



63d Military Airlift Wing

DINING - IN

18 February 1972

Norton Air Force Base, California

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I welcome the 8th Cadet Squadron of the United States Air Force Academy to Norton Air Force Base, the home of "The Professionals." I hope your visit with us will be productive and enjoyable.

If there is any way that I or my staff may be helpful to you during your stay, do not hesitate to let me know.

LESTER T. KEARNEY, JR, BRIG GEN, USAF

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Lester T. Kearney, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

LESTER T. KEARNEY, Jr., Brig Gen, USAF
Commander

Menu

Tossed Salad

Top Sirloin

Baked Potato with Sour Cream

Buttered String Beans

Burgundy

Coffee

Vanilla Ice Cream

PROTOCOL

1. MEMBERS OF THE MESS WILL REMAIN STANDING BEHIND SEATS UNTIL AFTER OPENING CEREMONIES, WHICH INCLUDE POSTING OF THE COLORS, INVOCATION AND TOASTS.
2. MEMBERS OF THE MESS WILL RISE FOR ALL TOASTS. ANY INFORMAL TOAST MAY BE MADE BY ANY MEMBER AFTER THE TOAST TO THE GUESTS. THE MEMBER DESIRING TO PROPOSE A TOAST WILL STAND AND STATE: "MR. PRESIDENT, POINT OF ORDER." THE PRESIDENT WILL THEN ASK THE MEMBER OR MR. VICE TO PROPOSE THE APPROPRIATE TOAST. ANY SUBJECT IN GOOD TASTE MAY BE TOASTED. RESPONSE TO INFORMAL TOAST IS: "HEAR, HEAR."
3. UPON ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERMISSION AND ADJOURNMENT, ALL PRESENT WILL RISE AND REMAIN STANDING UNTIL THE PRESIDENT AND GUESTS AT THE HEAD TABLE HAVE LEFT THE DINING ROOM.
4. ALL MEMBERS OF THE MESS ARE EXPECTED TO BEHAVE IN THE MOST GENTLEMANLY OF MANNERS. FINES WILL BE LEVIED BY THE PRESIDENT OR MR. VICE FOR BEHAVIOR BELOW THE EXPECTED STANDARD.
5. IN THE ATMOSPHERE OF GOOD CHEER, IT IS HOPED THAT OFFICERS WILL ENJOY THEMSELVES AND PARTICIPATE IN THE FESTIVITIES TO THE FULLEST.

AGENDA

- 1900 OFFICERS AND CADETS ARRIVE. COCKTAILS SERVED IN THE COLONIAL ROOM.
- 1945 COCKTAILS END. MOVE TO BALLROOM FOR DINNER
- 1955 THE COLORS ARE POSTED, AND THE MESS IS FORMALLY OPENED BY THE PRESIDENT
- 1959 INVOCATION BY THE CHAPLAIN OF THE MESS
- 2000 TOASTS BY THE PRESIDENT AND MR. VICE:
- TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
RESPONSE: "TO THE PRESIDENT."
- TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
RESPONSE: "TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF."
- TO THE COMMANDER, MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND
RESPONSE: "TO THE COMMANDER."
- TO THE SUPERINTENDENT, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY
RESPONSE: "TO THE SUPERINTENDENT."
- TO OUR COMRADES IN ARMS BEING HELD PRISONER
RESPONSE: "TO OUR COMRADES."

