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PHU CAT NCO RECEIVES AIRMAN'S MEDAL FOR ACTIONS DURING FIRE

The U.S. Air Force's highest non-combatant award for heroism, the Airman's Medal, was presented recently to Sgt. Francis H. Marks II, a member of the 361st Tactical Electronics Warfare Squadron here.

Sergeant Marks, from Windsor, Conn., an aircraft maintenance specialist, was on a ground crew preparing an A-1 Skyraider for a combat mission when the cockpit started filling with smoke.

According to Sergeant Marks, "When I saw the smoke another crewman and myself started opening access panels trying to locate the source of the trouble. We discovered it was coming from an area accessible only from the cockpit of the aircraft."

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ORDER OF ABLE AERONAUT NAMES CAPTAIN CLARK TO ROLLS FOR OUTSTANDING FEAT OF AIRMANSHIP DURING EMERGENCY

Capt. Gary L. Clark, a C-7 Caribou pilot with the 459th Tactical Airlift Squadron, recently named the Outstanding Pilot of the Quarter for the 483d Tactical Airlift Wing, has been named to the rolls of the Order of the Able Aeronaut.

Pilots are elected to this elite brotherhood for an outstanding feat of airmanship during an in-flight emergency.

Gen. Joseph J. Nazzaro, commander in chief, Pacific Air Forces (PACAF), cited Captain Clark for his actions while on a combat resupply mission.

According to the cita-

tion, "As Captain (then a lieutenant) Clark prepared for landing at an enroute base, it was discovered that the right main landing gear would not lock down safely. Climbing to altitude, attempts to lock the gear into position by both normal and emergency means were tried to no avail. After discussing the situation with the command post, Captain Clark decided to

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FRIDAY IS PAY DAY, CHECKS IN MAIL BOXES

The military pay day for February will be this Friday. Also beginning this month, pay checks will be sent by the accounting and finance office to the post office for distribution to individual mail boxes.

TOP THREE COUNCIL MEETS

The Phu Cat AB Top Three Council will meet at 1 p.m., Wednesday, in the Officer's Club Bamboo Room. This is a mandatory meeting for all council members.

MARS STATION PLAYS IMPORTANT ROLE IN MORALE DEPARTMENT FOR PHU CAT AB

By 1st Lt. Hollis D. Walker

Operators in the Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) station at Phu Cat AB played a key role last year in the establishment of a new high in the number of contacts between American servicemen here and their loved ones in the United States.

The Phu Cat MARS station is operated by the 1883d Communications Squadron, a part of the Air Force Communications Service (AFCS). Maj. Bent E. Larsen commands the 1883d.

Worldwide, Air Force MARS facilities operated by AFCS personnel handled 447,963 telephone patches and telegraph messages last year. By comparison, 363,122 calls were handled in 1968. Of last year's total, over 21,000 transmissions

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LINE NUMBERS ANNOUNCED FOR MARCH PROMOTIONS

The Air Force has announced the line numbers for promotion in all noncommissioned officer grades effective March 1.

Line numbers for those to CMSgt. are 01265 through 01338, with a date of rank as of Dec. 1, 1969.

For SMSgt. the line numbers are 02988 through 03171 with a date of rank as

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PROCUREMENT MOVES OFFICE

The base procurement office has moved to bldg. 314. The present telephone number is 2307.

GET SMART, GET WITH USAFI

What is your educational need? Unless you are an egotist, you realize that no matter how much information you compile in your "gray matter," there is always room for more. You may be an expert in a specific field, but how about the hundreds of others available?

The United States Armed Forces Institute, better known as USAFI, was established exclusively to offer military personnel academic advancement and self-improvement. A registration fee of \$5 is charged for the first course and after satisfactory completion the student may enroll in subsequent courses free. Transfer from one course to another within 90 days or enrollment is allowed if the course does not meet the expectations of the student.

Why not stop by the education office and get the full details on the USAFI program. Read the descriptions on such courses as oceanography, modern European history, law enforcement, aeronautics, real estate, speech, business law, U.S. history, carpentry, etc.

