

Jumpfest '76

Parachutists land winners

HURLBURT FLD, FL—Twelve Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service (ARRS) members took individual and team honors at the Jumpfest '76 parachute meet here April 24-25. ARRS members took two first, two second, and two third places in the two-day event.

SSgt. Daniel Schneider and Army 1st Lt. Steve Chapman tied for first place in the individual free-fall competition. Sergeant Schneider is assigned to the Air Force Reserve's 301st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron (ARRSq.), Homestead AFB, FL.

Lieutenant Chapman is attached with the Air National Guard's 129th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group, Hayward Airport, CA.

In the individual static line competition, TSgt. David McKay, 301ARRSq., tied for second, while SSgt. Michael Nunes, 6594th Test Group, Hickam AFB, HI, tied for third place honors.

The ARRS headquarters team from Scott AFB, IL, placed second in the static line jump competition, and the Air Force Reserve's 303ARRSq., March AFB, CA,

placed third in the static line team competition.

ARRS headquarters team members were CMSgts. Charles Walther and William Vargas, SMSgt. Joe Fernandez and MSgt. John Beaty.

Team members from the 303 ARRSq. were MSgts. Robert Williamson and Raleigh Curtis, and SSgts. Jack Ergist and Thomas Gleisberg.

The parachute jump festival was described by event backers as the world's largest accuracy contest

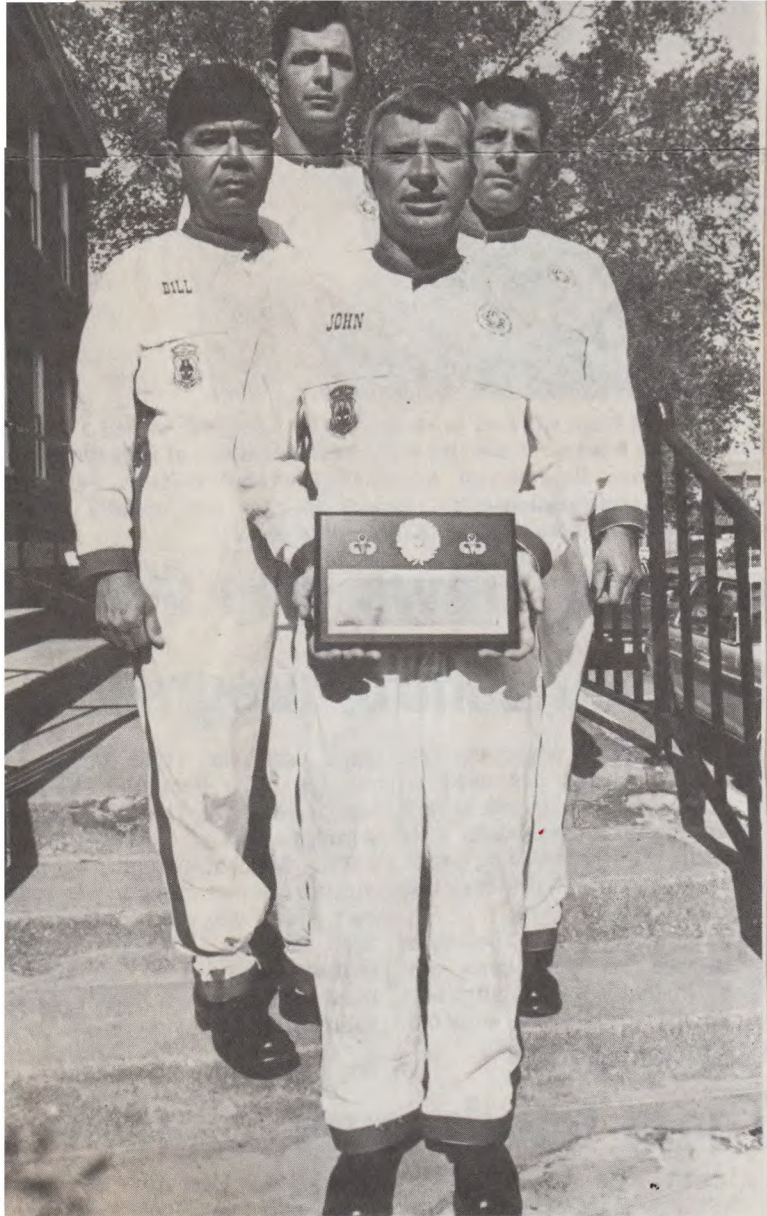
for military jumpers. The event offered 360 U.S. military competitors the opportunity to strengthen interservice cooperation in a sports parachuting environment.

The two-day event, hampered by high winds and thunderstorms, hosted jumpers from as far away as Alaska, Hawaii, Italy, the Philippines and Japan. Participants represented active duty, National Guard and Reserve units from throughout the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps.

Lilliputian labors

Like two citizens of Jonathan Swift's fictional land of Lilliput, these two parachutists at Jumpfest '76 battle the gigantic Gulliver of a billowing, but unseen parachute. Twelve Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service members took individual and team honors at the event. (U.S. Air Force photo)





TEAM WINNERS—The Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service headquarters parachute team placed second in the static line jump competition at Jumpfest '76. Here they show their red stripe-on-white uniforms and the trophy they received for their efforts. Team members are SMSgt. Joe Fernandez, top; CMSgts. William Vargas and Charles Walther, left and right, respectively; and MSgt. John Beaty, bottom. (U.S. Air Force photo)