

AF Chief of Staff To Address AFA

General David C. Jones, Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force, will address the joint meeting of the Greater St. Louis and Scott Memorial chapters of the Air Force Association November 21st.

According to Donald Kuhn, president of the St. Louis Chapter and host for the meeting, the event will be held at the Ramada Inn South (I-55 and Lindbergh). Tickets are now on sale through the Air Force Association Chapters at \$7.00 per person.

A seating limit of 400 exists therefore tickets are on a first come first serve basis. DMAAC employees may contact Kuhn at extension 8254 regarding ticket



information.

Cocktail hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the dinner, program and dancing to follow. Dress is business suit and tie or uniform.

Election For Non-professionals

On February 4, 1975 the National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE) petitioned the Department of Labor for an election in a unit of all General Schedule & Wage Grade non-professional employees at this Center, excluding all professionals, management officials, confidential employees, employees engaged in Federal personnel work in other than a purely clerical capacity, guards, & supervisors. DMAAC agreed that the unit should be activity-wide. However, it contended that such unit should include the professional employees who share a community of interest with the

non-professional employees and by their exclusion, would not promote effective dealings or efficiency of agency operations. A fact-finding hearing was concluded on June 4 and the resultant testimony & exhibits were forwarded to the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Labor-Management Relations (A/SLMR) for decision. On October 24, the A/SLMR issued his decision in favor of NFFE and directed that a secret ballot election be held in the unit of non-professional employees within 60 days. It is estimated that approximately 1,260 employees will be eligible to vote. The election will be held December 16 and 17.

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Wanted: Blood Donors Now

With two months to go, the 1975 Blood Donor program has encountered an invisible shield of resistance, according to program manager, Herb Kadowaki.

The volume of blood donated during the months of September and October has declined considerably, thus placing the annual goal of 840 units in jeopardy. The donation records reflect a significant point that approximately five percent of the Center's workforce is providing the entire DMAAC contribution to the donor program. The "first time" donor is not a familiar sight anymore at the donation Center.

The process of giving blood is simple and requires only an hour of time. The potential benefits to each employee and his family are virtually unlimited as long as the Center continues to meet its goal each year.

The next blood mobile visit will be November 21 in building 25 at the Second Street installation. No appointment will be necessary.

Good Turn-Out For Old Newsboy Day

Twenty-four Center employees have volunteered to assist the Director, Col. James St. Clair, on Old Newsboys Day, Wednesday, November 26th.

A number of new names and faces are among those volunteering this year. The annual event, sponsored by the St. Louis Globe-Democrat on Thanksgiving Eve, raises money for children's agencies in the St. Louis area.

Additional Services At Dining Hall

Assorted cold sandwiches will now be offered to dining hall patrons as well as club sandwiches made to order. A large Julienne Salad will be prepared with meats and cheeses, which will be a meal in itself. Other menu changes desired should be brought to the attention of the Base Restaurant Council or the Dining Hall Management.

Serving as an Old Newsboy or Girl for an hour that morning is a very easy and most worthwhile way to serve your community in a way that brings tangible results for many youngsters.

Serving this year at the 2nd Street installation are Colonel St. Clair, Col. Robert Burns, Lawrence Ayers, Frank Roth, George Cline, Jr., Frank Aufmuth, Henry Bauer, Hiram Lloyd, George Shalhoob, Donald Riggs, Alvin West, Penman Gilliam, Louis Foster, Anthony Birkenmeier, Eileen Sinnwell, Janis Leathers, Sheree Dees, Andrea Kowal.

Paper hawks at the South Annex include: Bernice Hendricks, Patricia Ketzner, Virginia Welter, Bud Brown, Adolph Wuenschel.

Two individuals will be selling in their home communities and combining their contributions with those taken at DMAAC. William Kolnik will sell at Kinshighway and Fyler while John Hajek sells at Lemay Ferry and Victory Drive.



Thanks to the efforts of hundreds of men and women, the seminar, sponsored by the St. Louis Federal Women's Program Council and the St. Louis Federal Executive Board and held at the Rodeway Inn, October 21st and 22nd, was a unique and valuable experience. Talking with some of the women in attendance from DMAAC, I found they expressed similar views on the efficient and professional manner in which the program was presented. Promoting "Self-development" as a factor in individual and agency progress, the program enabled the participants to come away with useful information applicable to their specific interests.