2005 THE PRESIDENT SEATS THE MESS
WELCOMING REMARKS ARE MADE, AND GUESTS ARE INTRODUCED

2020 TOAST BY MR. VICE TO THE GUESTS
RESPONSE: "HEAR, HEAR."

2021 DINNER IS SERVED

2100 PRESIDENT RECESSES THE MESS AND THE TABLES ARE CLEARED

2120 MEMBERS RETURN TO THEIR SEATS, THE MESS IS RECONVENED

2122 DESSERT IS SERVED

2135 THE AFTERBURNER IS LIT BY MR. VICE

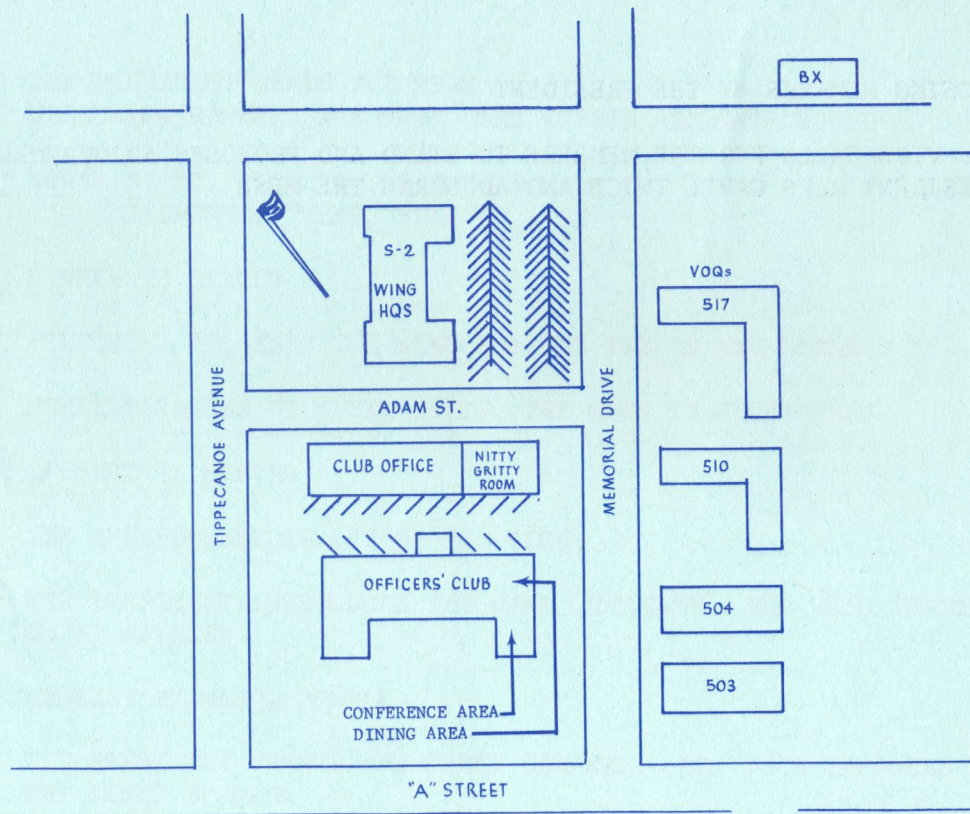
2140 THE PRESIDENT INTRODUCES THE WING COMMANDER, WHO WILL PRESENT THE
GUEST SPEAKER

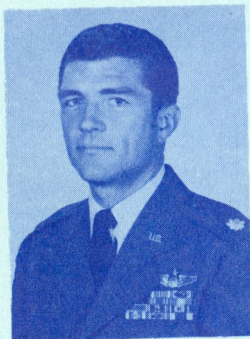
2145 ADDRESS BY MAJOR POWELL

2210 THE PRESIDENT THANKS THE GUEST SPEAKER. MR. VICE PROPOSES A TOAST TO
THE GUEST SPEAKER
RESPONSE: "HEAR, HEAR."

2212 CLOSING REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

2217 MR. VICE CALLS FOR THE MEMBERS TO STAND AND PROPOSES ADJOURNMENT
PRESIDENT RAPS GAVEL TWICE AND ADJOURNS THE MESS





A little about our guest speaker

Major Cecil W. Powell is a 1959 graduate of the United States Naval Academy where his area of concentration was marine architecture. He has flown F-100s, F-104s, and F-105s in Southeast Asia with TAC; and is the recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters.

Major Powell has been performing experimental and test work for the past five years, and is presently assigned to Edwards Air Force Base as an Aerospace Flight Research Officer. He is currently working on the X-24A, lifting body, in conjunction with the proposed Space Shuttle System, and plans to work on the X-24B, advanced lifting body, upon its completion later this year.

Major Powell's presence here tonight as our guest speaker is indeed an honor, and we extend to him a warm and hearty greetings.

63d MILITARY AIRLIFT WING

COMMANDER

BRIGADIER GENERAL LESTER T. KEARNEY

GUEST SPEAKER

MAJOR CECIL W. POWELL

HONORED MEMBERS OF THE MESS

COLONEL EMIL N. BLOCK

COLONEL J. R. WYATT

COLONEL JAMES I. BAGINSKI

COLONEL GEORGE A. CAVALLI

CAPTAIN ROBERT LAWRENCE

CADET FIRST CLASS LAURENCE E. FROEHLICH

MISTER MARVIN REIMER

MEMBERS OF THE 8TH CADET SQUADRON

PRESIDENT OF THE MESS

LIEUTENANT COLONEL GEORGE B. POWERS

MISTER VICE

FIRST LIEUTENANT CHARLES J. WAX

WING HISTORY

Twice-decorated while accomplishing MAC global missions from the eastern U.S., the 63d Military Airlift Wing operates now from Norton AFB with the Bulk of its airlift directed in support of the conflict in Southeast Asia. The Wing recently received a third decoration.

