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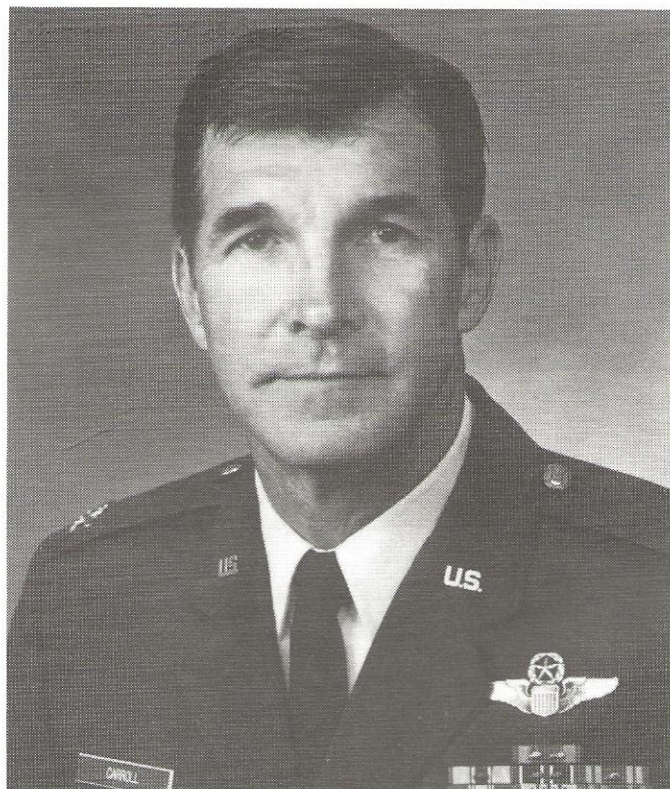


Maj. John Q. Jordan, Jr.



Capt. Wesley R. Deane

Commander's Letter



A Special Tribute

Over the years, members of our Wing have mourned the loss of compatriots and colleagues of every rank. They were really friends, almost a part of our family.

On Saturday, June 13, 1987, two of our aircrew members died in a fatal aircraft accident. Major John Q. Jordan, Jr., weapons systems officer, and Captain Wesley R. Deane, pilot, died while engaging in a training mission near Tucson, Arizona.

Major Jordan and Captain Deane were two of the finest airmen that have ever flown with our fighter squadron. They were true professionals. Each brought special talents to our flying mission and each showed exceptional leadership and dedication in service to our nation's defense.

Even more important than their gifted flying skills, these two men were quality people, respected citizens of their communities, and cared deeply about their families. Both Major Jordan and Captain Deane touched many of our lives in a positive way. Knowing them has helped make us better people. It was a privilege and an honor to have had them as part of our Wing.

On behalf of all of the members of the 144th FIW, I personally express my grief and sorrow to the families and close friends of Major Jordan and Captain Deane. I pledge my personal support, and those of our Wing members to help in any way that we can.

The sudden finality of losing an aircrew member in flight is especially stunning, as we wonder how and why, and quietly reflect about the mission that we all share. Many of us were close to John and Wesley and flew the skies together. We miss them and salute them.

PAUL L. CARROLL, JR.
Colonel, Commander
144th Fighter Interceptor Wing

Memorium

Major John Q. Jordan, Jr. and Captain Wesley R. Deane

On June 13, 1987, we lost two outstanding members of our unit. Major John Q. Jordan, Jr. and Captain Wesley R. Deane lost their lives while engaging in a training mission near Tucson, Arizona.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to wife Toni Jordan, sons Jeffery, Stephen, Christopher and daughter Jennifer. Our sincere condolences goes out to wife Cynthia Deane and daughters Amber and Kristan.

Memorial services will be held at the base during the July UTA.

Kudos from KFRE

The following comments were aired on **KFRE AM/FM** Radio Station, by Mr. Jack Parr, News Director, on Monday June 1, 1987.

"The California Air National Guard Open House, last Saturday, can best be described as a 'huge success.' Turnout by you, the people they serve was fantastic. It's interesting, I think, to note that more of you turned out for this enjoyable day, more in total, than voted March 5, in the city council run-off election for District 1 and 5. A tip of the newsroom hat to each and every man and woman of the California Air National Guard for a job well done. Those attending never got off the ground. But, when they left, they were flying high with thanks and appreciation. Hence a tip of our newsroom hat -- a salute to the men and women of the 144th Fighter Interceptor Wing."

Uniform Reminder

All guardmembers are reminded that the fatigue uniform is the uniform of the day for both Saturday and Sunday, July UTAs.

Job Opening

The Base Safety Office has an immediate opening for an Administrative Specialist. It is a Staff Sergeant position. Contact Lt. Col. William Lucido at 454-5175 for further information.

TDY Pay

When a member is TDY for less than 24 hour (including AT) there is no per diem payable. However, reimbursement for meals is authorized. In order to receive this reimbursement, the member must claim the meals on the travel voucher. In block 5, show the date, the meal (breakfast, lunch, dinner) and the city where the meal was purchased. The amount need not be indicated.

