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Area Civic Leaders Tour Base For First Time

Thirty area province and village civic leaders now have a better understanding of tactical air power following their day-long visit to Phan Rang Air Base, Vietnam.

The visiting group were the guests of Colonel Frank L. Galler Jr., commander, 35th Tactical Fighter Wing.

It was the first time that a community relations program bringing local civilian leaders to the base had been held in the three-year history of Phan Rang Air Base.

Their day's activities included a static display of base primary mission aircraft. These included up-loaded F-100 Supersabre and B-57 Canberra of the 35th TFW; a C-123 Provider of the 315th Special Operations Wing; and an OV-10 Bronco used by the theater forward air controller school at Phan Rang.

The civic leaders' itinerary followed with a slide briefing on the base mission, facilities and base tactical airpower as used in Vietnam in the battle against communism.

The visit had been coordinated through Air Force Lt. Col. Carl A. Bowley, assistant province advisor, who explained, "The province chief had mentioned recently that many of the area's leading citizens were interested in visiting the base. Most of them knew little or nothing of the base's mission or operation—they had never been inside the gates.

"We felt this was the perfect opportunity to establish a closer rapport with these community leaders—and from all indications, it was a complete success."

Provider Pilots Now In C-47s

Roadrunner Airlines, the C-47 support aircraft for Phan Rang Air Base, acquired the first of six co-pilot augmentsees recently from the 315th Special Operations Wing here.

Usual pilot manning for the airlines's "Gooneybird" is normally provided by local base resources. However, a critical shortage of "behind-the-lines" pilots necessitated a search for assistance.

Previously, members of B Flight, 3rd SOW, who flew the AC-47 "Spooky" gunships helped out when needed, but their relocation to another base ended this arrangement.

One untapped resource of trained transport pilots remained—the C-123 squadrons. Base officials sought and obtained approval from Seventh Air Force to permit C-47 co-pilot qualification for a selected number of C-123 pilots.

1st Lt. Dennis J. Lessard was the first selected to complete the C-47 co-pilot upgrading school at Nha Trang AB.

Commenting on the school, Lieutenant Lessard said, "Each student attends two days of classroom studies followed by three days of flying. We complete 16 to 18 hours in the air before receiving a checkout."

MONEY NOT HARD TO GET

One of the most frequently heard objections to the U.S. Savings Deposit Program is, "It is too difficult to get my money out once it is on deposit." While this was true of the old Airmans Deposit program, say base finance officials, it is not a valid objection to the USSDP.

Deposits may be withdrawn under any one of three basic methods. They are:

For Emergency Reasons: At any time, if approved by the unit commander, authority for repayment may be obtained by message directly from the Air Force Accounting and Finance Center. Actual payment is then made locally or at any Accounting and Finance Office.

Upon Arrival in the U.S.: Application is made through the Phan Rang CBPO prior to departure and payment will be available at any Air Force base in the U.S. upon arrival. At McChord AFB, checks will be available for pickup at the base Accounting and Finance Office between 7:45 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. on the day of arrival.

Final Settlement: Application is made through the CBPO at the U.S. duty station. Full payment is made by the Air Force Accounting and Finance Center within seven days after receipt of the application. Funds left on deposit for longer than 90 days after arrival in the U.S. do not bear interest.

Questions regarding the USSDP program should be directed to the Military Pay Section, Accounting and Finance Office, Ext. 2211.

Col. H. V. Bankard

KNOW THE COMMANDER

Colonel Harry V. Bankard recently assumed duties as the 315th Special Operations Wing's new vice-commander. A veteran of 20 years airlift experience, and over 300 previous combat flying hours, he hails from Towson, Md.

Receiving his commission and pilot wings through aviation cadets at Blytheville, Ark., in 1943, Colonel Bankard initially was assigned to the 438th Troop Carrier Group (TCGp) in Europe.

Piloting the C-47, he flew paratroopers and towed gliders in the invasion of Normandy, Southern France, and Holland. Later, he participated in the aerial resupply of Bastogne and also the airborne assault across the Rhine.

At war's end, he joined the 316TCGp, moved with them from Pope AFB, to Greenville AFB, and finally Sewart AFB, Tennessee. The year 1950 found him in Korea where he flew combat airlift in C-119's with the 314th TCWg. This was followed by a tour at Donaldson AFB, 1st Air Force.

