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A Tribute to the Soldier
Love it or Leave It?

Strict guidelines are outlined for any government employee when he accepts employment. One of these forbids an employee to have walkouts, sit downs or picket lines against Uncle Sam. Legislation on the subject of legalizing strikes for government employees is presently before Congress.

How do ASA employees feel about the right to strike? When asked “Should government workers have the right to strike?”, all interviewees were anxious to share their opinions.

Strikes to or against?

“Yes, because a time may come when government employees would want to unite for a common goal, and not be able to obtain that certain goal due to the fact that we now don’t have the right to strike.”

GS 5

We have no right, either?

“No. The primary cause of strikes is demand for higher wages; government employees have the advantage of frequent cost-of-living as well as periodic in-step pay increases, which the majority of non-government employees do not have. Civil service regulations provide a system for submission of grievances for other inequities.”

GS 11

Let the workers help out?

“I don’t feel that if given the option, striking would be able to accomplish anymore for government workers than the federal leaders. For this reason, negotiating should be left in the leaders’ hands.”

GS 5

It’s not fair, is it?

“I feel that any government worker who is not pleased with a particular aspect of his employment should have the right to exercise any option in collective bargaining which is routinely available to other members of a workforce engaged in a similar activity with a civilian firm or industry. I do not think it is correct for management to strike, but feel the workforce should have equal footing (so to speak) with their non-government counterparts employed in like positions.”

GS 12

Who runs this nation?

“The question of any American citizen’s right to strike can be condensed by considering the final effect of such action.

“It may not matter very much if the guide at the nearby national park is on strike, or if the statistician who helps figure out next year’s corn or wheat acreage is, but the mail carrier who delivers an old man’s pension check, or your insurance premium, or the controller who decides which airplane shall land next, the VA surgeon who decides when to operate, or the intelligence analyst who perceives the next Pearl Harbor—these people are vital to our continued existence. Would you want them out on strike?

“At the local level—should the strike power of the fire department or the police department have the power of life or death over the people of the community?

“Who runs this nation? If the electorate, through its representatives, does—then how can you allow a minority (the civil and military servants of this nation) to decide its fate? That is what could happen if the civil and/or military members of our government had the right to strike.

“At this time in our country’s history, we need more individual effort, patriotism and sacrifice, not less. We cannot support, defend or preserve our ideals from insidious weakening by meeting national crisis with juvenile irresponsibility. The right of government workers to strike is ‘built in revolution’.”

GS 6

“The military, who are also ‘government workers’ should not have this right, as once accorded the right, it would possibly be invoked under unacceptable conditions. Civilian workers should have the right with the exception that strikes should be prohibited when public health or safety or the defense of the nation is endangered. Postal workers apparently have been given or have appropriated the right to strike or slowdown, and have used the threat of striking most effectively to better themselves. To deprive other workers of this is, at the least, discriminatory.”

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How Can You Know 'Til You've Lost?

Guaranteed by the Government in our Bill of Rights are the major "unalienable rights" of life, liberty, and property. These rights are often best appreciated by people who have lived under governments that ignore such rights.

Imagine then, for a moment, how it would be to live under such a tyranny. Imagine how life would be under a government that decreed:

- The religion of the state will be the religion of the people, and all will take part in it; the press, radio, television, the arts and sciences and education will be state-directed, and no opposing opinion will be tolerated; no group of people may meet together without state permission; no person may ask the government to correct mistakes or injustices.
- No person may keep or bear arms, except by authority of the state.
- Troops and state police will be quartered in any person's home when the government so chooses.
- A person or his home may be searched by the government at any time it chooses, and his property may be seized for any reason.
- It is not the business of the state to guarantee a fair trial to anyone. If necessary, a person may be tortured in order to make confessions that will be used as testimony that may be used against him for the good of the state; and he may be deprived of life or liberty or property when the state so desires.
- A person accused of a crime will be tried by one or more officials, in secret and without being informed of the nature of his alleged offense; he will not see the witnesses against him nor be provided with a lawyer for his defense.
- No jury will be used in deciding noncriminal cases of any kind.
- There is no limit as to amount of fines or the kind of physical or mental punishment to be meted out to a law-breaker.
- Rights not listed in this document do not exist.
- All power rests in the hands of the national government.

Of course, this imaginary "Bill of No Rights" does not contain any of the guarantees of freedom that are in our real Bill of Rights. You can see how unbearable life would be without the rights and privileges recognized by our Constitution. You can understand better why Americans have so long been determined that "government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."
When Reeve Aleutian Airways took off from Shemya Air Force Base, Alaska, on the first day of April 1975, it was no April Fool's joke to the last ASA troops to leave the island. With memories of RALPH (fog), the HAWK (wind), tundra, earthquakes, and long winter nights already beginning to fade, the last Army Shemyaites anticipated the coming joys of the lower forty-eight.

But Shemya was not just fog; wind; smokehouses; earthquakes; or long, cold winter nights. Shemya was a place at the end of the world almost in tomorrow where an important job was to be done. The soldiers—Officers, NCOs first termers, and last termers—came to do that job. They did it in an outstanding manner for 17 years as exemplified by the two Air Force Outstanding Unit Award streamers on the Unit's colors. These streamers represented outstanding achievement by the unit and its sister organization, the 688th Air Force Security Squadron, in the Army-Air Force Joint Operations Group during June 1968 through July 1970 and June 1972 and July 1974.

Many personnel will remember the early days on Shemya when ASA troops lived and worked in old, wooden buildings and quonset huts which were built in deep holes surrounded by piles of dirt and tundra to protect them from high winds and snow drifts. Others remember the construction of the Operations building, building 600, and the Bubble. The latter were palatial surroundings compared to the earlier accommodations. For 17 years from the days of full complement of personnel to the austere manning of the recent past, the Army Security Agency performed under all conditions the mission so vital to the national effort. The Army Security Agency can look back with pride on many accomplishments during its long tenure on Shemya.

