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SCOTT, MEYER RECEIVE AIRMAN'S MEDAL FOR MINEFIELD RESCUE

Staff Sergeants Edward E. Scott, Wells, Tex., and Kenneth C. Meyer, Fairmont, Minn., have been awarded the Airman's Medal. This is the Air Force's highest non-combatant award for heroism.

Sergeant Scott, 37th US-AF Dispensary, and Sergeant Meyer, Det 13, 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery (Con't on Page 3)

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION PRESENTED TO 37th TFW BY SEVENTH AIR FORCE VICE COMMANDER

In a brief ceremony held at this central highlands base recently, Maj. Gen. Robert J. Dixon, Seventh Air Force vice commander, presented the Presidential Unit Citation to the 37th Tactical Fighter Wing.

The ceremony, which took place in the wing conference room, was witnessed by wing and base staff members along with selected senior noncommissioned officers.

After attaching the citation's distinctive blue streamer to the wing's guidon held by Col. Harry B. Trimble, 37th TFW commander, General Dixon commented, "I

bring you congratulations from the Secretary of the Air Force, the Chief of Staff and Seventh Air Force commander, General Brown. We at higher headquarters hear a lot of things about the 37th TFW and Phu Cat Air Base...all of it good. You have a distinguished record of achievement and a reputation for getting the job at hand done in a quiet and professional manner. To this," concluded the general, "I say three cheers."

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COL. HARRY B. TRIMBLE, WING COMMANDER, PRESENTED DFC BY 7AF VICE COMMANDER

Col. Harry B. Trimble, 37th Tactical Fighter Wing commander, was presented the Distinguished Flying Cross by Maj. Gen. Robert J. Dixon, Seventh Air Force vice commander, in a ceremony held here recently.

According to the accompanying citation, Colonel Trimble was "...awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism while participating in aerial flight on June 13, 1969." The citation continues, "On that date, Colonel Trimble led a flight of two F-4 aircraft against aggressive hostile forces that had ambushed and were inflicting severe casualties on a company of United States Infantry. Despite extremely

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FATHER, SON MEET, VISIT AT PHU CAT

When Lt. Col. Earl M. McCloy, chief of plans and programs, 1964th Communications Group at Tan Son Nhut AB, makes a deal with his son, 1st Lt. Thomas M. McCloy, a C-7 Caribou pilot here, he sticks to the agreement.

He promised that the two of them would get together (Con't on Page 5)

FRIED RICE, PORK ALA F-4 PHANTOMS DURING STRIKE ON ENEMY POSITION

Two F-4 Phantoms of the 389th Tactical Fighter Squadron scrambled recently in support of the 4th Infantry Division to strike a known enemy location 16 miles north of An Khe in Binh Dinh Province.

The forward air controller (FAO) on the mission credited the flight with destroying 15 bunkers, 10 structures, 2,000 pounds of rice and one pig pen; also uncovering one tunnel entrance, setting off one secondary explosion and igniting one secondary fire.

Phantom crewmembers were Col. Richard C. Henry, 37th Tactical Fighter Wing vice commander, Grand Ridge, Ill., Captains James T. Webb, Yakima, Wash.; and William T. Havener, Munnsville, N.Y., and 1st Lt. William R. Hesser, Anaheim, Calif.

Captain Webb, recalling (Con't on Page 3)

AIR FORCE DESIGNATES VIETNAM CAMPAIGNS

Air Force people who served in Southeast Asia from Nov. 1, 1968 to Feb. 22, 1969, or from Feb. 23, 1969 to June 8, 1969 are eligible to wear the Vietnam Service Medal for the eighth and ninth Vietnam campaigns.

Air Force has designated (Con't on Page 3)

COMMAND CORNER

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

DISCIPLINE, ESPRIT DE CORPS IS IMPORTANT FOR SUCCESSFUL MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT

By Col. Harry B. Trimble
37th TFW Commander

'A TIME TO KEEP SILENT'

By Chaplain (Capt.)
James W. Mackey

Good discipline, high morale, and esprit de corps are sometimes difficult to achieve because they are basically mental attitudes or feelings within men and are intangible. They are essential to the successful accomplishment of missions. Discipline is a quality that prompts an individual to recognize and accept responsibilities. Discipline is self control, not from fear of punishment, but from pride and faith in ourselves. It is the ability to meet the daily challenges of our work.

