

Monthly MARSGRAM record set

Known as the gateway to Southeast Asia for MARSGRAM operations, the 1881st Communication Squadron's Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) station has logged an impressive record during the month of November.

A total of 3926 MARSGRAMS were processed by the

station during November setting a monthly record for 1970.

SSgt. Gary L. Miller, NCOIC of the station, commented, "This extremely high total of MARSGRAMS being processed is due to the forthcoming holiday season and we expect another busy

month during December.

Open. 24-hours a day the MARS station is manned by eight personnel assigned to the 1881st. These squadron radiomen are aided by four volunteer helpers. Each volunteer works at the station on off-duty time.

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Four maintenance men cited by rescue unit

Four members of the 39th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron (ARRS) have been awarded Air Force Commendation Medals for du-

ties performed with the EC-130 aircraft rescue unit.

Lieutenant Colonel S.M. Spillseth, 39th commander, presented the medals during ceremonies recently.

Receiving the awards were SSgt. Robert R. Delaney, aircraft mechanic; SSgt. Dennis F. Sinner, NCOIC of the unit's hydraulic shop; Sgt. Lawrence Debolt, aircraft mechanic, and Sgt. Leroy J. Schulte, aircraft maintenance specialist.

Cited for their outstanding skill and dedication to duty which aided immeasurably to the mission of the 39th ARRS, these HC-130 aircraft specialists will terminate their tours of duty at Cam Ranh in the near future.

'Big Brother' program initiated by chaplain

If you are interested in becoming a "Big Brother" to one of the children at the Protestant Orphanage, please get in touch with Chaplain Frissell at the Base Chapel to discuss the plan.

Briefly, the plan will involve establishing a "Big Brother"-type relationship which will be continued in the years to come by correspondence and encouragement as you follow the child through his or her educational career.

Only if you are interested in maintaining a long-term, faithful relationship should you consider this means of helping.

It will mean much to each child to have a faithful "Big Brother." On the other hand, it would be a tragic blow to that child for his or her "Big Brother" to drop the relationship some time after DEROS.

If you mean business, and will be faithful in this plan, you are just the man or woman (in the case of a "Big Sister") we need and want.

HAVE YOU LOOKED INTO THE INCREASED G.I. BILL EDUCATION BENEFITS?



Christmas mail schedule announced

To ensure your letters and packages arrive to those at home before Christmas Day, the postal personnel have compiled the following list of the times you must mail your letters and packages:

	CONUS*	HAWAII	PACOM APO's	NY APO's
Airmail	Dec 1-Dec 15	Dec 1-Dec 15	Dec -Dec 15	Dec 1-Dec 12
SAM Letter (Free Mail)	Nov 28-Dec 12	Nov 12-Dec 17	Dec 3-Dec 17	Nov 28-Dec 9
SAM Parcel	Nov 12-Dec 7	Nov 12-Dec 12	Nov 12-Dec 12	Nov 12-Dec 4
PAL	Nov 12-Dec 10	Nov 12-Dec 12	Nov 12-Dec 12,	Nov 12-Dec 7
Surface	Oct 1-Nov 1	Nov 12-Dec 12	Nov 12 Dec T2	

*Times are to East Coast

Since all Fourth Class Mail will be delivered by surface transportation to CONUS, you are urged to utilize the following postal services for the mailing of Christmas packages:

- SAM (Space Available Mail)-parcels paid at surface postage rates not exceeding five pounds in weight and not exceeding sixty inches in length and girth combined, will be airlifted to destination on a space available basis.
- PAL (Parcel Air Lift)-parcels paid at surface postage rates and not exceeding pounds30 in weight and not exceeding sixty inches in length and girth combined, will upon payment of an additional one-dollar postage fee, be airlifted to destination on a space available basis.

Over and out -- out!?

If you want to by-pass the "Over and Out" of a MARS call and if your family will accept long distance charges (three dollars a minute for station-to-station, four dollars a minute for person-to-person), you can call home on a commercial line at the Eastside Red Cross Center.

If you want to get on the list for these calls, go to the Center at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Thursday or Sunday

and put your name in. Each name will be assigned a number (usually 20-21 calls can be made during the time limit). The numbers will be posted by the Red Cross personnel.

After receiving your number, come back to the Center at 11 a.m. and have your name entered with your number. The calls will begin around 11:15 and last until 2:30 or 3 in the afternoon.



Q—My husband was killed during the Korean Conflict, and I receive Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) from the VA. Does recent legislation increase payments for our children?

A—Legislation effective Jan. 1, 1970, provides an increase in payments to many widows with children, but the increase is payable only to widows whose husbands lost their lives in, or as a result of military service. You may request this increased benefit at the nearest VA office.

Q—Will my husband's insurance premiums be covered under the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act when he enters military service?

A—Yes, up to \$10,000, provided he applies and the policy was in effect under premium-paying conditions for at least 180 days prior to his entrance into active service.

BAYVIEWS

Write Hanoi-- TODAY!

Would you like to have a more meaningful Christmas this year? You can! Read on; then act!

Before bemoaning our lot of being away from the family dinner table, football games, and the Christmas festivities, let's just take a moment to reflect on the plight of our fellow men just a few miles to the north of us--the more than 1500 U.S. servicemen who are prisoners of war (POW) or missing in action. Some men have been listed in this status for almost six years. More than 300 men have been POWs or missing for over three and one half years. Air Force men number the largest of the imprisoned.

Of these 1500, only nine have been released since the first man was held captive in August 1964. The first release didn't occur until February 1968.

Fewer than 350 POWs have been permitted to write to their families during the past five years. Many of us will write almost as many as letters during our tour here.

The human suffering borne by these prisoners and their families is enormous. President Nixon said it earlier this year, "This is not a political or military issue, but a matter of basic humanity."

What can you as one individual do? Plenty! Maj. Gen. William S. Chairsell, 9th Air Force vice commander, explained it clearly last month, "The most effective weapon that we have today to help our prisoners

of war is public opinion. The write-Hanoi campaign is perhaps the single method available to everyone for applying pressure to Hanoi. We'll move the mountain, eventually, but it means moving just one shovelful at a time? Who knows? Your single letter may be just the one which finally wears down that big mountain of indifference."

What can you do to help? Just cut out the letter on page 6 (the translation is on page 5), sign it, and mail it to: The Hon. Ton Due Thang; President, Democratic Republic of

Vietnam; Hanoi, North Vietnam. This letter will go through international mail channels, so the word "free" should not be on the envelope.

Let's make this a base-wide drive. The national goal is ten million letters by Christmas.

Despite the problems associated with our being here, we have much to be grateful for. We are free Americans. We'll be home this time next year. Let's do our part to help our comrades-in-arms get home too. Don't wait! Mail the letter today!

GOT A MINUTE?

