

# 9080 AIR RESERVE GROUP

## MISSION

## LINEAGE

9080 Air Reserve Group

## STATIONS

## ASSIGNMENTS

## COMMANDERS

Lt Col John S. Dodge

## HONORS

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## EMBLEM

## OPERATIONS

The prime mission of the Group was an overall responsibility of keeping the Reservists informed, coordination of training, the making of policies, and in general to see that the Reserve Program, as set up, was carried out to the fullest extent possible.

The Training Officer assisted in the planning and coordination of the counseling program and collateral training meetings that were carried out by the Squadron Training Officers. In addition, Lt Colonel McLaughlin continued to publish an information booklet, that he originated, called "Training Tips." This booklet was aimed at assisting the instructors in better teaching methods and aids.

The Information Officer was editor of the Center newspaper, "The Intrepid Birdman. He also was responsible for the mission of the Information Flight, - that of publicity for the Air Force and to keep the Reservist informed. In addition, he was largely responsible for the accomplishment of two special projects completed this period. These projects were the Information Press Kit and the training Film Strip.

Duties of the Administrative Officer included the keeping of monthly meeting notes, preparation of all correspondence and reports, and other administrative duties necessary to accomplish the mission.

Two major projects were the responsibility of the Group for this period. One was the coordination and completion of AF Form 1085 (Reserve Officer Training Performance Report) for all Reserve Officers assigned to the Center. This project was completed on time to meet the deadline of 1 June 1961. The second project was the assignment for study and action, the scheduled transition of the Center program to the new Recovery program. A study committee consisting of Lt Colonels John S. Dodge, Ian McLaughlin, August L. Bernes, Theodore G. Wurm, Russell J. Woollura, William Coleman, Major Al Tudyman and Captain A. D. Muzio was appointed. Purpose of this committee was to screen and interview personnel for Group and Squadron assignments and for preliminary planning, in the new Re-covery program.

Among the public information highlights for the period was the award to TSG Robert M. Gabriel, selected as outstanding Airman of the Year. The Squadron of the Year award went to the 9441st ARS of Walnut Creek. On 9 May 1961, Lt Col McLaughlin presented the annual Air Force ROTC Award to Cadet Robert C. Granville, University of California, who best exhibited and executed the traits related to becoming an outstanding Air Force Officer.

MSG Cle F. Senter, NCO, Group Training Staff, retired at the end of this period in his highest rank of Lt Colonel.

Final meeting of the 9080th Air Force Reserve Group was held on 7 June 1961 at the Officers' Club, Alameda Naval Air Station, Alameda, California. As the final chapter of the 9080th APR Group was written, all were left with mixed feelings, but looked forward with anticipation to the challenges of the new program.

ALAMEDA Work on the establishment of the new Air Reserve Recovery Group at the Oakland center is well underway. This Group will take Up the work of the Gester and the present 9080th Group on 1 July. At a meeting on the evening of 18 May those reservists who have been tentatively selected for the Group Staff positions were given de-tails of the work to be accomplished for activating our two Recovery Squadrons, each to be stationed at a eiviliafa airport in this general area. Lt Gol John Dodge, Group Commander, and Lt Gol Ian Mclaughlin, designated as Deputy in the new Group, briefed the officers and airmen present. It Gol R.S, Hargig, Genter Commander, gave details of the mission and training.

The last meeting of the 9080<sup>th</sup> Air Reserve Group was scheduled for 7 Jun 1961. The group will lose its identity next month with the start of the Recovery Mission.

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