## Midnight Curfew Begins Monday



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## Only Act of Nature Mars Aircraft Readiness Record

Operationally Ready Supply -Grounded) record that has been a topic of conversation at Korat RTAFB for more than three months has been shaken by mother nature, but still stands, in part,

The Lockheed BC-121R Super Constellation aircraft of 553rd Reconnalissance Wing have experienced no NORS-G since Feb. 6, once again breaking the base record with four months' NORS-G-Gree operation,

Attempts to extend the record of the Republic F-105 Thunderchiefs of the 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, however, were folled by high winds that hit the base April 22.

Wind Blasts Record

The unexpected winds saverely damaged two P-105 stabilizers which were to be re-installed on aircraft undergoing repair, and had to be replaced with new ones. The NONS time accrued waiting for parts resulted in aNORS-G rate of .4 per cent in April and May.

"The stabilizer can be repaired locally, even after battle damage, in our normal operations, SMSgt. Warren Robson, NCOIC of 388th TFW Materiel Control, said. But the high winds damaged two stabilizers beyond local repair capabilitles.\*

TSgt. Thomas York, NCOIC of the Supply Control Center, injected, But the stabilizer NORS-Gs only slowed us down; we haven't had a NORS-G since they were replaced.

Last month the repair capability of the 553rd RW was 97.8 per cent and the 368th TFW's 98.9 per cent. At the same time, the expediter supply overall effectiveness rate reached an all-time high of 90.8 per cent; and the Supply

Demand Processing Center averaged more than 1,000 domands a day during May for another record.

All this shows the tremend-

tenance and supply which are required for such a NORS-G record, the various supervisors agreed.



GET WELL SOON - A giant "get well" card, signed by several hundred base personnel is presented to Col. Norman P. Phillips, 388th Tactical Fighter Wing vice commander, at the base dispensary by Col. Paul P. Douglas, wing commander, (left) and Maj. Gen. William C. Lindley Jr., deputy commander, Seventh/Thirteenth Air Force - Colonel Phillips departed the base this week for convalescence in Massachusetts after he was injured bailing out of his disabled Republic F-105 Thunderchief on May 30. Related editorial, page 2. (U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY AIC NOLAN RECKER)

## River Rats To Re-unite Friday; Colonel Sams Is Honored Guest

Members of one of the most select clubs in the world, the Red River Valley Association, will invade Korat RTAFB Fxiday to participate in the lifth practice reunion of the or-

ganization. Current combat crewmen-

## Lt. Karl Richter Honored With Memorial Scholarship

The late LL Kari W. Richter a former 388th Tactical Fighter Wing pilot who flaw more than 200 combat missions over North Vietnam, has re-ceived yet another honor.

The dedication of amemorial scholarship in Lieutenant Richter's name and the presentation of a static Republic F-105 Thunderchief display highlighted coremonles in his commemoration at the Air Force Academy last week.

Lieutenant Richter, him-self an Academy graduate, died of injuries after ejecting from his disabled Thunder-chief on July 27, 1967. He was the second priot to have completed 200 combat missions over North Vietnam, and also was the youngest plot to down an enemy MIG over North Viefnam.

Ponically, an F-105 disrupted the ceremony when it made a low, super-somic pass during a Thunderchief flyover finale. The jet streaked low across the Academy, and its sonic boom blew out some 300 windows in surrounding buildings.

bers of all Thailand-based (actical fighter wings, former combat crews now stationed



throughout the Pacific Air Forces, and "honorary" Ri-ver Rats from air rescue, air refueling and airborne control and warning units will descend on the base around noon Friday to begin two days of festivities which will end-up Saturday night at the Siam - Intercontinental Hotel in Bangkok.

Even the Navy will be re-

presented, with two pilots from the sircraft carrier U.S.S. Enterprise, Gying in to make the scene.

The idea of the "River Rats" originated at Koratover a year ago and the first practice union was held here on May 22, 1967. It was the brainchild of Col. Howard "Scrappy" Johnson, former deputy commande for Operations of the 388th Tactical Fighter Wing. Membership in the Red River Valley Association is made up solely of those who have flown into combat over the Red River valley of North Vietnam, agreed by military ex-perts to be one of the most heavily defended targets in the history of air warfare.

Previous practice reunions have been held at Ubon, Takhli and Udorn RTAFBs.

