

Armed Forces Day, May 19

The defense of this country takes a good share of the federal budget each year; yet, probably many people in this area are not aware of what this defense includes, other than a jet-stream across the blue sky.

Southern Oregon and northern California residents will have an opportunity Saturday to visit Kingsley Field in Klamath Falls, where the Air Force's 408th Fighter Group is based, to inspect some of the implements of defense.

A full day of activities is scheduled at the air base and in Klamath Falls, in addition to a fly-over of southern Oregon and northern California towns, on Armed Forces Day, May 19.

The day's activities will start with a parade in downtown Klamath Falls starting at 9 a.m. They will then continue at the base where open house starts at 11 a.m. and continues until 5 p.m.

At noon, official open house ceremonies are scheduled, along with the dedication of a plane, an aerial show, talks by visiting Air Force and state officials and parachute jumps.

Several types of aircraft - from the H-43 "Huskie" helicopter to the mammoth B-47 "Stratojet" bomber - are expected to be on display from Air Force bases along the Pacific coast.

In all, about 30 aircraft are expected, including the 408th's F-101 "Voodoo" supersonic long-range interceptor. Until the arrival of the F-104, the Voodoo was the fastest, most powerful long-range tactical fighter in operational service.

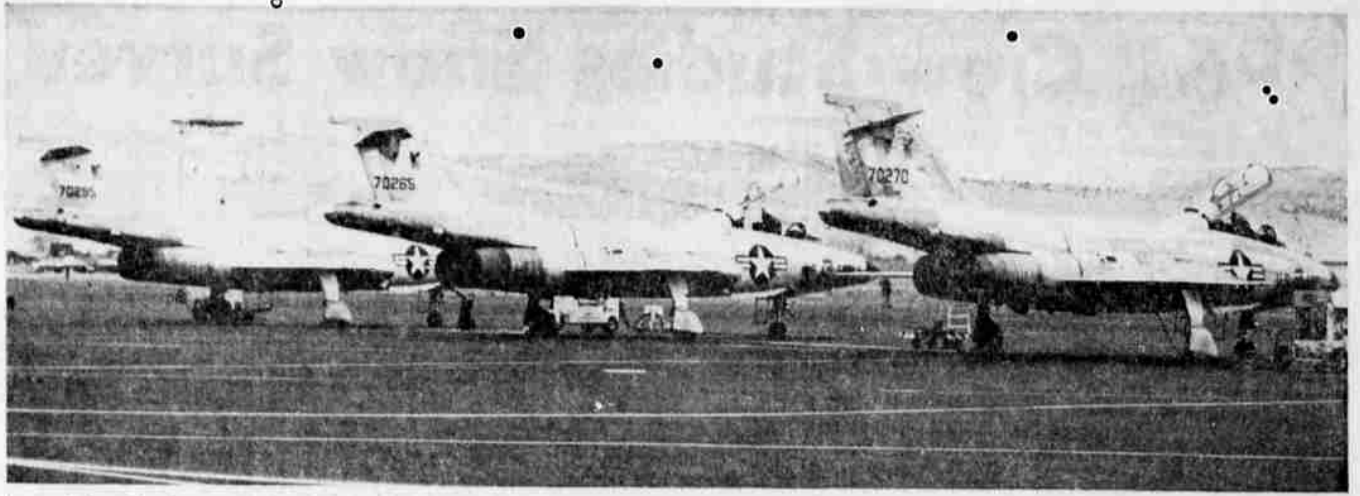
A precision formation of F-101B's will fly over cities and towns in southern Oregon and northern California to mark the official opening of Armed Forces Day activities at Kingsley.

The flight of four aircraft led by Lt. Col. Phillip A. Rand is scheduled to fly over Klamath Falls at noon. The diamond formation will then fly to Medford at 12:15 p.m., Grants Pass at 12:18; Ashland, 12:22; Dorris and Tulelake, Calif., 12:30; and Merrill at 12:32 p.m.

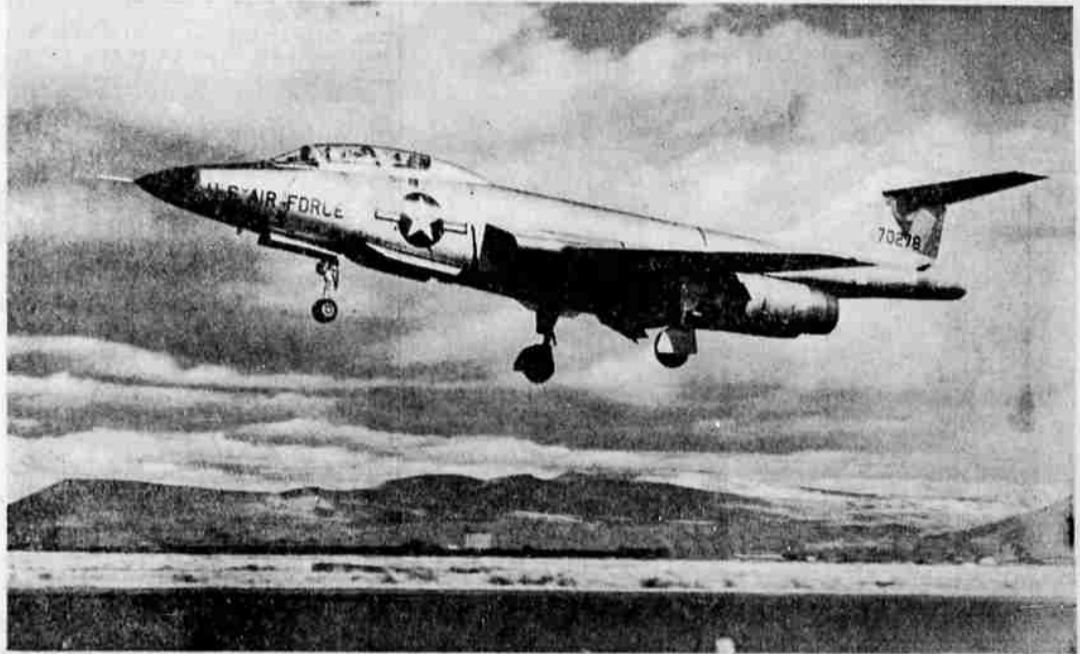
In connection with Armed Forces Day, the Klamath Falls Chamber of Commerce and the Klamath Merchants association will sponsor an Armed Forces Day banquet at 7 p.m., May 18, in the Winema Motor hotel.

