

USAF Regulation Outlines Ways Of Naming Air Bases

By MAX WAUCHOPE

What will be the official name of the Klamath Falls Municipal Airport when the U.S. Air Force units are stationed here and become fully operational?

This question has been asked by numerous residents locally since 1954 when Congress authorized the establishment of a USAF jet all-weather fighter-interceptor unit here.

As explained in the February 25 issue of the Air Force Times, the official spokesman for the Air Force, there's more to picking a name for an air base than just painting a sign at the front gate of the installation.

JOINT OPERATION

It has been explained by Air Force officers acquainted with the USAF regulations that an air base which is a joint operation such as the Klamath Falls base will be named as a joint operation. In other words, it retains its civilian name such as "Klamath Falls Municipal Airport" or "Portland Municipal Airport." These are both airports used jointly by the

Air Force and civilian agencies or municipalities.

The Air Force only names bases which it controls and maintains in their entirety; such as Hamilton Air Force Base, California and McChord AFB, Washington.

POSSIBILITY
Of course, it is within the realm of possibility that someday the Klamath Falls Base will have grown to the point where the USAF assumes total control—in this case the base would probably be named in accordance with the then current USAF regulations.

If this ever becomes a reality, then quite possibly the local base could be named after some local deceased Air Force member who had distinguished himself in war-time or had made some other outstanding contribution to the Air Force.

Only these deceased heroes are to be picked as base namesakes, according to a new Air Force regulation No. 900-9 and then only with the approval of the Air Force and with suitable ceremonies.

BASE NAMES
Anyone who knows of an outstanding deceased officer or aviator may recommend his name for memorialization. Recommendation for base names go through channels to USAF Memorialization Program Committee at Headquarters, USAF. Recommendations for naming streets, buildings, and recreational facilities go directly to the base commander.

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When a base wants a name but cannot agree on one, the commander can set up a local board to make recommendations. The regulation tells where they can get help in finding the military records of the deceased, setting up the dedication ceremonies, getting speakers, and other details.

When a name is approved the congressman from the area and the next of kin are to be notified. The regulation says USAF headquarters will make the announcement so it can be coordinated with the lawmakers. The USAF Chief of Staff will write the next of kin and the commander of the base will deliver it in person if possible.

CEREMONIES
Dedication ceremonies will honor members of the deceased's family and would include escorts, greetings, addresses, a fly-over and other ceremonies.

It must be remembered that it is unlikely that the Klamath Falls Municipal Airport will be renamed by the Air Force. However, if local authorities wished to name it after some local deceased Air Force hero, it could be called John Doe Field, or some such name. It couldn't be named John Doe Air Force Base—the USAF reserves the right to designate all its bases.



THE KLAMATH FALLS Lions Club sponsor the dramatic presentation, the natural color film, "Oberammergau and the Passion Play," at Mills School Auditorium, Wednesday, March 21. The film on the life of Christ has been said by critics to be one of the finest religious pictures ever made. The picture is being shown to combat juvenile delinquency and to help in the national back-to-church movement.

Richard Nixon Reported Election Year Storm Center

WASHINGTON (UP)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon is today's election-year storm center. If he is forced off the 1956 Republican presidential ticket, a likely substitute would be former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, of New York. Dewey probably would accept.

Some of Nixon's friends fear that the movement to bounce him got a green light Wednesday in President Eisenhower's announcement that he would accept renomination but leave the selection of a vice-president up to the Republican National Convention.

Some of Nixon's adverse critics read it the other way—as a solid endorsement of the vice president. The facts are that Mr. Eisenhower emphatically praised Nixon's ability and his performance as vice president but refused to commit himself when asked if he wanted him on the ticket again. Time for that, said the President, is after the Republican National

Convention has nominated a presidential candidate. Mr. Eisenhower's refusal to commit himself on a running mate is sufficient to put new muscle and enthusiasm in the organized effort to ditch Nixon. Some of the President's longtime military associates and more recent golf cronies are active in the movement against the vice president.

They will get some immediate encouragement, at least, from Mr. Eisenhower's repudiation Wednesday of Nixon's recent reference to Chief Justice Earl Warren as a Republican chief justice. Nixon so described Mr. Warren in remarking on the Supreme Court's racial integration ruling.

Nixon is primarily on the spot, however, because of public opinion of Mr. Eisenhower's September heart attack. The fact that he secure inescapably leads to unusual speculation whether the

President would survive to complete a second term. Moreover, the President is 65 years old and would be 70 on leaving office after a second term.

Nixon has been an acutely controversial political figure from the

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House To Get Road Tax Bill

WASHINGTON (UP)—A bill to raise gasoline, tire and other highway excise taxes will go before the House with an added rider—a special registration fee for heavy trucks.