On behalf of the participants I would like to express appreciation to the Director and those responsible for the opportunity to take part in this informative and meaningful seminar.

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The Metric System Is Here

The conversion to the metric system of measurement has begun at the Center as certain items have been identified by the Director for immediate conversion to the use of metric items.

On the 10th of June the Deputy Secretary of Defense issued a memorandum that stated, "The Department of Defense will use the international metric system in all its activities consistent with operational, economical, technical and safety considerations."

specifying measurements. This is also true for any textual discussions that include or relate to such measurements.

Conventional round-off procedures are to be used when decimals are not required to be shown after conversion of English values to metric measurements.

When appropriate, equivalent English values may be shown in parenthesis after the metric figures.

Obviously, DMAAC chart

ION Meets

The second meeting of the Institute of Navigation's St. Louis Section for 1975-76 will feature a film and talk on the Air Force's new lightweight fighter the F-16.

General Dynamics Corporation Corporate Director of Material, John C. Kane, will be the speaker for the evening.

The meeting, which is limited to ION members, their wives or dates, will be held at the Coast Guard Officers Club on Wednesday, December 3rd. The evening will start with cocktails at 5:30 followed by a steak dinner at 6:30 and the program at 7:30.

Tickets for the event are available from Larry Knopf

October Honor Roll

30 YEARS

Ernest B. Gonza, Robert L. Kelly, Richard E. Gains, Joseph S. Platte, and Teddy F. Jaskiewicz.

20 YEARS

David M. Caldwell, Russell E. Haberland, William J. Muich, Jr., William F. Roedel, Jr., Meredith L. Morris, Thomas D. Moss, William S. Kolnik, Patricia M. Exler and Eleanor L. Dutton.

10 YEARS

Robert E. Vicor, Thomas P. Berra, Geraldine M. Lorkowski, Barbara Ann Guthrie, Merald E. Rhoades, Leona M. Cramer, Carol A. Sherrill and Frank E. Calcaterra.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE RATING

Susan J. Carter, Lillian Galant, and Walter Grimm.

QUALITY SALARY INCREASE

Lillian Galant, Robert Thompson, Jimmie W. Boyd, Lester W. Lueksing, James M. Ragan, Charles R. Bonham, Randal W. Callies, Donald Klier, Lohris G. Jenkins, Doyle O. Bailey, Dennis Langlois and Kathleen M. Breuer.

SUSTAINED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE

Susan J. Carter, Robert Champlin, Richard A. Seifert, L. C. Smith, Charles H. Schmidt, Victor Behrmann, Charles W. Doolin, Thomas M. Johnston, Adrian A. Robart, Carl R. Doss, Daryl A. Berg, Allen L. Owen and Walter Grimm.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

George Nishimura.

Schirmerman To Address AGU

In Sympathy

Lawrence Schirmerman of DMAAC will be the guest speaker

DAVID V.

As action plans begin to take shape the Director of DMAAC has issued policy guidance regarding metric conversion.

All technical correspondence (i.e. analysis, reports, proposals, studies, etc.) as well as administrative correspondence, will use the metric system in

products and related materials used directly in aerospace navigation cannot be converted until such time as the navigation systems themselves incorporate metric terms, and the change has been accepted internationally by the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Back To School

by D. Vogele

What is it like for a woman to return to college after 23 years? For Mrs. Joyce Flaherty, wife of John D. Flaherty, CMM, going back to earn a B.A. degree was a combination of intense satisfactions, a few traumas and a great deal of hard work.

Mrs. Flaherty was recently featured in a local newspaper article depicting the return of persons to college after many years absence. Mrs. Flaherty, long active in Kirkwood community affairs, noted that one of the reasons she returned to college

was to improve her ability to communicate and to learn how to get disassociated groups interested in the positive aspects of community action.

"I was at a stage in life," she stated, "when I knew what I wanted to learn. I also felt inadequate without a degree, and wanted my daughters to see what it was like for someone in her 40s to go back to school and take 18 credits while working full time at a demanding job and having the same household duties. I don't want them to be dropouts."

AD Announces Christmas Dance

The Aeronautical Information Department has announced its annual Christmas Dance for December 13th at the Viking Restaurant, Lindbergh and Watson Roads.

