







Commandant's Quarters

Dear Brides of the Class of 1976,

The pages of our gift this Bicennnial year contain a wee glimpse of Academy and Air Force History, some reminiscences of the Class of '76, a little sentiment about being the wife of an Air Force man—we are a very sentimental group!—just a tad of information about “moving” (our door to more exciting experiences), a few hints of customs, a little tradition, some helpful definitions, a great deal of love and all our best wishes to you and your new Lieutenant as you embark on this thing known as a “military career”.

We share your happiness in remembering when we said yes to the wonderful guy who had asked us to share his life—and we remember how each of us approached becoming a military wife. Some were, as you, raised in military families with an abundance of knowledge about customs, transfers, traditions and just the daily living in the military. Some, as you, were completely baffled by the meaning of TDY's, PCS, Commands, service schools, commissary privileges, learning his social security number, the meaning of all those ribbons and pins on a uniform and scores of other mysterious terms.

We, as you, came from every kind of family background with our own traditions, from every part of our country and many parts of the world. And, as you, we all shared one important thing, we loved that handsome new Lieutenant and we would follow him anywhere.

This, I believe, is what it's all about. You will have many assignments. They'll include very special places and others that seem far away from everything you've ever known before. Each will be unique and all will give the opportunity for friendships, both military and civilian, making new ones and renewing old. Each will give you a chance for your own expression, to leave a little of yourself behind and to take away with you so very much. The “assignment” is the job in which your husband is involved, we military wives share in his work in a very special way. Our men are involved in one of the most important professions—that of helping to preserve the peace of the world and guarding our land—so be proud of him, share his world and most of all love him.

I'd like to share a bit of advice that my wise lieutenant lovingly gave to me at my first disappointment at a change of plans. He said “You've got to Be Flexible, Honey.” And he was right. And if I may add a bit of my own—use your sense of humor and don't take yourself too seriously.

Our hearts are bursting with our happiness for you this June of 1976. God Bless.

Betsy Beck
Mrs. Stanley C. Beck

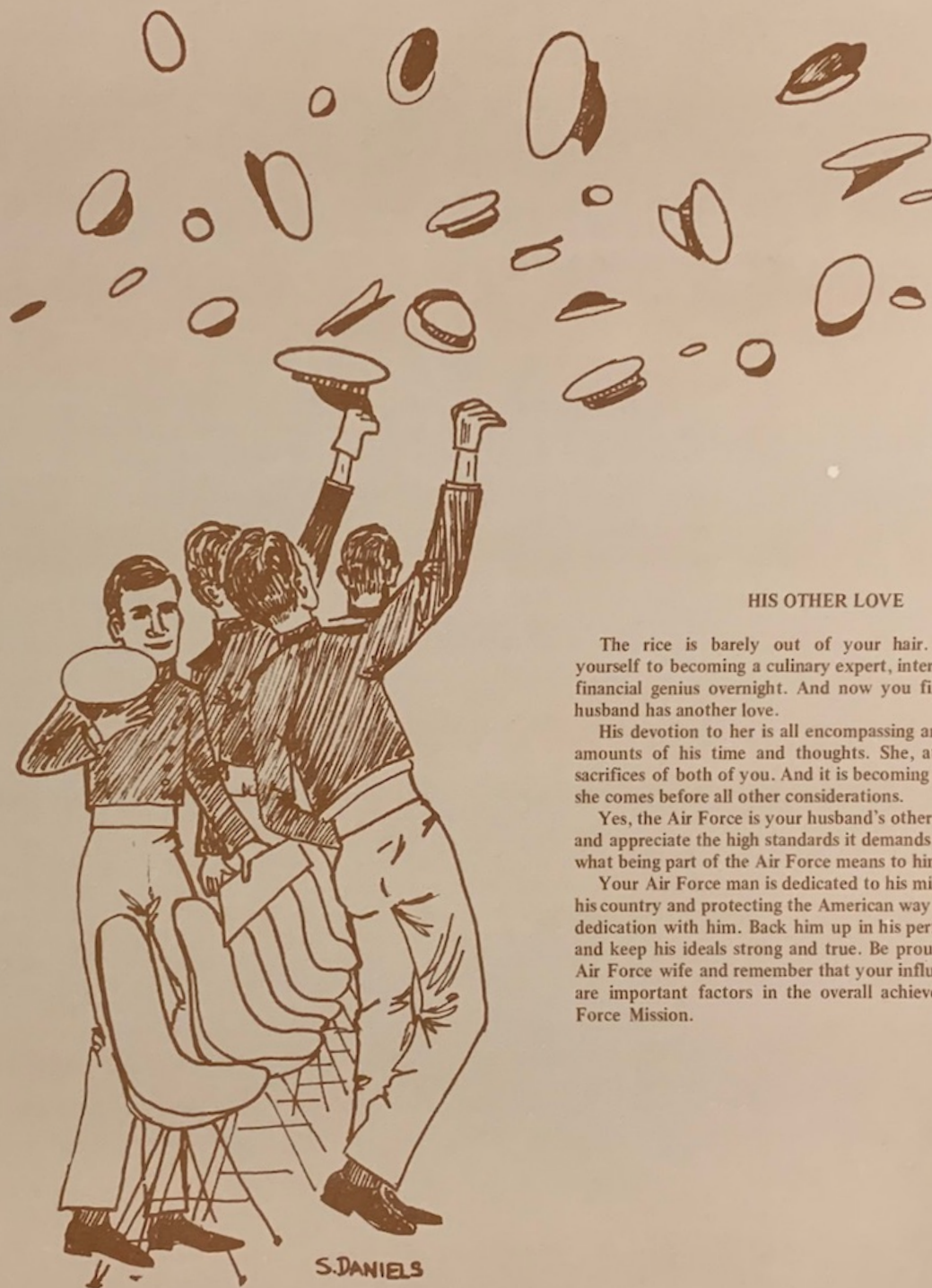
THE NEW BRIDE

*Being a new bride is an important time
As soon you'll get to see.
But being a part of Air Force life
Is the best of things to be.*

*The friends you'll make at each new base
Over the busy years,
Offset the trials of moving and packing
Always more smiles than tears.*

*Your husband has chosen to join the best
Those wearing Air Force blue,
And you'll belong to a line of proud wives
Caring and serving too.*

*So we say "God speed" and "good luck"
Until we meet again.
Our very best wishes to each of you
And to your special men.*



HIS OTHER LOVE

The rice is barely out of your hair. You've resigned yourself to becoming a culinary expert, interior decorator and financial genius overnight. And now you find out that your husband has another love.

His devotion to her is all encompassing and she takes great amounts of his time and thoughts. She, at times, demands sacrifices of both of you. And it is becoming obvious now that she comes before all other considerations.

Yes, the Air Force is your husband's other love. Understand and appreciate the high standards it demands of him, as well as what being part of the Air Force means to him — and to you.

Your Air Force man is dedicated to his mission, to guarding his country and protecting the American way of life. Share this dedication with him. Back him up in his performance of duty and keep his ideals strong and true. Be proud that you are his Air Force wife and remember that your influence and attitude are important factors in the overall achievement of the Air Force Mission.

June nineteen hundred seventy-six

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
GEMINI (May 22 – June 21) Brilliant mind, charming personality and ready wit will help the Gemini meet many challenges in life. Her desire to mingle and fondness for travel will be an outstanding trait in an Air Force career.		1	2	3	4	5
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

☼ On June 2, 1976, the Spirit of '76 joins the ranks of USAFA grads. Congratulations!

On June 28, 1976, Basic Cadet Training begins for the Class of '80, including the first women cadet candidates to enter USAFA. You've come a long way, baby!

During June Week of 1974, the Spirit of '76 removed the display F-104 from the terrazzo and placed it on the Parade Field. It looked lovely there.

AIR FORCE HISTORY

The present United States Air Force had its humble beginnings in World War I when rickety, low powered planes took to the skies over Europe. They were piloted by daring, courageous young men who combined their love for the exciting new flying machines with their desire to maintain the American ideals of freedom and national integrity. Fighting and dying in the defense of their Allies, these bold young airmen blazed a trail of glory that set the pattern for all who followed.

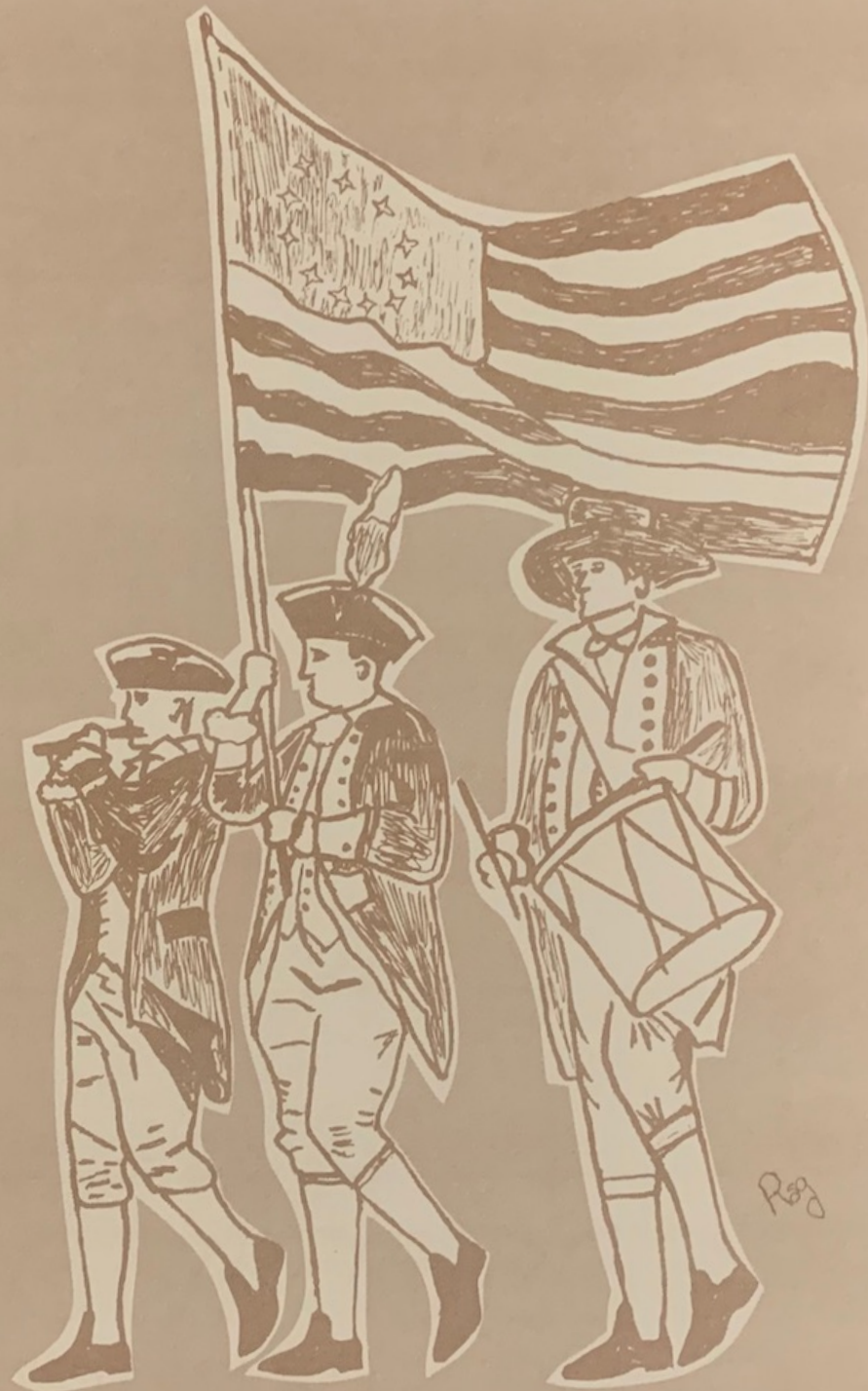
The victory won, these same men were not content to rest on their past achievements. They continued to strive for greater performances and improvements in their aircraft, knowing instinctively that air power would be a tremendous force in any future conflict.

