

Promotions, Staff Changes Announced

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MAJ. RAY ROYSE, director of operations at Kingsley Field, now a command pilot with over 3,200 flying hours had occasion recently to recall his first airplane ride when George Yost, potato farmer from Tulelake visited the base. Twenty-five years ago, Yost gave Major Royse his first airplane ride in an open cockpit Waco bi-plane, a far cry from the modern sleek F-101B Voodoo's now assigned to Kingsley Field. Major Royse, son of Mr. and Mrs. Len Royse, 2260 Garden Ave., was assigned to Kingsley Field from Hamilton AFB, Calif., in July, 1960. He was accompanied by his wife, Jessie, and their three children, Roselyn, 14; Diane, 12, and Patricia, 6. The Royses reside at 777 Westbrook Drive, Falcon Heights.



TWO OUTSTANDING MEMBERS of Kingsley Field's corps of civilian personnel received awards signifying meritorious service from Col. Rupert C. Welch, left, base commander. The two women, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Wever, second from right, and Mrs. Dorothy E. Comfort, right, were presented with incentive and cash award certificates for their achievements. Mrs. Wever is a stock control clerk with the 408th USAF Dispensary, while Mrs. Comfort is employed as an accounts control section supervisor with the Kingsley Accounting and Finance office. The women's supervisors, Lt. James W. Schell, second from left, accounting and finance section, and Lt. Leo Hedley, medical supply, look on.

Promotions and staff changes were the big news in the 322nd FIS this month as two officers received their major's oak leaves and changes of key personnel were announced.

On Feb. 1, Maj. Raymond G. Nelson will leave Kingsley Field for Offutt AFB, Neb., where he will serve as liaison officer between the headquarters of the Strategic Air Command and the North American Air Defense Command.

Major Nelson leaves his post as operations officer for the 322nd after serving 2½ years with the unit.

Major Nelson will be accompanied to his new assignment by his wife, Catherine, and their children, Barbara and Bryan, 11; Virginia, 9, and Richard, 6. While stationed in Klamath Falls, the Nelsons have resided at 783 Westbrook in Falcon Heights.

Replacing Major Nelson as operations officer for the 322nd will be Maj. William C. Hill who was recently promoted to that rank. Hill, a veteran of 16 years service, is no stranger to the job, having served as operations officer of the 324th Tactical Fighter Squadron before his assignment to Kingsley Field.

Major Hill is a command pilot with more than 4,500 flying hours in conventional and jet aircraft. For the past year and a half he has served as commander of "B" Flight in the 322nd. He resides in Falcon Heights with his wife, Grace, and three children, Pat, 16; Jim, 13, and Sam, 12. All three attend Henley High School.

Filling the "B" Flight commander's slot left open by the promotion of Major Hill is Capt. Coleman Baker, 33, Brownsburg, Ind.

Graduating from Purdue University with a degree in chemical engineering in 1951, Captain Baker immediately entered pilot training and has since flown over 2,300 hours, most of it in jet fighter bombers.

Captain Baker only recently received recognition as one of the first Air Force pilots to log 500 hours in the F-101 Voodoo.

In announcing Baker's appoint-

ment as the new "B" Flight commander, Lt. Col. Carl H. Leo, 322nd commander stated, "Baker is one of the finest young pilots I know and we're expecting an excellent job from him in his new responsibility."

Captain Baker and his wife, Cathy, reside in Falcon Heights with their young son, Stephen Jeffrey, age 5 months.

"Everything happens at once," commented Capt. Harold Reynolds as he received his promotion to major and transfer to Ent AFB, Colo., within the same week.

Major Reynolds goes to his new assignment as a member of the Air Defense Command's Tactical Evaluation Team. While assigned to the 322nd at Kingsley Field, Major Reynolds was training officer with the responsibility for the overall flying and combat training program for the squadron's air crews.

Reynolds and his wife, Terry, said goodbye to their many friends at an informal cocktail party on Jan. 3 in the Kingsley Field Officers Club.

OVERRIDES OPPONENTS

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd's majority in Parliament Monday overrode 91-52 two opposition amendments to constitutional legislation for the new South African republic which called for guarantees to keep South Africa inside the British Commonwealth and "protection of basic rights," especially for this country's English-speaking whites.

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Marek Is Chosen Airman Of Month At Local Base



AIRMAN I.C. Walter E. Marek, right, was recently announced as Kingsley Field's Airman of the Month. He was congratulated by base commander Col. Rupert C. Welch, center, and his first sergeant, M.Sgt. Walter J. Palczewski, during informal ceremonies in the colonel's office. For his outstanding example, Airman Marek was presented a certificate of recognition, a three-day pass, \$25 in cash, 15 gallons of gasoline from Sam's Corner in Falcon Heights, and a haircut and shampoo, compliments of Weaver's Barber Shop on Shasta Way.

One of Kingsley Field's "oldest" airmen, in terms of length of time spent at the base, was named the 408th Fighter Group's Airman of the Month by Col. Rupert C. Welch, commander.

Airman I.C. Walter E. Marek, a member of the field's postal staff, was presented with a certificate by Colonel Welch, describing his outstanding achievements and high standard of performance during the month.

The 23-year-old airman is singled out as one of Kingsley's "oldest" members by virtue of the date he was assigned to the base. From basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex., he arrived in Klamath Falls during September of 1957.

In addition to the certificate, Airman Marek received a three-day pass, a check for \$25, 15 gallons of gasoline from Sam's Corner in Falcon Heights, and haircut and shampoo, compliments of Weaver's Barber Shop.

The Chicago, Ill., native is single and resides in one of Kingsley Field's dormitory-type quarters.

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