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Bien Hoa Has First VFW Meet

The first meeting of the Bien Hoa Post #3885, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, was held in the base theater Sunday with Charles N. Phillips, national deputy chief of staff-Far East VFW, officiating.

The meeting was called to elect the post officers for the coming year.

Those elected were Baxter H. Dodge, post commander; Charles R. Ruberg, senior vice commander; Charles R. Baker, junior vice commander; Johannis L. Andrews, quartermaster; James J. Valois, post advocate; James R. Williams, post chaplain; Marion L. Penfield, post surgeon; John P. Cornett, Guilberto A. T. Lobato and Andrew W. Johnson. (Continued on Page 2)



ACTRESS Ann-Margret, on tour in the Republic of Vietnam since March 14, will entertain Bien Hoa personnel with an hour long show beginning at 8 p.m., March 21, in the base theater. Accompanying the popular singer-dancer will be the Johnny Rivers Trio.

Premier Ky Sends Note Of Thanks To 3rd CSG Commander

Col. Joseph M. Martin, 3rd Combat Support Group commander, was recently cited by Air Vice Marshal Nguyen Cao Ky for the efforts of the 34th Tactical Group in training Vietnamese fighter pilots at Bien Hoa AB.

The letter to Colonel Martin was endorsed by both Col. Jack R. Best, deputy chief of the Air Force Advisory Group, and by Maj. Gen. Gilbert L. Meyers, vice commander of 2nd Air Division.

The letter from Air Vice Marshal Ky stated, in part:

"For the past time, although having to cope

rate under very difficult conditions, your unit has efficiently assumed the training of a great number of VNAF Fighter Pilots.

"All the pilot instructors as well as (Continued on Page 2)

New Base Exchange Now Open; Come 'n' Get It!

Bien Hoa AB's new \$140,000 ultra-modern Army-Air Force Base Exchange opened Monday, amid drill team demonstrations, band performances, and visiting dignitaries.

Maj. Gen. Gilbert L. Meyers, vice commander of Second Air Division, and Col. Joseph M. Martin, 3d Combat Support Group commander, officially opened the 18,500-square-foot exchange, expected to produce over \$1 million in sales monthly.

The big, air-conditioned building, located just outside the Air Force cantonment area, has facilities for a snack bar, barber shop, tailor shop, and a customer service counter.

The grand opening climaxed nine-months of construction for the BX, termed one of the most modern in the Far East. It will serve over 20,000 Army and Air Force troops in the area.

Capt. James W. Reed, area exchange officer, 2nd Lt. Richard A. Edwards, assistant exchange officer, and SFC Harold Williams, store manager, will be assisted by about 90 employees.

A drill team demon-

stration by the 3rd Air Police Squadron "Moon-spinners" and a performance by the U.S. Army 1st Division Band (Continued on Page 2)

13 Decorated By General Meyers

Maj. Gen. Gilbert L. Meyers, vice commander of 2nd Air Division, decorated 13 men at an awards ceremony in front of headquarters, 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing Monday morning.

Those receiving the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial flight in Southeast Asia were Lt. Col. Alfred H. Hopkins Jr., Maj. Dale G. Nelson, Maj. James C. Barnes, Capt. Newell L. Branam, Capt. Jerald D. Cannon, Capt. Edward A. Gellings, Capt. Karl G. King, Capt. William K. Smith, Capt. Charles J. Stamschror and 1st Lt. John R. Hartmann.

Receiving the Air (Continued on Page 2)

308th Supersabres Stop VC

When a friendly convoy of 50 military trucks was ambushed by the Viet Cong Wednesday afternoon, 23 miles northeast of Can Tho, airpower in the form of three F-100 Supersabres of the 308th Tactical Fighter Squadron roared to the rescue. The flight, made up

of Capt. Paul DeSan Martino, flight leader, 1st Lt. William L. Meyer, and Capt. Philip J. Morris, was diverted from their preplanned target by the tactical air control center at Can Tho.

The convoy was stopped by a mine on the Can Tho - Saigon high-

way just south of Cai Lay. When the trucks were halted, the VC opened up with heavy automatic weapons fire from concealed positions in a settlement 50 to 150 meters west of the road.

By now cyclos, buses and private cars were (Continued on Page 2)

Newspaper Award Presented To 3d TFW

During their stopover here Tuesday afternoon, Col. L. G. Cruciana, deputy director of information, PACAF, and Maj. Gen. John Vogt, DCS plans and operations, PACAF, presented the first place award won by the Bien Hoa Bugle in the 1965 world wide Air Force newspaper competition.