The outbreak of World War II focused intense national interest on flying. What had been a concern to a relative few became an American passion. The country geared up for the production of multitudes of new aircraft. Technology raced forward, and the fighters, bombers and cargo planes soared off once more in the defense of our Asian and European friends.

The fearless and determined airmen who manned these craft were called upon to perform almost impossible tasks in the most brutal and widespread holocaust the world has ever faced. These tasks and more they completed, carrying their part of the struggle on valiant silver wings. And in doing so, they not only helped to win the war, but also established for all times the importance of air power in our nation's defense.

Since World War II, our Air Force has been called into action many times. Our nation, committed by treaties of support, has never hesitated in its attempts to honor its obligations. Because of our position in the community of nations, our strength of purpose and our national heritage of loyalty to our allies, America's military forces are a cornerstone of peace and freedom throughout the World.

The United States Air Force's history is brief in years, but is filled with the greatest traditions possible. The men in blue carry proudly the tremendous burdens of defense and liberty in this era of instability. We can and should be fiercely proud that our men stand ever ready to defend their America against all foes.



July nineteen hundred seventy-six

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
CANCER (June 22 – July 23) Faithful, loyal, warm and exciting, Cancer's key word is domesticated. A good cook, she will enjoy the social aspects of entertaining and create a cozy home for her Air Force man wherever they go.				1 1943 – The Women's Army Corps was created by an Act of Congress	2 1937 – Amelia Earhart Putnam disappeared on Pacific leg of round-the-world flight	3 ✿
4 HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!! Celebrate our 200 years of liberty with pride and thanksgiving.	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 St. Swithin's Day	16	17
18	19	20 1969 – "...one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind." – Neil Armstrong	21	22	23	24
25	26 1947 – The Air Force became a separate service	27	28	29	30	31

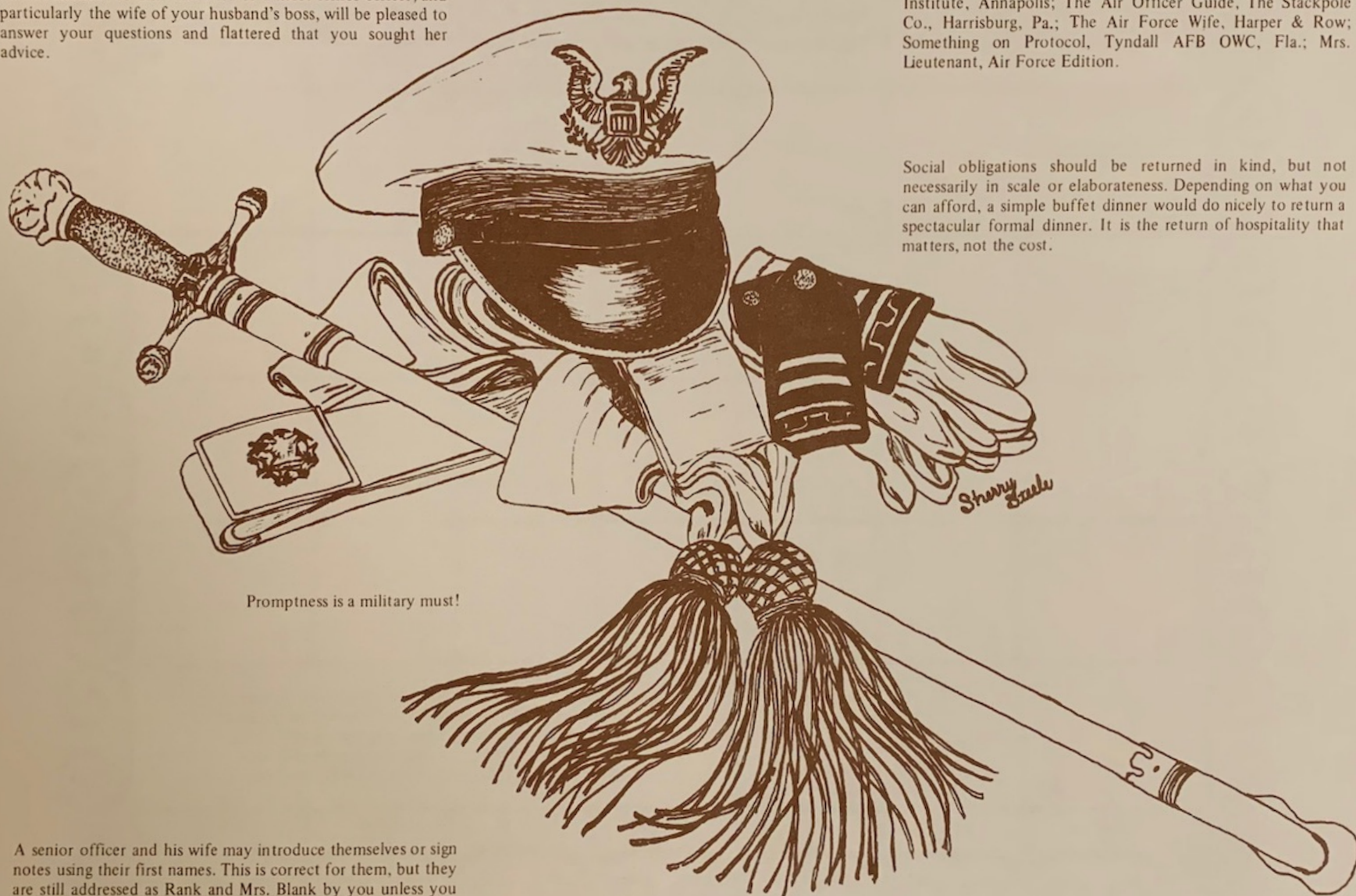
✿ July 2nd and 3rd of 1972 were In-Processing days for the Spirit of '76, which arrived in even more of a "fog" than is usual for cadet candidates.

On July 27, 1972, BCT for the Spirit of '76 was interrupted temporarily by an horrendous hailstorm.

Common sense! That's usually the answer to most "do I or don't I" questions new brides encounter upon joining their husbands in a new walk of life. Simply stated, military protocol is good manners and judgment. If you are not sure, do not hesitate to ask. The wife of a more senior officer, and particularly the wife of your husband's boss, will be pleased to answer your questions and flattered that you sought her advice.

PERTINENT PROTOCOL POINTERS

There are a number of books we have all gone to for help from time to time which will provide the answers to most protocol questions. They're always nice to have on hand and we think you will find the acquisition of one or more very worthwhile. Here are a few we recommend: Service Etiquette, US Naval Institute, Annapolis; The Air Officer Guide, The Stackpole Co., Harrisburg, Pa.; The Air Force Wife, Harper & Row; Something on Protocol, Tyndall AFB OWC, Fla.; Mrs. Lieutenant, Air Force Edition.



Promptness is a military must!

A senior officer and his wife may introduce themselves or sign notes using their first names. This is correct for them, but they are still addressed as Rank and Mrs. Blank by you unless you are specifically invited to call them by their first names. This is true of all personages and titles. Remember, too, that there are instances in which that person's title or rank should be used in spite of the fact that in private you call them by their first names.

Social obligations should be returned in kind, but not necessarily in scale or elaborateness. Depending on what you can afford, a simple buffet dinner would do nicely to return a spectacular formal dinner. It is the return of hospitality that matters, not the cost.

Personalized informal notes are ideal for all those "Thank You" notes you'll be writing. As in civilian life, a written thank you note is a must. Write your pleasure or gratitude in simple warm words and beware of labored or "overdone" phrasing.

August nineteen hundred seventy-six

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 1971 ~ Col. Jeanne M. Holm became first female Brigadier General in the Air Force	2	3	4 Coast' Guard Day	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 ✿ 1945 - V-J Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 National Aviation Day	27	28
29	30	31	LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22) The Leo woman is in love with love. Her personal magnetism is strong. She is calm, cool and generous—the attributes of the successful officer's wife.			

On August 10th of 1973, the Spirit of '76 earned the privilege of entering the doughnut line at Mitchell Hall. On August 11, 1975, the '76ers began mandatory full breakfasts, thereby improving their health and overall efficiency.

✿ August 14, 1973, was the '76ers' first day as Third Degrees. They were more surprised by their exalted rank than the new Doolies were.

August 21, 1972, was the first day of Academics for the Class of '76.

The birth of the United States Air Force naturally brought with it a desire for a new and separate service academy to educate career officers in air space technology and prepare them for their roll as leaders of the new Air Force. These plans were delayed by the outbreak of hostilities in Korea, and it was, therefore, not until April 1, 1954, that President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed Public Law 325, authorizing \$126,000,000 for land acquisition, planning, design and construction of the United States Air Force Academy. The selection committee, which included such notables as Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, considered 580 sites in 22 states. The final selection was made personally by Secretary of the Air Force or Harold Talbott in recognition of the area's semi-isolation and generally favorable weather. The approved layout was unveiled on May 14, 1955, and on July 11 of that same year, the first class entered the Academy in its temporary location at Lowry AFB in Denver. Lt. Gen. Hubert R. Harmon was recalled from retirement to serve as the first superintendent. Two years later, Maj. Gen. James E. Briggs took over the superintendent's post, and it was during his tour, on August 29, 1958, that the cadet wing of 1,145 was able to take up residence in the newly completed Academy Area.