A ribbon cutting ceremony held on April 1, formally ended the Military's involvement and turned over the operation to the Bendix Corporation. The Black Pearl of the Aleutian has become only a fading memory rather than the stark reality it once was.
Warrant Officer Openings—Time is tight, but if you hurry, you can apply before the June 30 closing date. Qualified enlisted men and women in both the active and reserve components may apply for available appointments. Specialties are outlined in AR 611-112 or AR 611-133 (C). Application procedures are in AR 35-100.


Additionally, the warrant officer flight training program remains open. Men and women interested in entering flight school as a warrant officer candidate may apply under the provisions of AR 611-85. The FY 76 warrant officer procurement program will be announced later.

Make up your mind for once and for all—Soldiers who return from overseas for ETS will no longer be allowed to change their minds and opt for reenlistment.

Once an overseas returnee arrives at the stateside transfer point for separation, it is considered a PCS move, and it's too late to choose reenlistment. Soldiers overseas approaching ETS must reenlist before returning to CONUS for separation.

If you decide to try reenlisting later, you should be aware that enlistment requirements for prior service personnel are tighter now. Check with your career counselor before you make a hasty decision.

Friends of Gorey—It's not true—LTC Gorey hasn't been demoted to Lieutenant. Only the proofreader of the Spotlight item in the April issue made a mistake, not LTC Gorey. Sorry.

Memories of Wideband—Two bronze plaques were recently unveiled commemorating the beginning and the closing of Wideband Extraction at Vint Hill Farms Station, Warrenton, VA.

Project Wideband's first intercept was copied on January 24, 1969 by SP5 Robert Carroll, Jr. SP5 Patrick Andres copied the last intercept on July 3, 1974.

LTC John R. Blaker, Post Commander and SFC Donald D. Blake, Training Sergeant of the 370th USASA Operations Co. (R) VHFS conducted the official unveiling.

When Wideband Extraction was closed down at Vint Hill, the Field Station was redesignated as a US Army Garrison.

No more grace—Leave takers lose their "day of grace" as of June 1. From that date on, both the day of departure and day of return will be charged as leave. Formerly, the day of return was, at the discretion of the commander considered as a duty day.

Additionally, future PCS orders will authorize soldiers 30 days leave between assignments—with the exception of soldiers who have just entered active duty.

Also, when soldiers depart for or return from an overseas tour, they will be allowed four days of "proceed time." This will not be charged as leave and is in addition to travel time. Proceed time is designed to give a soldier more time to take care of personal affairs at either the departure or arrival point of the overseas tour.

The changes to Army leave policies are outlined in AR 630-5.

Engineering problem solved—The Engineer School at Ft Belvoir offers a commander's preparatory correspondence course which is designed to assist both potential and active company commanders. The course furnishes instructional material in subject areas pertinent to command duties. This course can usually be completed in only a few weeks of spare time.

Enroll in it by submitting a completed DA Form 145 through channels to: Commandant, US Army Engineer School, ATTN: DNI, Ft Belvoir, VA 22061.

Understanding compassionate reassignments—A soldier who receives an approved reassignment when extreme family problems are a factor (AR 614-200, Ch 3) will be stabilized for 12 months.

If the problem is resolved before the stabilization period ends, the US Army Military Personnel Center (DAPC-EPA-C) will be advised by message. Included in the message will be information that the individual is available for another Assignment and Availability (AEA) code will limit assignment eligibility.
There's too much smog and too many harmful inhalants in the air. Dust, gasses, fumes and vapors are just about everywhere. Carbon monoxide could become hazardous in hours-long bumper to bumper traffic. What are we to do?

The National Ad Council, through Public Service Announcements, points the finger at YOU. They say "People start pollution, people can stop it."

One big "people" was forced to do something about one element of pollution: the Automobile Industry.

Most 1975 cars are now equipped with a catalytic converter—the heart of a new car's emission control system. Problems arise with this converter for the overseas servicemember. What happens when the "cat" born only to feed on unleaded gasoline, revolts against a steady diet of overseas leaded gasolines?

A cat using leaded gasoline continuously will not only permanently lose its ability to reduce pollutants, but it may cause you some real headaches when the time comes to bring your car back into the States. At some point in the future, Customs may start requiring you to get a new cat before your car will be allowed to enter.

You, who have just bought, or intend to buy, a new car that is equipped with a cat and are going overseas, are not helpless in this situation. While the Federal regs won't allow your dealer to modify your car's cat in the US before you leave for overseas, there are ways to avoid damaging your cat once overseas. Even though Customs probably won't ever cause you any problems on those cars that are bought before next February or March, you may still want to save that cat.

If so, here's what you can do.

**General Motors**

GM catalytic converters are filled with BB-sized catalytic material pellets that are damaged when burning leaded gas. Damage can be avoided by simply pulling the plug in the bottom of the converter and draining out the pellets. Store the pellets while overseas, and when you are getting ready to return to the States, have the pellets put back in the converter.

Is it as simple as ABC? No, but the problem can be solved with a little help from GM.
A special combination vibrator/vacuum machine is needed, both to remove and to replace the pellets. However, GM says its overseas dealerships will have this machine, and you'll be paying for the labor—about $15 or $20.

If you decide to leave the pellets in while using leaded gas, for whatever reason, replacing the burned-out pellets with new pellets will cost you about $65.

**American Motors Corporation**

AMC uses pellet-type catalytic converters very similar to those used on GM cars. Damage to the cat on AMC cars can therefore be prevented in the same way as on GM cars.

**Ford**

Ford's catalytic converters, instead of using pellets, are filled with a solid core of catalytic material. The only way to avoid damaging a Ford cat while using leaded gas, is to remove the entire converter unit. While this may sound like a very drastic step, it can be done without too much difficulty. The converter is removed at the expense of increased pollutants, and a decrease in your car's performance. They do say, however, that since the converter does assist the muffler in reducing engine exhaust noise, operation without a converter will be a bit noisier.

The smaller fuel tank neck installed on those '75 cars designed to use only unleaded gas will be only a minor problem. Auto makers are making available standard-sized replacement filler necks that may be installed while operating overseas, or specially designed funnel-like adapters. You should be able to have leaded fuel pumped into your car overseas without any real difficulties.