Don't you think that it's time to evaluate your educational background and goals? Don't you think it's time to "Get Smart"?

TAXES HAVE A SILVER LINING

That old adage about the inevitability of death and taxes seems to gain validity with time. It was originally coined, of course, to emphasize modern man's perennial plight: though Peter may be 'robbed' to pay Paul, there is no escaping the cost of civilization.

The optimist accepts the truth of the adage and goes on to look for consolations. Among them this year is the improved form for federal income taxes. The new form 1040 represents 24 years of hard work on the part of the Internal Revenue Service. It combines the best features of the old card form 1040A and the so-called long form.

More than half of all servicemen will find that they need complete only one letter-size form - the new 1040. It is about as simple as the old card form, allowing standard deductions. The minority of servicemen who had unusual expenses will find the attachable form - Schedule A - very easy to use. Other schedules - for dividend and interest income; sales or exchanges or property; supplemental and miscellaneous income; and retirement income credit - are also simplified this year.

Another consolation the optimist would look for (and find) is the opportunity to set his personal
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FROM THE CHAPLAIN'SEAT OF THE PANTS
OR INSTRUMENT LIVING?'

By Chaplain (Capt.)

Lewis E. Dawson

In the early days of aviation, men flew by the "seat of the pants." Pilots were dependent on their own sense perception. The pilot had to be able to see the ground to know where he was.

With the coming of instrument flight, man has been able to fly in storms, across the oceans, even to the moon and back. He can fly combat missions under low ceilings and in dangerous mountains. His instruments tell him many things: how his engines are doing; how high he is soaring; the direction he is headed; and warn him of low fuel.

When a pilot loses faith in his instruments he is in trouble. He must decide whether he will fly by the "seat of his pants" or land his bird to have the malfunction corrected.

Living is very similar to flying. The Bible speaks of "seat of the pants" living as "every man doing what is right in his own eyes." The man who lives by his own judgment may get along quite well for a while. This man is in real trouble, however, when he flies into the storms of life and loses his land marks.

"Instrument living" is described as "the just shall live by faith." Faith in God provides us with a dependable point of reference outside ourselves by which to live. In prayer with God, He helps us know how well our spiritual engines are running. Through regular worship, He points out the mountain peaks and keeps us flying high. In daily devotions, God corrects our heading to keep us in His flights pattern. When we are tempted to live by the seat of our pants, His spirit warns we are low on fuel.

Which is it with you? Are you doing what is right in your own eyes? Are you living by faith in God? Is yours, seat of the pants, or instrument living?

DID YOU KNOW?

Tampering with CMR lock boxes or theft of mail from them is a federal offense punishable by imprisonment up to five years or a fine up to \$2,000 or both.

...CAPTAIN CLARK
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try a touch and go landing to move the landing gear into the safe position.

"After the second touch and go landing, the gear snapped into position permitting a safe landing. As Captain Clark entered the pattern for landing, the throttle linkage in the right engine failed. Skillfully, Captain Clark planned and flew a no-flap approach and, when landing was assured, he shut down the right engine and safely landed the aircraft without incident."

The citation concluded, "Captain Clark's timely response to the critical situations encountered, prevented damage to a valuable U.S. Air Force aircraft. His actions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Air Force."

Captain Clark accepted the certificate honoring him as a member of the Order of the Able Aeronaut from Brig. Gen. John B. Herring Jr., commander of the 834th Air Division. The presentation was made at the 483d headquarters at Cam Ranh Bay AB.

...TAXES
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records straight as he reports his income. If, for example, he finds that his withholding does not approximate his taxes due (or, in IRS language, if line 18 is significantly larger than line 23) he should check to see if his W-4 (exemption) form is up to date.

Finally, the optimist who finds an overpayment (line 23 being larger than line 18) will smile with glee as he accepts the refund in the form of United States Saving Bonds paying the new five per cent interest.

