

Combat Pistol Team Sweeps FORSCOM Matches

The 190th Combat Pistol Team has once again captured honors at the 25th Annual FORSCOM matches at Ft. Riley, winning the overall team trophy.

In the individual competition, SSgt Bill Beightel, swept six individual first place awards in the individual, position, duel and military rapid fire matches. Three separate individual matches were fired with Sgt Beightel taking first place in all three; scoring 884, 888 and 887 of a possible 900 score. MSgt Jim Goetz fired an 880 score in one match to take second place.

Firing the standard military issue 45 caliber pistol throughout the contest, Sgt Beightel took first place awards in the position match scoring 884, the duel match scoring 888, and the military rapid fire, again scoring 888. In the position match, shooters fire from the prone, kneeling and crouched positions. The duel targets snap in place facing the marksman for only five seconds before turning away; and

in the military rapid fire match, five rounds are fired in segments of 20, 15 and 10 seconds.

In the combat team competition, the Coyotes finished in third place, only three points behind the first place winner.

Extra competition points were won in the excellence-in-competition match by SMSgt Maurice Smith, MSgt David Fogelberg and Sgts Goetz and Beightel.

The most grueling part of the competition was the General George S. Patton Jr., match that consists of a timed two-mile run in combat dress including steel helmet, web gear with pistol, first aid kit, canteen and poncho. The maximum time allowed for the run is 25 minutes, with target firing beginning 29 minutes after the start of the run. According to SMSgt Smith, pacing yourself on the run to allow some rest time afterward is more important than exhausting yourself on the run and finishing first.

In the Patton match, a four-man

team fires at six targets with team coaches spotting the targets and correcting errors during firing. The Coyote team scored 1666 points, some 56 points ahead of the second place finisher.

Twenty championship teams participated in the match. Seven were regular Army, three Army Reserve, seven Army National Guard and three Air National Guard.

CINCSAC Sends Praise To Guard Refuelers

"Not only were you there when requested, but your performance throughout the year ... showed us the professionals you are and that the total force policy really does work."

Gen. Richard H. Ellis, commander in chief, Strategic Air Command, wrote these comments in a recent message to Air Force Reservists and Air National Guardsmen, thanking them for their support of SAC's 1979 refueling mission.

During 1979, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard KC-135 tankers located throughout the Continental United States flew more than 25,100 hours in support of SAC's air refueling mission.

"Recognizing the part-time nature of the Air Reserve Forces, you can be justifiably proud of your units' performances," said General Ellis. "We in SAC are looking forward to a



Commander's Corner



Colonel William S. Mahler

Commander's Comments

Recent changes to unit readiness reporting procedures and subordinate unit mission changes have highlighted unit strength deficiencies. Although our overall Group strength is in the low eighties, emphasis on the critical or specific AFSC's will solve the subordinate unit strength problems and the overall Group strength. Particular emphasis must be placed on recruiting and retaining flight line crew chiefs, engine mechanics and firefighters.

Filling these critical vacancies is not the sole responsibility of the recruiters nor is it the sole responsibility of the CAM Sq or Civil Engineering. The responsibility rests with every member of the Group regardless of organization. Talk to your neighbor or friend, tell him or her about the unit. Don't "leave it to the other person" - be the other person. A great deal of emphasis has been placed upon recruiting and retention in the past; however, strength has become the most serious and challenging problem that faces us today. Commanders and supervisors must provide the leadership and direction but everyone must show concern for the weekend guardsman, appreciation for a job well done and provide interesting or responsible training during the UTAs.

Some of the Commanders and supervisors are doing a superb job in

WEIGHT CONTROL PROGRAM PLANNED

A weight control program for the 190th was the main topic of the First Sergeants meeting during the April UTA. The program will be in complete compliance with ANGR 35-11.

According to MSgt James Alber, 190th CAM Sq. First Sergeant, "The main reason is we want to advise the unit what the program consists of and how it will be implemented."