As a final note, DoD is working on a program that will assist you in meeting whatever Customs requirements may be established later on in 1975. Whether you already own a '75 car that is equipped with a catalytic converter, or are about to take the plunge, get all the facts before taking your car overseas. When you apply to ship your car, request specific counseling on catalytic converter-equipped cars from your transportation office. In addition, press your dealer for all the information he has on using your car overseas where only leaded gasoline is available.
EW Meeting

The fifth meeting of the Quadripartite Working Group on Electronic Warfare (SQWG/EW) was held at Ft Belvoir, VA recently. Major General George A. Godding, USASA Commander, delivered the opening address to representatives of American, British, Canadian and Australian Armies or ABCA partners.

Quadripartite Working Groups are established under the ABCA Standardization Program to develop quadripartite concepts, doctrine, procedures and materiel requirements which could influence national or cooperative research and development programs. In times of increasingly austere defense budgets, the ABCA program provides member armies with the opportunity to share the resources of their ABCA partners.

The Commander of USASA, Combat Developments Activity COL Richard S. Winstead, serves as the Senior US Delegate and Standing Chairman of QWG/EW. Col Hal S. Christensen, DCSTEL, USASA, was QWG/EW meeting chairman. Other ASA attendees included Mr. Henry Bisschop and Mr. Lee Roy Hay.

Red Feathers

The annual Red Feather campaign ended at Misawa Air Base, Japan, with the base providing over 500,000 yen to local Japanese charities.

USASAFS Misawa received the trophy for the highest per capita contribution. The average for each soldier was 700 yen ($2.35).

The money raised by Misawans will go to Japanese charities similar to the Community Chest in the U.S.

LTC James Hunt, Commander of the FS accepted the trophy.

Walt Disney, Jr?

SP4 Robert William Bruce Miller has a pen with a flair for art. Bruce is the Chief Illustrator at Vint Hill Farms Station, Warrenton, Va.

Before joining ASA, Bruce was a ghost writer for Marvel Comics, and was lucky enough to receive professional guidance from Jim Steranko, the originator of Nick Fury's Agent of S.H.I.E.L.D. concept—familiar to Marvel Comic fans.

Stylistically, Miller describes his paintings as futuristic and cosmic in theme and they are reminiscent of Star Trek or Flash Gordon episodes. Each one of these cosmic scenes interrelates with an earlier work. Eventually, Bruce hopes to incorporate all of his paintings into one large cosmic mural.

Snoopy Winner

Snoopy Airlines received an award from the Cobra Bank for 12,000 accident-free flight hours at the 7th Radio Research Field Station. SFC Richard Breeding, Maintenance NCOIC, started keeping track of the flight hours in November 1972.

Other highlights of the occasion included reenlistments for SSG Jimmie Marsh and SP4 James Visserling, and CW2 John Speckman who received his RA appointment.
Colonel Freeze to be General Officer

President Gerald R. Ford has nominated Colonel James E. Freeze for promotion to Brigadier General. At the time of his selection Colonel Freeze was 502d ASA Group Commander.

Colonel Freeze, a native of Marengo, Iowa, enlisted in the service upon graduation from high school. After three years service in the Army Security Agency and promotion to Sergeant First Class (E-6) he attended the Artillery Officer Candidate School. He received his commission as a Second Lieutenant June 17, 1952.

His overseas assignments have included tours in Japan, Ethiopia, Hawaii and Vietnam, where he commanded the 303d Radio Research Battalion during the initial thrust and follow-up phase of the Allied drive into the Cambodian sanctuary. He assumed command of the 502d ASA Group May 31, 1973.

Colonel Freeze's CONUS duties have included tours at Arlington Hall Station, VA; USASA Training Center and School, Fort Devens, MA; USASA Material Support Command, Vint Hills Farms, VA; and the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the Army.

After 11 years of off-duty study, he received his BS in Military Studies through the University of Maryland's education program in 1963. In 1967 he received his MBA from Syracuse University.

Colonel Freeze's military education includes Company and Advanced Officer courses at USASATC&S, the US Army Command and General Staff College, and the US Army War College.

His awards and decorations include Legion of Merit with second Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal and Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Top Choices

The Jaycees are looking for America's ten outstanding young men. Details for the Army's participation are outlined in AR 672-6.

Nominations are due in HQDA (DAFC-PAP-B) not later than June 30. All civilians and military between the ages of 18-35 are eligible.

The Jaycees are looking for men who have contributed significantly to personal involvement, financial success and economic innovations, major social, cultural or legal improvements, politics or government services, scientific or technological contribution, academic leadership or accomplishment, moral and religious leadership, success in the influence of public opinion, any other important contributions to the community, state or nation, at the discretion of the judges.

For further information and official entry form (locally produced forms are not acceptable), write US Jaycees (TOYM) PO Box 7, Tulsa, OK 74102.

ASA WAC Winner

Hallmark artist SP5 Sarah LeClerc took top honors at Basic NCOES conducted at Fort Belvoir, Virginia recently. Sarah received the Distinguished Graduate award, competing in a class of 57 composed primarily of combat engineers. She thus became the first ASA person and first WAC to be Distinguished Graduate of the Fort Belvoir Engineer Basic NCOES course, according to her manager, SFC Harvey R. Bates.

Sarah received instruction in basic military skills, as well as specific NCO oriented training in her MOS. Competition was tough; her final 96.9% average was tops in her class by one-half of one percent.
How to make ends meet is a problem just about everybody shares. The May Hallmark gave an overview of financial problems and how to deal with them. The following points out some financial problems that face ASA members everywhere.

Rental costs are often blamed by off post personnel for causing the greatest problems for a budget. But let's look into this. Soldiers in the 504th ASA Group, Hunter Army Air Field, face monthly rental costs in the $125 to $175 range in Savannah, Georgia. Assignment to TC&S, Fort Devens, Massachusetts, will cost a renter from $150 to $225 per month. These figures are for one or two bedroom apartments, unfurnished. One bedroom furnished in San Antonio, Texas, location of Field Station Alamo, runs from $180. Two bedrooms, unfurnished, in the vicinity of Arlington Hall Station in Virginia will cost from $165 to $280 per month, plus utilities.