Completing attendance at Armed Forces Staff College, Colonel Bankard returned to Sewart as the director of operations, 314th TCWg. 1956 saw him at the 483rd TCWg in Ashiya, Japan where he commanded the 817th TCSq. Following an assignment as Deputy Commander, 32nd Fighter Group, and later as base commander at Minot AFB, N.D., he went to the

Pentagon as director of transportation, Plans Group. Returning to Pope in 1966, he took over as deputy commander for operations, (DCO) 464th TCWg. The following year he went to Mactan AB, Philippine Islands, as the DCO, 463rd TCWg. Prior to his arrival in Vietnam, He was Chief, Aerospace Systems Transportation Office, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Colonel Bankard is married to the former Miss Helen Edwards of Towson, Md, where she is presently residing. They have three sons, Brian, 27, married, Benet, 25, who is earning his Masters Degree at

Pennsylvania State University, and Barry, 21, a senior at North Carolina State College who will enter pilot training in the Air Force upon graduation this spring.

NEW BOOKS AT LIBRARY

New 1968/1969 books in the library collection are: BJOG: Hoyt, The Last Explorer (Admiral Byrd), Valentinov, Encounters With Lenin, PIC: Berri, The Two of Us, Dickens, The Landlord's Daughter, Jeal, Somewhere Beyond Reproach, MacLean, Force 10 From Navarone, Reeman, The Pride and the Anguish, Walton, Hero Before Kilroy, Wisnel, Legends of
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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

The penitential season of Lent becomes even more somber as we move into the Holy Week. This is the period in which we commemorate the events which lead up to the crucifixion and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Special services are planned both for Roman Catholics and Protestants during this most holy time of the Christian year.

For Roman Catholics, the regular Lenten schedule will continue into Holy Week through Wednesday.

Services daily are at noon and 5:30 p.m. On Holy Thursday, the liturgy will be celebrated but once, and that will be at 5:30 p.m. The Good Friday liturgy will be at 5:30 p.m. The Easter Vigil will be on Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m.

For Protestants, services
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CHAPEL SCHEDULE

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PROTESTANT

Sunday: 9:30, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Worship Services
9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class
Monday: 7:30 p.m. Think and Talk Series
Wednesday: Second Wednesday of the month - 6:15 p.m.
1968 Cookout and Program
Thursday: 7:30 p.m. New Testament Class
Friday: 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Morning Service)
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Evening Service)

Denominational Services

Episcopal Service: Church of Christ:
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. Worship
Latter Day Saints:
Sunday: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Worship Service

CATHOLIC

Sunday: Mass 8:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Mon - Sat: Mass 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Catholic Instruction Class
First Friday: Mass 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. followed by Steak Cookout.
Confessions: One half hour before all Sunday Masses
15 minutes before weekday Masses

JEWISH

Friday: 7:30 p.m. Jewish Service
Wednesday: 3:00 p.m. Jewish Instruction

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Du Drops

March Cookout A Success

March at the Red Cross Center has been an outstanding month. One of the events the Red Cross girls enjoyed most was the barbeque held at the Du Drop Inn last Saturday. Thanks to all of you for your help and your understanding when the hot dogs and baked beans -- and even the peanut butter and jelly -- ran out sooner than we had expected. We'll plan another cookout, so stay tuned for information about the date for that.

This is ping pong week at the center. The tournament will be on Monday night. As usual, the center will be closed until 6:30 p.m. that day so don't forget to be on hand about 7:30 p.m. when the competition will begin.

Saturday night is our second "Flatter Chatter" program. PFC Don Abbott will be there with the latest records from the States, plenty of jokes, and free goodies and prizes for every one present. The Inn is definitely the place to be this Saturday -- don't forget!

A reminder for the SHORR-OR Colorado A.M.s: we are lowering the threshold of the center front door and removing all dust particles from the center floor so that you will be able to attend the "Squadron of the Month" party in your honor to be held at the Du Drop Inn on Saturday, 29 March, at 8 p.m. For your convenience, refreshments will be served on the floor and a close watch will be kept on the time.

Another outstanding joke to leave you chortling and snickering throughout the week! Did you know the VC have a special committee which inspects all their ammunition before an attack on Phan Rang? It is called their Mortar Board! Have a good week -- we'll be talking to you on 112!

DISPATCH: You can at the 35th TFW Intelligence Briefing every Monday night at Eastern Dining Hall. It starts at 8 p.m.

CENTER SCHEDULE

Thursday	Quiet Night
Friday	Laugh-In
Saturday	Flatter Chatter
Sunday	Go Fly A Kite
Monday	Ping Pong Tournament
Tuesday	Clubmobile
Wednesday	Scrabble
Thursday	Quiet Night

Assignments Out Early

(AFHS)--Air Force officers selected for intermediate level professional military education schools (Command and Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College, etc.) will receive their postgraduate assignment at least 60 days before entering school.

Officers receiving an assignment to a remote overseas location will be notified of their subsequent stateside assignment while in school -- 60 days prior to graduation.