The price per person will be

\$10.00 and includes cocktail setups (BYOL), buffet and dancing to the music of Jack Stevens band.

Tickets are available from Walter Carlin, 4241, or David Tolpen, 8222.

available from Larry Klopfel 4807, Billy Hopwood 8252, Wayne Harmon 8180, Adolph Wuenschel 8327, Larry Rush 8270 and Paul Fitzgerald 4241.

Search For Eisenberg Nephew Continues

At presstime the search for Greg Eisenberg, nephew and Godson of David Eisenberg, CDG, continued in the Fulton, Mo. area. Young Eisenberg was reported missing from the Missouri School for the Deaf on October 26th.

Law enforcement agencies throughout the two-state area have been alerted. In initial searches citizens band radio groups and amateur operators have provided assistance, according to David Eisenberg. Among the "ham" operators aiding the search was John Rousin, a recent retiree of the Center.

The youth is a five year student at the school and was discovered missing about 11:30 p.m. on October 26.

He is described as 5' 5", 120 pounds, 16 years of age and long haired. He was last seen wearing a reversible brown-black jacket, blue jeans and a shirt with blue quilt yoke. He has a mole on his chin.

Any information about the youth should be provided to the nearest law enforcement office immediately.

at the November 19th meeting of the Metropolitan St. Louis Branch of the AGU.

Schirmerman will speak on Spacecraft Based Selenodesy. The speech will be a discussion of lunar geodesy and development of a new selenodetic system from the results of lunar orbital science.

The meeting will be held in the DMAAC Dining Hall beginning with a social hour at 4:00 p.m. Buffet will start at 5:30 and the meeting at 6:30. Ticket price is \$3.50.

Schirmerman has been involved in lunar investigations since 1966. He served as a member of the Apollo Orbital Science Photographic Team during the Apollo missions and has authored papers on lunar cartographic and selenodetic subjects. At present, he is the Editor of the Lunar Cartographic Dossier and a member of the NASA Lunar Cartographic and Photographic Committee.

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Editor

BELL, ADDF, died on November 1, 1975. He was an Air Information Specialist and had been at DMAAC since November 1963. He retired as an Air Force Captain in 1961.



Bell

His military career included attache duty in Afghanistan and assignments with Headquarters Command, Air Defense Command and the Alaskan Air Command.

He is survived by his wife Marie and a daughter and son.

Private services were held on November 4 with interment at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

ALOYS F. QUIRIN, a DMAAC retiree, died Monday, November 3 at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Belleville. He had been at DMAAC from



Quirin

November 1953 until his retirement in June 1972. He was a traffic management specialist in the Directorate of Logistics, Transportation Division.

He is survived by his wife Adele and a son.

Services were held on Thursday, November 6 at St. John Catholic Church, Smithton, with interment in St. John Cemetery.

The Image Maker Retires

By David L. Black

To visitors of this Center Albert Williams was the first man they saw upon arrival and the last they said good-bye to upon their departure. He was the image maker for the Center. A most important assignment. His performance of duty, his appearance, his comments could make the difference between a favorable impression of DMAAC and a not so favorable one when VIP's came to call at the Aerospace Center.

Albert Williams retired October 31st and his shoes will be big ones to fill. Perhaps by this time you're saying to yourself, "I never heard of Albert Williams." Albert Williams was more commonly known around the Center as "Willie" and he served as the senior staff car driver for the Center.

Throughout his 26 years with DMAAC he has chauffeured royalty, cabinet officers, high level personnel within the

Department of Defense and employees of the Center. All with the same professional degree.

He began his career with the old Aeronautical Chart Plant in 1949 when he was assigned as duty driver for the Commander of the Plant, Col. Jewel E. Morrison. He has continued to serve as the number one driver for 16 commanders or directors.

Prior to DMAAC he served in the Army from April 1941 to October 1945 primarily in the Quartermaster Corps (aviation) in the European and Mediterranean theaters.

During his career he has been the recipient of numerous Safe Driving Awards.

You would think that after driving for thousands of miles during the past 31 years of Federal service that Albert Williams would be tired of the road but not so. When asked about his retirement plans he simply answered, "Travel."

College Tours Begin As Fall Arrives



Albert "Willie" Williams recalls with DMAAC Deputy Director, Colonel Burns, some of the stories he's heard and told during his 26 years of service to the Center as senior staff car driver. Willie retired October 31st.