I speak of pride in our work. This basic motivation has existed in man since his creation. It is a natural outlook stemming from an atmosphere of esprit de corps in our "outfit" - be it Wing, Group or Squadron. The men in the unit have the self assurance that their organization has the collective strength and ability to do any task assigned. I am convinced that this exists to a large degree in every unit on Phu Cat Air Base, or the 37th Tactical Fighter Wing would not be able to perform its assigned mission.

However, an individual or organization must never become satisfied with their accomplishments. This means we must motivate ourselves and our subordinates to even higher standards. Then we have only to manage the resultant efforts, channeling them in the desired directions. We motivate through informing, instructing and providing inducements appropriate to the task.

Who is the man we need in our organization? He is the informed man - the man with many good attributes - the man who is self disciplined, actively promoting esprit de corps and pride in his unit. These accomplishments have a natural consequence - with the resulting pleasant problem of identifying those individuals most deserving of recognition.

QUOTE OF NOTE

"When we speak of our youth, we are talking about the two-thirds of officers and airmen who have not yet reached the age of 30. We must become aware of what these young people are thinking. Their thoughts are vitally important to us because in a few years they will inherit the Air Force. Young people throughout the nation are asking us
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The world suffers from too much talk. How quickly the rumors fly about the base and within our lives. The wise man once said, in Proverbs 10:19; "In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin; but he that refraineth his lips is wise."

There is a time for silence as well as a time for speech. There are five suggestions that I offer to you concerning when you shouldn't be talking.

First, keep silent unless you have something worth saying. Speech should be sifted, that the chaff may be taken out of it. Not all that we think should be put into utterance. How many times have you found yourself regretting what you have stated? Have you often regretted your silence? It is wise to be sure a thing is worth saying before we say it.

Secondly, keep silent when you have said enough. A conversation may be prolonged until it becomes a waste of time. An argument may run into endless controversy and contention, leaving neither party convinced, but rather strengthening a determination to continue the contest.

Thirdly, keep silent until it is your turn to speak. Many people do not know how to listen, because they want to do all the talking. To attempt to monopolize all the conversation is nothing less than conceit. Interruption is rudeness-listen to what an individual is saying.

Fourth, keep silent when you are provoked. Bite your tongue, press your lips together-do anything!-but don't talk until the pain of the sting has in a measure passed away. A hasty reply to a provoking statement means a quarrel. The quarrel begins when the hasty reply follows a word hastily spoken.

Fifth, keep silent when you are tempted to yield to irritability of temper. I am sorry for the individual of an irritable temper-it is a disease of the mind-hard to cure. The best remedy is a prayerful silence. Our lives are full of vexing things, and the sooner that we learn to keep silent, the better for all concerned. When one yields to an irritable temper, everyone else about becomes wretched.

Many people are most truthful
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...MINEFIELD RESCUE

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Squadron, risked their lives recently to retrieve a seriously wounded security policeman from an active minefield here.

The citation accompanying the Airman's Medal to the noncommissioned officers read in part, "With complete disregard for their own safety, they persevered in their efforts until the injured man was recovered. The exemplary courage and heroism displayed ...reflects credit on themselves and the United States Air Force."

...COLONEL TRIMBLE DECORATED

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hazardous conditions due to the close proximity of friendly troops, and ignoring intense ground fire directed against his aircraft, Colonel Trimble's incredibly accurate placement of ordnance, on repeated passes, destroyed the hostile forces, thereby relieving pressure on the Army element and saving many American lives...."

The citation ended with praise of the colonel's professional skill and airmanship, stating that his "...outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the United States Air Force."

Immediately after being presented the medal, Colonel Trimble gave General Dixon a current status briefing on the wing and base. While at Phu Cat, General Dixon also toured base facilities and flew a mission in one of the wing's F-4 Phantoms.

Colonel Trimble, who has over 5,300 flying hours, arrived in the Republic of Vietnam last April from an assignment at George AFB, Calif., where he commanded the 478th TFW. He has seen previous combat duty here, having flown his first missions in World War II type B-26s in 1963, and other

...PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

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The Presidential Unit Citation, our nation's highest military unit award, was presented to the wing for the period July 1, 1968 through Dec. 31, 1968, and was signed by President Richard M. Nixon. The President cited the wing for "...extraordinary heroism in combat operations against an opposing armed force ...flying over 11,800 sorties and participating in 50 major campaigns and operations in support of friendly forces under attack."