Guest of honor this year will be Col. Monroe S. Sams, the first commander of the 388th TPW when it was organized at Korat RTAFB on April 8, 1966. Colonel Sams

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### Reg To Clear Streets; Exceptions Will Be Few

A nighttime curfew on the "out - of-door presence" of Air Force personnel the Korat area has been imposed by a new regulation — Base Regulation 125-1 - which goes into effect Monday.

The regulation applies to all personnel, of all grades, present in the area of operation (defined as Korat Province) with the following exceptions

\*Persoanel performing offi-

ciai duty

\*Persons who must be aⅡ U.S., military installations due to bonafide emergencies when their travel is approved in writing by their unit commander.

\*Those persons who have been directed by compotent authority to occupy off-base quarters and who are in direct transit between duty and quarters or vice versa.

Air Force military per-sonnel are not suchorized on any street, road or public thoroughtare in the area of operation between midnight and 6 a.m. Monday through Friday and 1-6 a.m. on Satur-day and Sunday.

Those found in violation of the new curiew will be subject to disciplinary action under Article 92, Uniform Code of Military Justice, the regulation

## Project PET Volunteers Needed Now

An all-fime record number of classes has left the base community relations program Project English Teacher(PET) short of the number of volunteers needed.

A total of 76 classes in three Korat city schools have requested volunteers for the current term to assist inteaching English to children in grades one through seven. Classes are held twice weekly on a Monday-Tuesday, Monday-Wednesday or Tuesday-Wednesday schedule, exceptior one session of 10 classes on Tuesday and Thursday at the Musing School.

Twenty classes are available in grades I-4 at the Yothin School, located just outside the gate to Fort Suranaree, from 3 to 4 p.m. Remaining classes are grades 5-7, including 12 at Yothin, 15 at Wat Sakeo (near the new Provincial Police Headquarters) and 29 at Muang School on Friendship Highway, Transportation is provided by the base motor pool to and from all classes.

Only 41 base personnel bave signed up for PET. Twelve began to teach this week at the Yothin School and the remainder have been contacted by the Office of Information. They will begin teaching Mon-

Capt, Jon W. Alguist, chief of information, noted that if

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#### CPO Makes Move To Gate Three

The Civilian Personnel Office moved into its new building near gate three Tuesday and is now open for normal operation.

The downtown Korat re-cruiting office was also closed on Wednesday.

Applicants Will now visit CPO at the new gate three location or may review vacancy announcements which will be posted at the Korat town hall.

## You're 'The Rest'

COL, NORMAN P. PHILLIPS,

VICE COMMANDER, 388TH TACTICAL FIGHTER WING.

For the past five months it has been my privilege to serve as vice commander of the 388th Tactical Fighter Wing. During this time I have witnessed on many occasions the high caliber of men assigned to carrying out our vital mission.

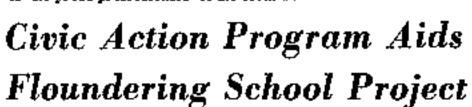
Your acceptance of neverending tasks, and your attitudes toward the unyielding pressure of mounting duties have proved to me that you are the best

America has to offer.

I was able to meet and know many of you personally. I regret that I hadn't the time to meet you all. But the dedication we shared is the common bond through which we all have communicated. In this sense, I feel that I know all of you well enough to leave with the utmost confidence in your continued all-out performance.

Though I leave unwillingly, it is with the knowledge that our mission will be carried on to the achievement of its ultimate goal of peace in Southeast Asia for all

My brief tour at Korat has been one of the highlights of a 25-year Air Force career. It has been an honor to serve as one of the proud professionals of the 388th TFW.



Primary grade school children in the village of Ban Han now have more room to learn, thanks to a helping hand from the Korat RTAFB civic actions program.

The recent completion of a new four-classroom wing to village school nearly doubles the previous faciliand was completed just in time for the opening of the current school term.

> "The villagers really deve the credit,\* explained. Col. Arnold S. Hooks, 388th abat Support Group civic ons officer. They did all labor and we just helped n out with some needed

The base contributed about \$300 worth of lumber, nails, paint, brushes and other materials, and the 388th Munitions Maintenance Squadron came up with enough surplus wooden crates - used to ship bomb casings - to make some 60 school desks for the chil-

ding materials.

dren. The villagers held a fair in March to raise enough money to pay carpenters and buy additional building materials. Many of the Ben Han people also put in long hours of volunteer labor to get the new addition ready in time for the new term.