SUPPORT COMMANDO VIP

...MORALE DEPARTMENT ROLE
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were handled by operators at the Phu Cat station, one of the busiest in the Republic of Vietnam.

More than half of last year's USAF worldwide total - 268,512 transmissions - originated from American servicemen serving in the Republic of Vietnam and Thailand. There were 172,838 calls and 26,570 messages transmitted via Air Force MARS from armed forces personnel in Vietnam alone - a daily average of about 475 calls and 75 messages.

Although its primary mission is to supplement normal military communications and serve as a backup in domestic emergency situations, MARS has proven invaluable as a medium for transmitting personal and morale-type communications.

SSgt. William R. Reed of Coshocton, Ohio, NCOIC of

REPRESENTATIVES
IN EACH SQUADRON

Know your squadron top three representatives..... they're all experienced people who have been down the same road you are now travelling. They can help you make up your mind and make the right decision about an Air Force career.

The top three representatives at Phu Cat AB are:

CMSgt. J.A. Lott	37TFW
CMSgt. A.I. Smith	37FMS
CMSgt. D. Hewitt	361TEWS
CMSgt. G. Moren	37SPS
SMSgt. R.A. Hawn	480TFS
SMSgt. G. Humphrey	6994SS
SMSgt. S. King	389TFS
SMSgt. P. McMullen	1883Com
SMSgt. B. Smith	37AMS
SMSgt. J.C. Stover	15APS
SMSgt. M. Thompson	37Sup
MSgt. G. Conner	37CES
MSgt. D. Hiland	37Disp
MSgt. E. Kim	37Trans
MSgt. D. Liggett	38ARRS
MSgt. N. Richman	608MASS
MSgt. L. Bumbalough	37Svcs
SMSgt. H. Grooms	537TAS
SMSgt. R. Markham	459TAS
MSgt. C. Priest	30Wea
MSgt. F. Adair	421MMS

the Phu Cat MARS station states, "Interest in the MARS program has grown steadily in the past few years. With the addition of new equipment at this station, we have the capability to provide better service to more people."

...SERGEANT MARKS
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"Sergeant Marks voluntarily entered the burning aircraft still loaded with ordnance and a full load of high octane fuel," read the citation accompanying the Airman's Medal, "Using a hand operated fire extinguisher he put out the fire, saving a valuable combat aircraft and eliminating a severe hazard to life and property in the immediate area."

In the Republic of Vietnam for the past 12 months, the sergeant came to Phu Cat AB after a tour of duty with the 6th Special Operations Squadron at Pleiku AB in November 1969.

...LINE NUMBERS
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of Dec. 1, 1969.

All remaining selectees on the 70-A MSgt. list are being promoted, and will have a date of rank as of Nov. 1, 1969.

Also the first MSgt. promotions from the 70-B list include 00001 through 00283, with a March 1 date of rank.

All remaining March promotions will have a March 1 date of rate.

Promotions to TSgt. have line numbers from 00799 through 01614.

For SSgt. the line numbers are 06802 through 089-81.

Line numbers for those to Sgt. are 08424 through 17586.

BHY SAVING BONDS

AFVN CHANNEL 11 TELEVISION SCHEDULE
FEBRUARY 23 THROUGH MARCH 1

THURSDAY, (Con't)

DAILY NEWS PROGRAMS
1500 Afternoon News
1930 News, Weather, Sports
2300 11th Hour News

2000 Julia
2030 Dragnet
2100 Rawhide
2200 The Golddiggers
2315 Movie: "From the Terrace"

FRIDAY, FEB. 27

MONDAY, FEB. 23

1200 Wild, Wild West
1300 Star Trek
1400 Carol Burnett Show
1515 Movie: "All About Eve"
1730 Country Carnival
1800 Beverly Hillbillies
1830 The F.B.I.
2000 Laugh-In
2100 Gunsmoke
2200 The Fugitive
2315 Joey Bishop Show