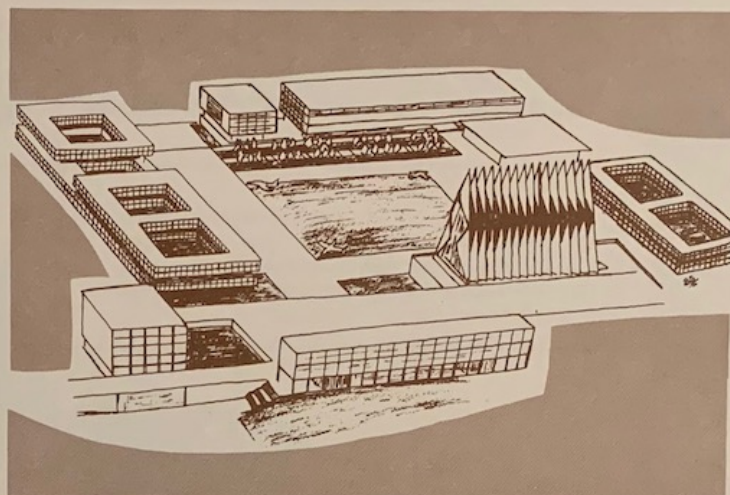
The United States Air Force Academy cadet area is a striking example of clean, modernistic styling, exemplifying to many the grace and freedom of flight.

The seven major buildings are arranged around the spacious terrazzo, site of numerous military formations, which contributes to the feeling of openness and light.

Vandenberg Hall, often called the "old dorm" contains 1300 cadet rooms as well as the Cadet Store, barber shop, supply and counseling offices, and numerous club and recreation rooms. It was named for General Hoyt S. Vandenberg, who served as the second USAF Chief of Staff from 1948 until 1953 and strengthened the position of the Air Force.

Fairchild Hall was so named in honor of General Muir S. Fairchild, the first commander of the Air University, who later became Vice Chief of Staff in recognition of his and the Air University's fine efforts in improving educational opportunities in the Air Force. Fairchild Hall contains both academic classrooms and administrative facilities. It also houses the Cadet Library, which contains well over 300,000 volumes.

Arnold Hall serves as the cadets' social center and contains a 3,000 seat theatre, large ballroom, snack bars, game room and bowling alley. It is also the home office for the Wing Hostess, who coordinates all cadet social activities. Arnold Hall was named for Henry H. "Hap" Arnold, first General of the Air Force, who served as Chief of the Army Air Corps during World War II and fought vigorously for a separate Air Force.



Mitchell Hall, the cadet dining hall, is a magnificent example of both structural beauty and proficiency. The facility prepares and serves over 4 million meals and 40,000 box lunches annually. Daily meals are served at 10-man tables and all 440 tables are completely served within 3 minutes. The well-equipped kitchen contains fourteen 100-gallon steam kettles, two 20-foot, 7-shelf revolving ovens and a 500-gallon conveyor fryer. The facility was named to honor Brig. Gen. "Billy" Mitchell, the most outspoken and farsighted advocate of air power during World War I and afterward.

Harmon Hall is the administrative center of the Academy and contains the offices of the superintendent and his staff. Lt. Gen. Hubert R. Harmon, for whom the building is named, worked on plans for the Academy from 1949 until 1954 and was instrumental in getting them approved by Congress.

The outstanding Cadet Chapel is the architectural high point of the Academy. Composed of graceful arching spires, the Chapel can simultaneously seat 1,900 people for services in all three faiths.

The expansion of the Cadet Wing to an authorized strength of 4,417 brought with it many improvements and additions. The new dormitory will be named in honor of Captain Lance P. Sijan, the first Academy graduate to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor.

The falcon was selected as the mascot of the Cadet Wing by the Class of 1959, the first class to enter the Academy. Powerful, fearless and loyal, he exemplifies the spirit of the Academy as well as the entire Air Force. The falcon never provokes a fight just for fighting's sake, but will never back away from an enemy.

From the windswept mountainsides that frame the Academy's architectural majesty, to the clear blue skies that engulf the reaching spires of the chapel, one cannot but experience the sense of patriotism and surging pride that is the Air Force Academy.

September nineteen hundred seventy-six

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<p>VIRGO (Aug. 24 – Sept. 23) Virgo is an idealist. She often gives materialization to ideas through creative arts. Energetic, ambitious, full of plans, she can set a goal and overcome the most tremendous odds – like creating a palace from that first tiny apartment.</p>			1	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day – “All work and no play–”	7	8	9	10	11 1910 – Blanche Scott, America's first woman pilot, soloed
12	13 ✿	14	15	16	17	18 Air Force Day – “Off we go into the wild blue yonder!” AFA vs. Iowa State at home
19	20	21	22	23	24 American Indian Day	25
26 Rosh Hashanah	27	28	29	30		

September 1, 1972, began Parents' Weekend for '76ers. Due to the terrible fog, their families had to take their word that the Academy was really there.

✿ September 13, 1973, left just 1,000 days until graduation.

During a practice march-on in 1974, Cadet Wing Commander Bentley Rayburn was bonked on the head by a sky-diving USAFA falcon.

CHEESE BALL

1 jar Olde English cheese, at room temperature
4 oz. bleu cheese
12 oz. cream cheese
1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 tsp. red pepper
1/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. garlic powder
1 c. chopped pecans
1/2 c. chopped parsley
or parsley flakes

Combine cheeses, Worcestershire sauce, seasonings and half of pecans; blend well. Shape mixture into large ball. Combine remaining pecans with parsley; spread evenly over large sheet of waxed paper. Gently roll cheese ball over parsley mixture until well coated. Refrigerate overnight. Serve with crackers. May be kept frozen indefinitely and may be refrozen.

Ben M. Pollard
Mrs. Ben M. Pollard

LEMON PEPPER CHICKEN

1 2-3 lb. fryer
Lemon-pepper seasoning

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Wash fryer and pat with paper toweling. Place fryer on rack in shallow roasting pan; sprinkle generously with seasoning until well covered. Bake for 1 hour or longer until skin is crisp and meat is tender.

Kitty Allen
Mrs. James R. Allen

CHEESE BROCCOLI

1 pkg. chopped broccoli, cooked and drained
1/4 lb. Velveeta cheese
3/4 stick butter, melted
1/2 c. Ritz cracker crumbs

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Combine broccoli, cheese and 3/4 of butter; place in casserole. Combine remaining butter with cracker crumbs; sprinkle over broccoli. Bake for 15 minutes. Serves 4.

Dawn Musser
Mrs. Stanton R. Musser

MANDARIN ORANGE AND ONION SALAD

2 tbsp. wine vinegar
1 tsp. Dijon mustard
1/2 tsp. salt
Pinch cayenne pepper
1 tbsp. honey
6 tbsp. salad oil
1 1/2 tsp. poppy seeds
1/2 small purple onion, sliced into thin rings
1 can mandarin oranges, drained
1 small head lettuce, torn into bite-size pieces

Combine first seven ingredients in bottle or jar; shake well. Just before serving, toss dressing with onion rings, orange sections and lettuce.

Alice McCarthy
Mrs. James P. McCarthy

MENU

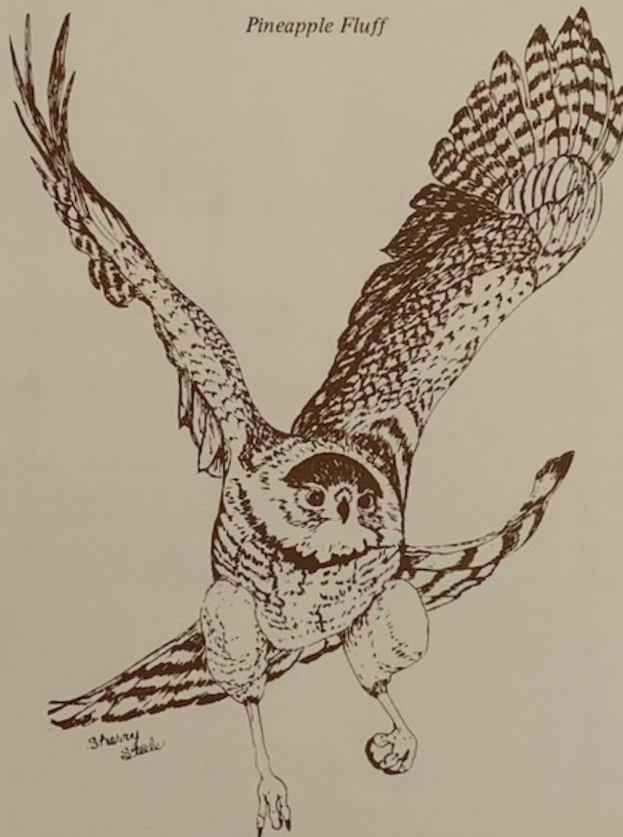
Cheese Ball

Lemon Pepper Chicken
Cheese Broccoli

Mandarin Orange and Onion Salad

Marinated Artichokes Dilly Bread Garlic Olives

Pineapple Fluff



DILLY BREAD

1 pkg. dry yeast
1/4 c. warm water
1 tbsp. butter
1 c. cottage cheese
2 tbsp. sugar
1 tbsp. minced onion
1 tsp. dill seed
1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. soda
1 egg
2 1/4 to 2 1/2 c. flour

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Soften yeast in warm water. Heat butter and cottage cheese together until lukewarm; add sugar, onion, dill seed, salt, soda, egg and softened yeast. Add flour; mix until smooth. Cover; let rise 1 hour. Stir down; place in well greased 8-inch soufflé or casserole dish. Let rise 30 to 40 minutes. Bake for 40 to 50 minutes until crust is golden brown. Brush top with butter; sprinkle with salt. Serve warm.

William T. Woodyard
Mrs. William T. Woodyard

MARINATED ARTICHOKEs

1 pkg. frozen artichokes
1/2 bottle Caesar salad dressing

Cook artichokes as directed, taking care not to overcook them. Drain; place in glass jar or small bowl. Pour dressing over artichokes. Marinate several hours or overnight. Keeps well for several days.

GARLIC OLIVES

1 can ripe olives
1 clove garlic, cut

Place olives with their brine in glass jar; add garlic. Marinate at least overnight. Drain to serve.