The official weight will be taken at the time of the annual physical (SF93). Those persons overweight will be required to lose 6 pounds by the next official weigh in 60 days later. Participants will be verbally counseled at the end of the 60 day period if the weight is not lost. A second unsatisfactory weigh-in will result in a written letter of counseling. A third unsatisfactory weigh-in will receive a written letter of reprimand.

GOLF TOURNEY SLATED

The fourth semi-annual golf tournament with the 184th Tactical Fighter Group in Wichita is planned for late May. The 190th has hopes to be successful in keeping the trophy it has won in the three previous matches.

"We have a really good group," said SMSgt Duane Zerger, coordinator of the tourney. "There's a lot of fun, food and drink; but if we had more participants we could make it a bigger event."

The first meet was held in Wichita, then in Toneka. The last one was in

"High Flight" Needs Notes

"High Flight," the soaring sonnet long associated with the Air Force, is the subject of a civilian contest.

Avon Old Farms School, alma mater of its author, John Gillespie Magee Jr., is offering a \$1,000 prize for the best musical setting for the sonnet.

The music, with piano or organ accompaniment, must be performable as a hymn for unison voices.

Deadline for entries is June 15. Further information is available from Gordon Clark Ramsey, Avon Old Farms School, Avon, Conn. 06001. (AFNS)

Voluntary Recall Set For National Guard And Reserve

Some 1,250 enlisted members of the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve may be voluntarily recalled to extended active duty this summer.

The action aims to fill shortages with trained specialists in 170 career fields in the regular Air Force.

Guard and Reserve members are being contacted by the Air Reserve Personnel Center, Denver, Colo., to find out if they are interested in returning to active duty.

Applicants must meet basic requirements including U.S. or naturalized citizenship; at least one year of service in the primary Air Force specialty code and grade for which being considered; and have served at least three months on active duty.

A board will make final selections in May.

Interested Guard and Reserve members should submit an Air Force Form 125, "Application for Extended Active Duty", to the Air Reserve Personnel Center through their unit

Unit Airmen Return From Mildenhall

The first group of people taking active duty training at Mildenhall AFB, England, has returned. They brought back with them many good memories, lots of souvenirs and some helpful information for those planning to go on future trips.

"The flight overseas was pretty rough. We followed a storm over, even though we went farther North than originally planned," said SSgt John Shirey, CAM Sq. "Once we were in England the weather wasn't too bad. It didn't rain, but it sure was cold."

The billeting varied for the people at Mildenhall. For AIC Doris Whitehead, CAM Sq, and the only female on the trip, quarters consisted of a single room in the women's dormitory. The facilities contained a tub and stall showers at each end of the hall, a day room and free washer and dryer.

"The thing I would suggest is to leave most of your civilian clothes at home and make more room for souvenirs and things," said Doris.

The KC-135 crew chiefs, TSgt Rick Wachsnicht, TSgt John Topping and AIC Ron Swibold, stayed in separate building from the TDY barracks. They each had their own room with a T.V., shower facilities and a washer and dryer on each floor.

The TDY barracks had two floors, with about 10 rooms on each. The men were two to a room, with showers at each end of the hall and a dayroom.

good and what you can't find at one, the other usually has it. In fact, with the two rec centers, a dance on alternate Thursdays, the gym, bowling alley, theater, and gift shops, a Guardsman need not even leave the base.

"The food in the chow hall and the NCO Club is very good. You can get an excellent steak at the club for only about \$6. Best price in town," Shirey said.

Most of the people on this trip went in to London at least one day and had very good reports. The rate of exchange from U.S. dollars and British pound sterling at that time was \$2.22 per pound, however that changes almost daily.

"They spend pounds like dollars, so be prepared to spend some money. Every thing is at least twice what it costs here. Gas cost almost \$3 a gallon," Capt Dale Peterson, 117th AREFS, said.

The least amount of money spent was \$200, and that person didn't go into London. The most spent was \$500, including a weekend in London. The hotel rooms in London ranged from \$18 to \$32, in "off season" rates. Tourist season rates in effect from June through August are about double.

Food off base was quite expensive. Fish and chips cost \$3 and everything else was higher.

