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Newspaper Clippings of Chuck Yeager's Guest Speaker Status at the AFA 1973 Celebration

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AFA luncheon celebrates 26th anniversary of the Air Force

Local Air Force supporters and base personnel met Oct. 25 to celebrate the 26th Anniversary of the Air Force.

The luncheon meeting saw approximately 300 gather at the National Orange Show's Orange Blossom Room. Co-sponsoring organizations were the San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce, the San Bernardino Area Chapter of the Air Force Association (AFA) and other community organizations.

SPEAKING TO THE assemblage was Brig. Gen. Charles E. (Chuck) Yeager, the Air Force Inspection and Safety Center's (AFISC) director of Aerospace Safety. he was introduced by G. David Ackley, retired editor and vice president of the San Bernardino SUN-TELEGRAM.

Supporting the anniversary theme, **General Yeager** related the story of his early experiences as a test pilot with the rocket-powered X-1 program. His oration was an array of factual anecdotes amassed to be both informative and entertaining.

He explained the intensive research procedures that enabled him to become the first man to fly faster than the speed of sound in 1947, just when the Air Force was getting "off the ground." As he sped through the short talk, he summed up why it was, and is, so important to develop the air weaponry

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G. David Ackley is presented a plaque by Maj. Gen. Ernest C. Hardin Jr. (lieutenant general selectee commander, AFISC). The plaque cites Mr. Ackley as a "First Citizen of the Inland Empire" and was presented by the Air Force Association on behalf of the community of San Bernardino at last week's 26th Anniversary of the Air Force luncheon. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Sgt. Dennis Floyd)

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systems now in the Air Force inventory. He explained that they were being developed elsewhere and "... we have to react..." to those developments.

THE HIGHLY DECORATED aviator enveloped the strides made in the "X" programs through his descriptions of the structural and power data emphasizing that maneuvering incapacibilities were among the most difficult to overcome for the experimental aircraft.

After the speech, Ed Stearn, vice president of the local AFA chapter, took the podium to introduce Maj. Gen. Ernest C. Hardin Jr. (lieutenant general selectee), commander, AFISC. General Hardin had been called to the meeting to present an award but did not realize that he too was to be honored.

Stearn then presented him with a citation from Martin Ostrow, chairman, national AFA board of directors, recognizing his dedicated spirit through his support of AFA programs. Stearn recapped the general's association with the organization and cited many of his attributes and accomplishments.

THE PLAQUE WAS presented in anticipation of General Hardin's forthcoming move to MacDill AFB, Fla., to become the

vice commander-in-chief for the U.S. Readiness Command.

General Hardin's acceptance remarks were filled with praise for San Bernardino, the surrounding communities and their peoples. He thanked the guests for himself and Mrs. Hardin.

The the general turned to the other reason he was in attendance, that of presenting yet another award.

ACKLEY WAS PRESENTED an award on behalf of the community by the AFA recognizing his 50 years of active leadership in the community and support of the Air Force through the Air Force Association. The plaque reads, to the "... First Citizen of the Inland Empire, G. David Ackley. In recognition of nearly 50 years of distinguished leadership and support of the important things in America."

In presenting the award, General Hardin said, "I see San Bernardino through Dave Ackley's actions and his support of our activities at Norton and the Air Force Association. If Dave is retiring, I want to retire. It would be a pleasure to join that high class neighborhood."

Ackley retired last month after 42 years with the Sun Company.

...continued by members of either the Security Police or the MAC NCO Academy here on base. I have seen this system on other bases and have found it to be quite effective. I agree that this seems to be a drastic suggestion, but if it is required to be the only solution, I again highly recommend it.

"Please put your personal reply in the Base Newspaper."

Chaplain's Corner

By
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DRIVER RECEIVED fatal head injuries in a single car accident. He lost control of his car while travelling at a high rate of speed, and skidded into a metal pole.

AN AIRMAN RIDING A motorcycle stopped at an intersection, then accelerated and made a right turn. He slid, lost control and received a leg injury (he was wearing his helmet).

THE ACCELERATOR STUCK on a government vehicle while it was being operated on the freeway. Before emergency evasive action could be taken, it struck the rear of another vehicle.

AN AIRMAN'S FINGER was severed when it was caught between two metal pipes. His finger was caught between a pipe he was releasing and another pipe lying on the ground.

A SERGEANT WAS PLAYING football and was clipped by another player. As a result, the sergeant received a sprained knee.

A NON-USAF CIVILIAN was speeding, ran a red light, lost control of his vehicle and hit the Norton AFB perimeter fence. Defensive driving by other personnel prevented serious or fatal injuries. Speed and alcohol were involved.

Family Services Anniversary Automotive



In the panel on the left, Brig. Gen. Charles E. (Chuck) Yeager, director of Aerospace Safety, AFISC, addresses the assembly celebrating the 26th anniversary of the Air Force. On the right, Ed Stearn, vice president of the San Bernardino chapter, AFA, presents Maj. Gen. Ernest C. Hardin Jr. (lt. gen. selectee), commander, AFISC, with a citation from the national chairman of the board of directors of the AFA. (U.S. Air Force Photos by Sgt. Dennis Floyd)

AROUND THE first of the year, prices will go up on a broader range of items and services worldwide, AAFES

This month's program offers an assist to those preparing for the holidays with activities that begin this week.

...also give instructions for creating them.

THERE WILL BE a special dance on Tuesday. Linda

The Chess Club will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. and on Saturday at 2:30 p.m., upstairs in the conference room. New members are welcomed.



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Brig Gen Charles L. Yeager

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