Utilities. This brings up a hidden cost too often overlooked when comparing rental units and prices. Are water, gas and electricity included in the rent? If not, how much more per month will they be? Electric bills during the winter in Virginia may run as little as $16 per month; the indispensible summer air conditioner may cost from $35 to $80 per month in electricity. A climate requiring extensive heating or air conditioning necessitates careful scrutiny of that lease before it is signed.

But back to the basic issue. Rentals in Augsburg, Germany in U.S. dollars are in the $140 range for a spartan one room apartment to $220 for a one room house. Multiroom dwellings can be priced into astronomical figures—all subject to a fluctuating DM rate.

The killer in Europe is not the monthly rent, nor utilities. What must be planned for, saved for and anguished over is the security deposit, which, for that one room apartment renting for $140, will be $434.

Assistance is available in the form of loans for those security deposits, but these loans must be a part of the monthly budget, too.

Granted, rents are generally high and security deposits may hurt, but in no instance was housing impossibly expensive. Blaming rental costs solely for the sad state of a budget is a cop out.
Providing a critical overland route to Alaska (May 1942)—Army engineers carry part of a trestle onto a landing at the Peace River in Alaska. The Army was able to build, within a single working season, 1500 miles of rough but passable road, to link Alaska with the 48 states which at that time comprised the nation.

Two Centuries of Service

Left, members of the 97th Engineers operate a leaning wheel power grader near Siana, Alaska, July 1942. Right, the first plane sold by the Wright brothers was purchased by the Army in 1908. Center, a new food processing method—Army Natick Labs developed a means to compress freeze dried food. Far right, SGT Frank Genaro of the 21st Evacuation Hospital helps a Managua earthquake patient.
On June 14, the United States Army will celebrate its 200th birthday.

It’s easy for Americans to recall significant battles in which our forefathers valiantly fought; we can easily visualize marching soldiers while listening to battle hymns from long ago. That’s what the Army is all about. We remember the fighting part of our nation’s history and the role of the US Army because that is what appeared in our History books and was stressed by myriads of history teachers.

We learned that the purpose of the Army is service—service to the American people. But little is known about the Army other than its battlefront efforts. A film, "Two Centuries of Service" adds some insight to seldom-discussed Army accomplishments.

"Two Centuries of Service" is hosted by TV personality Lorne Greene as a birthday recognition of the Army and the millions who have served in peace and in war.

Mr. Greene conducts a tour of some of the major developments, discoveries, civil works and explorations which go together to make our lives more comfortable—in some ways even make life possible.

Included in the long list of firsts and ongoing services are exploring and mapping of the continent, railroad and canal construction, work on harbors, levees and flood control as part of public works responsibilities.

In the field of medical advances, the host highlights research and textbooks by Army doctors, the cure for Yellow Fever, first use of X-Rays and discoveries in blood storage.

He moves into technological advances in manufacturing processes such as standardization of parts, on which all mass production is based, development of freeze drying of food, the auto pollution control valves and aircraft anti-collision devices.

"Two Centuries of Service" delves into the direct people-to-people help provided by the Army in its bicentennial history by showing reservists and guardsmen involved in community service projects. One segment demonstrates the MAST or helicopter emergency ambulance program operated by US Army crews as a lifesaving measure.

The film graphically portrays the unique accomplishments and heritage of service marking the 200th birthday of the US Army and its people.

"Two Centuries of Service" is scheduled to begin playing in Post Theaters on the Army Birthday, June 14 and has also been approved for release to civilian audiences. Civilians can request use of "Two Centuries of Service" through the Post Information Office. Knowledge and public acceptance go hand-in-hand. Increase the public’s knowledge about the Army—share "Two Centuries of Service."
The 43d Surgical Hospital, located at Camp Mosier, Korea, was deactivated February 28th. Formerly the 8055th MASH, the unit became world-famous when Richard Hooker wrote a novel depicting the zany exploits of two Army doctors during the Korean War and titled the book M*A*S*H for Mobile Army Surgical Hospital."

The book's Korean War-era setting found a receptive audience and Hollywood jumped on the M*A*S*H gravy train, turning the book into a motion picture and a television series. As a result, M*A*S*H became a household word.

There were some distinctive relationships between the unit and its M*A*S*H counterpart. M*A*S*H author Hooker was with the 8055th during the Korean conflict. Other 8055th alumni say he based some of the story's characters and comedy situations on the unit and its people.

Most of the Korean towns immortalized in M*A*S*H are just a short drive from Camp Mosier, where the 43d was located. Uijongbu, noted in the book primarily for its "extracurricular" activities, is only five minutes drive to the south. Further south lies the district of Yong-dong-po where Hawkeye, Trapper John and crew rewrote the football textbooks in a game against their arch rivals, the 121st Evacuation Hospital.

Although the terrain surrounding Camp Mosier is as rugged as any Hollywood director ever imagined, it's also more densely populated than depicted in the movie or television.

Assigned to aid specific infantry divisions, the unit stayed close to the fluctuating battlefront, performed enough surgery on seriously wounded soldiers to save their lives, then sent them to rear echelon medical facilities for more specialized care.

When fighting was heavy casualties flowed; in M*A*S*H Hooker talks about patient "deluges." These floods were not a product of his imagination. The six surgeons ordinarily assigned to the surgical hospital often operated around the clock on up to 150 patients a day.

Located in the same camp for the last 20 years, the 43d settled into the stable existence of a small station hospital. But the 43d found its unique identity with the world-famous M*A*S*H productions a boost to morale. Staff members were nicknamed Hawkeye and Hot Lips; the word M*A*S*H was stenciled on medical gowns and jogging suits. Last year the nurses challenged a neighboring unit to a football game—a reenactment of the gridiron clash in Hooker's book.

All this is a thing of the past now that the unit has been deactivated. But M*A*S*H will live on, thanks to Richard Hooker and his book.
10 little cyclists, roaring down the line...  
One was experienced, and then there were nine.

9 little cyclists, rushing to a date...  
one left his helmet home, and then there were eight.

