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Briefings

The Honorable Togo D. West, Jr., became Secretary of the Army on 23 November 1993 when he took the oath of office in a private ceremony at the Pentagon. Secretary West was confirmed by the Senate on 20 November. A lawyer since 1968, he was commissioned in the Army's Judge Advocate General Corps and served on active duty with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs). He has served in a variety of positions, including the Department of the Navy's General Counsel, Special Assistant to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense, and as the DoD General Counsel. For his military service, West received the Legion of Merit and Meritorious Service Medal.

The 4th Bi-Annual Reunion of the 1st Brigade (Separate), 101st Airborne Division, will be held 26-30 May 1994 at the Marriott Pavilion Hotel, St. Louis, MO. For more information, contact: Barry Hana, P.O. Box 31788, St. Louis, MO 63131, Tel: (314) 993-2952, evenings and weekends.

Harris Corporation of Melbourne, FL has awarded Litton Systems Canada Ltd. an \$8M contract to produce advanced active matrix liquid crystal displays for the RAH-66 Comanche. The contract calls for delivery of 66 color and monochrome displays in 6×8 " and 6.6×3.5 " sizes. Delivery of the displays to Harris, the cockpit electronics integrator, started this summer for use in the program's demonstration and validation phase.

Frasca International, Inc. delivered the first TH-67 Cockpit Procedures Trainer (CPT) as part of Bell Helicopter Textron's \$85M contract with the Army for the New Training Helicopter (NTH) program. The Army will use the CPT to train students in the proper procedures for engine startup, shutdown, and ground emergencies. Nine Frasca CPTs are on order.

CW4 Mark E. Metzger has been awarded the American Defense Preparedness Association's Tester of the Year for his service as an Experimental Test Pilot with the Airworthiness Qualification Test Directorate (AQTD) at Edwards AFB, CA. CW4 Metzger was the test director/test pilot on the integration of the T700-GE-701C engine on the Apache, and became the Army expert on this integration. CW4 Metzger retired from the Army last spring as a Master Army Aviator with almost 6,000 flight hours.

The 110th Aviation Company (SETAF) is seeking all former unit members (or their dependents) that served and lived in Verona, Italy between 1963 and 1970 for establishment of a roster leading to a possible reunion. Interested parties should write to John K. Carpenter, 5440 East Colby Street, Mesa, AZ 85205 or telephone (804) 888-2475 (Ft. Eustis, VA, during business hours) or (804) 220-0352.





Dear Readers:

Welcome to a brief trip down memory lane. As you read through our founder Art Kesten's review of some of the highs and lows over the years, keep in mind that what he has put together as a historical perspective is just the tip of the iceberg.

When we started this project last year, we thought we might reprint some landmark articles that had appeared over the years. Every major personality in Army Aviation since 1953 has contributed to the magazine, from those who developed its mission and doctrine like LTG Robert R. Williams and GEN Hamilton H. Howze to logistics support like LTG William Bunker and Joseph P. Cribbins, and even to the Branch itself like LTG Ellis D. Parker. We quickly realized that we would need a magazine issue about the size of your average dictionary just to scratch the surface.

We decided instead to condense each decade into a few montages of the various headlines, bylines and photos that Art felt best captured many of the most significant events. Contrary to his contentions, you may need a magnifying glass, but we're sure you'll enjoy the retrospective.

As for today and tomorrow, take a look at the next few pages for a fascinating look ahead to the next forty years of Army Aviation by the Branch Chief, MG Dave Robinson.

A special thanks is due to all the people who contributed Anniversary Messages. The new Secretary of the Army, The Honorable Togo D. West, Jr., sets the tone on page six and GEN Gordon R. Sullivan, the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army, leads off the special section on page 50. Where some of these people were, and what they were doing when they first read ARMY AVIATION are, to say the least, unique.

Additionally, please take a moment out to help us show our support to some of the advertisers in this issue who have been such outstanding supporters over the years by casting your ballot for your favorite ad. See page 62 for details.

Finally, and most importantly, we thank you, the readers and authors of ARMY AVIATION. The last forty years were in your hands. Certainly, the next forty years are as well. Fire up your word processor and send us an article. We'll do our best to make sure you're on the montages for the '90s when we publish our Golden Anniversary issue in 2003.

On behalf of all of us at Army Aviation Publications, Inc., thank you!

Lynn Coakley Publisher



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SECRETARY OF THE ARMY WASHINGTON

December 13, 1993



TO ARMY AVIATION

Army aviation was born over fifty years ago. A decade later, the progress of Army aviation began to appear in your publication. During the past 40 years, we have experienced a great deal of change, both in the world and in Army aviation. The aircraft of the 1940s have little resemblance to the helicopters of Desert Storm and Somalia. However, it is the same spirit of those early visionaries that provides a continuity in today's Army.

Another continuum is the American soldier. During my confirmation hearing, I said that the individual soldier is the ultimate smart weapon. The Army and the Department of Defense have to do our part to maintain support for America's ultimate smart weapon. I am committed to doing just that. I challenge your magazine to remember the soldiers as you continue to report on Army aviation. In taking care of America's soldiers, we must ensure they have the best equipment available as America's Army prepares for the 21st Century.

Congratulations on your 40th anniversary.

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Togo D. West, Jr.



THE NEXT FORTY YEARS

The humor of Yogi Bera's quotation, "The future ain't what it used to be" has subtle and profound meaning today. As major changes sweep the globe, predicting even a year or two into the future challenges even the most perceptive thinkers. It is there-

fore with some trepidation that your Branch Chief attempts to respond to ARMY AVIATION Magazine's request that I look at Army Aviation 40 years into the future.

Forty years ago, when ARMY AVIA-TION Magazine began publishing, Army Aviation was completing a period of phenomenal growth resulting from the tremendous role it was able to play in the Korean Conflict. Its aircraft inventory had more than tripled in three years to a total of 3,500. Its role and mission, although some-

The
Branch Chief
looks ahead
to the future
of Army
Aviation in the
21st Century.

what expanded, was limited for the most part to observation, reconnaissance, fire adjustment, medical evacuation, and battlefield resupply. The old Department of Air Training of the U.S. Army Field Artillery School at Fort Sill had just become the U.S.

Army Aviation School, and the move to a location other than Fort Sill was being considered. Who could have predicted then what Army Aviation would experience and become by 1993? Can the past 40 years be a prologue to the next 40?

How Army Aviation will evolve during the next four decades is inextricably linked to future directions in the world and our Nation's future need for military forces. Complex ideological, political, and economic interactions will cause some analysts to question whether the exercise of military power remains a relevant means of achieving national goals. Autonomous operations will become less common as calls for collaborative commitment increase; this will greatly complicate the political and military decision processes.

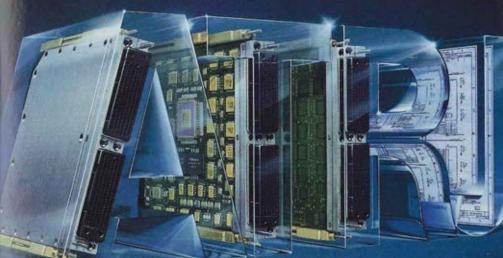
Futurists Alvin and Heidi Toffler have perceptively labeled the current "Information Age" as the "Third Wave" in the development of civilization. The other two great revolutions in human history, the Agrarian Revolution of 8,000 B. C., and the Industrial Revolution of the eighteenth century provide a sharp contrast to the present — when digital circuits enable us to pass almost infinite quantities of information around the world in nanoseconds.