"I got a Big Mac and a cup of coffee at Picadilly Square and it cost exactly one pound (\$2.22)," said SSgt William Hilbert, RMS. All of the Guardsmen

who were stationed there.

"I worked my regular job of bench stock there and it was great. Just before I left, a Guardsman from Chicago ANG reported for duty on his second trip over," said Hilbert.

It was great. We had a good time, but it is very expensive. It's well worth it all. I'd recommend the trip for anyone who can go," Peterson said.

RECRUITERS CORNER

by MSgt Bill Stark

We have some regulations that now permit non-prior service individuals to enter the Air National Guard above the rank of E-1.

If they have 20 college semester hours, they can enter as an E-2, if they have 45 hours or more, they can be enlisted as an E-3.

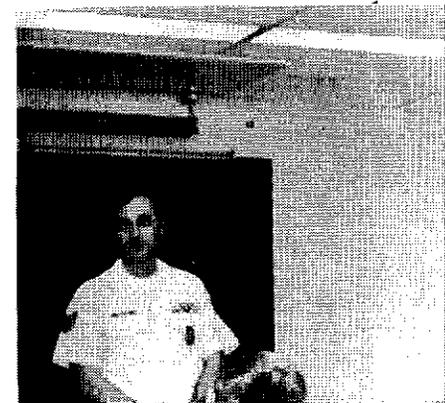
If they have had one or more years of college ROTC they can enlist as an E-3.

If they have had 2 years of high school Jr ROTC, they can enlist as an E-2, and for three years Jr ROTC, they can come in as an E-3.

So, advise all those interested, who have any of the above qualifications, to call us about the special opportunities the 190th can offer.



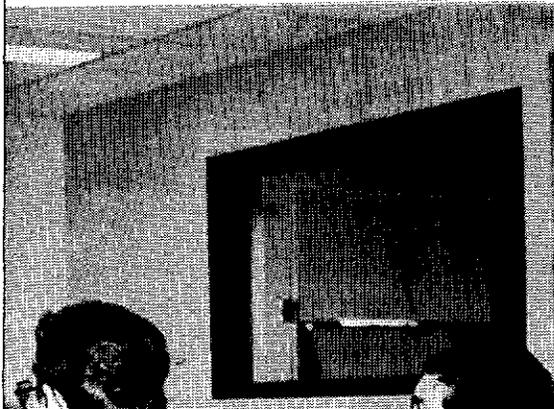
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER -- SSgt Seth Toomay updates a technical order in the fire station control center. Equipment parked in the apparatus room is visible through the window.





RESCUE LIFELINE REPAIR--TSgt Michael Smith, Fire Chief, watches SRA Gary Goebel and MSgt Robert Higgs repair a lifeline used for escape from building roofs during a fire.

BREAK TIME--AIC Dave Krogman pours a cool drink in the kitchen.



COYOTE NOTES:

The roving Coyote was out last UTA and asked: "How would you feel about a mandatory service requirement for all eligible 18 year olds?"



AIC JAMES JOHNSON



MSgt BOB HERN

AIC James Johnson:

No, I don't think it's a good idea. I think if it's their choice, that's OK. It's a free country. They should be able to decide for themselves. At age 18, some people aren't ready for military life. Two years ago I came into the Guard, right out of high school. If I had to go, I don't think I would have liked it.

SSgt Charlie Billau:

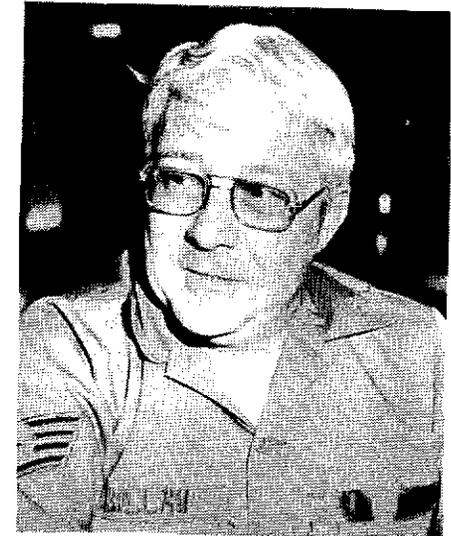
I think it would be nice. It gives people a form of discipline and I think everyone needs that. I believe that military service would be the only way to go, though.