Colonel Hooks joined with the governor of Korat Province for the formal dedication ceremony which included the unveiling of a wooden plaque saying in both English and Thai: "Built with the cooperation of the 388th CSG, Korat RTAFB.

Although the dedication marked the completion of the new addition, it did not mark the end of the Ban Han project. Plans are currently un-derway to obtain additional materials to add more classrooms to the ground floor of the building so the school can expand from a primary (first four grades) to a secondary (through grade seven)

## River Rats Plan Gathering Complete With Elephants

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is currently commander of the 18th TFW at Kadena AB, Oki-

After meeting on the flightline, the pilots will join in a parade complete with elephants, the 50-piece Thai Provincial Police band and five floats. The parade will wind through the base and end at the Officers' Open Mess.

#### Afternoon Buffet

The officers will meet at the club for a builet from 2 to 3 p.m., followed by a joint tactics conference for commanders and operations offi-cers at 3:30 p.m. in Richter

A samlor race will be one of the highlights of the game session in the club area during the afternoon,

The River Rats will assemble again in the evening for a Dining-in and presentation of awards for the day's

#### To Bangkok Saturday

On Saturday, the conferees will attend breakfast at the club, then fly to Bangkok at noon for an evening dinner party at the Siem-Intercontinental Hotel.

Units taking part in the fifth practice reunion in addition to the host 388th TFW include the 355th TFW and Det. 1, 428th TFS at Takhli, 8th TFW at Ubon, 432nd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing,

#### PET Volunteers Needed Urgently

(Continued from Page 1) just 1.3 per cent of the total base population participated in the program, all classes would be filled. "This means that an average of three men from each of the base's major squadrons would completely fill our requirement. A number of squadrons have more than that participating, but many others are not repre-sented at all, he said.

Personnel interested in participating should contact the Office of information at 2125 or 3797 for complete information and class schedules.

602nd Fighter Squadron and 40th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron at Udorn, 4258th Strategic Wing at U. Tapao, 18th TFW at Kadens.

347th TFW at Yokota, Japan and the College Eye Task Force and Detachment 2, Tactical Air Warfare Center ("Rivet Top") at Korat.



MAINTENANCE MAN OF THE MONTH — The 553rd Field Maintonance Squadron has chosen Sgt. Kenneth W. Daubert as Maintenance Man of the Month for May. Sergeant Daubert is responsible for insuring that all personal and cargo parachutes assigned to 553rd Reconnasissance Wing are completely inspected, repaired and repacked. "His thoroughness of inspection and strict adherence of technical orders, coupled with his ability, insure that all of his work is always perfect," Sergeant Daubert's supervisors said. Presenting the achievement certificate is Maj. Keith Dills, 553rd FMS commander. — (U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY AIC NOLAN RECKER)

#### Care To Win \$1,000 By Writing 1 Letter?

One thousand dolawaits year's winner of the Freedoms annual Awards foundation Program of 1968.

Letters must be not less than 100 or more than 500 words and may be mailed any time before Nov. 1, 1968 to:

Freedoms Foundation Valley Forge, Pa. 19481

Additional formation and full details are available at the Office of Information,

## ข่าวชาวไทย

ลึกไมนาน คามกระดูวนประกาศขอ ความทั่วทั้งฐานทัศา จะใดนี้การที่ดหุมายู ประกาศที่สำคัญๆ ๒ เรื่องตัวยกับ เพื่อให้ พบัญหนู หรือถูกจางชาวใหยใดอาน และ พราบูไว้ หมูายประกาศที่จะนำมาติดไว้ คามที่กลาวมาขางสม ได้แก

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- วิธีคำเบ็นการจางคน เขาทำงาน ในฐานทัศว

หมายประกาดทามชูยนูรถจะก่งหัวรอ อันเป็นแนวทางสำคัญๆ ชี้ใหญ่กิจานประ-หกุลุกมใดยเหมาะสม และถูกตอง ทั้งนี้ ในวาจะเป็นในเวลางาน หรือนอกเวลา งานก็คาม บางขอที่ยาบาลงุจะวาควบ เรื่องการให้ หรือ รับเอาสินข้างรางวัด กฎมห้างานเด็นสวนคัว กามปีของปุธยกภูณี ไวูในครอบครอง และการใชบักรผาน เชา-8อกฐานทัพา เป็นทบ