The Tofflers postulate that this information and knowledge explosion has significantly influenced the ideological, political, and economic underpinnings of civilization. While other observers believe that contemporary change is being driven largely by the demise of the Cold War, the Tofflers conclude that the increase in knowledge during this age, perhaps the most rapid increase since the Enlightenment, is the principal reason for change in the world today. They suggest that our national strategy may currently be in somewhat of a vacuum, having been unhinged by the loss of the Cold War paradigm.

Ancient hatreds and intolerant attitudes persist, however, confirming the probability of future conflicts ranging from high technology battlefields to operations other than war. Sovereign nations will be increasingly assertive and will tap the high technology weapons producers of the world, who will tend to respond when presented with hard currency. Because of the proliferation of high technology, there will be a movement away from large standing armies.

Requirements for lethal and precise weapons that have the effect of massed forces will increasingly influence defense investment decisions. There will be considerable interest in space-based and terrestrial sensor communications, ballistic missiles, systems capable of precision fires, and perhaps nonlethal weapons. Agile, stealthy weapons platforms, both manned and unmanned, along with sophisticated electronic countermeasures will become increasingly important for battlefield survivability. The Army will likely increase its investment in manned and unmanned sensors, intelligence-producing systems, space-age communications, joint precision fires, agile and maneuverable armed reconnaissance, attack and assault platforms, and missile technologies.

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the necessary means for the promotion of our national interest and a concomitant free, democratic world.

The capability for successful operations in the third dimension of the ground battle

regime will become paramount. In the next 40 years, war is not likely to become a "push-button" affair, nor will it be conducted solely from the air. Joint forces operating in coalition with other nations will be the norm. Air maneuver in the ground regime will become commonplace in maneuver battle punctuated with high technology infantry and special operations soldiers. As T.R. Fehrenbach astutely observed,

"We can fly over the land, bomb it, atomize it, and wipe it clean of life; but if we desire to preserve it for civilization, we must ultimately put soldiers in the mud."

In the future high-technology ground environment, the role of Army Aviation will greatly increase. We will consummate the Aviation Restructure Initiative, gaining a streamlined force of fewer personnel equipped with the highest technology systems

possible.

Systems such as Longbow Apache, Comanche, Black Hawk, and the Chinook upgrade will be pivotal in meeting the ground commander's needs in all dimensions of the battlespace. Research and development will fo-

cus on advanced composites, propulsion, sensors, missiles, avionics, visionics, electronic survivability equipment, and digital communications.

The recent publication of FM 100-5, Operations, gives insight into future warfighting. The focus is on force projection, operations other than war, overwhelming combat power, versatility, simultaneous operations, and joint, combined, and interagency dimen-

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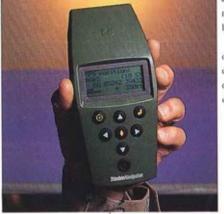
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Aviation tactics, techniques, and procedures will be adjusted to gain decisive victory against increasingly sophisticated adversaries. The training base will be challenged to shift from brute-force-thinking to harness the power of the human brain. Information Age technologies will demand agile-minded, intuitive leaders empowered to make quick battle decisions. As more powerful sensors become available and lethal systems with greater precision and lethality emerge, training regimes must change to harness soldier intellect. As we move from the era of the Huev and Cobra, significant investment must be made in the training base now to transition aviator and maintenance personnel from these faithful but mature systems to modern equipment.

There is no reason why traditional hierarchical staffs cannot be flattened. We must be capable of identifying the most outstanding and intuitive leaders and of training them to use the information produced in these new battlefield circumstances. The time is near when large, cumbersome staffs can be streamlined. Information Age technologies will do much of the work currently done in the acetate and grease pencil environment. You can be certain many will resist, just as the computer has been resisted by many during the last decade. While Information Age technology will permit large amounts of information to be processed very quickly, the question remains: To what end shall we use this information?

Simulation technology will be powerfully harnessed for training and combat development purposes. Sophisticated networks will link combined arms elements in real, constructive, and virtual environments. Much of our individual, crew, and collective training will be done in a simulation environment; we can and should trade off some OPTEMPO to accomplish this. The simulation environment will permit mission rehearsal on terrain developed from a worldwide database con-

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Army Aviation can and must lead the way in harnessing the power of the Reserve Components. In the post Cold War environment, all components must be shaped for shortnotice contingency

operations. Large reserve forces for mobilization purpose are a vestige of the Cold War. Statutes must be changed to give the National Command Authority immediate access to fully modernized Reserve Components. While offering tremendous potential, breaking the paradigm of past attitudes and practices will prove a formidable task.

In the next 40 years, we will harness information technologies to sustain the force. Smaller, high technology forces must be complemented with state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment in the hands of highly trained technical specialists. Aviation's "Stripes on the Flight Line" and Technical Career Track for our noncommissioned officers are exactly on target and must be promulgated.

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haps have been reduced from 30 to fewer than two per 100,000 flying hours. While system reliability has increased, we are flying smarter. In the coming decades, we must push the envelope of knowledge to reduce risk by lessening cockpit workload with better avionics and improved visionics. Much was said earlier about intuitive thinking: such thought can be applied in preventing avoidable accidents. Safety must be predominant to protect our expensive personnel and equipment investment from needless mishaps.

Minority American representation will continue to increase in all phases and levels of Army Aviation during the next decades. Women will find great opportunity to progress in the Branch. We are justly proud of recent progress made in these areas.

While we all have great pride in what has been accomplished, the demand for change in the next four decades will greatly alter attitudes and investment priorities in the Army. The time has come to confirm Aviation leaders as full participants in the Combined Arms Team. With full acceptance, many future senior leaders will wear Army aviator wings, serve in Army and Joint positions of significant responsibility, and rise to the highest positions in the Army. Essentially, the Army will transition as

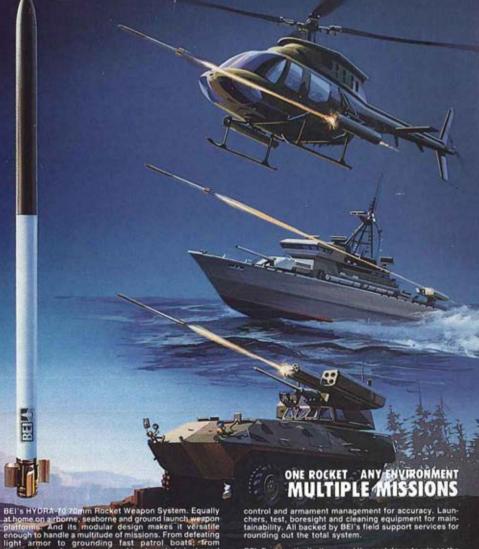
it did in earlier times when Field Artillery officers were finally accepted as capable of commanding divisions and corps, thus permitting service at the highest levels.

Aviation warrant officers' duties will be greatly expanded; they will be placed in increasingly important command and staff positions throughout the force where aviation technical expertise-is needed. Noncommissioned officers will possess greatly broadened technical skills and become specialists and experts in their aircraft field. As such, aviation maintenance must remain integral to the Aviation Branch.