Betsy Beck
Mrs. Stanley C. Beck

PINEAPPLE FLUFF

1 envelope Knox gelatin
1/3 c. cold water
1/2 c. sugar
3/4 c. half and half
2 eggs, separated
1 tsp. vanilla
1 c. heavy cream, whipped
1 No. 2 can crushed pineapple, well drained
3 tbsp. butter or margarine, melted
3 tbsp. brown sugar
12 graham crackers, finely crushed

Soften gelatin in cold water. Combine sugar, half and half and egg yolks in top of double boiler; cook for 1 minute. Remove from heat; add gelatin and vanilla and stir until well mixed. Refrigerate until mixture begins to thicken. Beat egg whites until stiff; fold into thickened custard along with whipped cream. Stir until smooth; fold in pineapple. Combine butter and brown sugar; stir in cracker crumbs. Press half of mixture into bottom of large cake pan. Pour in pineapple mixture; top with remaining crumbs. Refrigerate at least 1 hour.

Pat Clune
Mrs. John Clune

October nineteen hundred seventy-six

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
LIBRA (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23) Intellectual, idealistic, airy in nature and a great political worker, Libra is a delightful hostess. Unexpected guests are always welcome – a terrific attribute for our mobile Air Force life.					1 1942 – America's first jet powered aircraft flew	2 AFA vs. Kent State, away
3	4 Yom Kippur	5	6	7	8	9 AFA vs. Navy at home
10	11 Columbus Day	12	13	14 1947 – Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier in the Bell X-1 rocket plane	15	16 AFA vs. CSU Homecoming
17	18	19	20	21	22 ☼	23 AFA vs. The Citadel at home
24/31 United Nations Day Halloween – Trick or Treat!	25 Veterans' Day	26	27 Navy Day	28	29	30 AFA vs. Army, away

October 13, 1972, arrived in a blizzard that kept the Mitchell Hall waiters at home.

☼ October 22, 1975, was the day on which Major General Allen's legendary red suspenders first appeared.

On Halloween night in 1972, the then-Doolie Class of '76 marched to the evening meal wearing long johns and sporting curtain rod "sabers".



Capp's Cabin

HISTORY OF AREA

"Gold!" "Pike's Peak or Bust!" These were the cries of the early settlers to Colorado. By 1859, the gold boom had hit the Territory of Colorado, and thus the first major settlement of the area was begun. Stanley Camp, a flourishing boomtown, was situated west of the present day Academy Hospital.

El Paso County, in which the Academy is located, being one of the original seventeen counties, became a major transportation center for the boom towns of Cripple Creek and Victor. Colorado City, now Colorado Springs, began to flourish under the influence of General William Jackson Palmer.

As the white man came looking for gold, the Indians, seeing their hunting lands disappear, and their sacred meeting grounds desecrated, began to ravage the area. During this time, the sawmill near the old town of Husted, now the northern entrance to the Academy, was the scene of many bloody battles. For protection, settlers often banded together at the Harlow Teachout Ranch, located south of the old village of Edgerton, now the Services and Supply Area, and at the McShane Ranch, several miles south of Monument.

As the number of settlers began to grow, along came the stagecoach. A traveller could catch the stage in Colorado City on Sunday morning, and after stopping at the Teachout Ranch, and Dirty Woman's Ranch on Dirty Woman's Creek, to name just a few, would arrive in Denver on Monday afternoon.

As the Indian raids began to subside, more and more families began to settle into the foothills north of Colorado City. In 1870 the oldest building now standing on the Academy site, a crude one-room log cabin, located on the edge of the Douglas Valley housing area, was built by William Burgess. This cabin is now known as Capp's Cabin, and has been designated a national historical monument.

October, 1870, also saw the beginning of the Denver-Rio Grande railroad project, incorporated by General Palmer. Hoping to build a line from Denver to Mexico City, Palmer completed the first division.

After these initial beginnings, life began to slow down in the area. The Colorado gold boom was over and the Indian raids had subsided. Ranching remained the only profitable enterprise. The Teachout Ranch remained unchanged for many years. Edgerton disappeared, and Husted became a whistle stop for the Denver-Rio Grande railroad.

It is with great pride that we live and work at the Academy with its space age technology, yet at the same time are able to see and almost experience our brave beginnings of another time and age in these foothills of the Rockies. As you go through life looking to the future, never forget the past, for it is our history that makes us great.

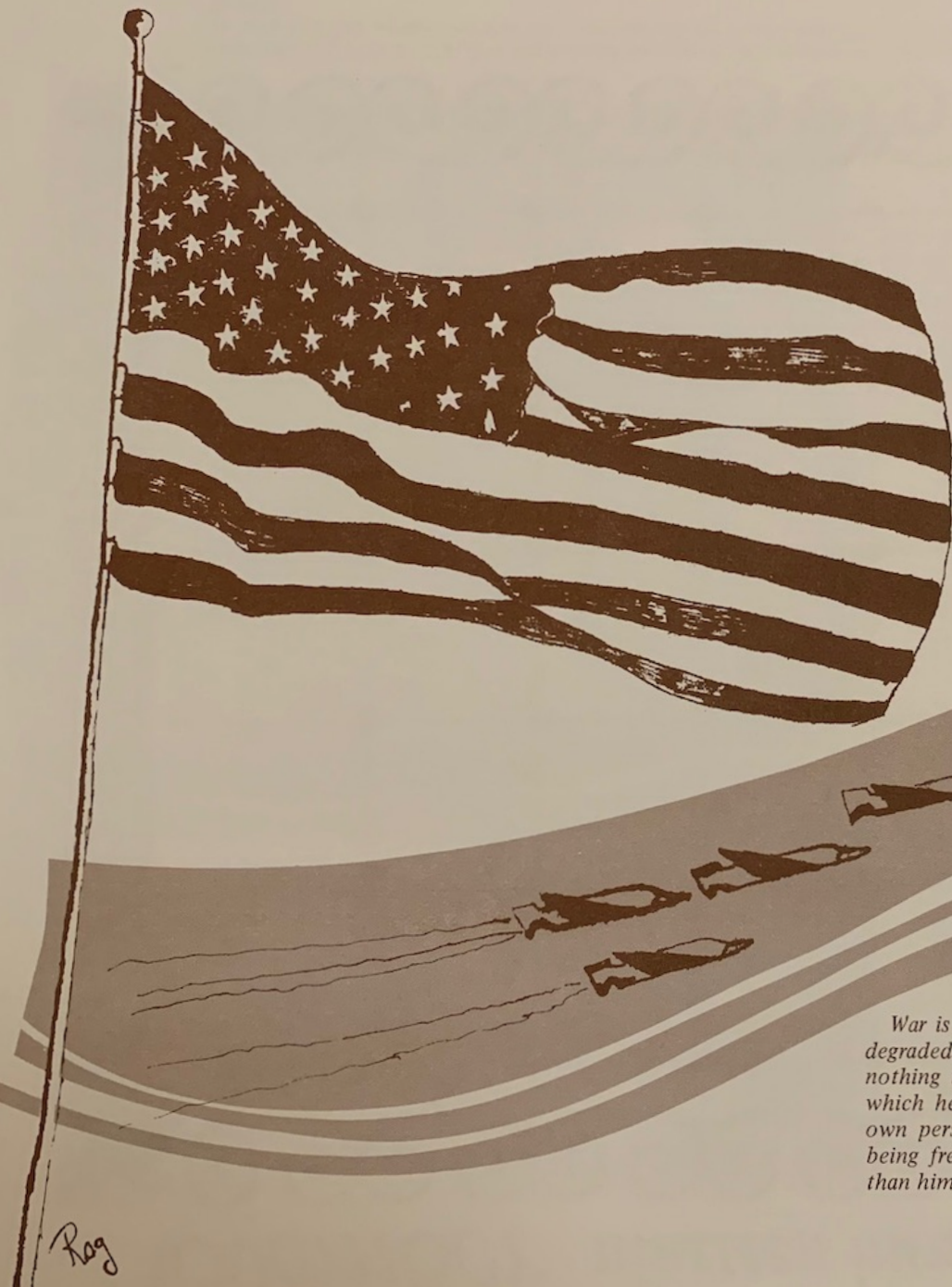
November nineteen hundred seventy-six

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Election Day – Get out and vote!				AFA vs. Arizona State, away
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
				Armistice Day		AFA vs. Vanderbilt, away Sadie Hawkins Day
14	★ 15	16	17	18	19	20
						AFA vs. Wyoming at home
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Thanksgiving – Full tables, full tummies, full hearts		
28	29	30	SCORPIO (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22) Dedicated, determined and resourceful, Scorpio loves a challenge and is able to adjust to difficult circumstances. She is a dynamic person with much to give her lucky man. She sails through TDY's with great expectations of the reunion at the end.			
First day of Advent						

★ On November 15, 1973, Lt. Cdr. D. J. Bell honored the Noon Meal Formation with a spectacular fly-by. Coming in low in his F-8, he turned it on wing and flew sideways between the mountains and the Cadet Chapel, below the level of the Chapel! The Cadet Wing promptly went bananas!

On November 19, 1975, an impromptu soccer game took place on the terrazzo between cadets from USAFA and visiting West Pointers.

HIGH FLIGHT



*Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds—and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew.
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.*

by John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things; the decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse. A man who has nothing for which he is willing to fight; nothing he cares about more than his own personal safety; is a miserable creature who has no chance of being free, unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself.

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December nineteen hundred seventy-six

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21) Fiery Sagittarius is a good companion, efficient in her household duties and interested in her husband's career. She is jovial, pleasing and has an expansive personality, a definite asset to her Air Force husband.			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 1862 – The Union Army used a balloon for observation during the crossing of the Rappahannock River.
12	13	14	15	16	17 Hanukkah begins 1903 – Wright Bros. made world's first powered flight at Kitty Hawk, N. C.	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Hanukkah ends	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! A joyous and blessed holiday to all!
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve – Here's to Auld Lang Syne! 1975 – USAF announced the pilot and navigator qualifying tests would be open to women.	

Christmas Leave in 1972! The Doolie Spirit of '76 got to round off corners and let down what little hair they had left.

On Dec. 18, 1975, United Airlines went on strike, just in time to confuse everyone's plans for the holidays.



Hark! January! What a cold, rainy, perhaps snowy month. The holidays are over, six whole months of marriage have already slipped by and a new year beginning. What to do with these long days and nights? But wait, millions of other Air Force wives have been in the same situation.

Yes, we were there. Whether our husbands were in Pilot Training, Navigation Training, Missile School or some other technical training, our first year in the Air Force was a memorable one.

We read all of the best sellers that year while our husbands read all the latest manuals. Some of us learned to knit, crochet, sew, quilt or several other handcrafts the Wives' Club had to offer. Bridge anyone? Or perhaps Mah-Jongg is your thing. Those of us who were more athletically inclined took up golf, tennis, bowling or, if we really wanted to tire ourselves out, jogging. This helped put us in the same state of mind as our husbands when they arrived home.