The House Ways and Means Committee, which voted for the truck tax Wednesday, estimated it will add 900 million dollars to the proposed new taxes, raising the total during the next 16 years to nearly 14 billion dollars.

The money, along with the yield from present highway taxes, is to be used for a long-range road building program with emphasis on a 40,000-mile network of strategic interstate highways. Present and projected taxes will make an estimated \$38,700,000,000 available as the federal share of the \$1-billion dollar program.

Rep. Reed (NY), senior Republican on the committee, proposed the truck tax. A bill without it, he said, would be "completely unfair" to ordinary motorists.

It would impose a yearly registration fee of \$1.50 per 1,000 pounds for all trucks weighing over 20,000 pounds, based on either the weight of the unloaded truck or on its licensed carrying capacity, whichever is greater. The weight limit was fixed to make it apply to heavy commercial trucks, of which there are about 700,000.

Other provisions of the bill would apply uniformly to all vehicles regardless of size or weight.

They would raise the gasoline and diesel fuel tax to 8 cents a gallon; the tire tax from 5 to 8 cents a pound; and the tax on trucks, buses and trailers from 8 to 10 per cent of value; and would put a new tax of 3 cents a pound on camelback, or retreading rubber.

Comment Told On Ike Answer

WASHINGTON (UP)—Citizen reaction to President Eisenhower's announcement he is available for a second term ranged today from "the best thing for the country" to "doing himself and the country a disfavor."

In between those comments from Mrs. Richard Orable, a Chicago Republican, and John J. Craig, a Montclair, N.J., Democrat, fell others expressing concern for Eisenhower the man, varying opinion on whether he can be re-elected, and thoughts on his value as a world leader.

Many of those interviewed by The Associated Press across the country, like Craig, gave important consideration to Eisenhower's physical condition, but Sam Coues, a Concord, N.H., accountant, looked for a different kind of soundness.

"I like to see a man who is morally and spiritually sound as the head of state," said Coues, who did not mention his politics. All spoke out after Eisenhower announced his decision at a news conference, but before he told a nationwide radio-TV audience last night he is "confident that I can carry... indefinitely" all important duties of the presidency.

The comment crossed party lines. Mrs. Alice Davis, a Democrat from the Bronx, N.Y., said Eisenhower will win because the people are behind him and "he's the only man on the scene who can maintain influence in world affairs."

Thomas J. Patten, a Democrat and personnel director of Kansas City, Mo., said Eisenhower is "the only man on the scene who can maintain influence in world affairs." The Rev. C. L. Irwin of Indianapolis said, "His leadership will keep the country on a steady course."

But Elbert Christison of Indianapolis, who said he is an independent who supported Eisenhower in 1952, said "I won't vote for him. The administration ought to change every four years."

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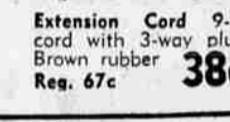
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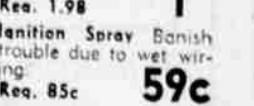
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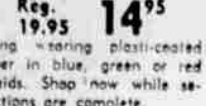
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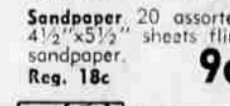
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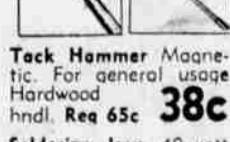
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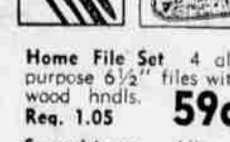
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Workers Get Wage Increase

WASHINGTON (UP)—More than two million lower-paid workers got a pay increase today, courtesy of the U.S. government.

The pay hikes came through a boost in the federal minimum wage from 75 cents to \$1 an hour. It was voted by Congress last year to become effective today.

An estimated 24 million workers are covered by terms of the Fair Labor Standards Act—generally those engaged or whose work is connected with interstate commerce—but only about 2,100,000 have been making less than the new \$1 minimum.

Although the maximum required pay boost could be 25 cents an hour, the Labor Department fixed the average increase would be 13 cents an hour, or an estimated \$60 million dollars a year. Many of those benefiting have been making more than the old 75-cent minimum, which had been in effect for six years.

More than half the increases were in Southern states, from Maryland to Texas. This means Dixie's annual payroll will be boosted by more than a million workers by sum of more than 25 million dollars.

Some of the industries most widely affected are lumbering, textiles, candy-making, furniture and clothing manufacturing. President Eisenhower had recommended that Congress boost 75-cent minimum to 90 cents. He said that anything higher might cause some sudden unemployment. However, Congress voted for an even \$1.

George Meany, AFL-CIO president, said in a statement the new minimum would create a better standard of living for workers affected by it, and would mean new purchasing power helpful to the entire economy.

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