This is not a new policy, but rather a re-statement of the existing regulation. The key is that the member must fill in block 5. In the past, your travel section has been doing this for you, but regulation states that we can not do this. Effective immediately, the member must claim any meal expense while TDY for less than 24 hours.

If there are any questions regarding this change, please call Military Pay at 454-5267.

NCO Prep School

The NCO Prep Course will be held at the new Army Guard facility from August 3 - 12, 1987. The course is almost full and seating is limited to 20 participants. Contact your supervisor or 1st. Lt. Dennis Sarkisian at 454-5281 for further details. Time is running out so act now!

"History repeats itself because nobody listens."
Anonymous

Open House 1987



"A Salute to the Fresno Community"



ADA Bike Ride

The American Diabetes Association Bike Ride Against Diabetes will be on Sunday, October 4, 1987, at Woodward Park, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Last year, the Fresno ANG Base was the number one (1) fund raiser out of 15 corporations and organizations that participated in the bike ride, and had over 40 bike riders participate, plus 20 personnel as administrative support.

The American Diabetes Association needs your help and support more than ever, to reach their goal to raise over \$100 million before 1990 to be used exclusively to support top scientific efforts seeking the cause and cure for diabetes.

Diabetes is a danger to all of us!
Each year about 300,000 people die as

a result of diabetes or from its complications. Each year 5,000 people lose their sight because of diabetes. Diabetic eye disease is the number one cause of new blindness in people between the ages of 20-74.

Personnel that have participated in the bike ride previously, have all had a very enjoyable experience, and have felt good about doing something to help eradicate diabetes. Let's continue to be the number one corporate fund raiser in the community of Fresno for the ADA Bike Ride. The bike ride is a lot of fun, and you'll be glad you did something special for someone else! Contact MSgt. Tim Decker at 454-5280 and let him know you would like to participate in this worthy event.

DET 1 Inspection

A hearty congratulations to the guardmembers of DET 1 at George AFB. The DET recently had a thorough TAC inspection and passed with flying colors. In many areas the DET received exceptional ratings. The inspection team was very impressed by the high level of professionalism shown by these guardmembers.

Lieutenant Colonel John Peterson, DET Commander, commented as follows, "All of us worked very hard and the inspection team appreciated our efforts. These inspections are always a team effort and everyone must contribute to be successful. I am very pleased with the DET's performance and the excellent support that we receive from our Fresno home unit."

Again, many kudos for an outstanding job!

Dining Out

The planning for this fall's Base Dining Out is in full gear. This gala event will be held at the Airport Holiday Inn on Saturday, October 24, 1987.

Senior Master Sergeant Patrick Morin is the overall chairman of the event. Start planning now by checking on your uniform or order that mess dress outfit you have always wanted to own but did not have a place to wear it. A top notch program is scheduled and base wide participation is necessary for another successful event.

Soviet Military Power 1987

The Base Intelligence Office has provided a 21-minute video tape which will be aired on CCTV twice each Saturday and Sunday for the next three UTAs.

Although their primary role is providing intelligence information to local Commanders, Battle Staff, and aircrews, they also provide information base-wide.

Aware of the tendency to lose sight of the overall picture, this reminder of Soviet power ***** can be used to stimulate discussion within units or sections. Intelligence Office personnel will be available to answer questions following the film. For more information contact SSgt. Lynn Hetzel at 454-5188.

Mobility Exercise

During the July UTAs, the base will perform a practice mobility exercise. This exercise will involve only the processing of required mobility equipment. Personnel processing will not be practiced at this time. All base personnel are reminded to wear fatigues on both Saturday and Sunday UTAs. Guardmembers who are augmentees in mobility processing are to report to their mobility work section immediately after squadron roll call.

The Concept briefing will be held on July 11 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 208A of the Hangar Building. Contact Maj. Harvey Clement at 454-5324 for further information.

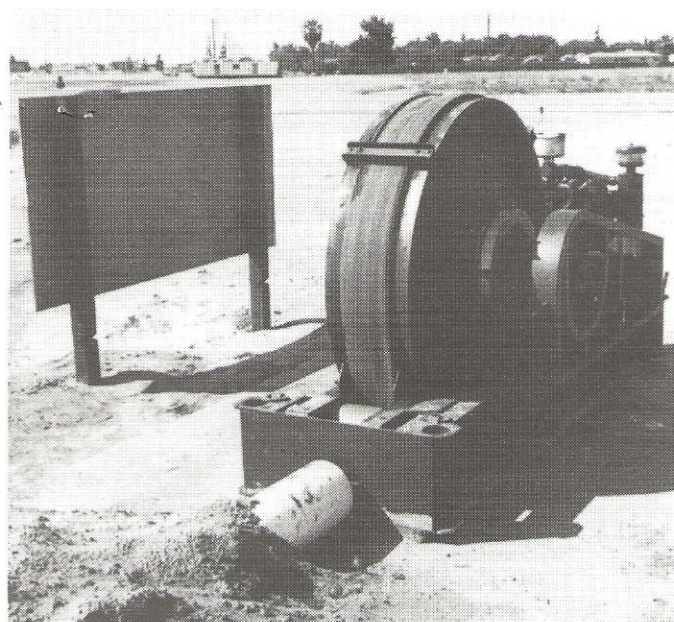
Runway Open

Sixteen weeks, tons of crushed rock, massive amounts of concrete and asphalt later, the runway overrun extension was completed by the 144CES.