Speaker at the banquet will be Brig. Gen. Lester J. Maitland (USAF ret.) who is now rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Parish in Red Bluff, Calif.

Kingsley base officials estimate about 20,000 people may attend the open house - most of them from Klamath Falls, Medford, Ashland, Lakeview, Alturas and other southern Oregon and northern California communities.



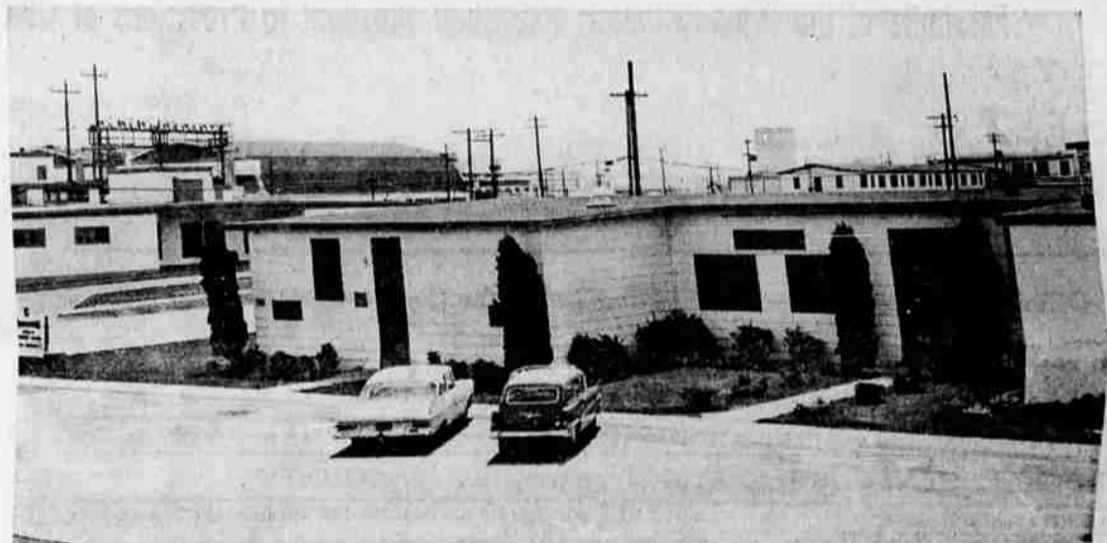
Four of these Voodoos are scheduled to make an aerial pass over Medford at 12:15 p.m., May 19.



The famed Kingsley Field F-101B "Voodoo" in flight.



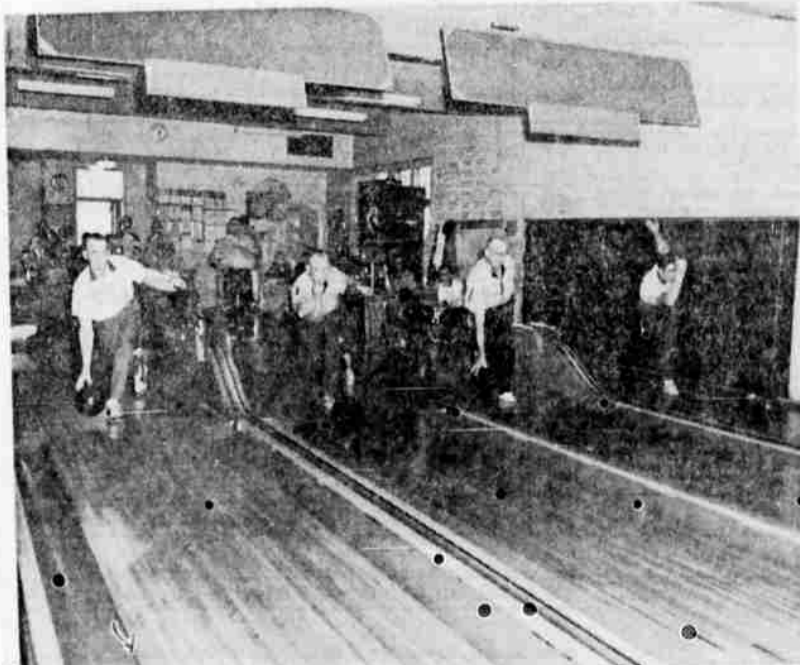
Base Commander Col. Rupert C. Welch.



A view of the 408th headquarters and part of the base.



The B-47 "Stratojet" is expected to be displayed.



Kingsley Field's bowling alley for personnel.



The base exchange (BX) offers many types of goods.



Men of all faiths are welcome at Kingsley's chapel.