8 little cyclists, motors really "revvin"...  
one had no roll bars, and then there were seven.

7 little cyclists, cutting up for kicks...  
one got too fancy, and then there were six.

6 little cyclists vibrantly alive...  
one ignored the hazards, and then there were five.

5 little cyclists, speeding to the shore...  
one cut in and out, and then there were four.

4 little cyclists, carefree as could be...  
one took his friend along and then there were three.

3 little cyclists, in and out of view...  
a car came out of nowhere, and then there were two.

2 little cyclists, eager to jump the gun...  
one forgot to signal, and then there was one.

But there's one little cyclist, alive and well today...  
by following the safety rules he hopes to stay that way.

from The Augsburg Profile
Denying some men their flag is like denying them their birthright. Major Kenneth G. Neiman assigned to Headquarters, US Army Security Agency, recently purchased his first home—a townhouse in suburban Virginia near Washington, D.C. Flying the flag in his own front yard was something he had looked forward to for years. Having no idea that this would present a neighborhood problem, the Neimans bought a flagpole and raised their flag.

**Flagpole Cheapens**

They were wrong. The flag presented no problems, but the 16 foot flagpole did. Some neighbors felt the flagpole cheapened property value and made 5851 Banning Place look "like a post office." Through the voice of the community's association, the Neimans were told to take their flagpole—and their flag—down.

This reaction took the edge off the pride and pleasure Ken and his wife Joyce—a Major in the Army Nurse Corps—were enjoying in their first home. But it didn't cause Ken to rescind his often voiced promise that, "The first thing I am going to do when I own a home is put up a flagpole and fly the American flag."

The Burke Station Townhouse Association, however, did not share this enthusiasm: "After a number of Board members received calls regarding your townhouse . . . , we have looked into the status of your flagpole. "The flagpole is in violation of Article VIII of the Architectural Control section of the Deed of Declarations and Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions signed by you upon purchasing your house.

"You will be given 30 days from receipt of this personally delivered letter which (sic) to comply with the Articles." So went a letter from the association to Major Neiman. "Personally delivered" is stretching the point just a bit. The edict was indeed delivered, but it was Neiman's next door neighbor who found the letter stuck in his own screen door who delivered it to his next door neighbors—the Neimans.

**Negotiation?**

The Neimans were amazed and infuriated by the contents of the letter. Upon telephoning the townhouse association representative, the Neimans were not only refused discussion about the subject, but also threatened with court action. Finally, Ken Neiman, out of futility, called the media.


The Neimans have received dozens of telephone calls and nearly 100 letters of support. Only one three sentence note has been critical of the position they have taken.

One of the first letters of support came from a "former resident of the Hanoi Hilton," Commander William Stark. "It makes me mighty proud to know that Americans, other than
"And to the occasional inquiry 'why are you flying the flag when it is not a holiday?' tell them when you live in this country, every day is a holiday!"

The 565 of us who came home, understand and appreciate the genuine privilege of living in this country, and that some are willing to resist efforts by others to prevent the expression of that appreciation.

"If in fact the flagpole is still a point of contention, please suggest, on my behalf, to your neighbors that if they were to install and use flagpoles of their own, the presence of yours would hardly be noticeable!

"And to the occasional inquiry of 'Why are you flying the flag when it is not a holiday?' tell them that when you live in this country, every day is a holiday!

Once again, well done."

Major Neiman proudly refers to this particular letter as "truly a classic in flag literature."

Structures are Structures

The original argument against the flagpole by the Burke Station Townhouse Association was that it was a structure much like a kitchen addition or a garage, subject to their approval under the guidelines of Article VIII of the Townhouse Architectural Control section. All structures are to be approved before they are constructed. After the first barrages of public opinion struck, Colonel William Hezlap of the Board of Directors of the Association and Major Neiman's original and only point of contact with the association, stated he would recommend that the entire issue be dropped.

Publicity Never Ceases

But the publicity has continued. Recently, Ken Neiman was asked to address the American Legion Post 85 in Arlington, Va. At the conclusion of his speech, Major Neiman was given the Americanism Award, the highest medal presented by the American Legion to those who, by their work and example, demonstrate a special and un-tiring dedication to the US, its institutions and ideas.

Last month, Major Neiman accepted an invitation to speak to the Senior Government class at Falls Church High School, VA. Neiman looks forward to these invitations—each one an opportunity to spread his story and his patriotism to attentive listeners.

Major Neiman states that in spite of the committee's actions, he strongly supports the (restrictive) covenants in general, but he simply does not believe that they were ever intended to restrict a man from flying his flag and displaying his pride in his country. Nor does he believe he has lowered property values by doing so.

And so, as the US approaches its 200th year as a free, democratic nation, Ken and Joyce Neiman believe even more strongly in their convictions and the American flag continues to proudly fly in front of 5851 Banning Place.
Decoding for Fun

Four members of the 337th ASA Co, Ft. Riley, Kansas, were able to shed light on the history of a fray ed, but finely worked standard bearing the Imperial Russian colors. The Battle Standard belonged to the Old Russian Cavalry Regiment, who were bodyguards to the Czar.

David Crawley, Leroy Engle, Steve LaValle and Steve Crowley used their Russian expertise to translate the banner legend and the inscriptions on the streamers which cited valiant action of the Uhlan Regiment during encounters in the years 1651-1821 when the Russian Army repulsed Napoleon's invasion. The last citation was from the Battle of Krasnoe Selo in 1876.

General Lucius Clay obtained the banner some years ago, and after some discussion it was presented to the 1st Infantry Division museum at Ft. Riley rather than the Smithsonian Institute.

These four ASA soldiers, with the help of Dr. Walter Kolonosky, professor of Russian at Kansas State University, spent many interesting hours utilizing correspondence and historical documents before reaching an acceptable translation and sharpening their language skills at the same time. That's studying with a real challenge.

Seconds, Anyone?

The 303d ASA Battalion proved once again that they are the best as they bullied their way to a second straight victory in the competition for the III Corps and Ft. Hood Nondivisional Unit Commanding General's Cup.