MSgt Bob Hern:

I'm for it, I have been for years. Everyone should go into the military, women included. I think it would be good for them. You can see a difference when they leave for basic training and when they get back.

Maj. Pat Dale:

I would be in favor of it, with obvious exceptions. I have two daughters, ages 8 and 11. They are pretty non-committal now, but I am advising them that the military is a good background. As far as the Air Guard is concerned, that would be a real good source for trained recruits.



SSgt CHARLIE BILLAU



Maj. PAT DALE

Vacation Safety Means More Fun

Vacation time is here and you're eager to be off to relatives, the desert, the mountains, or the seashore. Usually this means throwing the kids into the car, hanging fishing rods on the side, boarding out the canary and the goldfish, but not the dog cause the kids wouldn't let

more! A happy safe vacation to you and yours.

First, have you had your car thoroughly checked? Lights, brakes, tires, windshield wipers?

Going swimming? Remember Old Sol is friendly, but his beams turn a pale epidermis to an angry red hide-

bad.

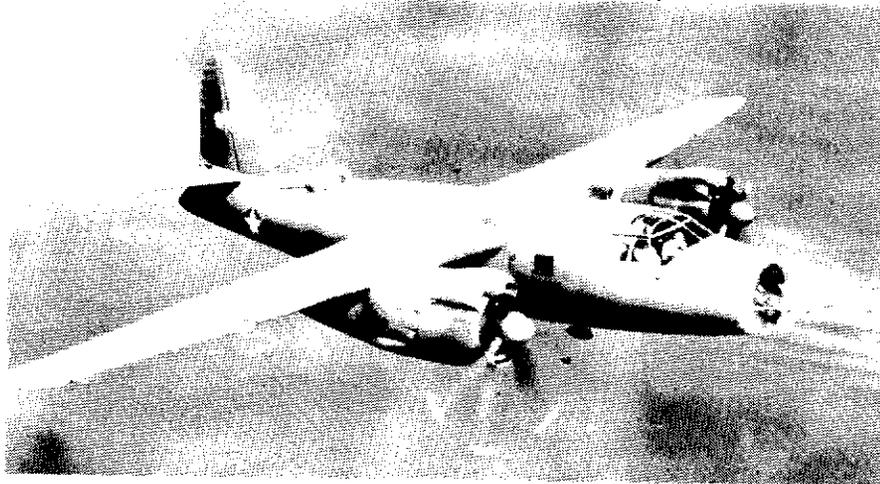
Going boating? Are you checked out in small boats? Know the rules of the road? The capacity of the boat? The coast guard regulations --do you know them? Got preservers for each person aboard?

Going picnicking? You're gonna

THE 190th STORY

The following unit history was written by TSgt Robert Piepenbrink, former 190th Historian. Segments of the "190th Story" will be continued in future issues.

The unit began in 1942 as the 440th Bombardment Squadron, Light. This was a B-26 unit, working from North Africa, Sicily, Italy and France during the war in Europe. For precision bombing over Casino and Naples, it received a Presidential Unit Citation. With the end of the war in Europe, the 440th was transferred to Okinawa, where it took part in the bombardment of Japan.



the war, the 440th was deactivated by the Army Air Force. The Squadron was then reorganized as the 117th Bombardment Squadron, Light, of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, stationed at Philadelphia Municipal Airport. In April 1951, the 117th was called to active duty for the Korean War. It served as a training unit at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. With the end of the war, the Squadron was returned to the Pennsylvania Air National Guard, and redesignated a Fighter Interceptor Squadron. Over the next few years, though, the 117th was unable to maintain the minimum required strength, (60 percent of authorized). Finally the decision was reached to

men had to be found. This was easy enough. The 127th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, Kansas Air National Guard, was already in existence in Wichita, at McConnell Air Force Base. The creation of a new unit would offer a chance of promotion to many of the men of the old unit, if they transferred. Then too, it was a good chance to get out from under superiors one disliked. These arguments appealed especially to the Guard's full-time employees, the Air Technicians. From the same unit, a commander could also be found. Major Carl L. "Curly" Boggs, commander of the 127th Maintenance and Supply