The Ups And Downs Of Elevator Operation

The DMAAC elevators, if you'll pardon the pun, have had their ups and downs lately as far as continuous operation is concerned. Prime among the troublemakers has been elevator No. 3, the large freight elevator located in the "B" section of building 36. People from every section use the elevator as it is the only freight and passenger combination elevator serving all six floors. Consequently, the frequency of maintenance and repair on No. 3 elevator has been proportional to its usage. Most of the maintenance service deals with the door system and accounts for approximately 70 to 80 percent of total outage time.

While No. 3 is our trouble maker, other problems do exist in other elevator operations. Some of the problems are due to age while others are the result of improper usage and abuse by employees.

Providing well designed, adequately sized freight and passenger elevator equipment is the prime objective of the Facilities Engineering long range

to the overall maintenance problems experienced by Facilities Engineering and perhaps could result in you or me finding ourselves stuck between floors in a malfunctioning elevator.

In a listing of Do's and Don't's of elevator operation, let's start with what to do in the event you should find yourself trapped in an

Personal Records Ease Preparation Of Tax Returns

Here is a tip about how taxpayers who itemize their deductions can take steps during the year to maximize their deductions for charitable contributions.

Deductions for contributions to charitable organizations are recognized in amounts up to 50 percent of adjusted gross income.

For gifts of tangible property, it is good tax planning to keep detailed records when making a deduction. When a deduction of more than \$200 is being taken, taxpayers are required to attach a explanation of the deduction to their return.

Make a memorandum of the fact about the contribution. The memo should explain: the name and address of the organization receiving the contribution; a description of the property donated, including its physical condition; how and when it was acquired; the fair market value of the property; any details of the agreement with the receiving organization about the use of the property; and the amount claimed as a deduction.

Describe each item of property. Don't make the



Ed Bronczyk points out features on a chart during a special briefing for members of the geography class of Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill. The class toured the Center October 17th. This was the third time that students from the college have toured the Center to better prepare themselves for careers in cartography.

Beware of Botulism

Botulism spores grow in low acid foods, such as meat and most vegetables. Home canners can avoid botulism by following Agriculture Department's safety tips:

- Cook all foods before canning. A temperature of 240 degrees fahrenheit will destroy botulism spores in food. Use a pressure cooker for canning. The pressure cooker provides the temperature high enough to destroy the botulism spores.

- Look for signs of spoilage. Jar lids could be puffed. The food may have a cloudy appearance, or it may be slimy or soft and may have a bad odor. These signs indicate that the food has gone bad and should not be eaten.

- Cook all canned food before eating. Canned food that has gone bad will not necessarily have any of the signs of botulism. It could look normal and still be poisonous. That is why it is most important for the consumer to empty the contents of that home-canned jar of food into a saucepan and then cook it, covered, for at least 10 minutes. This will destroy the poison if any is present.

Safe home-canning procedures can be found in many good cookbooks as well as Agriculture Department's **Home Canning Fruits and Vegetables**. For a copy of this booklet, send check or money order for 35¢ to Consumer Information, Pueblo, Colo. 91009.

Facilities Engineering long range operation and maintenance program.

An elevator renovation and replacement project, spanning three years and encompassing three of the most heavily used freight elevators will provide modern, high speed, automatic elevator service to all floors of building 36. At the present time, replacement of elevator No. 6 in the "A" section, has been completed. Next on the list is elevator No. 3. Bids have been received on its replacement and are currently being evaluated by Procurement. The criteria necessary for two-step procurement for the replacement of elevator No. 7, located at the North end of building 36, is now being prepared by Facilities Engineering. Also being considered for long term programming is the replacement of elevator No. 1, in "C" section, with two independently operating elevators within the same shaft.

Of course, each of the freight elevators will continue to be tested annually with passenger elevators tested semi-annually. Two elevators per year will receive the five year full load safety test. All tests will comply with the American National Safety Code for elevators.

We've talked about the future plans of replacement and the ongoing testing program, but what can we as employees of the Center do to help prevent some of the maintenance problems? Improper use and abuse of elevators by personnel contributes a great deal

find yourself trapped in an elevator. The first, and most important item, is don't panic. On the control panel of the elevator you'll find an alarm button—PUSH IT. The alarm will ring. Persons hearing the alarm will call the guard desk and the guards immediately will summon the St. Louis Fire Department Rescue Squad. The squad is fully trained and equipped to handle all elevator situations and should have the elevator released and you out in a matter of a few minutes.

