to get over the front seat. Realizing the only exit was the driver's side door, the two men pushed and pulled the rest of the patients out.

Counting heads, Marling made sure

They seated the patients under the trees and checked for shock and burns, but everyone was fine. Only some singed hair and minor cuts and bruises were found.

"I think being in the military really helped me to keep calm. With all the first-aid and disaster preparedness training that is stressed, we were able to make the snap decisions that enabled us to save the lives. We learned another important lesson, when taking out that many patients at one time, it is important to make sure there is more than one therapist in case there is an emergency. I couldn't have done it by myself. I am really glad George was with me. Since he also had military training, we were able to get by with no real problems," said Sergeant Marling.

Because of their heroic actions, Sergeant Marling and Mr. Smith were both awarded Performance Awards for Special Acts of Heroism from the Veterans Administration and their supervisor received a personal call from Mac Cleland, the Director of the VA in Washington, D.C. The 190th would also like to extend its congratulations to both men on an outstanding job.

Air Force Aid Society Provides Student Loans

The Air Force Aid Society is taking applications for student loans for the 1980/81 school year.

Two programs are available: the Gen Henry H. Arnold Student Loan Program and the Gen George S. Brown Senior Student Loan Program.

Loans can be used for post-secondary school education expenses for one or more academic periods up to a full school year at institutions approved by the U.S. Office of Education.

This includes two and four-year col-

In Memorandum

The Coyote Log is sad to report the death of two unit members during the month of June, MSgt William Bechtel and AIC Kenneth Dickson.

Sergeant Bechtel, a former full-time technician for the 190th CAM Squadron, worked in the Analysis Section on base. Previous jobs included working in Quality Control and Phasedock. A total of 50 persons from the unit were present during the burial. A partial honor guard from the unit conducted a flag folding ceremony, presenting flags to Bechtel's widow and mother. Bechtel is survived by his widow, Glenda and three sons.

According to CMSgt Everett Paul, one of Bechtel's friends, "His presence will be missed. He was dedicated to his job and an all-around good person to know."

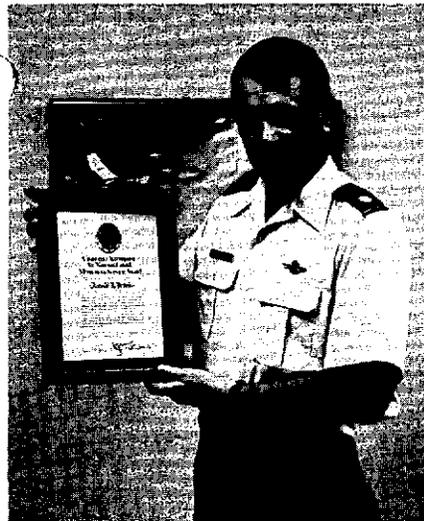
Airman Dickson worked in the 190th CAM Squadron in the Flightline Support Section. A partial honor guard service was held during the burial service. According to MSgt Thomas Whiteman, one of Dickson's friends, "He was a good worker and a real friendly guy. I was sorry to hear the bad news." Dickson is survived by his widow, Terri.

lative duty during the school term for which assistance is requested; retired due to length of service, disability or age; or died on active duty or in retired status.

The General Brown program provides loans to Air Force members on active duty; in the selected Reserve; retired because of length of service, disability, or age; spouse or unremarried widow/widower of these qualified Air Force members; Reserve members on continuous active duty through the academic year of requested assistance; and selected groups of persons working toward commissioning in the Air Force.

Applicants for both programs must be U.S. citizens enrolled in good standing or accepted for admission to an approved educational institution.

Payment of loans will begin the



Lt Col Brink Honored

Lt Col Ronald H. Brink was honored at a presentation on July 13, receiving the Air National Guard Meritorious Service Award as well as formal recognition for his outstanding service to the 190th AREFG in his capacity as Air Advisor. The awards were presented by Col William S. Mahler, Air Commander.