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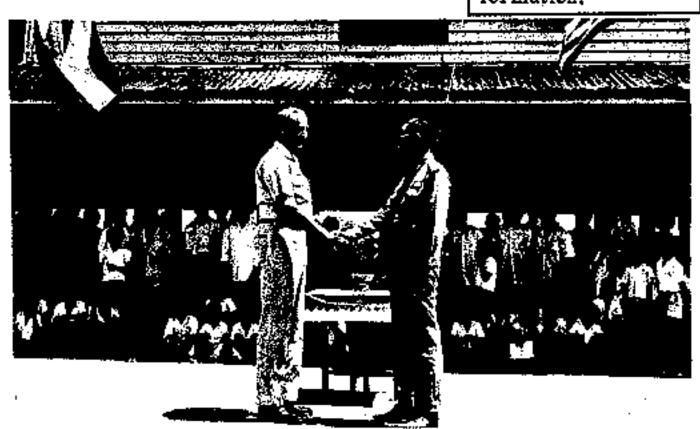
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COOPERATION FOR EDUCATION - Lt. Col. Arnold S. Hooks, 388th Combat Support Group civic actions officer, shakes hands with Sawaswong Patitas, governor of Korat Province, to mark the formal dedication of the Ban Han village primary school about 15 miles south of the base. The civic actions program helped villagers add an additional wing to the school by contributing lumber and building materials to the project (U,S, AIR FORCE PHOTO)



ALARM MAN - A1C Russell D. Mutter mans the fire alarm control room, taking all incoming calls over the emergency lines and plotting the exact locations of each incident.



LINE DUTY — AIC Kenneth Brown hands protective gear to Sgt. Manuel Lewis as he prepares for flight line patrol duty. Two men stay with the huge crash truck for continuous two-hour shifts on the flightline, while the third crew member patrols in a smaller truck.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

— Miss Sakarnta Oupasarn fits
right into the concept of a
modern fire department. She
handles routine calls and paperwork while also fulfilling the
duties of translator.

# Preventing, Polishing, Planting; And They Also Put Out Fires

BY SGT. JIM CRAWFORD

The days of little red firehouses with shiny brass poles are long past, and fire fighters of the Korat RTAFB fire department are quickly erasing forever the image of the card-playing, engine-polishing fireman.

In fact, the men at Korat are taking on every task short of setting their own fires to keep themselves completely immersed in work. A spotless fire department; a self-help constructed lounge, kitchen, screened porch and office; a huge flower garden on manicured lawns; and ever-improving ideas for safety and fire prevention are but a few of the results. Outstanding ratings from both Thirteenth Air Force and Pacific Air Force inspection teams are more indirect results.

Just A Shell

The fire department building was nothing more than a
shell when the 50-man force
moved in. Go ahead was given
on several self-help projects
and the structure was transformed into an attractive and
comfortable facility with the
obvious benefit of good planning
— ail in less than a year.

The men haven't stopped there, however. The building has been painted several times, and a large flower garden is still getting daily attention. The extra work keeps department morale consistently high, NCOs report.

No Major Fires

Korat RTAFB has had only four chargeable fires in more than a year that have involved real property loss. These were mattress fires caused by individual neglect. The record is a credit to the department's fire prevention program which calls for monthly inspections of the more than 600 Korat buildings; and the weekly inspection of all

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Photos by

AIC Gregory Dultz

fire department; a self-help high hazard areas such as constructed lounge, kitchen, screened porch and office: and flightline shops.

Of course, the regular duties of a firefighter still dominate most of each man's 24-hour shift. Aircraft standby calls—for aeromedical flights, fueling operations, engine tests and emergencies—required more than 1,200 runs for the department in February alone. There were 655 in March.

SMSgt. Alwyn B. Coleman, base fire chief, calls the Korat RTAFB fire department workload greater than that of Eglin AFB, Fla., one of the world's largest bases, where he was fire chief for 4-1/2 years.



