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40th Arrives Here; Choppers, Sandies Now Based Together

The 40th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, organized at Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base in March 1968, has moved to Nakhon Phanom.

Commanded since June by Lt. Col. John H. I. Morse, the 40th flies HH-53 Super Jolly Green Giants in carrying out its mission of providing Search and Rescue support for U.S. aircraft operating in Southeast Asia.

The move of the unit from Udorn to Nakhon Phanom was made to consolidate rescue and helicopters and ground support facilities at one location.

In contributing to the motto "That Others May Live" the 40th has established an outstanding reputation since its formation as a component of the 3rd Aerospace and Recovery Group, headquartered at Tan Son Nhut Air Base in the Republic of Vietnam. The squadron is credited with 130 "saves" since its formation.

Units of the world-wide Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service support Air Force and other U.S. agencies conducting global air and space operations. They also provide air recovery forces for manned space flights in support of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's aerospace operations.

Colonel Morse, the commander of the 40th, came to Thailand from Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, where he was assigned to the Air Force Systems Command's Flight Test Directorate. A command pilot, he flew B-17 bombers in World War II and was stationed at Nakhon Phanom once before in 1968-'69.

"The 40th is happy to be here," Colonel Morse says, "to consolidate our historical association with the 'Sandies.' We

have received fine support here and we appreciate the cooperation of everyone who pitched in and helped us."

The colonel is a native of Winchester, Mass.

First sergeant of the 40th is MSgt. Jackie E. Davison.

Bigger Quotas Bring Stripes To 143 Here

Nakhon Phanom's CBPO has announced the names of 97 to be promoted to the grade of technical sergeant and 46 to master sergeant for the fiscal year 1972A cycle. They are among 14,939 new techs and 8,871 new masters Air Force-wide.

The promotions will be effected in monthly increments. The cycle is scheduled to run through January.

The Aug. 1 increments called for 5,986 promotions to tech, more than those promoted to that grade in the entire FY 1971B cycle, and 3,179 to master, almost equaling the total promoted to master in the last cycle.

Other Aug. 1 increments called for 129 promotions to chief; 429 to senior; 6,383 to staff; and 6,178 to sergeant.

The new cycle also includes the 10 per cent minimum opportunity policy under which 10 per cent of the eligibles in each speciality will be selected for promotion. Previously, the minimum opportunity was 4 per cent of eligibles.

To offset this increased opportunity percentage in each

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Very soon one of our fellow units will be leaving us. While we regret to see the fine men of the Jolly Greens leave, we are grateful for the fine outstanding job they have done. And to fill Jolly's shoes, we'd like to welcome Pedro and the gang. The Pedros are already buzzing around the base, and it's good to know they're around when needed. So long Jolly Green, Hello Pedro!

HONORED GUESTS

Colonel Sohle

Vice Commander - 3rd ARRS

Lt Colonel Shipman

Acting Commander - 40th ARRS

Lt Colonel Lyle

Det 1 Commander - 40th ARRS

Major Lansdale

Det 9 Commander - 38th ARRS