According to FE, the two items causing the most problems are holding the door open improperly and playing with the buttons.

DON'T hold the door open manually by pushing against the door.

DO use the "Door Open" button located on the control panel to hold the door open to allow passengers or freight to enter the elevator.

DON'T use the emergency stop function unless an emergency exists.

DON'T play with the panel buttons, just press the button for the floor desired.

DON'T push the hallway elevator function buttons unless you intend to use the elevator.

DON'T sound the emergency alarm unless an emergency exists. Doing so will result in a false alarm run by the St. Louis Fire Department.

DO remember that there are others waiting on other floors to use the elevator—courtesy is contagious.

property. Don't make the mistake of describing the property in one lump, for example, "clothing."

Determining the value of the property is a problem. Most property loses value before it is donated. If possible, get a competent appraisal of the property. Otherwise get a receipt from the donee showing the value. If the donee is unable to give an exact value for the property, it may be able to state in general terms how the property should be depreciated from its purchase price.

You should contact the legal office for answers about charitable contributions.

October Promotions

The following people received promotions during the month of October: Ann F. Behrens, GS-6; Hazel M. Cullen, GS-6; William K. Cummings, GS-5; Jackson W. Harmon, GS-9; Joan S. Langevin, GS-5; Linda M. Neiner, GS-4; John M. Rau, GS-9; Barbara J. Rauch, GS-7; Carolyn G. Schifferdecker, GS-6; Joe W. Smith, GS-14; Marilyn M. Spinsby, GS-5; Henry E. Van Beek, GS-9; Arthur Volkema, GS-9.

Seven Bring Careers To End

LEE E. MOWRER, AAP, departed recently on extended leave pending disability retirement.

His Federal career began in January 1942 with the Office of Chief of Finance in Washington, D.C. where he worked for just seven months before entering military service. All but a year of his military service during WWII was overseas with the 676 Bond Sqdn.

He returned to the Finance Office but five years later, in January 1951, he transferred to the then Aeronautical Chart Plant and was assigned as a records Disposition Clerk. All of his service at DMAAC since that date was within the Directorate of Administration. He was assigned as chief, Publications Division at time of departure.

Mr. Mowrer said his retirement plans include, "Some remodeling projects to my house and a fishing trip, then take it easy for a while and possibly some travel later."

GEORGE A. LOZANO's, CDCM, disability retirement was effected just four months after reaching the 30 year mark.

After his military stint with the Navy during WW II he worked as a soundex clerk for the Army Finance Center, advancing to supervisor and on to being a claims examiner. He worked at the Post Office prior to transferring to DMAAC on May 26, 1954. At time of retirement he was assigned as an engraver (cartographic).

Mr. Lozano said his retirement

plans include "to enjoy life and living day to day, come what may."

SHERMAN A. JACOBS', PDD, disability retirement was effected last month. Except for two years in the Navy, most of his over 30 years Federal service has been spent at the 2nd & Arsenal or South Annex sites. He started with the St. Louis Medical Depot in 1942 and remained until the depot was moved to Kentucky.

He joined DMAAC in 1956 as a supply clerk and transferred to the AF Film Library in 1960. With its move to California in 1969 he returned to DMAAC and was assigned to Distribution Division as a supply clerk.

Mr. Jacobs said that the friends he had made in his tour of Distribution were the greatest and he thanked them for letting him share their friendship and wants them all to know they have his friendship.

He added he had no special retirement plans.

FRANCIS W. STEWART'S, FEMM, disability retirement was effected on October 9 with 11 years service. His military service included assignment with the 381st Combat Engr. Btn, during WW II with 14 months service in Europe. He was recalled in active reserve at Ft. Lewis, Wash, until April 1951.

He returned to Federal service at DMAAC in April 1967 and has been assigned as an electrician.

Mr. Stewart said he plans to work on the properties they own on the Gasconade River and the Missouri River, and his home here

in St. Louis. He then plans to do a little loafing and maybe a little traveling, if there is time left after his fishing, gardening, hobbies and spending time with his family.

Mr. Stewart added, "I shall miss those of you with whom I had established those deep friendly roots."