Squadron, and Chief of Maintenance of the 127th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, was evidently experienced enough to handle a new squadron, and was well-liked by the men of the 127th who would form the cadre. As one said, looking back, "a lot of them come to Hutchinson to follow Curly Boggs." He had just began a one year course of instruction at Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB Alabama, the only officer in the Air National Guard admitted for the full course that year.

Major Boggs was born in Kansas on 26 May 1916, and graduated from Wichita North High School in 1935. He spent one year at Wichita Business College, but with the Depression still in full swing by 1937 he was

28 July 1943, he had become 2nd Lt. Boggs, USAAF. He was declared the outstanding cadet of Southeast Air Force Training Command--a position determined by both academic standing and flying proficiency--and was awarded a presentation sabre. On April 1st, 1944, he left the United States as a B-17 pilot, assigned to the famous 305th Bomb. Group, Eighth Air Force, formerly under the command of Lt. Colonel Curtis E. LeMay. He completed his 30 missions with 240 hours of combat flying over Europe, having once ditched in the English Channel. One of his airplanes was the "Wichita Wench," featuring the obligatory girl "but they made me put pants on her."

Assigned as a Repair and Reclamation officer in France, Captain Boggs flew most of the Air Force inventory. On 15 March 1946, he was released from the active Air Force. He might have stayed, but he wanted to live in his native Kansas, and didn't know yet how to combine an Air Force Career with staying in one place.

Six months later he found out. After reading of it in a newspaper, he joined the Kansas Air National Guard on 7 September 1946, and 10 days later became Air Technician Chief of Maintenance for the 127th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron.

With the commencement of the Korean War, Curly Boggs was activated (with the rest of the 127th) on 25 September 1950. While the unit went to France, he was assigned to the 136th Fighter-bomber Wing, composed of Texas and Arkansas Guardsmen. He served with them as commander of the maintenance squadron while the 136th flew in Japan and Korea.

On the 13th day of July, 1951, Boggs now Major, was deactivated, and went back to being an air technician. His task now was to return to Wichita and raise a replacement squadron for the 127th, which was still in France. In carrying out this mission, Major Boggs

PRIORITY AFSC's

The following AFSC's are needed by this unit. They are considered priority when recruiting.

29150 5 SSgt
42652 8 SSgt
427x1 4 Sgt thru TSgt
431x2 26 Sgt thru TSgt
566x1 4 AIC thru Sgt
571x0 19 Sgt thru MSgt
81150 14 Sgt thru SSgt
81152 2 Sgt thru SSgt

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Hangar 666

KC-135 MODEL AVAILABLE

Guardsmen interested in building a plastic model of the KC-135 Strato-tanker may be interested to know that Nova Models has a 1/72 scale kit available. List price of the model is \$18.50 The kit may be ordered from a dealer in California. For more information contact TSgt. Tom Lamb, Recruiter at ext. 4295.

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Official Business

UTA Schedule

May 17-18
June 21-22
July 12-13
August 2-3
September 6-7

NEW BUMPER STICKERS

New Air National Guard Bumper Stickers are available in the Public Affairs Office, Unit Orderly Rooms and the Recruiters Office.

MENU

Saturday

Steaming Beef Stew
Creamy Mashed Potatoes
Tender Buttered Peas
Tossed Green Salad
Assorted Breads with Butter
Chilled Pears
Coffee, Tea or Milk

Sunday

Oven Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
Sweet Buttered Carrots
Tossed Spring Salad
Spice Cake with Frosting
Assorted Breads with Butter
Coffee, Tea or Milk

Dining Hall Hours

Saturday - 1130 to 1300

Sunday - 1100 to 1230

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