Originally activated in 1940 as the 63d Transport Group, the 63d MAWg hauled supplies, material, and personnel in the U.S. and Caribbean area. In 1942 it was redesignated as the 63d Troop Carrier Group as part of the Air Transport Command. It furnished replacement crews and prepared cadres for troop carrier groups until disbanded in 1944.

The 63d MAWg was reactivated at Altus AFB, Oklahoma in 1952. The Wing was transferred to Donaldson AFB, S.C. in 1953, operating seven C-124 squadrons. Upon Donaldson's inactivation, the 63d moved to Hunter AFB, Ga. On April 1, 1967, the "professionals" established airlift operations at Norton, with two military airlift squadrons (the 14th and 15th).

Missions of the 63d have taken its crews and aircraft to almost every Air Force base and commercial airport in the free world -- and upon occasion, behind the Iron Curtain. Missions of the Wing have called for flights over both poles and in both hemispheres.

Wing aircraft have operated from ice strips in the Arctic and Antarctic and hastily prepared gravel strips in the tropics. Many missions were operated to remote areas where few or no navigational aids were available.

The 63d supplied and resupplied the DEWLINE radar-warning system during its construction in northern Canada and Alaska. The Wing too lent its "airlift arm" throughout Operation Deep Freeze in the Antarctic. When marines landed in Lebanon in 1958, the 63d reacted to support them. When the embattled Congo needed assistance in 1962, the 63d flew in -- under fire part of the time.

Flying C-141 Starlifters, three 63d squadrons regularly participate in joint airborne exercises both within the United States and to Korea, Germany, and the Middle East. In 1971, the 63d, known as "The Professionals", won all five available trophies in the annual Military Airlift Command airlift competition. "The Professionals" have flown five Apollo missions and returned the famous Apollo 11 astronauts from the Pacific to Ellington, AFB, Texas. In December 1971, a 63d Starlifter was again Santa's sleigh when it carried Bob Hope and his troupe on their annual Christmas tour.

BASE HISTORY

The San Bernardino Air Depot was activated on March 1, 1942. The official designation of the base was changed seven times before March 2, 1950 when it was named Norton Air Force Base in honor of Captain Leland F. Norton, a native son of San Bernardino who was killed in action while flying an A-20 bomber near Emiens, France on May 27, 1944.

Colonel Lucas V. Beau, Jr. was the first commanding officer and the first major activity was a Supply Division established in the Orange Show Building in the summer of 1942. Prior to that, troops were billeted in the Orange Show Building.

In 1943 the first overhaul center for aircraft jet engines in the USAF was activated at Norton. Known as Project "I", it also served to train Air Force, Navy, and industry jet engine specialists.

During the war years, the San Bernardino Depot repaired and modified B-25 "Mitchell" bombers at Norton, and also worked on P-38, C-47, A-20, B-17, P-80, P-61, P-39, and L-5 aircraft. In those days, area maintenance was performed at 30 bases.

On June 30, 1966 the Air Materiel Area (SBAMA) was phased out and in its place came the 63d Military Airlift Wing (Provisional). After functioning primarily as a supply depot for almost a quarter of a century, Norton AFB now is a Military Airlift Command (MAC) base and the mission has changed to one of flying. Norton has become one of MAC's three aerial ports of embarkation on the West Coast and is involved extensively in providing airlift support for our country's commitments in Southeast Asia.

Norton Air Force Base is located in the city of San Bernardino, 59 miles east of Los Angeles. It is an ideal flying site with an average of 312 days of sunshine each year and an average mean temperature of 63.1 degrees.

Norton's responsibilities included maintenance of the C-124 and C-133 aircraft, the C-118, C-47, F-100, F-102 as well as the important J-57 engine overhaul workloads for the Air Force Logistics Command. The San Bernardino Air Materiel Area moved ahead in the space age to responsibility of providing maintenance and logistics for all liquid fuel intercontinental ballistic missiles and space booster systems in the Air Force inventory when its phase out was announced.

PHONE NUMBERS

	<u>Ext</u>
Officers Club	884-8701
Golf Course	382-6393
Gymnasium	2559
Sick Call (Disp)	4019
Spec Ser. Supply (Rec Equip)	3405
Theater	6041