1200 Mod Squad
1300 Rawhide
1400 The Golddiggers
1515 Movie: "In Old California"
1700 Bewitched
1730 Nashville Vietnam
1800 The Flying Nun
1830 Hawaii Calls
1900 Bill Anderson Show
2000 Wild, Wild West
2100 Star Trek
2200 Carol Burnett Show
2315 Olympic Arena Boxing

TUESDAY, FEB. 24

1200 Here Come The Brides
1300 Jackie Gleason Show
1400 Burke's Law
1515 Tonight Show
1630 21st Century
1700 Get Smart
1730 Information Special
1800 Crossroads
1830 Felony Squad
1900 Charlie Brown Special
2000 Mod Squad
2100 Red Skelton
2200 Fathers and Sons
2315 Olympic Arena Wrestling
2350 Have Gun, Will Travel

SATURDAY, FEB. 28

1200 Hawaii Five-0
1300 Red Skelton
1400 Sports
1600 Golf Classic
1700 Gentle Ben
1730 Lawrence Welk Show
1830 Information Special
1900 Get Smart
2000 Here Come The Brides
2100 Jackie Gleason Show
2200 Burke's Law
2315 Movie: "All About Eve"

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25

1200 Young People Concert
1300 Bonanza
1400 Ironside
1515 Movie: "From the Terrace"
1800 Big Picture
1830 Big Valley
2000 Sports Special
2200 Hawaii Five-0
2315 Tonight Show

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

1200 Religious Hour
1300 Fathers and Sons
1400 Sports
1600 Julia
1630 Amateur Hour
1700 In Town Tonight
1730 Candid Camera
1800 The Detectives
1830 Information Special
1900 21st Century
2000 Young People Concert
2100 Bonanza
2200 Ironside
2315 Movie: "In Old California"

THURSDAY, FEB. 26

1200 Laugh-In
1300 Gunsmoke
1400 The Fugitive
1515 Joey Bishop Show
1630 Animal World
1700 Have Gun, Will Travel
1730 Batman
1800 Water Front
1830 The Outcasts

18 TRIVIA QUESTIONS
TO HELP PASS TIME

Your ability to answer the following 18 trivia questions will make known your knack or lack of being able to remember the most insignificant things.

1. Who was Captain Midnight's ever faithful five-foot companion?
 2. What product sponsored Captain Midnight every week?
 3. Who are the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse?
 4. What was the name of the lodge that all the characters on Amos 'n Andy belong to?
 5. What was the name of the lawyer in the same program?
 6. What was superman's (Clark Kent's) real life name?
 7. What ever happened to him?
 8. The name of the Indian Princess on The Howdy Doody Show?
 9. Who was the voice of superman on radio during the Second World War?
 10. Name an early -1950s teenage space program.
 11. What color was the Lucky Strike package in 1944?
 12. What program did Lucky Strike bring you in the early 1950s?
 13. What was the name of Sky King's ranch?
 14. What about his plane?
 15. Who was the master of ceremonies on This Is Your Life?
 16. Who was the voice of Matt Dillon on the radio version of Gunsmoke?
 17. What was Gene Autry's horse's name?
 18. Who is Dondi?
- The answers will be revealed next week in the CROSSROADS COURIER.

MARS STATION NEEDS
VOLUNTEER OPERATORS

The MARS station is looking for volunteer operators. Experience is desired, but not required. If interested call between 2-4 p.m. daily, at 2600 or 2700.

PRE-MARRIAGE SEMINARS

Pre-marriage preparation seminars are held at 7 p.m., Mondays at the base chapel.

SUPPLY BOMBS COMMUNICATIONS TWICE, 44-25, 42-27,
TO WIN BASE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Roaring out of the losers bracket, the Supply Squadron quintet overpowered the 1883d Communications Squadron squad twice, 44-25 and 42-27, to win the base basketball championship tournament recently.

The Comm team had the chance in the first game to finish the tourney and win the championship title, but it turned out to be the semi-final game before the winner take all final game.

The men from Supply had already build up a 10-point margin, 26-16, at the half way point in the first game. Supply then held Comm to nine points in the second half, pulling away to win 44-25.

