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## CHILDREN FUND NETS \$4000

### TRANSFERS

Like rats abandoning the sinking ship, the ranks of the 343rd are rapidly being depleted. The few replacements will certainly be most welcome, but there just don't seem to be enough of them. Judging from the number of pilot-type people leaving, the ones that are left will be pulling an even heavier TDY load--a real career incentive.

Making their break in December and January are Bill Swick, PCA to the puzzle palace; Mike Dudek, DOS; Phil Parker, DOS to United Airlines; Joe Ward, DOS; Wayne Wallingford, PSC to March; Greg Anders, PCS to Korea (he wants to go); Tom Aslakson, PCS to Shemya (he doesn't want to go); Gary Hewitt, DOS; George Mitchell, DOS; Dick Wilder, DOS; Kermit Quick, DOS; Loren Pan-coast, DOS; Al Lyons, PCS to Griffiss; Chuck Heaps, PCS to the simulator; Eric Juhre', PCS to Grissom; and it looks like Burr Paul will PCS to Barksdale with the 1st CEVG.

Replacing this multitude will be Capt. L. Hansen, navigator from Mather; Lt. Col. J. L. McKenzie, EWO from the 3902d ABWg.; 2d Lt. D.J. Jolissant, navigator from Mather; Capt. J. R. Faucett navigator from Palace Furlough; Maj. G. Flock, an EWO and Capt. Johnnie Boyle, back from the simulator.

For those leaving, fare-thee-well, for those incoming to our unit, welcome and you have our heartiest condolences.

## GONG SHOW



Our crewdogs invaded the "Bellevue Queen" over the weekend for the second annual "Gong Show". In a swansong performance, Greg "Vito" Anders acted as master-of-ceremonies, with Bill Bowie as assistant buffoon.

The crowd was treated to some high class acts including, a whistling trio of hats and bellybuttons, a dramatic reading of great cultural significance by no less a luminary than Jeff Polles and one bonifide singer in the person of Barbara Gaines, who added a touch of class to the evening. Geraldine was present--as usual--as was some character who can be called any number of things, except back.

Colonel Clary was seen sporting a new shirt and a white aftershave. That last touch was a little overdone, Colonel.

Harry "Recon Breath" Moore was presented with a pie by Vito again this year. But as he has demonstrated before, the Ops officer doesn't know how to act in polite company--accepting Vito's offering on the top of his head rather than the more conventional way. The great mystery of the evening was how Bill "World's Toughest Navigator" Mackie got away from a similar fate.

The generosity of the members of the 343 SRS was again demonstrated this year as nearly \$4,000 was raised for the annual Children's Christmas Fund. All the money raised was from donations.

More than 50 children were taken to Penney's early Saturday morning where they went shopping for coats, pants, shirts, sweaters and shoes--necessities. Following the shopping trip, which saw members of the 343rd acting as sponsors, the whole gang repaired to the Rec Center for a party complete with Santa Claus, his helpers and lots of toys.

### RAVEN WINS

Dave Graham is the winner of the Children's Christmas Fund drawing for the P-51 ride. His winning ticket was picked by Colonel Urschler's mother--thereby ruling out all charges of bias, favoritism, cheating and other nefarious deeds.

Graham's ticket was drawn from a total of 3939. This represented the dollar contributions to the Children's Christmas Fund. The money was used to buy coats, shoes and other clothing necessities for children who would not have had a Christmas without the help of the members of the 343rd.

The bulky Raven flapped and cawed when his name was announced and allowed as how he was so happy that he could just spit. Colonel Urschler just giggled and muttered something about "wait until we get airborne, then we'll see if he can DF in an aileron roll."

### PAPERS FLY

The winter winds are carrying more than snow and the remaining leaves of fall this year--papers, and we don't mean trash. Seeking release from this vail of tears by submitting their paperwork for release from the Air Force are Mel Mathena, Billy Rahm, Jeff Polles, John Trumble, Tim Whitlock and Mel Parker. What a surprise--they're all pilots. It gives one pause--Is it possible that seeing such people as Phil Parker with his United Airlines identification badge proudly displayed on his chest gives these others to believe that they too could get a job with the airlines and leave all this? Any bets on who might be next?



THE OLD CROW SEZ:

Co-pilots are indeed

the crabgrass in the

lawn of life--Al Lyons



## SEASON'S GREETINGS

# DEAR MONGO



Dear Mongo,

I have a problem. I am a 42 year old Air Force captain assigned to the 343rd. I am married with a rather large family of nine children. While attending Squadron Officer's School at Maxwell AFB, Ala., I fell in love with an 18 year old girl. She also is from a large family and lives in a small farming community in southern Alabama. Her family is very poor and their only source of income is from welfare and food stamps. To compound the problem, most of her family members are mentally retarded because of long-term intermarriages. I am, however, in love with this girl and have started immediate divorce proceedings since she is three months pregnant. My problem is this: Should I tell my fiancée that I am assigned to the 343rd Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron?