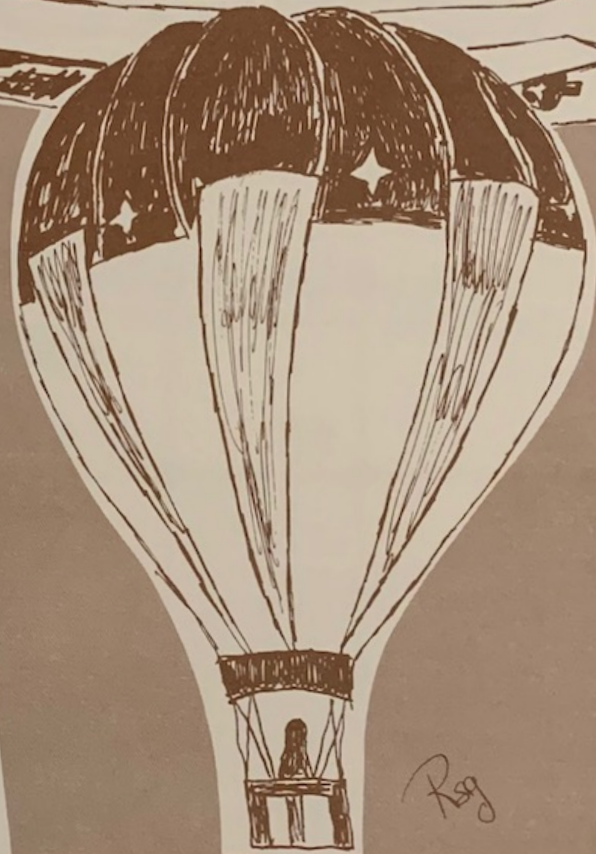
Oh, those romantic evenings. There's nothing quite like having your new spouse recite his emergency procedures over a candlelight dinner you spent all afternoon preparing. How about those evenings you put on your sexiest nightie only to have hubby fall asleep over his manuals?

But then there's a bright side to all of this. Some wives worked while others went back to school, and still others spent the year doing volunteer work with various organizations such as Red Cross, Family Services, Thrift Shop, Library and other community services.

No matter how we chose to spend our day, each of us was able to share the excitement of our husband's passing his check ride. Needless to say, the joy of soloing was an inspiration to us all, just as the heartbreak of a pink slip was felt by each of us. The Officers' Wives' Club offered an excellent opportunity for us to make new friends and fill many empty hours. We attended luncheons, coffees, briefings and many parties with our husbands. We cried on each others shoulders, laughed at each others mistakes. Hopefully, we learned the social graces a successful Air Force wife needs.

As that first year of training began to draw to a close, our thoughts turned to graduation. Excitement reigned in the air. All of those many problems we thought so large during our first year were suddenly far in the past. Everyone's family arrived for the big day. The biggest thrill of our lives was pinning on our husbands' wings, or watching him receive that coveted diploma which we felt we had played a large part in earning.

Now the time to say good-bye to our new found friends and classmates was upon us. It was sad to bid farewell to friends that we had gone through so much with, yet the excitement of everyone's new assignment could not be contained. As we accompany our husbands on his many varied assignments, we often have the opportunity to re-new old acquaintances as well as make new friends. It is our hope that you too will enjoy your first, and probably the most memorable, year as an Air Force Wife.



January nineteen hundred seventy-seven

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20) She is ambitious for the success of her husband and possesses energy and strength. She is delightfully curious, somewhat cautious and alert to the challenges of military life.						1 New Year's Day – Enjoy the Reception!
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 1793 – First balloon air voyage in America, Philadelphia to Gloucester County, N. J. in 46 minutes.	10	11	12 1976 – Air Force announced 20 women AF officers would begin pilot training in September	13	14	15 1976 – Women ATO's arrive at USAF Academy
16	17 ✿	18	19 Robert E. Lee's Birthday	20	21	22
23/30	24/31 1958 – America launched its first satellite, Explorer I	25 1949 – USAF shed Army uniforms and donned blues	26	27	28	29

✿ January 17, 1975 – Just 500 days until graduation.

On January 20, 1973, the Spirit of '76 got to wear civies!

Commandant's Quarters

The Commandant's home, originally called the Pine Valley House, was homesteaded by the Lennox family in 1872, building a small Scottish cottage on 2,000 acres of rugged Colorado frontier land. Shortly after the turn of the century, the ranch was purchased by William A. Otis of the Otis Elevator Co. Mr. Otis then built a larger home, but at the same time preserved the original cottage within the walls of the present day dining room. It was during this time that Mr. A. C. Carlton purchased 28 acres and began the Carlton house, later to become the Pine Valley Country Club, and still later, the Superintendent's home. These two residences, located in the southern area of the Academy site, became a busy and happy social focal point of the area. After the death of Mr. and Mrs. Otis, the Pine Valley Ranch was bought by Dr. and Mrs. Wilton Cogswell, Jr. who lived in and loved the house for many years before it became part of the Air Force Academy. During the construction of the Academy, the house was used by the building firm — later as a chapel and then as a nursery. While the Pine Valley House was being readied for its first military family, square nails—which have not been used for over 100 years—were discovered. This lovely, gracious home is again being used for the purpose the former owners intended — a site for family living and warm hospitality.

Superintendent's Quarters

While the Otis' were enjoying Pine Valley Ranch, their very close friends, the Carltons, then living in the Broadmoor Hotel in town, arranged to purchase 28 acres of the ranch for a country estate. Mr. Carlton was never to see the completed project as he died several years before the work was completed in 1937. Desiring only the best, Mrs. Carlton traveled extensively throughout Europe buying draperies, furniture and other luxuries for her home. The estate became the focal point of many social gatherings of the area and Mrs. Carlton entertained as many as 200 guests for dinner, including many famous people of that time. In 1950, Mrs. Carlton sold her home to Mr. Jack Valentine of Florida and returned to the Broadmoor. Mr. Valentine added a swimming pool, golf course, tennis courts and riding stables. He then opened the new Pine Valley Country Club for a very exclusive membership. The club was obtained by the U.S. government in 1955. After being used as a high school for Academy personnel children for several years, the house was made ready for the then Superintendent, Major General and Mrs. James Briggs to occupy. The first reception held in the new Superintendent's home was in honor of Mrs. Carlton, with prominent guests from Colorado Springs and senior officers of the Academy attending. In June 1959, Mrs. Briggs graciously opened her home for the weddings of the graduation class as the Cadet Chapel had not yet been completed. From 2:00 p.m. on June 3, 1959 until the evening of June 4, eighteen weddings took place in the lovely home. The quarters of the Superintendent has seen many world famous people, and many varied parties from formal receptions for foreign dignitaries to teenage sock hops and cadet functions. This house has been, and continues to be, the center for many wonderful happenings within its walls.



Superintendent's Quarters

February nineteen hundred seventy-seven



On February 19, 1975, Colorado College's hockey team came to USAFA, mad as hornets after having lost to us 1-0 in the last 3 minutes on their home ice. Behind 6-3 in the waning minutes, USAFA scored 3 goals in the last 3 minutes to tie the game, then scored in the first 30 seconds of overtime to win 7-6! Everyone there was hoarse for days.

★ February 23, 1976, left just 100 days to graduation.

The Combined Federal Campaign, held during the winter of '75-'76, raised \$63,000 at USAFA.

USAFSS

United States Air Force Security Service

A communication security agency, which provides monitoring of the adherence of other Air Force commands to the security measures.

This highly sensitive job requires the use of the most sophisticated electronics and cryptographic equipment. The work is mostly classified so don't expect work reports from hubby.

TAC

Tactical Air Command

Their mission is to provide and maintain combat ready forces capable of conducting world-wide tactical operations.

TAC is every pilot's dream because it is the fighter pilot's domain. He will love all the snappy planes and constantly talk of formation and aero as though they were heaven sent.

HQCOMDUSAF

Headquarters Command USAF

This is the housekeeping unit of USAF Headquarters and handles the administrative functions pertaining to the Air Force Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

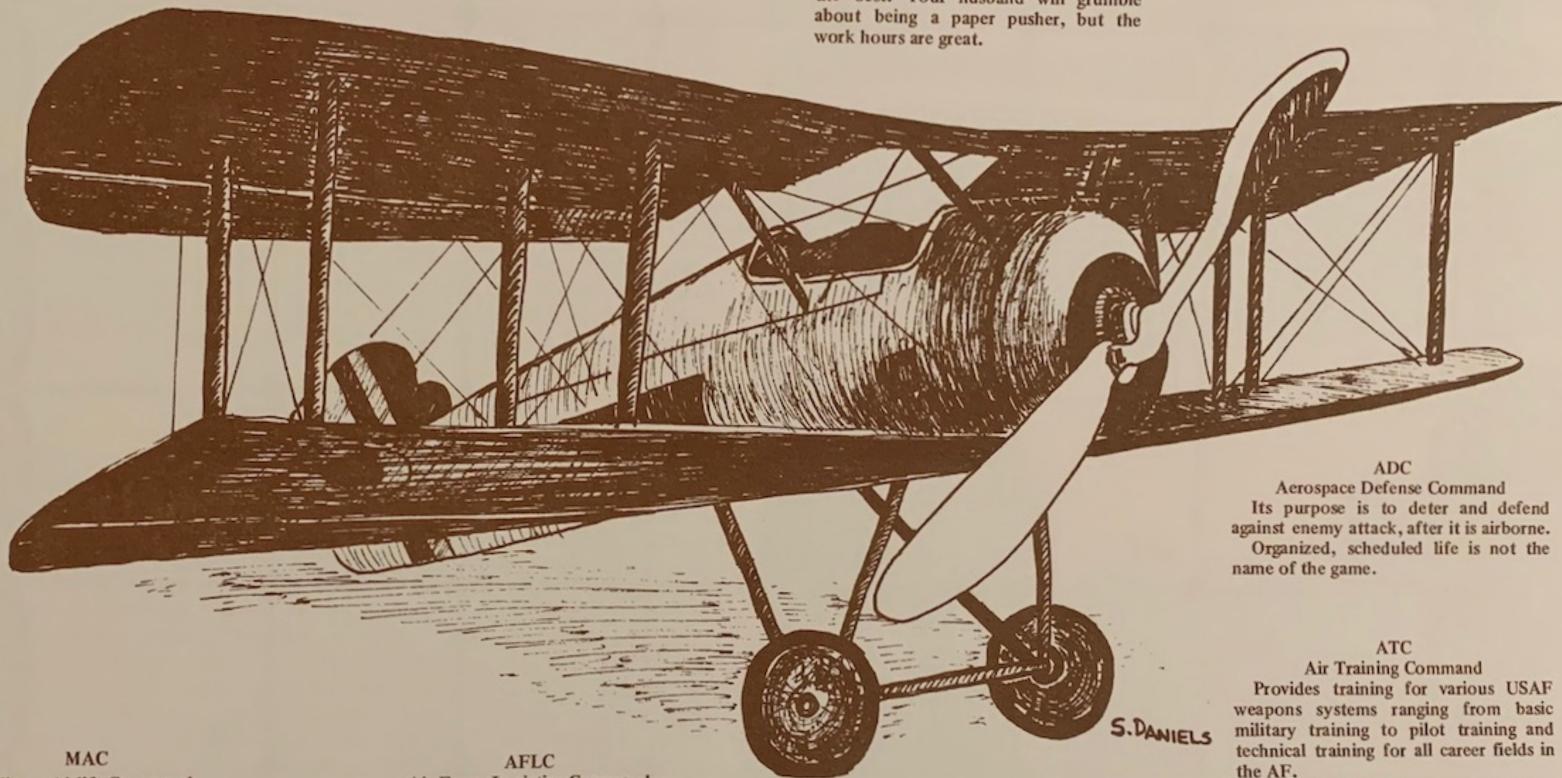
You will have the opportunity to know people from other service branches. Compare - the Air Force is the best. Your husband will grumble about being a paper pusher, but the work hours are great.