Colonel Brink's tour with the 190th will terminate in August. He arrived at Forbes Field from Blytheville, Ark. in May 1978.

The Meritorious Service Award recognized Colonel Brink's outstanding assistance to flying personnel during the conversion from B-57 aircraft to the KC-135.

Colonel Brink began his career as a SAC tanker pilot at Salina, KS in 1961, flying the KC-97 aircraft. He will be assigned to the 55th Strategic Wing at Offutt AFB, NE, continuing his career in C-135 aircraft. He plans to maintain his family and residence in Topeka, eventually retiring to the Shawnee County community.

UTA



MAJ GEN EDWARD R. FRY, left, The Adjutant General of Kansas and Mrs. Raymond V. Palmer, place the rank epaulet of brigadier general on the uniform of Raymond V. Palmer, Assistant Adjutant General, Kansas Air National Guard. A veteran of more than 30 years military service, General Palmer is only the third Air National Guard officer in Kansas to attain the rank of general. The list includes General Fry and BG J.E. Gardner (Ret).

New General Officer For Kansas Air Guard

During special ceremonies at the State Defense Building, Saturday, June 7, Maj Gen Edward R. Fry, The Adjutant General of Kansas, and Mrs. Raymond V. Palmer, jointly placed the rank epaulet of brigadier general on the uniform of Raymond V. Palmer.

General Palmer's promotion to the one-star rank was approved by the U.S. Senate May 29.

General Palmer is the third man in the history of the Kansas Air National Guard to become a general officer. The list also includes General Fry and J.E. Gardner (Ret).

Assigned as the Assistant Adjutant

194 combat hours while completing 35 missions in B-24's and B-17's as aircraft commander.

Among the many decorations he has earned are Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

General Palmer enlisted in the 127th Fighter Squadron, KSANG in January 1949 in the grade of sergeant.

The unit was activated during the Korean conflict and he was ordered to duty in his reserve rank of first lieutenant.

He rejoined the KSANG in 1952 and was activated again during the Pueblo crisis in January, 1968. During that period he served as Commander, 184th Combat Support Squadron and as Base Executive Officer, 4392nd Aerospace Support Group, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

In 1969 he was released from active duty and returned to the KSANG as

Menu

Saturday

Beef Stew
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Garden Vegetable Salad
Assorted Breads With Butter
Chocolate Pudding
Coffee, Tea, Milk

Sunday

Pork Chops
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Stewed Tomatoes
Tossed Salad
Assorted Breads with Butter
Butterscotch Brownie
Coffee, Tea, Milk

NEW DINING HALL HOURS

1100 — 1130 1st Half CAM Sq-SPF
1130 — 1200 HQ-117th-CE-RMS
1200 — 1230 Last Half CAM-CLI-CSS

190th AREFG
Forbes Field, Topeka, KS
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Official Business

November Dining In

The officers of the 190th AFREG will hold a Dining-In on Saturday, November 1, at the Shawnee Country Club. Proper attire for this event is the Winter (black) Air Force Mess Dress uniform with authorized awards and decorations. The Commander has authorized the wearing of the Summer Mess Dress as optional attire. Those officers requesting assistance in obtaining proper uniforms, rank, or decorations should contact their respective squadron commanders.

UTA Hours Change

UTA hours will change with the August UTA. The new hours will be from 0730 to 1600 with a half hour for lunch.

UTA Schedule

August 2-3
September 6-7
October 4-5
November 1-2
December 6-7

Regency House To Close

Regency House will terminate dining hall services in the present building (dining hall) and resume operations at the Ambassador Club building after August 1, 1980. The UTA meals will still be served in the dining hall.

Notes From Film Library

We want to make a film library equipment loan service available for base wide use, but we need to identify those items of equipment you need in support of audiovisual training. If you need training aids we will do our best to help you, but you need to let us know what your needs are. We are located in Bldg 662, second floor (above the Clinic) in the Audiovisual Center, ext 4363.

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