The human mind is able to predict the future only as through a glass darkly. Just as someone in 1953 attempting to plot the course of Army Aviation for 40 years in the future would have been hardpressed to predict the Comanche and the simulation technology we use today, perceiving the latter decades of the next 40 years can be done only in vague outlines. In one thing, however, I am very confident: in the year 2033, Army Aviation soldiers will be able to reflect on the previous four decades as truly remarkable.



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When the editor recently asked me to help by contributing to this 40th Anniversary Issue, I said, "How?"

"Look, you were there at the very beginning. Just summarize the 40 years as best as you can, and give us a bit

about how this whole thing came about."

How does one summarize — repeat, summarize — 40 years. . .? Not easily. In the following six spreads and five photo pages that cover the '53'93 period, you have our best shot. You'll find data and trivia that touch upon a great many of the highlights of this 40-year span.

We've compressed over 1,350 of the headlines and by-lines of many of the magazine's feature articles, and added a random assortment of

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By our count, there are 227 individual by-lines appearing in the spread pages. Perhaps yours is one of them. You'll find many of the names of the "true giants" of Army Aviation squeezed into those spread pages somewhere.

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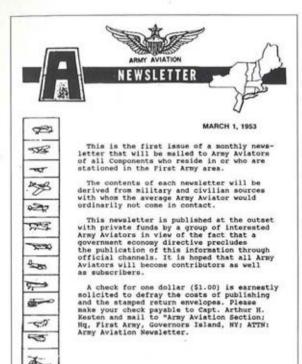
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Some of our younger CWOs, as well as the Lieutenants and Captains who came on board later, may enjoy noting the very personal "makeup" of the early '53'59 issues as contrasted with the high tech editorial approach shown in the

spread covering the '90'93 period.

Yes, the format and content of ARMY AVIATION Magazine changed gradually over the years and it's very discernible.

Beginning in the mid-1980s, the publication became less personal as 36 to 40 global correspondents contributed their "Here's what we're doing!" summaries each month. Where before the volunteer scribes wrote about their battalions, the new authors wrote about their aviation brigades. If you aren't impressed by this major quantum growth in structure and don't mutter. "Wow!" at this point, we'll say it for you: "Wow!"

This change did not come about without pain . . . Many of our 2,000+ vintage readers whose subscriptions date back to the '50s and '60s regularly bemoan the fact that today's columns, "Arrivals and Departures" (yesterday's "PCS" columns), do not list any familiar names to which we are prone to respond, "Where have you gone Bill Bailey, Perry Como, and Joe DiMaggio? We don't see your names in the papers anymore."

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The beginnings

As a Reservist flying weekends from Governor's Island in N.Y. Harbor in '53, we edited a monthly mimeograph newsletter for First Army Reservists (ARNG and USAR) and active Army Aviators. We did so at gov't expense (Uncle Sam's mimeo machine, paper, and postage, but our sweat).

The "Why?" of the effort is outlined on the cover of our very first mimeograph issue dated March, 1953 that's reproduced on the previous page.

We were subsequently thrown off post five months later when the G-1 told us the newsletter and its use of the First Army patch were unauthorized. Our action? We upped the subscription to a big \$2 and, in today's vernacular, "privatized" the magazine. A little over a year later, some 2,600+ had sent in their two dollars.

The staff

Initially a true "Mom and Pop" operation run as a hobby from a 14th story, two-bedroom apartment in downtown NYC (as shown in Joe Gayhart's cartoon immediately below), the magazine staff in Connecticut went to two full-timers in





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July, '55 ("Mom and Pop" plus a part-time working mother); went to four in '70 as more AAAA administrative tasks were assumed by the staff (and here began the down-in-the-basement residual smoke operation); and to eight people in '83.

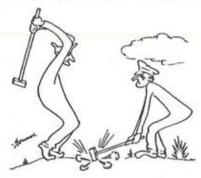
The current masthead lists 11, a good many of whom are primarily involved in direct AAAA support, and there are no shirkers or lurkers among them.

Peel away the four-color veneer and you'll find that "Mom" was the real dynamo in this exercise . . . How does one work side-by-side with one's wife day after day for 36 years, and still remain civil, yet alone married?

We agreed early on that anything that pertained to "num-

The Ground Pounders

May, 1957



"This is the last straw! Now those damned pilots have got a Flight Pay Protective Association!"

During 1957-89, more than 4,200 Army Aviators were covered under the AAAA-endorsed "Flight Pay Protection Plan" with claimants receiving more than \$2.1 million in payments.

Time lurches on!

The very small troublemaker who appears under the "Yeah, sebben!" balloon in the Joe Gayhart cartoon on the previous page is now the "Publisher" listed on this issue's page 3 masthead.

bers", be it checks, deposits, accounting, IRS, bills, etc. would be her responsibility. And anything that applied to "letters" — editorials, page paste-ups, ghost-writing, production, advertising, AAAA communications, etc. — would be our job. It was this very simple and clear cut division of workplace duties that kept us amicable marriage and business partners.

Additional duties

The load that she assumed was formidable, particularly as we grew in circulation, ad support, and AAAA administration in the 40 years. We happened to have two children right from the start who had to be transported, mothered, clothed, and fed — these were "add'l duties" that fortunately did not fall on my shoulders. One "plus" — they weren't after school latchkey children; one of us was always working at home when the school bus arrived.

Call me a deadbeat if you must, but I never paid a personal or magazine bill in 36 years, and I'm sort of proud of that. The bills were "numbers" and she paid every one of them. Amazing.

As you might guess, not every-

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thing was rosy all of the time . . . there were frequent post-Vietnam, Hamburger Helper and Rice Krispies days when our paid circulation and ad support hit worrisome "lows." (Bill Harris, the editor, in reading the galley proof, quipped, "Are you sure you don't mean Alpo, SOS, and Rice Krispies?") Things really weren't that bad, however, and the magazine managed to remain solvent throughout each of its "lows."

When we did hit a "low" and needed industry support it always seemed to be Gene Tallia, Bill Jones, Hans Weichsel or Carl Perry who were there as were others, of course.

Skill and humor

Our favorite authors. . . ? There were many, but for sheer literary brilliance we could not help but marvel at the many creative and highly professional personal efforts of Carl Hess, "Ris" Rawlings, Don Parker, Bob Williams, and Bill Maddox. We invariably found most aviators to be quite articulate as well as having a wonderful ability to inject humor into every possible situation.

Also, these aviator-writers were always forgiving. As you can guess, for many years we did not have access to the "Spell Check" software of today, and the embarrassing editorial "typos" were somehow rarely mentioned and in most cases entirely overlooked.

Pet gripe. . . ? We have only one: Military acronyms! JTGDM . . . Just Too GD Many!

What's in the future?

I regard the individuals on the current staff to be dedicated professionals who truly take great pride in their work — it's a personal pleasure to visit the beehive downtown occasionally (and beehive's a true description!), and to note the intensity of their efforts. They are a great crew and I assure you that ARMY AVIATION Magazine is indeed in good hands.

We'd like to say, in signing off, "It's been fun!" We've met and enjoyed the eyeball-to-eyeball company of several thousand subscriber-correspondents, a good many of whom, we're happy to say, are now close personal friends.

Of more importance, I feel that this one-to-one personal relationship exists between today's magazine staff and the countless subscribers and correspondents they now serve. How fortunate we all were . . . and are!

We've come full circle . . . We're right back at the title of this piece, "You've come a long way, baby!" A very happy 40th!