The Commander's Cup, offered semi-annually and featuring competition in 12 sports, was the target of 18 limelight-seeking Ft Hood units this year. The 303d easily outdistanced all comers with a final point value of 1064—a full 350 points in front of the second place team—in taking the coveted trophy.

LTC Richard Mock, 303d ASA Bn, CO, accepted the CG’s Cup from LTGEN Robert M. Shoemaker, III Corps Commander.

Volleyball

TWASLOG Detachment Four was the site of the Sinop Common Defense Installation Invitational Volleyball Tournament March 2, 1975.

Pete Yilmaz, an Assistant Fire Chief at Det 4, and Metin Unaldi, of Boeing Finance, were instrumental in making the tournament a huge success. Mr. Unaldi contacted the various teams and made the transportation arrangements while Mr. Yilmaz welcomed them and acted as interpreter.

Five teams participated and all were evenly matched. Detachment Four’s team appeared to be an early favorite with two quick wins over Boeing International and Gerze. But fatigue set in and they succumbed to the outstanding play of Sinop Sport and to Turkish Radar.

Golf Tourney

On April 5, 1975, 25 hardy golfers from USASA&R&D began play at Greenwich Golf Course in Manassas, VA. Weather conditions were likened to that of the Greater Greensboro Open, with winds a steady 40 mph, gusting to 60 mph and the chill factor well below freezing. Scores soared, but most golfers completed first round play. A three shot advantage for the medal lead was held by SFC Bob Hale with Mr. John Seely right behind. The net leader, Mr. Tony Oliver held a 2 shot lead over several in the field.

The final round was held the following weekend, and, like the masters, the lead changed hands several times during the day. SFC Hale and Mr. Seely were tied after the regulation 36 holes and sudden death play began. It took only one extra hole to have a tournament winner. Mr. Seely fired a six iron second shot to within 30 feet of the flag and two
putted for a par four. SFC Hale bogied and the match was over.

Mr. Seely won the medal championship with SFC Hale as runner-up. Mr. Spike Neil came from far back in the pack with a fine 83 to take the net championship with Mr. Tony Oliver as runner-up. Last but not least, Mr. Henry Bisschop won the last place trophy.

The R&D golf tournament winners look forward to their promised upcoming tournament. A little research may help them win again.

**Goodfellow gets Tough**

Goodfellow Detachment, United States Army Security Agency Training Center and School, Goodfellow AFB, Texas, has instituted its first formal physical fitness program. The locally originated program is designed to insure that all detachment personnel stay well within the Army's physical fitness standards.

The program, directed by 2LT Timothy Olson, detachment Executive Officer, has been developed along two lines: a program for permanent party personnel and a program for students.

Student personnel are tested upon arrival at GAFB Det, and are tested again prior to graduation and departure.

Permanent party personnel are tested semiannually. WACS will begin training when information arrives from Ft. McClellan.

In addition to the formal physical fitness program, detachment Athletics and Recreation NCO, SFC Ernest Gallegos, reports that detachment participation in the base-wide sports program is at its highest.

**Run for Others**

The 376th ASA Company at Ft Meade, MD, finished 2d in the first annual 10 mile run for the Maryland Special Olympics. The run will help send mentally retarded children from Maryland to the Kennedy Foundation's Special Olympics held this month. Military and civilian 10-man teams ran the relay style race.

The 10 dedicated runners from the 376th completed the course in a time of 62 minutes and 22 seconds to win second place. Individual silver medals were presented to each of the 376th participants. Team captain PV2 Sammy Gillard received the trophy on behalf of the team.

Freezing temperatures didn't stop these jogging enthusiasts.

**Record Set in Korea**

Members of USASAFS Korea shattered a 2d Division Record.

Eight ASA soldiers from FS Korea and one 2d Infantry Division man began a run at Camp Casey, Home of the 2d Division to HQ 8th US Army Seoul, a distance of 32 miles. Led by the FS Commander, LTC Francis X. Toomey, the nine started their assault on the 2d Division record of 6 hours and five minutes.

Training for the run was the most difficult part. Only one team member, CPT James Higgs, was an experienced marathon runner.

There was sub-zero weather on the day of the first 11 mile "get in shape" run, and it looked like a winter wonderland with the runners covered with icicles from their frozen perspiration.

The next progressive step in the training was a 16 mile run. The longer distances could only be accomplished on weekends due to the few hours of light after duty hours during the bitter Korean winter.

Finally, the marathon was on. The caravan found its way from Camp Casey to Seoul. Korean children, on many occasions ran alongside the runners for short distances, but soon dropped by the wayside.

The most encouraging part of the entire race was seeing SP4 Patrick Ivey, one of the FS's best 98Bs, go the distance in record time. Ivey had never run farther than 16 miles prior to the race. But he lowered the record time by one hour and 29 minutes. Ivey demonstrated true stamina when he sprinted the last two miles after mistaking the two miles remaining call for two tenths of a mile. CPT Higgs finished the race in 5 hours and 4 minutes. However, he got lost in downtown Seoul and ran an extra mile.

**Texan Runners**

Goodfellow, TX also participated in their local "Run" for the Special Olympics.

Eighteen of the USASATC&S detachment personnel, along with other servicemembers stationed at Goodfellow, ran a 121 mile cross country stretch.

The run was only part of the "Round-the Clock" marathon relay started simultaneously in Washington, DC and Los Angeles which terminated in Houston at the NCOA convention.
Watchdog of the Army Press

Five years ago, the Department of the Army established the Keith L. Ware awards to applaud and to recognize the Army's best newspapers, radio and television productions. The awards are named in honor of a former Chief of Information, Major General Keith L. Ware. General Ware, recipient of the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry in World War II, was killed in Vietnam combat while an infantry division commander.

This year, The Hallmark entered the DA winners circle for the first time, winning third place in the news-magazine category.

The awards program has 12 categories—eight in print, four in electronic journalism. These include letterpress offset, mimeograph/multilith, newsmagazine format, civilian enterprise, news photo, photo feature, graphic art, special journalistic achievement, radio program, television production, radio spot announcement and special broadcast achievement.