SAC

Strategic Air Command

The AF's long range strike force which includes combat aircraft as well as intercontinental ballistic missiles. (ICBM).

Bufs and tanks, the hole and alert will become everyday terms. The kind of variety SAC has to offer will provide a challenge—one well worth the effort.



ADC

Aerospace Defense Command

Its purpose is to deter and defend against enemy attack, after it is airborne. Organized, scheduled life is not the name of the game.

ATC

Air Training Command

Provides training for various USAF weapons systems ranging from basic military training to pilot training and technical training for all career fields in the AF.

ATC basically means school. School will never end in the Air Force and usually provides new friends and experiences. . . and will prove to be some of the most interesting and fun times the Air Force has to offer.

MAC

Military Airlift Command

Supports the fighting forces of the United States and serves the humanitarian needs of the people everywhere.

Your husband will see the world through airport's and shopkeeper's ware. Be prepared with shopping lists for places from Hong Kong to Turkey. Pray for embassy runs and learn our import laws.

AFLC

Air Force Logistics Command

Provides materiel support to all forces in the AF. All AF commands depend on logistics for supply and support. From paper clips and Dash 1's to airplanes and missile parts, these men have the horrendous job of getting the order filled whether it be McGuire AFB, N.J. or Guam in the Pacific.

PACAF

Pacific Air Forces

Supplies the air elements of the military forces assigned to the Far East region.

Enjoy the Oriental lands and people. Try everything at least once and you will find yourself favorably impressed.

USAFE

United States Air Force in Europe

Trains and equips Air Force units assigned to NATO and aids NATO nations in the development of their Air Forces. It is dedicated to the serenity of Western Europe.

Here you will take advantage of seeing Europe and possibly the Middle East. Customs will vary but experiencing new ones will only add to your stay.

AFSC

Air Force Systems Command

Its purpose is to advance USAF aerospace technology and adopt it into operational systems.

R and D (research and development) will occupy your husbands time. His creative research forms the basis of the Air Force's future. The entire Air Force depends on him for its advancement.

AU

Air University

This command is responsible for the entire Air Force professional educational program including Air War College, Air Command and Staff and Squadron Officers School.

AU also means school, but in the professional military sense. There will be lots of studying but the social world really turns.

USAFSO

United States AF Southern Command

This is the USAF component serving Latin America. This usually means the Canal Zone. Here you will mingle with your Army and Navy counterparts. Brush up on your Spanish and see what local life is like.

March nineteen hundred seventy-seven

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<p>PISCES (Feb. 20 – Mar. 20) The Pisces woman is lovely, poetic, emotional and giving. One of her greatest assets is a sense of humor. She is greatly influenced by her husband's career and environment.</p>		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	☼ 15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

1949 – North Atlantic Treaty Organization adopted by US, Canada and 10 West European allies.

Sure and Begorra!
It's St. Patrick's Day!

1926 – Robert Goddard launched first liquid fueled rocket

☼ March 15, 1975, was the first day of Bankers' Weekend, when the Spirit of '76 made the loans for their cars. The first of many!

In spring, 1974, the Air Gardens were drained, filled with earth and planted with trees.

In March, 1973, '76er Randy Spetman became the first in that class to win a Wing open boxing championship, while still a Doolie.

My Best Friend

*I've seen friendships come and seen them go —
But my greatest friendship continues to grow.*

*I have experienced a friendship that has turned to gold —
It's one I cherish, it will never grow old.*

*It's a beautiful picture of wonderful years —
A friendship of youth, of good times and tears.*

*It's a friendship which — right from the start —
Remains just as strong, together or apart.*

*My friend understands the burdens I bear —
A strong helping hand is always there.*

*My friend stands beside me, whether I'm right or wrong —
But even when the latter, his faith is just as strong.*

*This friendship is a treasured gift that I hold very dear —
My love for this friend means much more each hour, each day, each year.*

*We have shared many dreams, both great and small —
But whatever the outcome, together we stand tall.*

*Our love has taught us through the friendship we've shared,
That love and friendship cannot be compared.*

*For it is one and the same, if you see it my way —
Friendship is love one shares, day after day.*

*As time slips away from us, some friendships may decline —
But I always have my one true friend, that Air Force man of mine.*

Pat Brooks

S DANIELS

Planetarium
U.S. Air Force Academy

An Air Force wife is mostly girl.

But there are times, such as when her husband is away and she is mowing the lawn or fixing the flat tire on a youngster's bike, that she is also boy.

She usually comes in three sizes; petite, plump, and pregnant. During the early years of marriage it is often hard to determine which size is her normal one.

She has babies all over the world, and measures time in terms of places as other women do in years.

"It was at Wright-Patterson that we all had the mumps. . . In Tokyo, Dan was promoted. . ."

At least one of her babies was born or a transfer was accomplished while she was alone. This causes her to suspect a secret pact between her husband and the Air Force providing for her man to be overseas or on temporary duty at times such as these.

An Air Force wife is international. She may be an Iowa farm girl, a French mademoiselle, a Japanese doll or a German fraulein. When discussing service problems, they all speak the same language.

She can be a great actress. To heartbroken children at transfer time, she gives an Academy Award performance: "Arizona is going to be such fun! I hear they have Indian reservations. . . and tarantulas. . . and rattlesnakes."

But her heart is breaking with theirs. She wonders if this is worth the sacrifice.

An ideal Air Force wife has the patience of an angel, the flexibility of putty, the wisdom of a scholar and the stamina of a horse.

If she dislikes money, it helps.

She is sentimental, carrying her memories with her in an old footlocker.

One might say she is a bigamist, sharing her husband with a demanding entity called "duty". When duty calls, she becomes No. 2 wife. Until she accepts this fact, her life can be miserable.

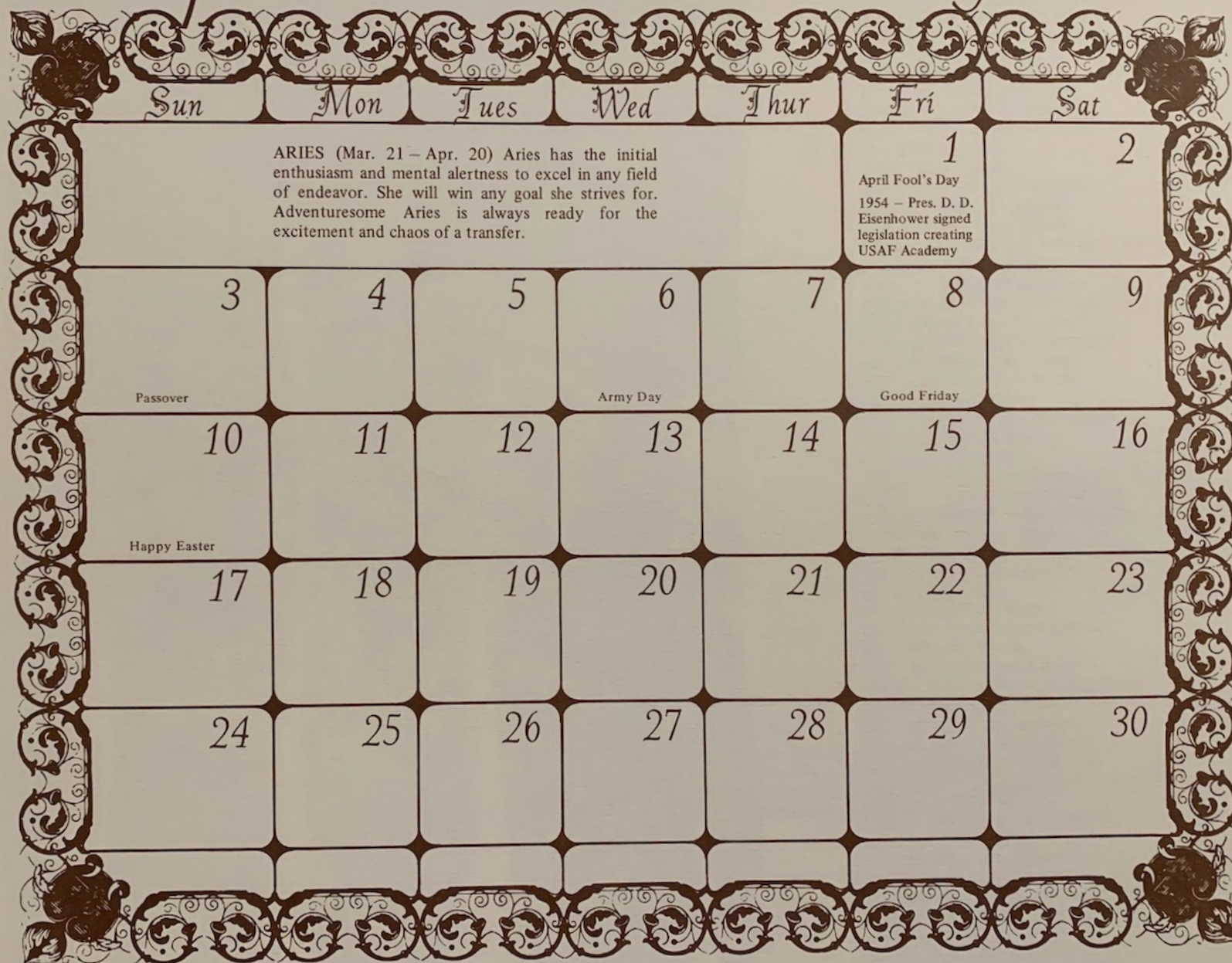
She is, above all, a woman who married an airman who offered her the permanency of a gypsy, the miseries of loneliness, the frustration of conformity, and the security of love.