Senior Aviator Art Kesten was the magazine's initial editorpublisher. He is the AAAA's Past Executive Vice President, and serves as the AAAA Archivist and Vice Chairman of its National Awards Committee. "Dotty" Kesten, the Scholarship Foundation's Vice President, now helps transport, mother, clothe, and feed two granddaughters (and still pairs all of the family's bills).



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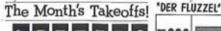


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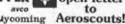
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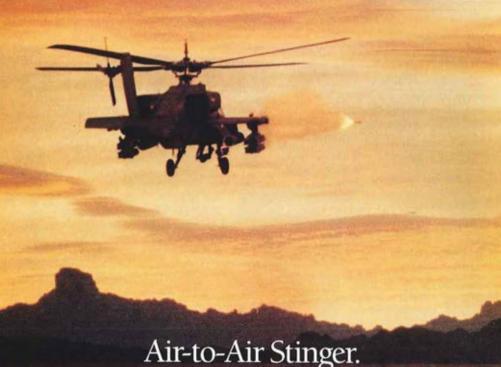
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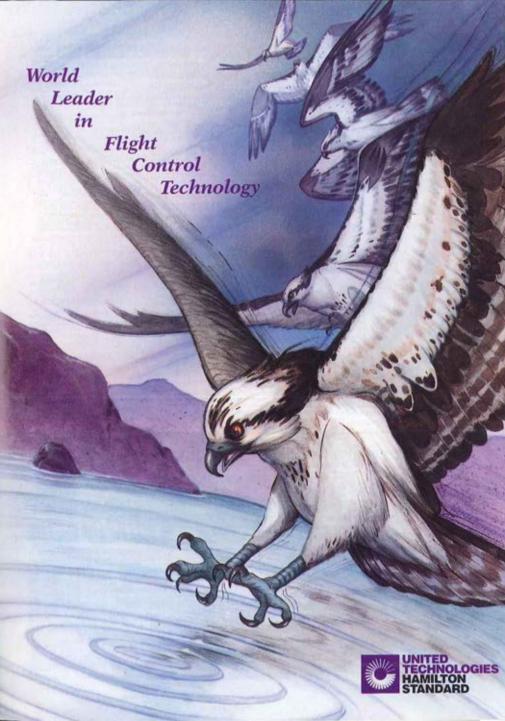
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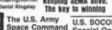
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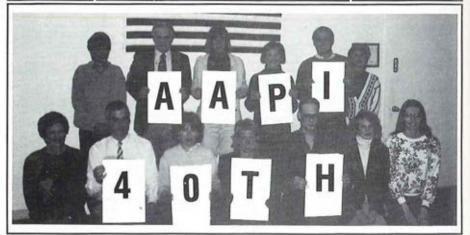




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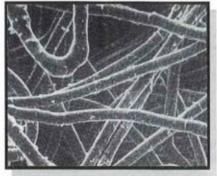
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40TH ANNIVERSARY MESSAGES

A number of Army Aviation Leaders, both military and civilian, were invited to contribute brief remarks and reminiscences on the occasion of the 40th year of ARMY AVIATION Magazine.

Congratulations on your 40th Anniversary. Your magazine has encouraged a healthy and open discussion of issues of interest to everyone in America's Army — Active, National Guard, Army Reserve, Department of the Army civilians, contractors and industry, retirees, veterans, families, and friends. ARMY AVIATION is not just for pilots. It's for all of us.

I first read ARMY AVIATION as a young lieutenant of Armor back in the early 1960s. The publication's candor, professional content, and determination to reflect the cutting edge of developments in Army Aviation impressed me then. I am still impressed. You have made a significant contribution to America's Army and to the common defense, Keep up the great work!

GEN Gordon R. Sullivan Chief of Staff, U.S. Army

Congratulations to ARMY AVIA-TION, especially its publishers, editors, and staff for 40 years of outstanding service to our Army and to Army Aviation.

I've been a dedicated reader since first using the magazine as a research aid while serving as an author/instructor in the Armor School's Command and General Staff Department. From the beginning, I've valued it as an authoritative reference, for professional development, and for keeping in touch. I'm convinced it's a "must read" for all Army Aviators.

Best Wishes on your 40th anniversary!

> BG Ronald E. Adams Director of Requirements ODCSOPS, DA

A lot has happened since the first issue of ARMY AVIATION Magazine. Man has been to the Moon. Supersonic passenger flights have become a daily event. And through it all, ARMY AVIATION has sustained its commitment to the Army community. Congratulations from Textron Lycoming.

David G. Assard President, Turbine Engine Division, Textron Lycoming

Forty years old. It's hard to believe. You have come a long way since I first heard about you at San Marcos, TX, during flight school in 1958. Over the years, your goals and objectives have changed as you've matured. They have definitely all been for the better and most importantly improved AAAA support to the membership. I'm looking forward to participating in your future growth and continued support of The Army, Army Aviation, and its Industry counterparts. Congratulations on your 40th Anniversary — continue the great work.

COL Sy Berdux, Jr., Ret. Boeing Helicopters Since my job depends upon keeping the U.S. Army Black Hawks and Apaches flying, I have always considered ARMY AVIATION Magazine an important resource. Your talented crew keeps us well informed on critical issues facing a rapidly changing industry. Forty years is a long time to stay on top of aviation — and I've been one of your avid readers over half of that time. Congratulations on a job well done.

Lou Bevilacqua General Manager, Turboshaft/Turboprop Project Department, GE Aircraft Engines

I'm proud to say that for 25 of your 40 years we have been friends. That period extends through my time with McDonnell Douglas, with the U.S. Army Aviation Systems Command and back to 1968. That was when, as a young aeronautical engineer working in the Army's Aviation Research Lab at NASA Ames, Moffett Field, CA, that I first read ARMY AVIATION. Congratulations. It's been an excellent friendship.

Dean C. Borgman Senior VP/General Manager, McDonnell Douglas Helicopter Co.

Acme-URDC congratulates ARMY AVIATION Magazine on forty years of superb performance. The work you do is a great help in keeping up with both the technology and the excellent people involved in this important part of our defense structure.

> Lowell K. Brown President, Acme Electric

On behalf of the Collins Avionics & Communications Division of Rockwell International's Defense Systems business unit, I extend warm congratulations to ARMY AVIATION on its 40th anniversary.

Your publication has carried news and events that have brought a sharper focus on Army Aviation, its goals and its accomplishments. It has brought us a better understanding of the Army's airborne needs and requirements because it is written by people who have dedicated their careers to Army Aviation. We salute you as we celebrate our own 60th anniversary in 1993.

Jack Cosgrove President, Collins Avionics & Communications Division

ATCOM is an avid supporter of your magazine. ARMY AVIATION plays a vital role in keeping the Army and civilian communities well informed of the latest aviation developments. On behalf of USAATCOM, happy 40th to the staff and best wishes for the next 40 years.

MG John S. Cowings Commanding General, USAATCOM

Congratulations to ARMY AVIATION Magazine on its 40th Anniversary and our most grateful thanks for a job well done. Forty years ago I was in the U.S. Army Forces Far East (USAFFE) in Japan having completed a one-year tour in Korea. Two personal memories come to mind. A trip to Seoul when Bed Check Charlie flying a World War II biplane paid us a visit and our real danger was from our own Air Defense which filled the air with ack-ack. A second memory was questioning why any message advising Korea that an airlift of bananas was on the way was classified Secret. The only secret involved was who got the hananas

> Joseph P. Cribbins DynCorp

ARMY AVIATION Magazine has served the Army Aviation community magnificently for 40 years. It has kept our military and industry aviation personnel well-informed in vital areas such as operations, tactics, doctrine, training, R&D, logistics and other important aspects of Army Aviation. The magazine has "talked the talk and walked the walk"; it has been a valuable source of information for me since first reading it during my flight training at Ft. Rucker in late 1959. Congratulations and best wishes for the future.