Summing up his praise,

President Nixon stated, "The resolute dedication, professionalism and extraordinary heroism displayed by the personnel of the 37th TFW are in keeping with the highest standards of performance and tradition of the U.S. military service and reflect the highest credit upon themselves, and the armed forces of the United States."

Sharing in the award are: the 174th, 355th, 416th and Det 1, 612th Tactical Fighter Squadrons.

Also earning the award are: 37th USAF Dispensary, 37th Combat Support Group, 37th Avionics Maintenance, 37th Field Maintenance, 37th Supply, 37th Security Police, 37th Transportation, 37th Civil Engineering, 37th Services and 421st Munitions Maintenance Squadron.

The 37th TFW was also presented the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award last year.

...VIETNAM CAMPAIGNS

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the eighth campaign as the Vietnam Air Offensive, Phase IV and the ninth as the TET 69/Counteroffensive Campaign.

According to Air Force officials, this means that airmen stationed anywhere in Southeast Asia - for 30 days or more - during these periods can wear the campaign star on the Vietnam Service Medal.

...STRIKE KNOWN ENEMY POSITION

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the mission, stated, "We had just returned from a mission when we received the alert. The maintenance, refueling and munitions personnel did a minimum-time turn-around and we arrived at the target area a little before 1 p.m. We rendezvoused with our FAC and received a briefing on the

target area and the surrounding terrain.

"The target was in a slight gorge on the side of a mountain.

"We made six passes a piece, with the FAC going in after each pass to remark the target or to give us a new reference on the target."

AFVN CHANNEL 11 TELEVISION SCHEDULE
MARCH 2 THROUGH 8

THURSDAY, (Con't)

DAILY NEWS PROGRAMS 2000 Julia
2030 Dragnet
1500 Afternoon News 2100 Rawhide
1930 News, Weather, Sports 2200 Dean Martin Show
2300 11th Hour News 2315 Movie: "Meet Mr. Callahan"

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

MONDAY, MARCH 2

1200 Wild, Wild West
1300 Star Trek
1400 Carol Burnett Show
1515 Movie: "Gypsy"
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 Dean Martin Show
1515 Movie: "Body and Soul"
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, MARCH 3

1200 Here Come The Brides
1300 Jackie Gleason Show
1400 Burke's Law
1515 Tonight Show
1630 21st Century
1700 Country Carnival
1730 Information Special
1800 Crossroads
1830 Felony Squad
1900 Bewitched
2000 Mod Squad
2100 Red Skelton
2200 Mothers and Daughters
2315 Olympic Arena Wrestling

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

1200 Jim Nabors Hour
1300 Bonanza
1400 Ironside
1515 Movie: "Meet Mr. Callahan"
1700 Hawaii Calls
1730 Gentle Ben
1800 Big Picture
1830 Big Valley
2000 Sports Special
2200 Hawaii Five-0
2315 Tonight Show

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

1200 Religious Hour
1300 Mothers and Daughters
1400 Sports
1600 Julia
1630 Amateur Hour
1700 In Town Tonight
1730 The Distant Drummer
1800 The Detectives
1830 Information Special
1900 21st Century
2000 Jim Nabors Hour
2100 Bonanza
2200 Ironside
2315 Movie: "Body and Soul"

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

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

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.

MORE TRIVIA QUESTIONS
AND SOME ANSWERS, TOO

Trivia fans will have an easier time this week, with only five mind stumpers.

Are you ready?

1. What was the name of Annie Oakley's boyfriend?
2. Name Hopalong Cassidy's horse.
3. Name his sidekick.
4. How about the name of his ranch?
5. What was the character portrayed by Earl Holliman in "Hotel du Paris."

Now for the answers to last week's trivia.

1. Captain Midnight's companion was Ichabod Mudd.
2. He was brought to you by Ovaltine Chocolate Drink.
3. The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse are: war, pestilence, famine and death.