Sitting among her packing boxes with squabbling children nearby, she is sometimes willing to chuck it all. . . until she hears the firm step and cheerful voice of that lug who gave her all this.

Then she is happy to be. . . his Air Force wife.

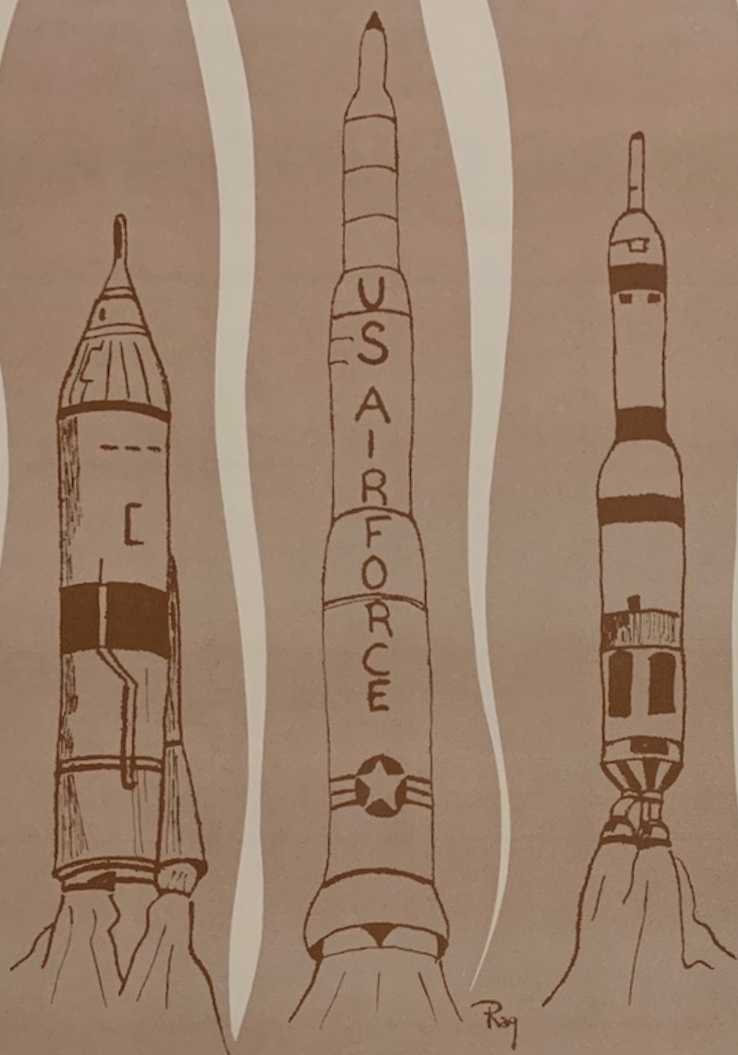
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April nineteen hundred seventy-seven



On April 5, 1975, the Locator Board went into effect, making it a lot more difficult to get "lost".

April 23, 1973, was the night of the Carpenters Concert, a big event for the Doolie '76ers.



THOSE DARNED ABBREVIATIONS!

You're at a party with your husband and happen to wander into a conversation he's having with a buddy. Into your shell-like ear fall the following bits of incomprehensibility:

"I overheard the NCOIC and my IP talking the other day and they said an IG was due in NLT next Wednesday. The CO has ordered that report finished ASAP because there are a bunch of JAG officers due in soon, too."

Your husband's buddy responds with, "There sure is a lot going on around here. I'm just concentrating on finishing my UPT, maybe making DG, and putting in my Dream Sheet."

To help you decipher this conversation, we've listed a few of the more common abbreviations and nicknames you'll be hearing. They'll soon become almost as much a part of your conversation as they already are of your husband's.

Abort — to discontinue a mission
 APOE — Aerial Port of Embarkation
 ASAP — As Soon As Possible
 B-4 Bag — Travel bag issued to airmen
 Bomb — to do very poorly
 BOQ — Bachelor Officers' Quarters
 Ceiling — height of clouds obscuring vision
 CO — Commanding Officer
 CONUS — Continental United States
 DG — Distinguished Graduate
 DFC — Distinguished Flying Cross
 DNIF — Duty Not Including Flying
 DOR — Date Of Rank
 Dream Sheet — Form 90, listing preferred assignments
 ETA — Estimated Time of Arrival
 FAA — Federal Aviation Agency
 FAC — Forward Air Controller
 Gooney Bird — C-47 Aircraft
 ICBM — Intercontinental Ballistic Missile
 IFR — Instrument Flight Rules
 IG — Inspector General
 ILS — Instrument Landing System
 IN — Instructor Navigator
 IP — Instructor Pilot
 JAG — Judge Advocate General
 MARS — Military Affiliate Radio System
 Mach — the speed of sound
 MEWS — Missile Early Warning System
 NCO — Non-Commissioned Officer
 NCOIC — Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge
 NLT — No Later Than
 OD — Officer of the Day
 OER — Officer Effectiveness Report
 OIC — Officer In Charge
 OTS — Officer Training School
 OWC — Officers' Wives' Club
 PCS — Permanent Change of Station
 POV — Privately Owned Vehicle
 RAPCON — Radar Approach Control
 RHIP — Rank Has Its Privileges
 RON — Remain Overnight
 RSVP — Repondez, S'il Vous Plait (Please reply)
 SAM — Surface to Air Missile
 SOF — Supervisor Of Flying
 SOS — Squadron Officers School
 Soup — thick clouds
 SP — Security Police
 T-Bird — T-33 Aircraft
 TACAN — Tactical Air Navigation
 TDY — Temporary Duty
 TIG — Time In Grade
 TWX — Teletype Message
 UCMJ — Uniform Code of Military Justice
 UPT — Undergraduate Pilot Training
 VFR — Visual Flight Rules
 X — Experimental, as in X-15 Aircraft
 XC — Cross-Country

May nineteen hundred seventy-seven

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 May Day	2	3 1961 – Alan Shepard made first manned space flight, 148 minutes sub-orbital	4	5 ☼	6	7
8 1945 – V-E Day Mother's Day – To Mom, with love . . .	9	10	11 1953 – Jacqueline Cochran became the first woman to break the sound barrier	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 1964 – Jacqueline Cochran flew at greatest speed ever attained by a woman, 1429.2 mph, in F104 G1 Starfighter over Edwards AFB, Calif.	19	20 Armed Forces Day – God Bless America 1932 – Amelia Earhart first woman to solo across the Atlantic	21 1927 – Charles Lindbergh made first nonstop Atlantic crossing in his plane "The Spirit of St. Louis"
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 ☼ Memorial Day	31	TAURUS (Apr. 21 – May 21) Earthy Taurus is gracious and friendly and her personality attracts many friends. She is flexible and capable of making decisions which she pursues with steady perseverance. She is a welcome addition to base life.			

☼ May 5, 1973, was Recognition Day for the Class of '76.

On May 29, 1975, 250 members of the Spirit of '76 picked up their new "wheels" in Detroit.

☼ The Ring Dance for the '76ers was held on May 30, 1975.

Moving is an integral part of being an Air Force wife, and with a good frame of mind, and a little planning, it can be done smoothly and painlessly. Actually, moving day is a prelude to an exciting adventure. The pleasures of exploring a new base and perhaps a new part of the country or the world are many, and, best of all, you'll be meeting so many new and interesting people there. People are really what the Air Force is all about, and as an Air Force wife you are now part of that vast but friendly family. We thought it might be helpful to you to receive a few hints about moving from some ladies who have been through it lots of times.

You will usually know several months beforehand that a move is coming. That is a great time to start a preparatory "Spring House Cleaning". Go through your home room by room and sort through all drawers and closets. Depending on how long you have lived in that home, you may be surprised at what you find. Finding a flattened mass of something that was once, quite probably, a Milky Way bar in the bottom of your husband's closet may not be pleasant, but it is much better than having the movers find it, and possibly pack it in with his shoes for you to find later. You might remember too that this is the time to start using up all those items that cannot be packed such as cleaners and perishable foods.

Discard or give away all those items you've been meaning to dispose of since you moved them the last time. "If in doubt, throw it out" is a good rule generally, but does not necessarily apply to that pile of ironing you never quite got to or to your husband's prized collection of polka albums.

If your shipment is to be divided into a Household Goods lot and in the case of an overseas tour, a Hold Baggage lot, now is the time to start thinking of which of your possessions should go in which lot. Generally speaking, household goods are those which you will need most immediately. They would include such items as pots and pans, canned goods, bed and bath linens, seasonal clothing, dishes and so forth. Things you can do without for longer, such as furniture, rugs, out of season clothing, china, crystal and such are better off in your Hold Baggage lot.

As for precious or irreplaceable items, you may want to take them with you in your own car, if possible. If not, inform the movers of their meaning to you and ask them to pack the items with special care. Your transportation office can help with high value shipments or other specific problems.



When the big day comes, you will hopefully be prepared and well organized so that you can relax during the packers' stay. By all means remain where the activity is so that you can keep up with what's going on and can tell the packers anything special you want them to know. It's nice if your husband can also be there, but if he can't, don't worry about it. We've all moved by ourselves and it's nothing to fret about.