The plaque, signed by the secretary of the Air Force, the chief of staff and the Air Force director of information, was received by Col. Robert A. Ackerly, 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing commander, and, in turn, by SSgt. Robert H. Hoffmann, present editor of the Bien Hoa Short Bursts.

First Lt. Jess E. Maxwell, Sergeant Hoffmann and A1C August A. Yakima are the only members of the Wing Information Office who served on the former Bugle staff.

Instructors Needed

Continual rotation of approved military instructors for the on base University of Maryland program means a continual need for new ones.

To qualify as an instructor, one must generally have a Master's degree, or higher, in the field to be taught.

Personnel interested in teaching for the University of Maryland are urged to contact TSgt. R. W. Riggins, base education office, extension 7316, for further information.

VFW HOLDS MEETING

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nson, trustees; and James B. Cockerham was appointed adjutant.

Installation of officers and the Post will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the base theater. The ceremonies will be conducted by Mr. Phillips and will be open to the general public.

Col. Robert A. Ackerly, 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing commander, heads the list of dignitaries who will be on hand for the installation and to welcome the first military VFW Post in the Republic of Vietnam.

Personnel desiring to join the Post may do so at this meeting.

DRIVE CAREFULLY

New BX Opens Here

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preceded the ribbon cutting.

In attendance for the ceremonies and reception were: Brig. Gen. Joseph S. Hardin, deputy for the Army-Air Force Exchange Service, New York City; Brig. Gen. Donald K.

13 DECORATED HERE

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Force commendation Medal for meritorious service were 1st Lt. Jerome G. Ginger, SSgt. John L. Burge Jr., and SSgt. Hugh C. Dever III.

LOSES 45 POUNDS

Losing weight in Vietnam can be an easy task especially when you work at it as A1C Raymond Barnes, 3rd Supply Squadron, can testify.

When Airman Barnes arrived in Vietnam last fall he decided he should loose some weight. He set up a program to follow and also checked with the flight surgeon for guidance.

In three months time he reduced his weight from 206 pounds to 160, and his waist from 42 inches to 34. This was done through a controlled diet consisting of very few potatoes and bread and doing the first chart of the 5 BX test each day.

"Being out on the flightline in the hot sun all day helped take some of the pounds off," said Airman Barnes. He is a refueling specialist and works at fuel hydrant one, refueling F-100 Supersabres.

He hopes to loose another 15 pounds before he stops his self-appointed program.

DRILL TEAM TO PERFORM

The 3rd Air Police Squadron precision drill team, the "Moonspinners," have scheduled three performances for tonight.

At 7 p.m. they will perform at a Vietnamese church in Bien Hoa, just outside the main gate.

At 8:30 and 9:30 they will put on a show at the Officers' Club and Enlisted Men's Club respectively.

MOVIES

Tonight - Moment to Moment
Sat. - Jpocress File
Sun. - Glory Gyps
Mon. - Ann-Margret Show
Tues. - Von Ryan's Express

McGovern, deputy chief of staff, personnel, U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam; Brig. Gen. Randolph Dickens, assistant commander, 1st Infantry Division; Navy Capt. Archie C. Kuntze, commander, Headquarters Support Activity, Saigon; Navy Capt. William A. Miller, deputy for the Headquarters Support Activity; Col. Robert A. Ackerly, 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing commander, parent unit at Bien Hoa AB; Col. Wiltz P. Segura, 3rd TFW vice commander; Col. Emmett Thiesen, 3rd TFW deputy commander for material; and Col. J. H. Hollenroth, commander of the 159th Engineering Battalion at Long Bien.

PILOTS RESCUE CONVOY

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stopped - the drivers and passengers spectators to the fire fight.

The F-100s were soon giving "Charlie" all they had. In 20 minutes time each of the three pilots made 10 passes, dropping napalm and strafing with their 20 mm cannons. When they finished, 19 structures had been destroyed and five damaged. The destroyed included one stucco building with a tile roof.

The forward air controller directing the strike stated, "For all the people on the highway watching the air strike, you would have thought it was a well planned air show."

With the air strike over and all ground fire silenced, the traffic began flowing once again.

KY SENDS THANKS

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mechanics and specialists of all branches of your unit have tried their best to train the students about theory as well as practice, with extremely beautiful results.

"In the capacity of Commander of the Vietnamese Air Force, I sincerely thank you and request you to convey to all the personnel of your unit my warmest thanks."

The units which helped train the Vietnamese pilots are the 1st Air Commando Squadron, now at Pleiku, and the 602nd Fighter Squadron (Commando) now stationed at Nha Trang.