The big men in that game for Supply were: Williams, 11; Wagner, 10; and Irvin, 8 points. Hurst had 10 and Smith 6 for Comm.

In the final game, Supply's sharp shooting at the foul line accounted for 16 points, 12 of them in the second half. Supply led at the half, 16-11. They stopped Comm 42-27, allowing Comm just 16 points in the second half, while they poured in 26 big ones.

Wagenblatt scored 15 for Supply, with 11 of his points coming at the charity line. Also scoring for Supply were: Rhyne, 8; Wagner, 7; and Irvin, 6. Again, Hurst led Comm scoring with 13 and Jackson added 6.

In the opening round of the tournament, the Supply team slipped by the Civil Engineers, 41-36, after playing to a half time tie of 20 points each. Flynn hit 13 for CE, while Williams had 9 for the winners.

The 6994th trampled Transportation, after trailing 15-14 at half time, by pouring in 31 points. They held Transportation to just seven points in the second half. 6994th won 45-21, be-

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

More entries are needed for the doubles tennis tournament. There is a class for all entries, A, B, or C. Deadline for entry is Tuesday. Persons wanting to enter may do so by calling the base athletic office at 2396 or 2397.

hind Cuellar's 15 points.

Also in the first round, 1883d clipped Field Maintenance 34-24. West and Hurst scored 10 each for Comm, as Kalland made 11 for FMS.

Meanwhile, the Headquarters Squadron battered the 480th 37-15, with Kelly scoring 11 and Harold 10.

Then Supply pushed by 6994th 28-21.

In a hard fought battle, 1883d finally overcame Headquarters 34-33. Comm was leading at the half 17-11, but Headquarters came back with 22 points to out score them in the second half. Hurst lead the Comm scoring with 17, while Jackson had 10 for Headquarters.

The Civil Engineers had a tough time eliminating a fired up Transportation squad 37-35. CE led by a single point, 13-12, at the half. Gibson scored 13 for Transportation, while Jackson had 12 for CE.

Field Maintenance romped by the 480th, downing them 42-16, and eliminating them from the tourney. FMS led 18-4 at the half. Three FMS players hit in double figures: Kalland, 14; Fields, 12; and Zorn, 10.

Continuing their winning ways, the Civil Engineers knocked Headquarters out 35-27, and out of the tourney. Again Headquarters out scored their opponent in the second half, 18-15, but failed to overcome a first half 20-9 deficit. Kelly scored 11 for Headquarters, while Flinch hit 10 for CE.

Field Maintenance walked by the 6994th 42-30. FMS led 21-17 at the half and then held 6994th to 13 points in the second half. Geiger scored 13 for the 6994th, while Zorn hit 12 and Hampton had 11 for FMS.

Then Comm and Supply met
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LIFE SAVING CLASS
TO START MONDAY

A senior life saving course will be offered to all interested persons. The course is free and scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m., Sunday. Interested persons should call 2057.

Graduates of the course will receive a Red Cross Certificate and Life Saving Card.

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

The following standings for the slow pitch softball leagues were current as of Friday.

American League		
Team	Won	Lost
37CES	6	2
6994SS	6	2
37Disp	5	3
37FMS	4	4
37HqS	4	4
1883Comm	4	4
389TFS	3	5
537TAS	0	8

National League		
Team	Won	Lost
361TEWS	6	1
37SPS	5	3
37Sup	5	3
37AMS	4	3
37Trans	4	4
15APS	3	4
480TFS	2	4
37Svcs	0	7

VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS

The following standings for the volleyball leagues were current as of Friday.

American League		
Team	Won	Lost
37Disp	2	0
389TFS	2	0
6994SS	1	0
480TFS	1	0
1883Comm	0	2
18SOS	0	2
37FMS #2	0	2

National League		
Team	Won	Lost
37HqS	2	0
37AMS	2	0
37Sup	1	0
37CES	0	1
361TEWS	0	2
37FMS #1	0	2

...BASKETBALL
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for the first time, and the 1883d eked out a close 54-51 victory. Comm led by a slim margin, 28-23, at the half. Supply made a strong attempt to overcome that deficit, by out scoring Comm 28-26 in the second half.