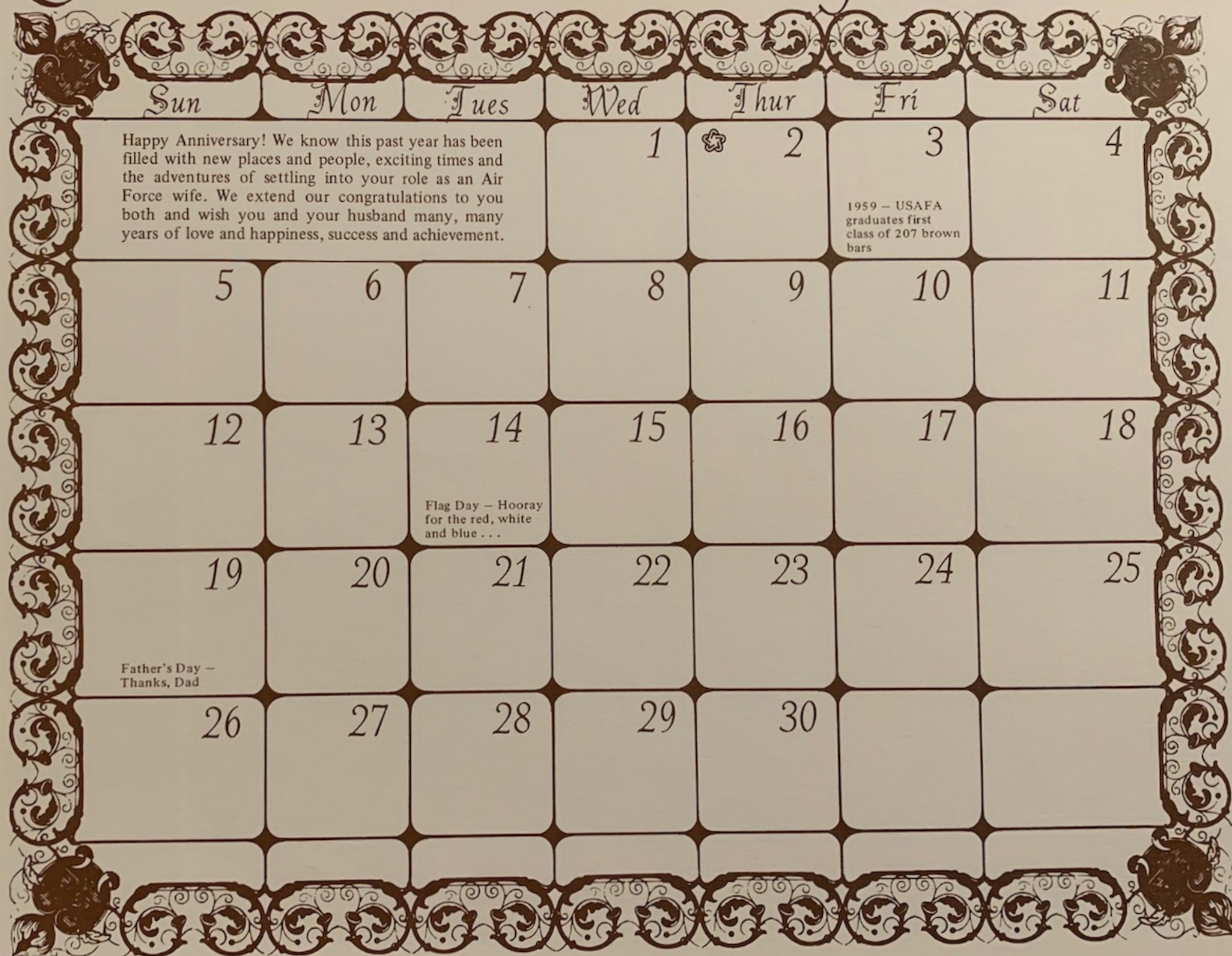
A word to the wise, and something you'll want to keep in mind. The men who pack your possessions are only human, work hard in their job, and are just as subject to migraines, heartburn, flat feet and bad moods as anyone else. Be friendly and courteous and always have a good supply of refreshing beverages on hand. They really appreciate a soft drink or cup of coffee occasionally, and a

packer who knows from your actions that you care about his well being is more inclined to take that special care of your possessions that they deserve.

The most important thing to remember is to relax and be flexible. One of our number once had movers arrive while she was cooking dinner, totally unexpected. She carried it off calmly, moving dinner and all to their new quarters on base. That probably won't ever happen to you; but if it does, just ride with it and think about what a great story it will make at the first kaffeeklatsch following your recovery.

Overall, remember that you have a great deal to look forward to at your next base. Being prepared and optimistic during moving day will make it easy to keep your thoughts on the delights ahead.

June nineteen hundred seventy-seven

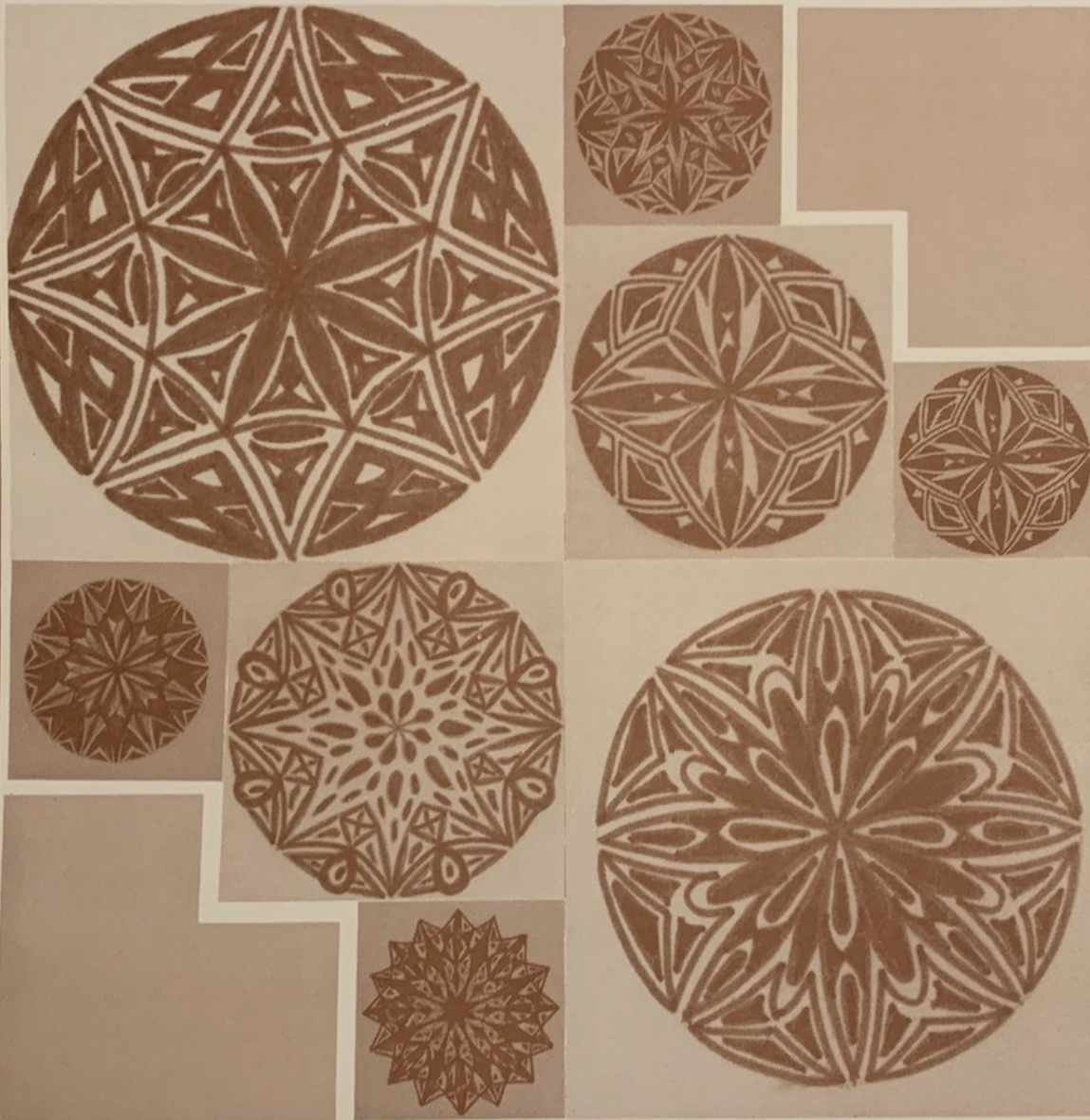


June 2 is the anniversary of the Spirit of 76's graduation. What a difference a year makes!

The 1973 June Week parade was canceled - due to snow!

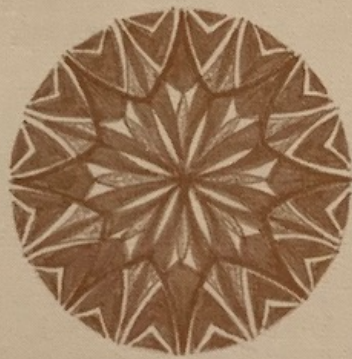
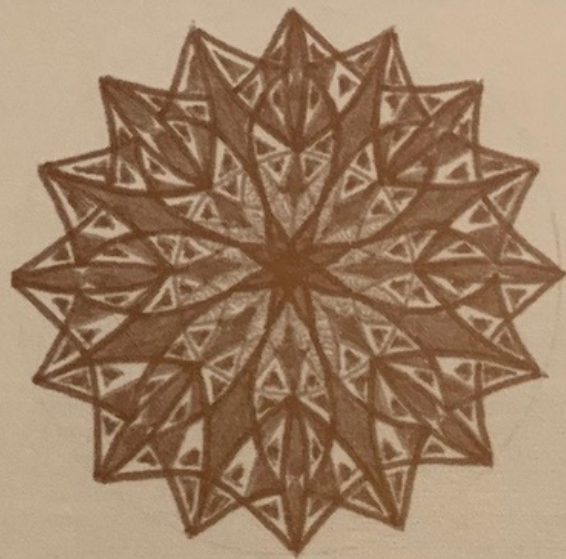
The first wedding anniversary calls, traditionally, for paper gifts, and, in the modern thought, for clocks.

DOODLES



James R. Allen

Lt General James R. Allen



Pat — Thanks for your help. It's been fun! Sue

This calendar was made possible through the combined talents of our staff of CW wives along with the advice of some of the professional people at the Air Force Academy, the help of the Cadet Hostess, and the cooperation of the cadets.

We were pleased that Lt. General and Mrs. Allen allowed us to share their artistic talents with you. Mrs. Allen's modern painting was done expressly for this calendar. It evolved from a doodle and depicts the Air Force family. Did you know that General Allen's doodles are all done free hand?

Each wife on the staff contributed in many ways toward the completed effort. All sketches were done by the hands of Mrs. Charles C. Daniels, Mrs. Michael A. Freney, Mrs. Freddie Garcia, Jr., and Mrs. William N. Steele. Script lettering, Mrs. Jerry J. Mallory.

Personal recipes were co-ordinated by Mrs. Robert C. Haines. The horoscope seeker was Mrs. Leroy W. Stutz. Mrs. Glenn A. McLeod, our Army wife, impressed us with her knowledge of Air Force protocol, while Mrs. Robert J. Wilcox and Mrs. Jerold L. LeBlanc got together on Air Force Commands.

Our chief researcher, Mrs. James R. Spurger, wore a path through the cadet library while Mrs. Robert L. Brook, Mrs. John F. Mauss and Mrs. Jerry E. Singleton were busy collecting random facts.

Many wives helped write and edit copy, but our editing expert was Mrs. Victor L. Kapinos.

This calendar cannot rightfully be put to bed without thanking Mrs. Stanley C. Beck for her continued guidance and support.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank everyone mentioned for giving me their full cooperation and for putting up with my "methods of madness". It was a pleasure to work with all of you.

To the brides of the Class of '76. . . We have enjoyed putting this keepsake calendar together for you and hope you'll like it. We are glad to have you join us and know that you, too, will grow to cherish your life as an Air Force Wife.

Sue Ryer

Mrs. Richard T. Ryer