MG Charles F. Drenz, Ret. AAAA President, 1991-1993

I first read ARMY AVIATION shortly after coming to COBRO Corporation, and discovered that COBRO, on a per capita basis, is one of AAAA's most active corporate members. Congratulations on attaining your 40th Anniversary.

James J. Durney President & CEO, COBRO

This significant milestone marks 40 years of dedicated service to the entire Army Aviation Community. I remember reading my first issue at Fort Wolters, TX in 1966 where I was trying to find that elusive hover button. Then, as now, ARMY AVIATION Magazine continues to provide the most current information on Army Aviation. On behalf of myself and the entire "DUST OFF" community, Happy 40th Anniversary.

BG Jerome V. Foust Deputy Commander, Army Medical Department Center & School and Chief, Medical Service Corps CONGRATULATIONS to a magazine representing the finest aviation force in the world. I first saw the magazine as a Warrant Officer Candidate at Fort Wolters, TX, in 1966. My appreciation of your magazine grew along with my career. In addition to the excellent articles and yearly Blue Book, it has become part of the history of Army Aviation. The real value of the magazine is it has been a reflection of every soldier and civilian who helped make Army Aviation what it is today!

COL George Francioni Chief, Aviation Office U.S. Army Reserve Command

Thank you for the opportunity to congratulate you on your 40th Anniversary and allowing me to mentally relive my days as an Army Aviator! ARMY AVIATION has kept aviators in touch by sharing information (before we became a Branch) and has successfully transitioned into a forum for sharing our good ideas. As I look back on my career as an Army Aviator, I believe my first exposure to AAAA was as a "Mohawk driver" assigned to the 23d Aviation Special Warfare Detachment (AV-1) in Vietnam. My 31 year association has resulted in a rewarding relationship. Keep up the great work!

> LTG Merle Freitag Comptroller of the Army

From April 1963, when I first joined AAAA in flight school, until now, the ARMY AVIATION Magazine has kept me up-to-date in our Army. The service it provides is invaluable, and it has helped foster the closeness and team-

work necessary to make Army Aviation the winner it is. Best wishes for another 40 plus years.

Above the best!

MG Robert S. Frix DCG, Sixth U.S. Army

ITT Electro-Optical Products Division, a unit of ITT Defense & Electronics, extends our best wishes in celebration of the 40th Anniversary of ARMY AVIATION Magazine. As the world's leading producer of the AN/AVS-6 Aviator's Night Vision Imaging System (ANVIS), ITT values our long-standing relationship with U.S. Army Aviators. Your informative feedback about our products has better enabled US to provide YOU with night vision capabilities so critical to "owning the night."

Neil A. Gallagher President & General Manager ITT Electro-Optical Products Div.

Congratulations on the 40th Anniversary of ARMY AVIATION Magazine. I know of no publication that has been read with more interest or greater enthusiasm over the past 37 years by myself and my contemporaries. The magazine has been a welcome and persuasive influence on our careers and on our personal lives. Although I can't remember when I first read ARMY AVIATION Magazine, I think it is significant that I can't recall not having it around to read.

You are to be congratulated for making it all happen for so many years.

MG Orlando E. Gonzales, Ret. Commanding General, USAAVSCOM 1983-1986 I first read ARMY AVIATION at Fort Benning, GA in 1969 as a new flight school graduate. As I transitioned from Infantry to Aviation, the information contained in this magazine assisted greatly and contained much of the technical reference I retain and use today. Thanks for a great job over the years in keeping us all current with the issues. "Above the best".

MG Robert A. Goodbary DTIG for Inspections, Training and Automation, OTIG, OSA

Forty years ago, as Army L-5 Sentinels flew over Korea on observation missions, our company was producing CH-21 transport helicopters for the U.S. Army.

In the future, I expect to read about the success of Army Chinook and Comanche units in ARMY AVIATION Magazine as you continue your valued informational and educational roles for the Army Aviation community.

Congratulations to your magazine and AAAA on your accomplishments and best wishes for great achievements to come.

Denton R. Hanford Vice President & General Manager Boeing Defense & Space Group Helicopter Division

Reality has far exceeded the vision of forty years ago. Army Aviation has become a full-fledged member of the Brotherhood of Combat Arms!

BG Jack W. Hemingway, Ret. Commander, 1st Aviation Brigade 1970-1971 I am pleased to offer congratulations to ARMY AVIATION Magazine's 40th Anniversary on behalf of all the employees at Litton Precision Gear. The first forty years have been filled with rich tradition and excellent performance. We wish you only the best for your next 40 years! Thanks to everyone that has helped make it a success.

Elmer W. Hill President, Litton Precision Gear

CAE-Link's 4,000 employees congratulate ARMY AVIATION Magazine on four decades of publishing excellence. As a key supporter of the Army Aviation community, we look forward each month to the little book with the big message. ARMY AVIATION Magazine keeps us up-to-date on the latest developments in training and simulation, avionics, weapons, and the U.S. Army's strategic thinking. We're proud to be members of AAAA, advertisers, and most important — regular readers.

George G. Houser President, CAE-Link Corporation

Congratulations on the magazine's 40th birthday! Sometime in my 1956-57 tour as the first Chief of Army Aviation (a staff title), Glenn Goodhand and another officer came into my office with a question: Would I approve an action to start an Army Aviation Association? I said I would. Now look at the thing.

GEN Hamilton H. Howze, Ret. Director of Army Aviation, 1956-1957

On behalf of the more than 7,000 employees of Bell Helicopter Textron Inc. around the world, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on the 40th Anniversary of ARMY

AVIATION Magazine. These past four decades have witnessed a remarkable transformation of Army Aviation from a primarily utility service of the post Korean War period to what it is today — the leading technological edge in the prosecution of land warfare. ARMY AVIATION is the publication of record chronicling the amazing growth and transformation of the Army Aviation community. I find ARMY AVIATION Magazine to be an invaluable source of information.

Webb F. Joiner President, Bell Helicopter Textron

Congratulations to an organization and magazine that supports the Branch of the Army that fights and trains across the entire battlefield. Ideas, facts, reports, news, and the vision of our Branch get a voice in this publication. The blend of contractors and Warriors is about right and blends teamwork and success. Lots of firefights ... many victories!

The first time I really read a copy of the magazine was in 1976 when I was trying to get back into a combat aviation unit, and the Army was starting to build a modified AH-1 with a full-up M-65 TOW system onboard. I've read every edition since then. From the B Model UH-1 to the AH-64 and into the Comanche, we continue to get our news from ARMY AVIATION Magazine.

Who knows for sure what the future holds, but changes are happening now. Whatever we face, we can count on hearing about it ahead of time in our publication. So 40 looks pretty good to me ...

Scouts Out!

BG R. Dennis Kerr Director of Army Safety & Commander, USASC



ARMY AVIATION Magazine, and all Army Aviators, past and present, you need no congratulations from me, or anyone else, on this 40th Anniversary. By your deeds, through all 40 years, you have written your own mighty testimonials of consistent and vital contributions, from day one until this very moment. And it takes no prophet to foretell an even brighter future. I will say I consider it an honor and privilege to count myself among your company.