Annual training previously scheduled for Tucson AFB, AZ was cancelled after the Base Civil Engineer determined that the CE staff could do all of the work necessary for this project.

Included in the construction work, was the installation of a BAK-12 Arresting Barrier, which is used by tail-hook aircraft. The BAK-12 is bi-directional, (capable of being used in either direction). The completed extension is 100' wide and 1216' long, which was officially opened for business on April 10, 1987.

The Electrical Superintendent, SMSgt. Henry Fernandez said, "Valuable training occurred during this project, because we were able to use 20 of the 25 AFSCs in our section. All of our people worked on this project, and the extent of training for our heavy equipment operators was outstanding. They were able to apply knowledge recently learned at school. Our personnel



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BAK-12 Rewind Engine

performed exceptionally, as we had no accidents or injuries. The local construction crews working on the main runway portion were very surprised at the proficiency we displayed."

NCOAGA Chapter Meeting

Chapter 65 of the NCOAGA will hold their next meeting on July 11, 1987 in the Wing Conference Room. Members and guests are to meet at the CBPO counter at 4:05 p.m. for an alternate meeting place if necessary. New and potential members are always welcome. Come join us!

Congratulations to TSgt. Richard F. Ortiz and TSgt. Vincent S. Papaleo for recently graduating from the I.G. Brown PMEC, Knoxville, Tennessee.

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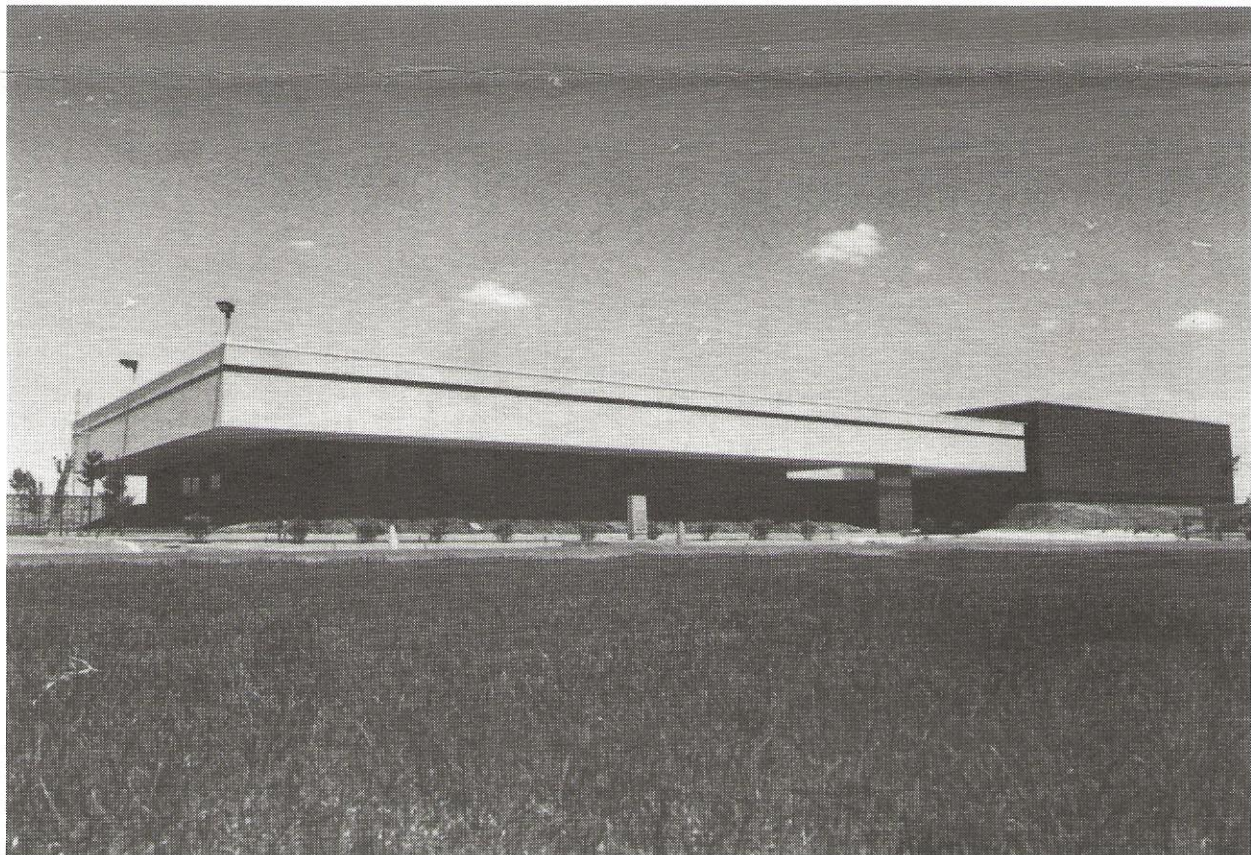
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