

# VAPOR TRAILS

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### BASE DEDICATION CEREMONY TO HONOR CAPTAIN JOHN WILLIAM SHEWMAKER

The Air National Guard Site on Grade Lane will be dedicated at 1000 hours Saturday, 11 June 1960 as Shewmaker Air National Guard Base in honor of the late Captain John William Shewmaker formerly of the 165th Fighter Bomber Squadron who was killed in combat in the Korean Emergency.

Captain Shewmaker was born in Harrodsburg Kentucky on June 21, 1925. Graduated from high school in May 1943. Entered Berea College as a trainee in the V-12 training program in July 1943. Later attended V-5 Prep School at Murray State and Flight Prep School at Athens, Georgia in 1945 he was assigned to the Naval Air Station at Norman Oklahoma for V5 Primary Flight Training at Corpus Christi, Texas in July 1945. He was assigned to Marine Corps in March 1945. After leaving the service he attended Centre College and the University of Kentucky. On 20 March 1948 he was appointed as a pilot in the Kentucky Air National Guard.

Captain Shewmaker and Miss Patricia Grady were married on 30 September 1950 just prior to the activation of the 165th Fighter Bomber Squadron. On 10 October 1950 he was assigned to Godman Air Force Base, Kentucky with a later assignment to the 111th Fighter Bomber Squadron, 136th Fighter Bomber Group at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia in May 1951.

On 1 July 1951, Captain Shewmaker's unit was transferred to Korea. His daughter, Judith Ann was born 17 August 1951.

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### GENERAL ARDERY ATTENDS NATO EXERCISE

Brigadier General Philip P. Arderly has returned from an overseas duty assignment at Bremgarten FAF, Base, Germany where he represented the Air National Guard at the NATO reconnaissance competition Royal Flush V.

General Arderly advises there was quite a bit of international flavor in the competition with the French winning the medium and short range reconnaissance, the Belgians won the long range, and the USAF won the night reconnaissance.

Most of the briefings were done in French with adequate translators for each language.

The weather for first two days was excellent with all crews running off many more missions than had been run off in previous contests. All phases of the missions were monitored from early morning briefings, takeoffs, landing, developing of film, and the actual working and judging of the umpires and judges as they scored each pilot for proficiency of photography and accuracy in timing techniques. 60 percent credit was given for proficiency of photography and 40 percent for timing.

General Arderly reports that he feels that certain procedures and operational practices in Royal Flush V can be put to considerable advantage in the operation of our Wing.

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Philip P. Ardery, Brigadier General

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**MOON BY PROXY**—Army engineers learn how to survive on the moon by developing a research environmental simulator, shown in drawing, in which the temperatures, radiation and vacuum existing on the moon's surface is reproduced. A liquid nitrogen refrigeration system and special heat lamps are used to create the effect.

## GENERAL LLOYD VISITS SHEWMAKER ANG BASE

Major General Arthur Y. Lloyd, The Adjutant General of Kentucky visited Shewmaker Air National Guard Base during the regularly scheduled unit training assembly on 15 May 1960.

General Lloyd attended the 14th AF, IG, critique for the senior officers and airmen of this wing. It was the first opportunity that may of our people have had to meet with General Lloyd.

We are looking forward to General Lloyds return to our base.

## BASE DEDICATION CEREMONY TO HONOR CAPTAIN JOHN WILLIAM SHEWMAKER (Continued)

On 23 October 1951 his aircraft was hit and seriously damaged while escorting a bombing mission over North Korea. He was listed as missing in action until 31 December 1953 when he was declared deceased. Captain Shewmaker was posthumously awarded the Air Medal and the Purple Heart on 7 May 1954 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Honored guests will be Mrs. Patricia G. Shewmaker, wife -- Mrs. Lucille B. Shewmaker-mother -- Miss Judith Ann Shewmaker daughter.

Wright-Patterson Air Force Band will furnish the music for the ceremony. Transportation for the band will be furnished by Bakalar Air Reserve Base, Columbus, Indiana.

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## A SALUTE TO THE AIRCREWS

## TOTAL A/C AND PILOT HOURS FOR MAY

KY ANG PILOT HOURS	413:55
AF PILOT HOURS	37:15
TOTAL PILOT HOURS	451:10
TOTAL A/C HOURS	340:40

## PILOT HOURS A/C HOURS

ANG	278:15	B-57	245:05
AF	7:00		
ANG	60:35	C-45H	55:10
AF	16:55		
ANG	75:05	C-47A	40:25
AF	13:20		

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## TEMPORARY GRADES VANISH FROM AF BEGINNING JUNE 1 (AFPS)

Beginning June 1 all airmen in pay grades E-2 through E-9 will receive permanent rank along with their new stripes.

In addition to this, Headquarters USAF is preparing an order for the field which will make permanent all temporary grades held by airmen.

### ConAC's Three Numbered Air Forces Replaced by Six Regional Sites

Continental Air Commands three numbered air forces will close down and be replaced September 30 by six "regional headquarters Air Force said this week. Each regional site will be headed by an active duty general who will have a staff of 117 persons, including 32 active duty people and 85 non-EAD persons. One of the latter the region deputy commander, will be non-EAD Reserve General.