LTG Harry W. O. Kinnard, Ret. AAAA President, 1970-1972

Twenty-six years ago I was feverishly rolling the throttle and thrashing the cyclic around the cockpit of a wooden-bladed OH-13 trying to earn my wings. Change to Army Aviation since then has been exciting and awesome. I am proud to have been a minor contributor to the most dynamic, flexible and technologically-driven branch that hovers over the leading edge of force structure, modernization and conceptual change in the U.S. Army today. I look forward to reading about Army Aviation's high adventure in the next 40 years of ARMY AVIATION Magazine.

BG Thomas J. Konitzer U.S. Army First Region U.S. Army ROTC Cadet Command

Back in the period of uncertain memory, there was an Army Aviation composed of only 10 VLA (Very Light Aircraft) per division, all assigned to division artillery. While I was herding L4s and an occasional heavy horsepower L5 in 1st CAV DIV Artillery near Tokyo, Art Kesten was nursing the same machines around Sendai for the 11th Airborne Division Artillery.

Few could even dream the VLAs would grow into Chinooks, Apaches and Mohawks. Probably not even Art. But he did grasp the airmobility concept — and bet his professional life on it. That the magazine celebrates its 40th Anniversary is a tribute to Art and to those who boosted the 10 VLAs to a maneuver brigade per division while subscribing to this sterling professional publication.

P.S. I read my first mimeographed ARMY AVIATION while flying from Sendai's Lanier Field shortly after Art rotated home from Sendai's Camp Schimmelpfennig.

P.P.S. Congratulations to ARMY AVIATION Magazine, to Art, and to Dotty who was with both all the way.

MG William J. Maddox, Jr., Ret. Director of Army Aviation 1970-1973 Commander, USAAVNC 1973-1976

I salute and congratulate ARMY AVI-ATION Magazine for 40 years of devoted service to Army Aviation professionals around the world. I caught my first glimpse of the magazine in 1960 during class orientation by the Aviation School Assistant Commandant. then COL Delk Oden, as my aviator training began. Keeping up through the magazine with what leading professionals in Army Aviation were saying and doing appealed to me. This fine publication has served me well for more than a third of a century and I continue to rely upon it as one of the most authentic sources on what the leading professionals are saying and doing.

> COL John W. Marr, Ret. AAAA President, 1981-1983

Having just graduated from West Point in 1955, I immediately entered flight training at Gary AFB, then tactical training at Fort Rucker, pinning on my wings in March 1956. My initial overseas tour was to the MAAG in Taiwan with the Nationalist Chinese Army of the Republic of China, in 1957.

It was there, in early 1958, over 35 years ago on the other side of the globe, that another aviator shared his copy of ARMY AVIATION Magazine with me at a remote airfield in Tainan, Southern Taiwan. I relished any magazine in English especially an aviation related magazine, since the local newspapers and magazines were all in Chinese.

Needless to say, I wanted my own subscription and the associated AAAA membership — hence I joined AAAA in 1958 and have been a member ever since. Three and a half decades have now passed and I have never missed an issue. In turn, I have contributed articles, humorous and otherwise, including a monthly column during my tour as Aviation Officer at DA, and even later as Commanding General at the Aviation Center and First Chief of the Aviation Branch.

The magazine has followed me through Vietnam and Korea and a dozen other assignments in between. I have always enjoyed the magazine, its form and contents serving to keep AAAA members worldwide informed as to the important issues and actions affecting Army Aviation.

Keep up your good work for another 40 years.

MG Carl H. McNair, Ret. President, Support Systems Division, DynCorp General Cairns, Commandant of the Aviation Center and School at Fort Rucker pinned wings on General Easterbrook and me in November, 1956 ... then handed each of us a copy of ARMY AVIATION Magazine. He told us to join our association and to read its periodical because ARMY AVIATION Magazine will keep all aviation personnel well informed as aviation grows.

Congratulations to ARMY AVIATION Magazine and its vibrant staff for a job well done, and on its 40th anniversary.

> MG Delk M. Oden, Ret. AAAA President, 1972-1973

As we recognize the 40th Anniversary of ARMY AVIATION Magazine, we should be grateful for the fraternity which brought us together in the early years when we were comprised of numerous branches of our Army. The AAAA was that fraternity and ARMY AVIATION served to link us together as professionals involved in a common endeavor — to be the best we could be in service to our Army and our Nation.

As we reflect on the challenges faced and the sacrifices made by those who preceded us, the greatest contribution we can make is our investment in the future — our young branch and those who will lead it to our rendezvous with destiny.

I know that you join me in recognizing the enormous role of the magazine and that we all draw confidence in knowing that this professional journal stands ready to assist us as we move toward that destiny.

Happy Anniversary, ARMY AVIA-TION, and thanks to all those professionals, past and present, who comprise your proud heritage. As to the question of recalling my first introduction to ARMY AVIA-TION Magazine, such is not easy. Once again, I am reminded that, contrary to popular belief, the legs are not the first thing to go as we mature. To the best of my recollection, I was a young second lieutenant struggling through flight school at Camp Gary, TX in 1958 — I think.

LTG Ellis D. Parker, Ret. Chief, Aviation Branch and Commanding General, USAAVNC 1985-1989

Congratulations on the 40th Anniversary of a high-performing magazine. ARMY AVIATION Magazine is clearly part of our proud history. Its articles have been on target for 40 years. I have read almost every issue for the last 24 years.

I first read ARMY AVIATION Magazine in June of 1969. I was sitting on a rocket box deck we had just added to our "sea hut" hootch in Camp Evans, Vietnam. I was flying with the "Griffins", C Battery 4th Battalion, 77th Aerial Rocket Artillery (ARA) in the 101st Airborne Division.

I enjoy ARMY AVIATION Magazine even more today. Not much has changed for me. I'm still in the great 101st Airborne Division — this time at Fort Campbell.

Best wishes for the next 40 years.

BG Daniel J. Petrosky Assistant Division Commander (S) 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault)

Congratulations on 40 years of keeping us up-to-date on Army Aviation's newest and latest equipment, tactics, operations and personnel assignments. Piasecki Aircraft Corporation is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. ARMY AVIATION recorded our Army H-21's record of completing the first helicopter non-stop transcontinental flight in 1953. We wish continued success to AAAA and ARMY AVIATION. Again, CONGRATULATIONS.

Frank N. Piasecki President Piasecki Aircraft Corporation

Congratulations, ARMY AVIATION, on 40 years faithful service to Army Aviation. 40 years? Wow! Or only 40 years. Either way, it's been great! Aviation's and ARMY AVIATION Magazine's remarkable achievements fostered each other, and neither resembles the babes of 1953.

"When did I first read the magazine?" Gary AFB, 1956? At the Aviation Board same year? More relevantly, 1953 began my first Pentagon tour, threw me into the AA expansion flight, and caused me to apply for flight training.