4. Mystic Knights of the Sea was the lodge of Amos 'n Andy fame.

5. The lawyer's name was Algonquin J. Calhoon.

6. George Reeves was Superman's "real life" name.

7. He committed suicide.

8. Princess Summer Fall Winter Spring was the name of the Indian Princess.

9. The late Bud Collier of "Beat The Clock" fame was the radio voice of Superman during the Second World War.

10. You had a choice for this one: either Captain Video or Tom Corbet was the early 1950s space program.

11. Lucky Strike went to war in a green package.

12. Lucky Strike brought you The Hit Parade.

13. The Flying Crown was the name of Sky King's ranch.

14. His plane was the Songbird.

15. Ralph Edwards was master of ceremonies on This Is Your Life.

16. William Conrad was the radio voice of Matt Dillon.

17. Champion was the name of Gene Autry's horse.

18. Dondi is the comic-strip WW II orphan that stowed away on a troop ship leaving Italy.

Next week, more answers and a few more questions.

PHANTOMS DESTROY
ENEMY BUNKERS
NEAR PLEIKU CITY

Two F-4 Phantom crews of the 37th Tactical Fighter Wing scrambled recently to support Allied troops in contact with the enemy 15 miles northwest of Pleiku City.

Three crewmen on the mission were Captains Bibb B. Kilpatrick, Lynn Haven, Fla.; Richard J. Kadar, Miami; and William T. Frazier, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

They destroyed eight enemy bunkers.

Recalling the mission, Captain Kilpatrick stated, "When we arrived over the target area, the enemy had broken off contact and the ground troops had the situation under control. Our forward air controller (FAC), while waiting for our arrival, had spotted a bunker complex in the same area.

"The FAC marked the target and we rolled in, dropping our bombs in singles. The FAC did an excellent job of locating and marking the targets. He remarked the area several times so we could get the maximum destruction from our ordnance."

389th TFS PHANTOMS HIT ARMS CACHE,
DESTROY FIGHTING POSITIONS, BUNKERS

Four F-4 Phantom crews from the 389th Tactical Fighter Squadron here, struck an enemy supply complex and cache area 30 miles south of Phuoc Binh in Phouc Long Province.

The forward air controller (FAC) credited them with destroying 16 fighting positions, seven bunkers, two tunnel entrances, uncovering another three tunnels and setting off a secondary explosion.

Crewmembers on the two missions were Captains Bibb B. Kilpatrick, Lynn Haven, Fla., and Stephen D. Caldwell, Springer, N.M.; and First Lieutenants Phillip G. Anderson, Scottsdale, Ariz., Kent T. Milliken, Colorado Springs, Colo., Harry F. Johnson, Memphis; and Walter P. Goddard, Tigard, Ore.

Captain Caldwell, an aircraft commander on the second flight, commented, "We were scrambled from the alert pad here to strike an

389th TFS PHANTOMS DESTROY, DAMAGE
ENEMY FORTIFICATIONS, TUNNELS

Two F-4 Phantom crews of the 37th Tactical Fighter Wing scrambled recently from the alert pad to strike a known enemy position 12 miles south of Hau Bon in Phu Bon Province.

They destroyed or damaged eight fortifications and three tunnels.

Two crewmembers on the mission were Lt. Col. Arthur R. Sakaye, Kalispell, Mont., and 1st Lt. Edward J. Sizemore Jr., Okeechobee, Fla., both of the 389th Tactical Fighter Squadron.

Recalling the mission, Colonel Sakaye stated, "We were off the alert pad and, within minutes, on our way to the target area. We rendezvoused with our forward air controller (FAC) and he briefed us on the target which was a tunnel complex, built into the side of a mountain, with fortifications about 300 yards down the slope from it.

"The FAC had a hard time marking the tunnel entrances with his smoke markers because of the strong downdrafts whipping across the face of the slope. Even with this he did an excell-

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When you know that you have a package from home, but there isn't any red slip in your mail box.

ent job of marking and directing our ordnance.

"My wing man and I made 12 passes apiece, six on the tunnel entrances and six more on the fortifications at the base of the slope. The FAC said we put 100 per cent of our ordnance on target with 20 per cent coverage of the target area."

...FATHER, SON
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during their tours in the Republic of Vietnam.

After three months of attempts and near misses the two finally got together for a few hours at this central highlands air base. The senior McCloy's arrival here marked the first get together for the two since they saw each other at home during November 1969.