PROTECTING PROTECTIVE GEAR — AIC Oliver Joseph Jr., hand line operator for the base fire department, inserts the gold face plate into one of the fire department's heat shielding helmets. Base firemen designed and constructed the metal rack for their protective gear.



MORALE BUILDER — The fire department's large flower garden is a pet project and high morale builder for the base fire fighters during their long 24-hour shifts. SMSgt. Alwyn B. Coleman, base fire chief, inspects latest contributions to the garden.



ALWAYS THE POLISHING — There are still the traditional chores of the fireman, of course, as hand line operator A1C Albert M. Finocchiaro demonstrates. Aside from keeping everything shiny, the fire department boasts its own maintenance section which has literally rebuilt each of the 16 pieces of heavy fire fighting equipment over the past few years.



HISTORIC RESCUE - Maj. Michael Muskat (center) and Capt. Kyle Stouder (left) buckle into an HH-53B Jolly Green Giant helicopter shortly after being snatched from the jungle. This photo, taken by A1C Gregory Dultz, 601st Photo Flight, Korat, during the February rescue of the two 388th Tactical Fighter Wing pilots, was named "Photo of the Month" for March by Pacific Air Forces. Major Muskat and Captain Stouder completed their 100th combat mission last week. (U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO)

## Three Pilots Join 100-Mission Club

Three Republic Thunderchief pilots of the 388th Tactical Fighter Wing recently completed their 100th. combat missions over North Vietnam.

Flying with the 34th Tac-

tical Fighter Squadron, Maj. Almer J. Barner Jr., 37, Ruleville, Miss., participated in strikes against many targets in the heavily defended Hanoi area which included Kep and Phuc Yen airfields and the

Hanoi railroad and highway bridges.

reassigned to Eglin AFB, Fla., received four Distinguished Flying Crosses and 10 Air Medals during his tour of duty

Capt. Harry G. Paddon III. 28, Silver Springs, Md., a 1962 Air Force Academy graduate. flew many of his missions in the Hanoi area prior to the president's announcement of a bombing curtailment.

During his tour Captain Paddon received two Distinguished Flying Crosses and 10 Air Medals. He has been reassigned to Moody AFB, Ga.

Capt. Arthur A. Powell, 29, Enid, Okla., flew 19 missions in the Hanoi area, considering his part in the raid on the Hanoi railroad and highway bridge the highlight of

Captain Powell received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal. A graduate of Kansas University, Captain Powell has been reassigned to William AFB, Ariz.

Major Barner, who has been

his tour.

## IM Teams Stage Pitcher's Duel In Fast - pitch Race

Spectators at the base diamond witnessed a pitcher's duel last week between 553rd Reconnaissance Wing Headquarters' Al Toney and 553rd/ 554th Reconnaissance Squadrons' Ron Griebe.

Toney struck out 15 of his opponents and allowed no hits to emerge the victor in the fast-pitch game. Final score was 2-0.

Griebe gave up only three

Headquarters' first run came in on a walk and error. A walk was also involved in the second score of the even-

Don Peyton, who pitched part of the first inning for the headquarters team, allowed one hit.

The victory moved 553rd Headquarters ahead of 553rd/ 554th in the league standings. The team now has a 3-1 season record.

Fast-pitch league standings

## FMS Topples Unbeaten Nat'l League Leaders

388th Field Maintenance Squadron slow-pitch softball team moved into a third-place tie in the National League standings last week with a resounding victory over the previously unbeatent-Kaboomers, 10-4.

At the same time, the mechanics yanked the Kaboomers out of a first-place tie with 553rd Field Maintenance Squadron.

Winning pitcher Lawrence McDonald gave up only four

Slow-pitch league standings as of Tuesday were: American League - 553rd EMS, 4-0; Det. 7 sec. wg., 2-1; 388th Supply Sq., 2-2; 469th TFS, 2-2; 388th MMS, 2-2; 553rd/ 554th Recon. Sqs., 2-2; Det. 2 TAWC, 1-3; USAF Dispensary. 0-3. National League -55rd FMS, 3-0; Kaboomers, 3-1; 1998th Comm. Sq., 2-1; 388th FMS, 2-1; 388th Trans. Sq., 2-2; 388th CE Sq., 1-2; Finance, 1-3; 553rd OMS, 0-4.