BG Edwin L. Powell, Jr., Ret. Director of Army Aviation, 1967-1969

I became very involved with AR-MY AVIATION Magazine in June 1956 when I reported to my first aviation assignment as Chief, Aviation Section, Career Management Division, Office of The Adjutant General. We were responsible for determining aviator requirements, recruiting and meeting the monthly input to flying training. We had a budget of about \$450,000 (a large amount at the time) specifically for recruiting aviators. A substantial part bought and distributed the magazine to the USMA, ROTC, officer clubs and dayrooms throughout the Army. Our recruiting program was enormously successful. My newly-assigned two star boss, who was impressed by our success, thought we were getting far too many of the best young officers and found it "personally repugnant" that we would resort to advertising in civilian publications to meet an Army requirement.

He said, "Prove you can't meet requirements through the chain of command." We couldn't and he cancelled our program. The magazine was just getting off the ground and our action was a major setback. Great credit is due Art and Dotty Kesten. For now 40 years, the magazine has educated, informed and created cohesiveness among the diverse elements of the complex and exceedingly important activity called Army Aviation.

MG George W. Putnam, Jr., Ret. AAAA President, 1985-1987

Hughes Danbury Optical Systems, Inc. (HDOS) has been closely associated with the Army Aviation community since the mid-1970s, HDOS developed, in concert with the Army and Navy, the AN/AVR-2 and AN/AVR-2A Laser Detecting Sets which greatly improved the survivability of air crews. We at HDOS celebrate the delivery of the 400th Laser Detecting Set and congratulate the ARMY AVIATION Magazine for providing 40 years of excellent communications in support of Army Aviation roles, missions and issues. We wish you continued success in this unique role.

John C. Rich President Hughes Danbury Optical Systems Congratulations and Happy 40th Anniversary of ARMY AVIATION Magazine. Over the years, ARMY AVIATION has provided an outstanding forum for presenting issues and topics relevant to aviation's contribution to our Army. I urge you to continue this superb effort in the same professional literary manner and style.

I also encourage AAAA to continue its excellent representation of our entire Branch. In the days and years ahead we will need your loyal

support more than ever.

As to where I first read ARMY AVIATION Magazine, I know it was 1970 in Vietnam. Can't remember exactly where, but it must have been in that huge latrine in Cam Ranh Bay. They had the finest selection of reading material I have ever witnessed.

BG John M. Riggs Aviation Center Chapter President

Congratulations on the 40th Anniversary of ARMY AVIATION. It has been a most welcome helping hand for many years. I first read ARMY AVIATION in mid-1958 while I was a B-47 bomber pilot for SAC. I have been reading it ever since. ARMY AVIATION is still going strong, while both the B-47 and SAC are gone. Keep up the good work. We all need and appreciate your efforts.

S. Harry Robertson President & CEO Robertson Aviation

It was the Fall of 1963 when I first read ARMY AVIATION Magazine. As a new aviator stationed at Hanau, Germany in the 3d Armored Division, ARMY AVIATION was the only publication available giving information on the Army's emerging aviation capabilities. Besides keeping up with my friends, the magazine carried informative articles on a new concept called Air Assault.

We have come a long way since those days more than thirty years ago. The AAAA and ARMY AVIA-TION Magazine have kept us in contact through the years and done a great service to our profession. Happy 40th Anniversary!

MG John D. Robinson Chief, Aviation Branch and Commanding General, USAAVNC

Congratulations to ARMY AVIATION Magazine on 40 years of dedicated service to Army Aviation! ARMY AVIATION Magazine has provided an invaluable forum for information and dialog which has supported the growth of Army Aviation to its current position of battlefield dominance. This forum has never been more important than today as we chart the path for Army Aviation into the 21st century.

Rodney S. Rougelot President & CEO Evans & Sutherland

ARMY AVIATION Magazine — the magazine that helped lift the Army from the ground by its own wings. The magazine that spread the word in both an informative and an inspirational way. I congratulate all those of ARMY AVIATION Magazine that have made it possible today for tomorrow.

GEN Crosbie E. Saint, Ret. Former CinC USAREUR and COMCENTAG Congratulations on forty years of splendid service to the men and women of Army Aviation. As the Voice of AAAA, you have lived and reported their achievements as they happened.

When I first read ARMY AVIATION Magazine, Twenty First Corps Head-quarters was at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, PA, Newcumberland Army Depot was a beehive of Army Aviation activity, and I was a First Lieutenant aviator in the 104th Armored Cavalry, PAARNG, transitioning into a first issue L-19 Bird Dog. All of those have passed into history but the magazine remains a beacon for future generations. Thank you.

John J. Stanko, Jr. Former Director, Army Aviation & Safety Directorate, NGB

Forty years back introduced a ten year old Army Aviation family to its "scrap book" of tomorrow, the ARMY AVIATION Magazine. The magazine, and its nephew in publishing, Playboy, proved to have instant and in some cases, identical interest and appeal to the earlier Army Aviators. Instant success has led to sustained success. Continuous improvement and customer focus work every time! Congratulations on a proud history and an exciting future in this wild world and time of 1993.

MG Richard E. Stephenson, Ret. Vice President Strategic Planning, Government Services Group, DynCorp

ARMY AVIATION Magazine — Congratulations on your 40th Anniversary. Your contributions to Army Aviation cannot be overstated. More importantly have been the contributions to bridge the gap between military planners, opera-

tors, concept and requirement develoners and industry. The publication is accurate and timely. It represents the philosophy of senior military leadership and we find the feature articles stimulating and highly informative. Your publication keeps us in touch. Keep up the good work.

Gregory L. Summe President, Allied Signal Aerospace

On behalf of all 6,000 employees at Lockheed Support Systems, Inc., we congratulate ARMY AVIATION Magazine on achieving 40 years of outstanding service and support of Army Aviation. As a recipient of an AAAA Industry award for the last four years, LSSI considers this publication essential as a professional source of information sharing and camaraderie for all Army Aviation team members. Upon my assignment as President in 1990, I read my first copy of ARMY AVIA-TION during my transition and have looked forward to every issue since. Best wishes for continued success, leadership and support of a strong and viable Army Aviation Team in the 21st Century!

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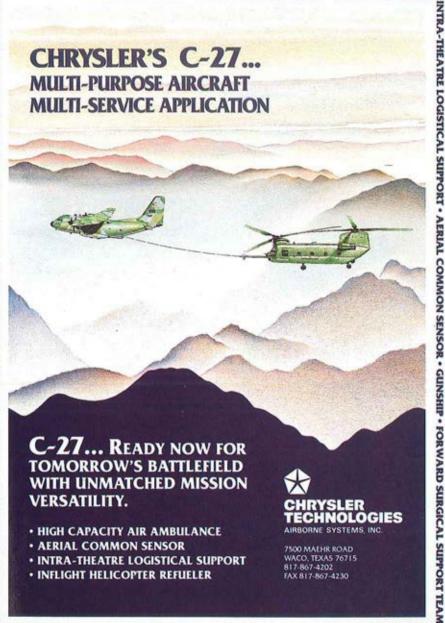