"Thank you—you have been kind to me."

THOMAS O. LA MASTUS, FEM, retired recently with over 21 years Federal service. He worked seasonal jobs from June 1927 to February 1939 with the Corps of Engineers, Memphis Engineer District. He then worked for the St. Louis Housing and Granite City Army Depot from 1962 to February 1971 when he transferred to DMAAC. He was assigned to Facilities Engineering, Operations & Maintenance Division as a boiler plant operator.

Mr. LaMastus said, "He is moving to a small home on a lake in Miss. and plans to fish, hunt, raise roses and a small garden."

Other recent retirements for which no information was furnished the Orientor include:

JACK D. BLACKWELL, FEMB, retired with 30 years, 3 months Federal service. He had been at DMAAC the past six years assigned as a boiler plant operator.

FLOYD J. MONICK'S, PDB, disability retirement was effected recently. He has almost 29 years Federal service with all but six years at DMAAC where he was an assistant pressman (Map & Chart).

Driver Can Boost Fuel Economy

According to the Federal Energy Administration, many factors greatly influence the actual mileage each driver will get with a certain automobile. A few economy busters include:

- Jack-rabbit starts and jerky acceleration can decrease fuel economy by 30 percent in city traffic.
- The use of air conditioning reduces fuel economy by as much as 20 percent. Air conditioning, as well as other optional equipment, also increases the weight of the automobile, thus further decreasing miles per gallon.
- Excessive idling wastes gasoline. The average American car consumes a cup of gasoline every six minutes when idling.
- Underinflated tires can decrease fuel economy by as much as one mile per gallon.
- Radial tires can improve fuel economy by from 0.5 to 1 mile per gallon.
- Improper front wheel toe-in alignment can decrease fuel economy by 0.3 miles per gallon.
- Every additional 100 pounds of weight increases gas consumption by as much as 0.2 miles per gallon.

Small force takes Mississippi River town

by David F. Barr

HQ. Military Airlift Command

The Revolutionary War to most people brings to mind Paul Revere's ride, Valley Forge, minutemen, and George Washington. Although these images are correct, a small town on the Mississippi River, not far south of Scott AFB, Ill., played its part too.

Phillippe de Rocheblave, the Frenchman who had been placed in charge of Kaskaskia by the British, was uneasy. Although the surrounding Indians were peaceful and the French settlers seemed content, something was in the air.

His request for soldiers to insure peace had been turned down by the territorial lieutenant governor back at Fort Detroit. He had told Rocheblave to "depend on the Indians."

Although he feared he would be attacked by water, as he watched the mighty Mississippi sweep past him, Rocheblave decided maybe the lieutenant governor was right; possibly his fears were unfounded.

In the East, a giant of a man with flaming red hair and an almost consuming desire for adventure had just championed his cause to Patrick Henry, governor of the common-



wealth. He said, "If a country is not worth protecting, it is not worth claiming." Henry agreed and commissioned the man a lieutenant colonel, gave him \$1,200 with which to work, and permission to recruit seven 50-man companies of soldiers.

The enthusiastic adventurer who wanted to "take the frontier" found that permission to recruit and recruiting were two different things. He could only raise a force of 175

men. No sooner was the force formed than Henry gave orders to attack Kaskaskia.

After weeks of traveling across country by foot, the 176-man army arrived at Fort Massac in southern Illinois. Instead of constructing keelboats, as Philippe de Rocheblave feared, they marched overland to Kaskaskia.

On July 4, 1778, just two years after the formation of the new

Nation, the men stormed into Kaskaskia, which was populated by 500 Frenchmen and an equal number of slaves, and took it without firing a shot.

Taking the town with such a small, ill-equipped force was not an impossible feat; however, suppressing the outlying Indians and French settlers was a large problem to be faced. The lieutenant colonel decided to try something which later became known as "psychological warfare."

Through word of mouth, he spread the word that France had joined the Revolutionary War on the side of the colonists. By promising freedom of worship to Catholics, he also gained the assistance of a very influential priest, Father Gibault.

With a combined force of Kentuckians and Frenchmen, people in the other villages and their outlying settlers capitulated and thus assured continued peace. History said, "He neutralized Indian chiefs who would not swear brotherhood."

Who was this dynamic adventurer, frontier colonel, and untrained soldier? George Rogers Clark.