

NEW COMMANDER WELCOMED

Engineers' Steak Fry Honors Incoming, Outgoing Officers

The 306th Civil Engineering Squadron held a steak fry at the base picnic grounds Friday, Aug. 7 to welcome three newly assigned officers and bid farewell to one departing officer. Guests of honor were: Lt. Col. Lester G. Taylor, incoming deputy base commander for civil engineering; Maj. John W. Lang and Capt. Gustav Anderson, both new arrivals here; and Capt. Charles W. Pomeroy, who will be reassigned in the near future.

Colonel Taylor comes to

McCoy from a tour of duty as base civil engineer at Ankara Air Station, Turkey.

A 1943 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., Colonel Taylor, a native of Kansas City, Kans., flew P-47 and P-51 flight aircraft with the Eighth Air Force in the European Theater of Operations during World War II. He has over 300 hours of combat flying time and is rated a command pilot.

He served as chief of the flying training branch, Headquarters Fifth Air Force in Korea from December 1952 to December 1953.

Immediately prior to his Korean assignment, Colonel Taylor served two years with the directorate of flight safety, Norton AFB, Calif., during which time he was editor of Flying Safety magazine.

During 1954-55 he was assigned as director of combat operations for Headquarters, Central Air Defense Force at Richards-Gebaur AFB, Mo.

From 1958 to 1960 Colonel Taylor was Air Force liaison officer with the Navy at Treasure Island, San Francisco, Calif.

For one year before his assignment to Turkey in 1961, Colonel Taylor was base deputy commander for civil engineering at Castle AFB, Calif.

Colonel Taylor says of his assignment to McCoy, "All things come to he who waits. I requested assignment to the Orlando area 15 years ago, and it looks like someone finally found that piece of

Commander Sends Thanks

a quality Ready Reserve was greatly appreciated by every man in the organization. The training they received will not be forgotten.

"My sincere thanks to you, members of your staff, managers of base facilities, and section supervisors, for without the grand effort shown by each and every one, the tour could not have been the success it was."

WILLIAM G. MILLER

Colonel, AFRES
Commander,
8445th Air Force
Reserve Recovery Group

(The 9319th Air Force Reserve Recovery Squadron spent its annual two-week tour of active duty at McCoy July 12-24. Project officer for the 9319th's visit here was Maj. Lawrence Y. McAuley, 306th Bomb Wing logistics staff officer.)

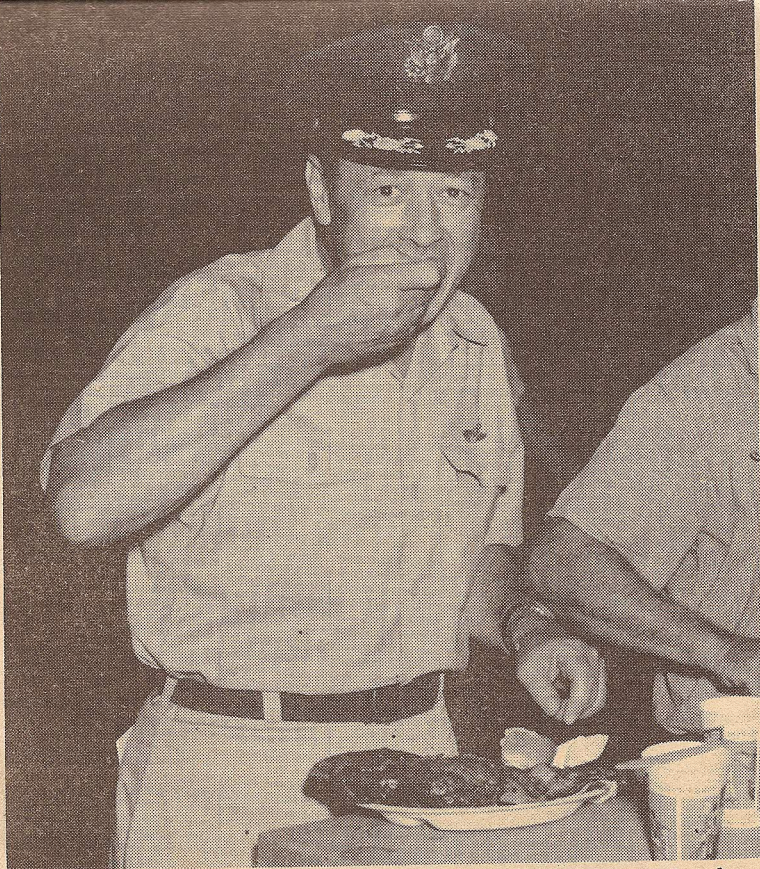
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MMMMM GOOD! - Lt. Col. Lester G. Taylor, incoming base deputy commander for civil engineering, samples a steak prepared by 306th Civil Engineering Squadron "chefs." (Photo by A3C Charles K. Butler).