The new regions which will administer ConAC's reserve program will coincide with existing Army areas in this country. The six headquarters will be Mitchel AFB, N.Y. Andrews AFB, MD; Robins AFB, GA; Kelly AFB Calif.

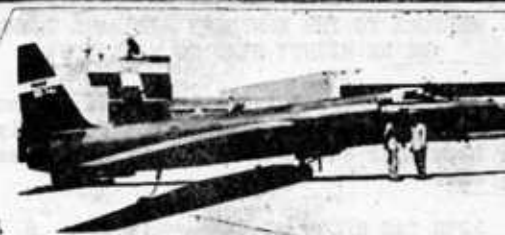
The three numbered Air Forces going out of existence are Robins, Selfridge and Hamilton. ConAC Headquarters will remain at Mitchel for the present.

The changes are the latest step in the overhaul of the Reserve announced earlier. One big feature of the new program is giving major air commands actual training and inspecting responsibility for Air Guard and Air Reserve units assigned to them and which they will control in an emergency.

ConAC will continue to command units of the reserve and furnish administrative logistic and budgetary support. Commands will provide AF Advisors and training personnel, measure achievements, and conduct inspection of Reserve Forces Units.

## SPORTS

1. How many triple plays were completed in the National League last year?
2. What pitcher in the National League last season had the longest winning streak?
3. Name the only National League team which does not observe Daylight Savings Time.
4. Which National team allowed the least number of home runs during 1959?
5. Milwaukee's Hank Aaron won the 1959 National League batting championship. Who won it in 1958. (See Page 4)



**LOOK SEE**—One hundred aviation writers got their first look at this U-2 jet at a recent public viewing at Edwards AFB, Calif.

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### Ode to a Perilous Occupation

These are the times  
That try forecasters souls  
An incorrect forecast  
And my poor head rolls

My unit is having  
A party tomorrow  
Bad weather will cause me  
A great deal of sorrow

I'll rise to the challenge  
I'll conquer my fear,  
On D-Day, H-Hour  
The sky will be clear

Omar Khayam

P.S. He lost his head.

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### KY AIR GUARDSMAN PARTICIPATES IN SPECIAL REFRESHER SCHOOL

Captain George J Long from our Wing Legal Section had the pleasure of attending Judge Advocate General Refresher Course at Charlottesville, Virginia last month.

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### ECI PARTICIPATION

Capt Ellis	A/2C Bliss
2nd Lt Kuhn	A/2C Duddy
MSGT Adams	A/2C Mueller
MSGT Lamb	A/3C Miller
SSgt Webb	A/B Wise
A/1C Redmon	

WELCOME TO THE KENTUCKY AIR NATL GUARD  
WE'RE MIGHTY GLAD TO HAVE YOU

The following personnel are new members of our Air Guard Wing. We certainly hope your stay here will be a pleasant one.

123D TAC RECON WG

A/2C James A. Mueller  
A/B George F. Petro  
A/B Donald C. Smith  
A/B Noel D. Weber

165TH TAC RECON SQ

A/2C Donald G. Wilkerson  
A/B Robert P. Diebold  
A/B Gerald A. Gradek  
A/B David J. Griffey  
A/B Joseph V. Griffith

123D SUPPLY SQ

A/B Larry W. Eckart

123D TRANS SQ

A/2C Claude H. Webb  
A/B Kenneth R. Elbert  
A/B Robert B. Empson

123D A & E MAINT SQ

A/B John E. Hermes  
A/B Thomas L. Kerstiens  
A/B Charles E. Scott Jr  
A/B Frederick A. Widman Jr

123D CAM SQ

A/B George A. Denton  
A/B Donald J. Kerstiens  
A/B Charles G. Seitz

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(Answers to Quiz)

1. None
2. Pittsburgh's Roy Face with 17 straight wins.
3. Cincinnati Reds.
4. Milwaukee Braves with a 128 mark.
5. Richie Ashburn of the Philadelphia Phillies with .350.

AIRMAN PROMOTIONS FOR MAY 1960

The following airmen were promoted to the grades indicated during the May promotion cycle.

TO MASTER SERGEANT

Charles W. Simmons  
James D. Whyte

TO STAFF SERGEANT

Emory H. Burnett  
John Chernicky  
Eugene S. Collins  
David C. Hyde  
Thomas W. Seay Jr

TO AIRMAN FIRST CLASS

Robert E. Kerr  
Thomas J. Kiefer

TO AIRMAN SECOND CLASS

Luther E. McDowell

TO AIRMAN THIRD CLASS

Donvan C. Adams  
Robert E. Armstrong Jr  
Robert G. Clifford  
Virgil C. Crouch  
Herbert M. Corey  
Herman H. Engelmeyer Jr  
Thomas D. Fallon  
Roscoe Fears  
John P. Greer  
Donald W. Kessler  
Ronald L. Ramsey  
Arthur R. Yoder  
James E. Wheatley  
Everett C. Wise Jr

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CONGRATULATIONS

The Vapor Trails would like to welcome the following new Officers.

Capt Ralph E. Ennis Jr  
1st Lt Damon R. Campbell  
2nd Lt Paul DeMuth  
2nd Lt John Elsner  
2nd Lt Francis Stultz