Wagenblatt led the Supply scoring with 16. Three Comm men hit in double figures: West, 17; Hurst, 15; and Smith, 14.

The Civil Engineers eliminated Field Maintenance, 50-38. CE led FMS at the half 21-18, and continued to widen the margin of victory in the second half, out scoring FMS, 29-20. Thomas led the CE attack with 17, while Hampton scored 10 for FMS.

Supply hit the comeback trail by stopping the Civil Engineers in a close contest, 29-25. Supply led CE 13-7 at the half way point, and hung on as CE scored 18 points in the second half. Flynn scored 11 for CE.

The Civil Engineers finished third in the tourney, as Supply went on to meet Comm in the final games.

ALL BX PATRONS SHOULD SIGN CASH CONTROL SHEET IN CONCESSIONS

All patrons purchasing merchandise and/or services from any of the base exchange concessions not using a cash register should insure they sign a cash control sheet.

If the concession employee does not present one, ask for it.

If a cash register is being used, insure your purchase is properly tendered.

This will help protect your base exchange resources and privileges.

USAF SUPERVISORY EXAMINATION HELD NEXT MONTH

The USAF supervisory examination will be administered next month to all eligible master sergeants. Eligible individuals should have their unit submit their name to the testing section of the consolidated base personnel office, before Friday.

PHU CAT PHANTOM CREWS AID ALLIED FORCES, DESTROY FIVE FORTIFICATIONS, SET SEVEN FIRES

Two Air Force F-4 Phantom crews of the 37th Tactical Fighter Wing recently scrambled from the base alert pad to support Allied forces six miles west of Tam Ky in the Quang Tin Province.

The crewmen destroyed five fortifications and ignited seven sustained fires during the strike.

Crewmembers were: Col. Richard C. Henry, wing vice commander, Grand Ridge, Ill.; Maj. Robert G. Belles, Whittier, Calif.; and First Lieutenants Michael E. Procek, Niceville, Fla., and Donnie C. Barber, Homewood, Ala.

Recalling the mission, Major Belles stated, "We rendezvoused with our forward air controller (FAC) and received a briefing on the target and the surrounding terrain.

"The target was a series of fortifications known to be an enemy command post. It was hidden within a tree line. The whole target area was a little more than 60 meters across.

"Colonel Henry and I made seven passes each. The FAC did an excellent job of marking the target several times, so we could get the maximum destruction from our bombs," concluded the major.

OVERSEAS TELEPHONE INCREASES HOURS

The personnel services stateside telephone service will increase its hours of operation, starting this evening, from 8 to 11 p.m. The increase in operation also includes the same time on Thursdays.

Sign-up lists for the additional sessions will be posted one hour prior to the sessions beginning.

The Friday sessions will continue as scheduled: 9-11 a.m., noon-2 p.m., and 7-10 p.m.

THINK TRANSEC

MAJOR OR LT. COL. WANTED FOR JOB WITH THUNDERBIRDS

HQ. PACAF, Hawaii - A major or lieutenant colonel in Pacific Air Forces (PACAF), with the right background, may become the next executive officer for the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, precision aerial demonstration team.

Qualifications, in addition to rank, are a minimum of 2,500 hours total flying time, 2,000 hours jet fighter time and a completed tour in Southeast Asia. Applications will be accepted until April 1. Selection will be made by May and a reported date in June will be assessed.

Candidates should check Air Force Manual, 36-11, Chapter 45, for application procedures. Paperwork must be forwarded through channels with an information copy sent directly to the commander, USAF Air Demonstration Squadron "Thunderbirds," Nellis AFB, Nev., 89110.

MANY DO NOT GET WORD

Even though the Air Force spends millions of dollars each year on advertising and administering a career information program, many young airmen do not always get the word. Each supervisor must know the plans and goals of his subordinates and be able to advise them properly.

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IN INFORMATION
CALL 112