Being a C-7 Caribou aircraft pilot one would think that the lieutenant would have had several opportunities to see his father. Commenting on the situation Lieutenant McCloy said, "We had tried to get together at Vung Tau down near Saigon several times but we kept missing each other. Although we both had orders to leave the United States on the same day, Nov. 30, I had to be at Travis AFB, Calif., a day ahead of time. My flight left in the early morning, and my father's flight left that evening."

During his father's brief stay at Phu Cat, the two Colorado Springs, Colo., natives visited several of the base's facilities and the father received an orientation on one of the 459th Tactical Airlift Squadron's C-7s.

MINIATURE GOLF COURSE
NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The Phu Cat AB miniature golf course is now open for business. The course was built through a joint effort of the Junior Officers Council and the base civil engineers.

The first four-some to play the course recently was Col. James D. Naler, base commander, Lt. Col. Frederic F. Alongi, 37th Civil Engineering Squadron commander, Capt. D.A. Hadden, JOC president, and Chaplain (Capt.) James R. Marlowe II, JOC vice president.

Colonel Naler called the course "a real professional job" and further commented, "that it would get a lot of use."

A full 18 holes of miniature golf, complete with tricky hazards, the course has a par of 42. Hole 13 with a par of two, with two 90-degree turns in the fairway, is considered the toughest hole on the course.

The course is located between the golf driving range and the RMK warehouse. Hours of operation are 1 p.m. until dark daily.

MORE HOURS AVAILABLE
ON OVERSEAS TELEPHONE

The USO/personnel services stateside telephone service, located in the passenger terminal, has increased its hours of operation. The additional hours of operation are 2000 to 2300 on Monday and Thursday. A sign-up list will be posted one hour prior to the beginning of each session. The Friday hours of operation remain unchanged: 0900 to 1100, 1200 to 1400, and 1900 to 2200.

LEATHER CRAFT INSTRUCTOR
AVAILABLE FOR GUIDANCE

There will be a leather craft instructor available for guidance from 6:30 thru 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays in the hobby shop, bldg. 318.

BOY WANTS TO FLY, HAVE FUN, AND FUNDS

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is reprinted from the 145th News, Charlotte, N.C. No doubt many "old-timers" will recognize it as a variation on an old theme, but in our attempts to bridge the generation gap we are carrying it so that some of the younger troops may become familiar with it.)

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (MNS) - The following essay by an 11-year-old schoolboy was written after an Air Force fighter pilot visited the boy's classroom and made a talk about Air Force careers and flying.

"Why I Want To
Be A Pilot"

"When I grow up I want to be a pilot because it's a fun job and easy to do.

"That's why there are so many pilots flying around these days. Pilot's don't need much school, they just have to learn to read numbers so they can read instruments. I guess they should be able to read road maps too, so that they can find their way home if they get lost.

"Pilots should be brave so they won't get scared if it's foggy and they can't see, or if a wing or motor falls off, they should stay calm so they'll know what to do.

"Pilots have to have good eyes to see through clouds and they can't be afraid of lightning or thunder because they are much closer to them than we are.

"The money pilots make is another thing I like. They make more money than they know what to do with. This is because most people think that plane flying is dangerous, except pilots don't because they know how easy it is.

"I hope I don't get airsick because I get carsick and if I get airsick, I couldn't be a pilot and then I would have to go to work."

EAGLES OVERRUN ZEBRAS
IN LOPSIDED 15-0 GAME

In recent slowpitch softball action at Taylor Field, the Eagles (base senior colonels) overran the Zebras (chief master sergeants) in a lopsided 15-0 shutout.

Col. Harry B. Trimble, 37th Tactical Fighter Wing commander, was the author of the Eagles shutout.

The first pitch of the game to CMSgt. John A. Lott, wing sergeant major, proved to be a smashing hit. The ball, a painted grapefruit, shattered at the contact from the sergeant's bat.

This game was one of a weekly series being played by various groups and units here.

...FROM THE CHAPLAIN
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when they express the statement that someone they know is the most even tempered individual about the base-mad all the time.

Yet, there is a time and a season for everything-there is a time to be silent, and fortunate will it be for us and all others, if we wisely refrain our lips.

"In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." Isaiah 30:15.

...QUOTE OF NOTE
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to listen. If we hear what they have to say and work with them, I am confident that we can direct their energy into constructive applications for the improvement of the Air Force and society as a whole." (Gen. John C. Meyer, Vice Chief of Staff).