The top winner in each category goes on to DoD to compete in the Thomas Jefferson competition.

Each year since the awards were authorized, OCINFO has sought continuously to improve and to enhance the stature of the program. The aim has been—and still is—to strengthen the quality of Army journalism by allowing the best to compete and to win. This objective has been frustrated because of unintentional inequities in the program.

Recent changes will allow more newspapers, radio and television productions to compete at the DA level. If the Information Officer believes his newspaper, radio or TV production is worthy of competing at Army level, he need only submit his entry or entries through channels to DA. Submission dates will be announced in an official letter sometime in mid-summer.

You can help the people who work on your unit's information products gain fame. If an article you read in your unit paper is especially good, let your Information Officer hear your plaudits. If you feel your paper or radio or TV production is a little weak, maybe the Information Office could use a little help. Even if you have no technical expertise, helping distribute your unit paper could make things easier for hard-working journalists.

Offer a hand—and find out what the Keith L. Ware competition is all about.

Mississippi will hold its primary election August 5, state election officials have announced. In the event a runoff primary will be required, it will be held August 26. Previously, the primary had been scheduled for June 3.

Political parties in this election will nominate candidates to run in the November 4 general election. Offices to be filled include those of Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Auditor, Commissioners, all members of the Legislature, Secretary of State, State Supreme Court Clerk, State Supreme Court Justices, Superintendent of Education, and State Treasurer. Mississippi requires a voter to be registered 30 days before an election to be eligible to cast a ballot. Armed Forces members and their spouses and dependents absent from the county of their residence may register by absentee process.

To register, forward a completed Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to the County or City Registrar, place of residence, indicating in Item (6), "Request Registration Application." The completed registration form must be returned to election officials in sufficient time to permit registration to be completed prior to 30 days before the election.

Having registered, the voter should send another completed FPCA to the County or City Registrar to obtain an absentee ballot. Sufficient time should be allowed to obtain, vote, and return the ballot to reach election deadline. If you are uncertain about the Mississippi or other absentee registration and voting procedures, contact your voting officer or counselor.
In trying to interest the maximum number of readers in Hallmark columns, we introduce "Did You know that..."

We hope to include ‘nice to know news’ on a monthly or semi-monthly basis. Input from the field would be helpful - drop us a line when other ‘nice to know news passes’ across your desk. We’re waiting to hear from you.

Political Trivia

Interest in the politics of our Nation drummed up the question “Who are the youngest and oldest members of Congress?”

The youngest is 26 year old Thomas G. Downey, a Democrat who scored an upset victory over an incumbent Republican in the 2d District of New York. Downey was 25, the minimum age established by the Constitution for members of the House of Representatives. The Dean of the House is Congressman Wright Patman, a Democrat from Texas. Patman, who is 81, had been a member of the House of Representatives for 20 years when Representative Downey was born.

‘Jumping’ could be dangerous

Jump starting seems an ideal way to save the day when you are stranded in a vehicle with a dead battery. Now that jumper cables are available to most drivers, more and more cases of loss of sight, facial disfigurement and even death are occurring when auto batteries suddenly explode while attempting a jump start.

To help prevent this from happening, never connect the cables to the four battery terminals. Instead follow these steps:

- Attach the red cable to the positive dead battery terminal and then to the positive live or booster battery terminal.
- Attach the black cable from the negative live battery terminal to the engine block of the vehicle with the dead battery...well away from the battery.
- Stay away from the area of the batteries when you attempt to start the disabled vehicle.
- To remove the cables, reverse this process.
- Disconnect the black cable from the engine block and from the negative live terminal. Then disconnect the red cable from the positive booster and finally from the positive dead battery terminal.

Dialogue—from p 1

Don’t rock the boat...

“Government workers should not have the right to strike. We are in such a position that the safety of this country would be on shaky grounds if we were to strike. Unfriendly political governments would find us ‘easy pickin’ if our government didn’t have full support of its employees and the military.

“As it stands right now, we have it better than most private firms, such as annual pay raise, the best retirement plan known. Vacation time and sick leave are above average plus discounts on insurance policies.”

We made our pledge...

“Although the strike is not a legal sanction in civil service labor relations, there are other means available to negotiate working conditions and to redress grievances. Each government employee may discuss working conditions with his supervisor, or carry the discussion higher in the chain of command and consult the civilian personnel officer. If satisfaction is not obtained, he may file a grievance. If the grievance is not sustained, he may appeal to the Civil Service Commission. After all administrative processes are exhausted, he may take his case to a court of law.

“Another course available is to file a complaint with the Inspector General, who is available to all civil servants. Although union representation is excluded from some intelligence activities, in many areas of civil service employees may join a union and elect it to represent them in labor relations matters, yet with no right to strike.”
Beat This

There's a new candidate for the Guinness Book of World Records under "T" for turnovers.

The 332d ASA Co, USASAFS Korea claims that CPT Keith R. Hall, a native of Valley Stream, NY, broke the record of company commander turnovers in a nine month period when he assumed command of the 332d in March.

The new record is four company commanders in a nine month period for an average of 2.25 months per company commander.

CPT Hall told a reporter for the Tiger Tales, FS Korea's newspaper, "I trained very hard for this event, and when it came down to this event, butterflies notwithstanding, I was ready." CPT Hall candidly added "The real reason I wanted the company was to get myself off that SDO roster."

Suggestion winners

It Could Have Been You

Was there a tinge of jealousy when you found out that John Doe received $250 from the Suggestion Committee? And it was such a simple idea, too.

Take a look around; certainly you can suggest a change for the better, and put a little extra cash in your pocket at the same time. These people did:

Captain Winston F. McColl, EW Staff Officer, DCSLOG, noted that the Tori Tower ASA had in covered storage at Somerville, NJ was costing the Army approximately $24,000 a year. CPT McColl questioned the need for ASA to continue to store the tower.

His suggestion resulted in the transfer of the tower to NSA and $600 in his pocket.