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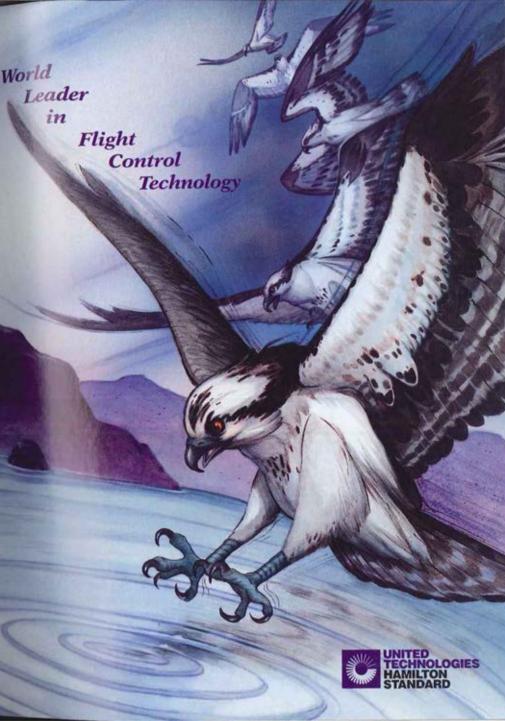
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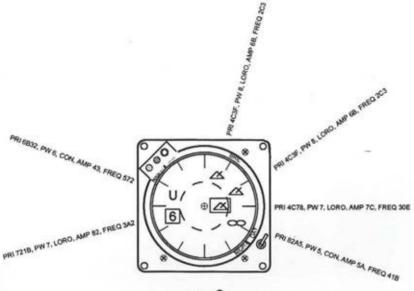
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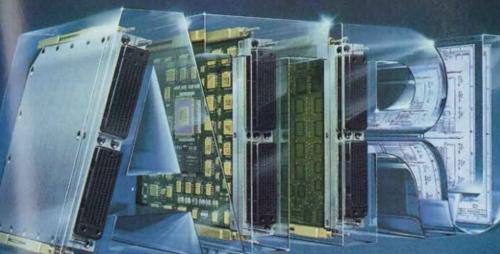


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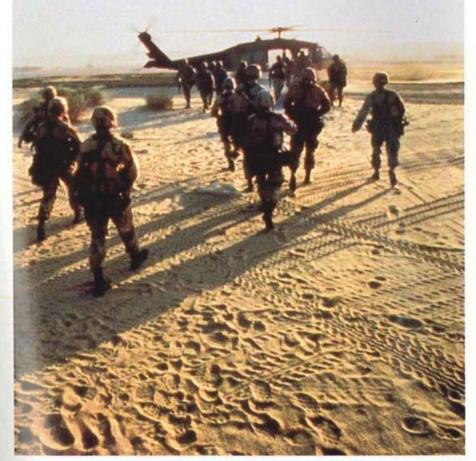
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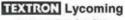






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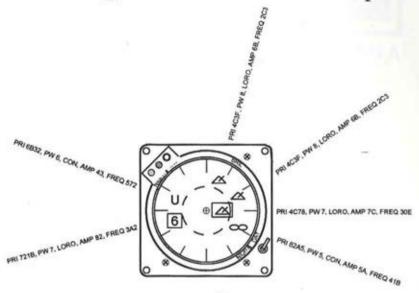


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Below: MG John D. Robinson (left), Commanding General, USAAVNC and Aviation Branch Chief, presents COL David F. Sale (center), then TSM Longbow, with a Silver Order of St. Michael Award at COL Sale's retirement dinner on 15 September 1993. COL Sale's wife, Kathy (right), joined him in accepting the award.



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The 1993 Aviation Electronic Combat Symposium (formerly the Aircraft Survivability Equipment Symposium), hosted by Grumman Melbourne Systems, was held at Melbourne, FL, 2-3 November.

AAAA Senior Vice President, MG Richard E. Stephenson, Ret., greeted the attendees and introduced this year's host, MGEN Thomas S. Swalm, Ret., Vice President, Special Programs, Grumman Melbourne Systems. COL Thomas E. Reinkober, AEC Program Manager, followed by presenting his opening remarks. The Keynote Address was delivered by MG John D. Robinson, Commanding General of USAAVNC and Ft. Rucker, and Aviation Branch Chief.

Nineteen technical papers were presented during the classified symposium, and included:

Aviation Mission Area - The Future by Mr. Thomas L. House, Executive Director, Aviation RD&E Center, U.S. Army Aviation and Troop Command: Foreign EO Systems - Expanding the Threat Environment by Donald R. Fetterly, Project Engineer, Foreign Technology, Hughes Missile Systems Company; Advanced Threat Infrared Countermeasures Demonstration by Mr. Russell O. Stanton, Assistant Project Manager, Aviation Electronic Combat PMO: OSD Band IV Testing by Michael Schuck, Director, Precision Guided Weapons Countermeasures, Test and Evaluation Directorate, White Sands Missile Range; Advanced Threat Radar Jammer / Escort Jamming by Ms. Cheryl L. Meier, Assistant Project Manager, Aviation Electronic Combat PMO and Mr. Robert M. Zanzalari, Project Leader, Suite of Integrated RF Countermeasures, Night Vision Electronic Sensors Directorate, U.S. Army Communications Electronics Command; Aircraft Survivability Equipment Trainer (ASET) IV by Mr. John Kamadulski, Assistant Project Manager, Aviation Electronic Combat PMO: Digitization of the Battlefield by LTC Joseph T. Boylan, Product Manager, Avionics,

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The high point of the Annual AEC Symposium was the AEC Awards Banquet. Following an address by MG Dewitt T. Irby, Jr., PEO Aviation, the AAAA "Aircraft Survivability Equipment Award" was presented to CW4 Bradford A. Powell, MH-47D Sys-



Above, left to right: Chris W. Bochen, Director, Avionics Busi-Development. ness Cubic Defense Systems; Becky Kranhold: CPT Keith J. Kranhold, first AAAA AEC Avionics Awardee: MG Dewitt T. Irby, Jr., PEO, Aviation: CW4 Bradford A. Powell, ASE Awardee: Kathleen Powell; COL Thomas E. Reinkober, PM. Aviation Electronic Combat; and Terry Coakley, Executive Director, AAAA.

tem Integration and Management Office, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne).

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The next day, the last eight papers were delivered and AAAA Certificates of Appreciation were presented to COL Reinkober, CPT(P) Harlene N. Coutteau, AEC PMO, and Stephanie Moss and Michael N. McCloy of Grumman Melbourne Systems.

HELEN T. CRIBBINS

Helen T. Cribbins, wife of AAAA NEB member Joseph P. Cribbins, passed away 24 November 1993 at the Hospice of Northern Virginia.

She is survived by Joseph P. Cribbins, her husband of 48 years, who recently retired from the Army with 52 years of combined military and civilian service.

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MG Josue Robles, Jr. Mid-America Chapter



MAJ Richard A. Sparks, Ret., disconnects the battery on an OH-58A at the conclusion of his last flight as an Army Aviator. A Charter and Life Member of AAAA, Sparks joined up in April 1957, the same month he graduated from the Army Helicopter Pilot Training Course (AHPTC) 57-3. He was on flight status from August 1956 to February 1993, and would like to share some stories with his surviving classmates. He can be reached at 945 W. Edmundson Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037-5311.

AAAA CALENDAR

A list of upcoming AAAA Chapter and National dates.

January, 1994

Jan. 28. AAAA Scholarship Board of Governors Meeting, Arlington, VA.

✓ Jan. 29. AAAA National Awards Committee Meeting to select CY93 National Award Winners.

February, 1994

▶ Feb. 2-4. 20th Annual Joseph P. Cribbins Product Support Symposium sponsored by the AAAA Lindbergh Chapter, Stouffer Concourse Hotel, St. Louis, MO. ▶ Feb. 3. AAAA Outstanding Aviation Logistics Support Unit of the Year Award Presentation & Industry Award Presentations, Stouffer Concourse Hotel, St. Louis, MO.

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