Love Sick

Dear Sick,

Are you kidding? By all means, the answer is "No."

Dear Mongo,

Where did I go wrong? Here I thought I had worked so hard all these years, dodging assignments until just the right one came along and winning friends and impressing the staff along the way. Then I thought I had my big chance to be an Ops officer in a tanker unit in Texas. From a dream job like that I could make LC--maybe even below the zone--and then get my own squadron. After that, who's to say? Cinc SAC!!

Now I find out that there's a guy on station who thinks he's going to be the Ops officer. To make matters worse, there's an LC selectee enroute who thinks he's going to be Ops officer. Right now I'm pulling alert like a common crewdog. I'm not even in the IP upgrade program. Please Mongo, tell me what to do!!

Mac May

Dear Mac,

Do your duty like any good crewdog for God and country and be an obedient "Major AC on a KC." Then contact MPC--the 343rd needs pilots and if you stay out of trouble you might be able to get into the local upgrade program after a couple TDYs as a copilot. Good Luck.

Dear Mongo,

Why do the 343rd IPs act funny when I gasp when they fly wing formation? What does "Whiskey Delta" mean? Isn't a "wifferdill" flown up and down rather than left and right? What's a "wifferdill" anyway? I'm confused.

"Jimmy Jet" Morrow, LtCol., Esq.

Dear Jet,

I'm not surprised you're confused, operations normal.



Editor:

The last issue of the CDG was absolutely disgusting. Never before have I read such trash. The mockery and slander included in that issue were completely unacceptable. The excessive nudity was uncalled for and perhaps the most objectionable item of all. Is anything sacred to you degenerates? Have you no pride at all? Is this the best we can expect from the 343rd SRS? Will you repent and print a useful and respectable newspaper?

--Enraged Staff Weenie

...None, None at all, Yes, Never in a million years.

## Krause New Vice

The newest kid on the block these days is Col. Donald G. Krause, new vice wing commander for the 55th SRW. He is replacing Col. Richard Patrick.

Colonel Krause is no new comer to the Omaha area, as he has been serving as senior controller at the SAC command post. He may or may not know much about Recce, but has been able to see how many broken airplanes we've had all over the world.

Colonel Patrick has left the 55th, but he has moved into the rarified atmosphere of Bldg. 500 where he will be serving as the Director of Safety for the SAC Inspector General.

Good luck to you Colonel Patrick, and welcome and good luck to you, Colonel Krause.



## TO BE A PILOT

The following was printed in the "Air Force Times." It is a letter from a fifth grader with much more wisdom than is reflected by his young years.

"I want to be an Air Force pilot when I grow up because it's fun and easy to do. Pilots don't need much school, they just have to learn numbers so they can read instruments. I guess they should be able to read maps so they can find their way if they are lost. Pilots should be brave so they won't be 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 so they can see through the clouds and they can't be afraid of lightning or thunder because they are closer to them than we are. The salary pilots make is another thing I like. They make more money than they can spend. This is because most people think airplane flying is dangerous except pilots don't because they know how easy it is. There isn't much I don't like, except girls like pilots and all the stewardesses want to marry them so they always have to chase them away so they won't bother them. I hope I don't get airsick because if I do I couldn't be a pilot and would have to go to work."

## CHEAPSKATES ANSWER

Crewdogs are nothing if they are not survivors. Recognizing the enemy and/or the man with the hammer has always been a way of life to the CD. The following message should speak for itself.

Subject: Reassignment of editors and writers of Crewdog Gazette

Ref: CDG Vol II, No. 10

1. Page two of referenced CDG inferred that people or groups are fortuitously receiving the "Gazette" without charge. Specific reference was made to our office, and it is this allegation that spawns this protest. We have read three issues of the CDG and have found them the only genuine source of information available. As past disciples of the crewdog dogma, we have reveled in this refreshing breath of air. Now, just as our interest level is increasing exponentially, and we have tantalized the hordes of staffees that abound in our legions with the gospel according to St. "Yeller", we are suddenly turned on with this "dun" notice.
2. Does not the extensive "good deals" for crewdogs only provided by crewdog clones count for something? What about the sacrifices we have made to limit the Sheyma/Korea pipeline heretofore designed specifically for 55th CDs? What about the BLD's that have worked to benefit only crewdogs?
3. We demand to know our accusers, and stand ready with assignments in hand to some "garden spots." Contact Maj. Burt Davitte or Capt. Leo Cutcliff.

Dire threats notwithstanding, it should be noted that Messieurs Davitte and Cutcliff may have vented their spleen, but they have not come up with any coin of the realm.