Another ASA winner, Walter Couch, Chief of the Management Information System Division, CDSA, designed and implemented the ADP Projects Management System which created an increase in the number of ADP completed projects while working with only 50 percent of the manpower previously required. It is estimated that a savings of over $80,000 in a one year period resulted. PROJECTS has subsequently been sent to eight outside commands, so others can take advantage of Couch's design. He received over $1000 from the Suggestion Committee.

Cafe Coronaries

The man at the restaurant table shot up from his chair, his hands clutching at his throat. No words escaped his lips. A few minutes later he slumped over, dead.

A heart attack? No. The man suffered what is sometimes known as a "cafe coronary." He choked to death on a piece of steak, one of about 3,000 people who die this way every year.

His death could have been prevented by a simple technique known as the "Heimlich Maneuver," developed by Dr. Henry Heimlich, director of surgery at Jewish Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The maneuver consists of standing behind the victim, quickly grasping both arms around the victim's waist, one hand gripping the other wrist, and then pressing forcefully into the victim's diaphragm just below the ribs. This maneuver compresses the lungs and expels the matter choking the victim.

Should this method fail, and it has worked every time so far, the next step should be to roll the victim on his side, insert the index and middle finger into his mouth, sweeping along the base of his tongue toward the opposite cheek to remove the piece of food.

Once the object is removed and the victim still does not respond, begin mouth-to-mouth resuscitation immediately. Once the victim begins breathing on his own, treat for shock by covering him with a blanket and seek medical attention.
Count Your Blessings, Henry

Once upon a time in the land of Fort Devens lived a soldier named Henry. Henry was an average lad with an average three-year enlistment and an average student of ASA. Now Henry was very down in the dumps one day and very much so this particular evening. He no longer desired to be an average soldier, but one of exceptional ability and superior quality. Needless to say, Henry not only felt blue but very envious also.

That night when Henry went to bed he had a terrible, terrible nightmare in which he himself had been involved in a very messy accident leaving him totally blind, two-thirds deaf, paralyzed, and mentally retarded. What a terrible nightmare. Henry called me first thing the following morning to tell me about these unfortunate things that happened in his vision. Feeling so sorry for him, I said, "Poor Henry." Henry then replied, "No, don't say that! Lucky Henry! Average Henry! Seeing, walking, hearing, thinking Henry!" And such an excited, appreciative Henry was he!

Time went on and so does this story. For, unlike most stories, it doesn't end with its characters living happily ever after, but it ends only when you find Henry within yourself. Think about it, Henry.

from The Fountainhead

Grab those Bootstraps

We have performed a tremendous amount of work in the past three or four months. As soldiers, our daily activities and responsibilities in peace or war cannot be equated to that of our civilian counterparts. Our responsibilities are much greater.

Our contingency missions dictate a high state of combat readiness. This readiness must be achieved. We must take note of experience and learn from it.

Although the Modern Volunteer Army program has done much to close the gap between military and civilian life, our jobs will never equate in responsibility, danger encounter, or the number of hours worked on the job.

All of us are subject to call 24 hours a day—and rightfully so, for our work is never done. The business of combat and material readiness requires constant effort.

To correct a common misconception, the MVA did not call for a five day work week. In order to have a five day work week we must do in five days what we previously did in six. Few would advocate returning to a six day week.

Achieving excellence requires professional knowledge, work, energy and dedication. If extra time is required in this pursuit, then that is our obligation.

Let's make it clear: I consider the soldier's time to be precious and our goal is to eliminate make-work, waste-time projects and the traditional "hurry up and wait."

We have now completed the difficult phase which saw the initiation of many new programs. Now, we must implement those programs. We must identify inefficiencies, spot obstacles and eliminate them. We must insure better planning and motivate ourselves to gain the momentum that will carry tasks through to completion.

To do so, we must create organizations and procedures and the atmosphere which promotes efficiency.

If each person accepts personal responsibility for the job that needs to be done, our individual tasks will be significantly less complex and our major efforts will be directed toward primary mission accomplishment.

If we are serious in our endeavor to be the best—it will require that we provide extra effort—take that extra step.

from the Tropic Lightening News

Ideas and Opinions

"The exchange of ideas is the very under of the democratic process." - S. F. Smith

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Most people are aware of the fact that our communications equipment is becoming more and more sophisticated every year. And, very few people are unaware of the fact that with this increased sophistication comes increased vulnerability to the security of our communications.

Yet the one piece of communications equipment that can contribute more than anything else to the disclosure of information to unauthorized persons has been around a long, long time...as long as man himself. Even Adam and Eve had these devices.

Webster defines this little piece of equipment like this:

*tongue (tung)* n. The movable muscular structure attached to the floor of the mouth.

We concern ourselves with the insecure aspects of two-way radio communication as well as the dangers associated with the misuse of the ordinary telephone, and rightly so. But when was the last time you heard a radio or a telephone disclose any information all by itself? Never!

In all cases, the movable muscular structure Mr. Webster referred to was involved at one end of the equipment or the other. If we could somehow learn to control this piece of equipment, our concern about radios and telephones would be over.

We can't disconnect our tongues, or unplug them the way we can radios or telephones—nor would we want to if we could. We use them for too many other things besides conversing. They come in very handy for licking ice cream cones, for instance...and without your tongue, how in the world would you ever get a postage stamp to adhere to an envelope? Or even seal the envelope, for that matter?

It's not considered nice, but we can even express our feelings toward another individual by merely sticking it out! That person will get the message without a sound being uttered.

No, the tongue is too valuable to do without, so we must learn to control its use.

There are many persons that are trying to obtain information concerning our equipment, our plans, or anything else associated with the defense efforts of our Country and the security of our Nation. How do they go about obtaining this information?

They listen as we discuss our work or relate what's going on in our shops or offices, and they listen as we try to impress our friends with our knowledge of "inside information." If they listen long enough—AND, unless we watch what we say—they'll obtain this information...then by putting all these little tidbits together they can come up with information, the type of which we wouldn't dream of disclosing in its completed form.

Let's watch how we use these tongues of ours and see that they don't say anything that should remain unsaid. It's been said over and over again that "walls have ears."

Remember that...but remember also that people have tongues! If we can limit the information the tongue discloses, we'll also limit what the ears absorb.

By George Porter
from the Spokesman