as of Tuesday were: Ameri-League - 388th FMS 4-0; 469th TFS, 4-1; 388th Supply Sq., 2-1; 553rd OMS, 2-2; 1998th Comm. Sq., 2-2; 2 TAWC, 1-3; 553rd FMS, 0-4. National League -553rd EMS, 4-1; 388th CSG, 3-1; 553rd Hq., 3-1; 553rd/ 554th, 2-2; 388th AEMS, 2-2; 44th TFS, 0-4; 388th SP,



TENNIS ANYONE? — Lawrence Hegeman, base tennis team member, warms up while awaiting to start action against the Camp Friendship team last Saturday. The Army netters didn't show, however, and the match was forfeited. The tennis players will meet again at Camp Friendship Satturday at 9 a.m. — (U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY A1C NO-LAN RECKER)

## Sport Notes

An intramural horseshoe tournament is stated to begin June 17. Those interested in participating should contact SSgt. Bill Phinney, Physical Conditioning Unit, ext. 3674, All participants must attend a special meeting Friday at 1 p.m. in the PCU.

A summer basketball league for base teams will open on or about June 17, PCU officials report. Squadrons forming teams are requested to report to the PCU by Monday.

#### Cobras Coiled For Today's Game

being rained-out After last week, the Cobras are anxious for today's fast-pitch softball game with U-Tapao Airfield's team.

The game begins at the base diamond at 1 p.m.

Thailand Sports League softball standings are: Ubon, 6-0; Korat, 3-3; Udorn, 3-3; U-Tapao, 2-2; Don Muang, 1-3; Takhli, 4-4; Nakhon Phanom, 1-5.

## T hai Tips

BY TOM KOONSAKDA



That people look to the elephant as being the highest class of animals.

Not only its decility in addition to its enormous size, which enables it to do hard work for men, but the elephant's graceful and kingly appearance as well has earned the respect and admiration of all Thais. Atraditional Thai belief to evolve from this attitude toward the elephant holds that a king, in whose reign a white elephant is caught, is a blessed king.

When a white elephant is captured, it is presented to the king in a grand official ceremony, and an official title is given the elephant. During the reign of the present king of Thailand, many white elephants have been captured. The most recent, caught in southern Thailand, was presented to the king in April.

In the days before mechanization, the elephant played an invaluable role in all Southeast Asian wars. A warrior who killed his enemy in an elephant-back duel was highly honored.

One of the greatest elephant-back duels in Thai history was that of Prince Naresuan (later King Naresuan the great of Thailand) who killed the crown prince of Burma in a battle to determine the victors in the Thai-Burmese war more than 300 years ago.

Elephant contests can still be witnessed each November at Surin, site of the annual elephant round-up, about 45 miles by train from Korat.

In Thailand's northernprovinces, elephants are still being trained to drag logs from the jungles and to entertain in the famous Chiengmai elephant shows.



INSTRUCTOR OF THE MONTH - TSgi. Robert F. Labier, Acrospace Ground Equipment instructor with the 907S Field Training Detachment, has been chosen by his organization as Instructor of the Month for June, Ronors included a threeday pass and a gift from the detachment commemorating the event. The Paducah, Kentucky native is a 10-year Air Force veteran. - (U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO)

## Gen. Ryan Receives Orders

HQ. PACAF, Hawaii (PA-CAF NS) - President Lyndon B. Johnson has announced that Gen. John D. Ryan, Pacific Air Forces commander will become Air Force vice chief of staff on Aug. 1.

Gen. Joseph J. Nazzaro, present Strategic Air Command Commander, will assume the top PACAF post.

General Nazzaro was born in New York City, March 21, 1931. He attended high school in New York and Millard Preparatory School, Washington, D.C., prior to attending the military academy. After graduation from advanced flying school at Kelly Field, Tex., he was transferred to the Air Corps from the infantry. His first assignment was in the Philippines.

Following assignments with various bombardment units, the general became commander of the 381st Bomb Group in Texas and led the unit to England in 1943.

Other appointments announced by the President included the assignment of Gen. William W. Momyer, deputy commander, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam and Seventh Air Force commander, to Tactical Air Command Commander; and Lt. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, Thirteenth Air Force commander, to U.S. Strike Command commander.

Lt. Gen. George S. Brown will take over the post vacated by General Momyer and Maj. Gen. Francis C. Gideon will replace General Davis.

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