The change is to help the student plan his career and to make his personal move easier. The new system for students presently will affect about 340 officers annually.

SUPERSABRES HIT ENEMY AT PHAN THIET

F-100 Supersabres of the 35th TFW recently hit a Viet Cong encampment near Phan Thiet in support of Operation McClean.

The pilots were Col. Frank L. Gailer Jr., 35th TFW commander, and Lt. Col. Robert H. Bues, 614th TFS commander.

Commenting on the strike, Colonel Bues said, "Our target was an enemy encampment about five miles south of Phan Thiet.

The FAC told us to expect ground fire, so we made our passes from east to west, coming in on the target with the sun at our backs.

"I went in first, dropping my bombs where the FAC marked. Colonel Gailer followed me in but had to make a dry run because of the smoke caused by my bombs.

"On our next two passes," concluded Colonel Bues, "we both got bullseyes, having no trouble at all."

The FAC credited the pilots with 12 enemy soldiers killed and destroying 14 enemy bunkers and 70 meters of trench.

KARATE ANYONE?

Interested in learning the fine art of karate? Instructions are given nightly from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the base tennis courts. This is one of many recreational activities available here.



"SORRY MEN--WE'VE BEEN DETAILED TO AID LT. JOHNSON. TEST THESE NEW TIE CASUALTY BANDAGES!"

Lucky Devils Strike Enemy;

BDA Even Surprises FAC

F-100 Supersabres of the 61st TFW "Lucky Devils", struck an enemy location about 10 miles from Vinh Long City and were credited by the FAC with seven enemy soldiers killed, 32 enemy structures and 21 enemy bunkers destroyed.

The pilots were Captains Ferdinand J. Funke and Rufus L. Edwards.

Commenting on the mission, Captain Funke said, "We made it to the target as fast as we could and contacted the FAC about 35 miles out.

"He had been watching the area for several days and had determined that the area was an enemy rice storage, processing, and distribution point.

"The FAC wanted to surprise the enemy," continued Captain Funke, "so he made it a point to give us random tactics, that is, we came in from different directions on each pass.

"We also wanted us to be in the final leg of our first run when he put his mark in, thus increasing the element of surprise.

"After we had dropped all our hard ordnance (bombs) and strafed a small canal, the FAC wanted us to strafe a group of structures out in the open. They were setting on the edge of a rice paddy, six or eight of them, and he told us exactly which ones he wanted hit.

"I thought the FAC sounded a little excited towards the end of the strike," concluded Captain Funke. "He had been talking faster and sounded a bit more animated. I found out why after the strike when he indicated the battle damage assessment was more than we figured it would be. As it finally turned out, it was more than even he had first estimated."

SHORT STORY CONTEST

(AFWS) - Short story writers are reminded that May 1 is the deadline for entries in this year's contest conducted by the Armed Forces Writer's League. Contest details may be obtained by writing the League, George Washington Station, Alexandria, Va.

Bobcats Kill 12 In Strike

"The Army commander was in his chopper saying, 'there are troops all over the place down here, come back in.'" recounted Capt. William M. Lamos.

A member of the 615th TFS "Bobcats", he was describing a strike in the Mekong Delta area.

"There were three groups of friendly forces," continued Captain Lamos, "pretty much surrounding the enemy. We had to make our passes almost directly over one of the groups. They were only 50 meters to our left as we went in.

"The visibility wasn't too good. There had been previous strikes in the area, and the smoke from the fires made it pretty hazy.

"As we made our passes, the Army commander was in his chopper going in and checking the results after each pass. He was pretty enthused. He told us that on our first two passes we had gotten four of the enemy, and after our last pass, he gave us twelve enemy killed by body count.

New O'Club...

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6) explained. Draperies will cover the glass areas of the lounge.

Present plans call for the bar wing to be open in two months; the dining wing in six months.

Stone is looking forward to that day in May when he can re-enter the decorating field in Denver, selling his ideas to hotels, motels, and apartment buildings.

Second Tour Number Cut

(AFWS) - The number of noncommissioned officers scheduled for involuntary second tours in Southeast Asia this year has been cut almost in half, Air Force Personnel officials reported.

Instead of the 6,550 NCOs forecast for second tours last September, there are requirements for 3,991 NCOs in 16 specialties. Of this figure, 1,447 are scheduled to report before June 30, including 701 in the reciprocating aircraft mechanic (helixia) field.

The necessity for involuntary second tours in Southeast Asia has been under review since 1967, a spokesman said. Although many policies have changed, management actions taken, and volunteer programs established, it was necessary to direct 93 NCOs for two tours.



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