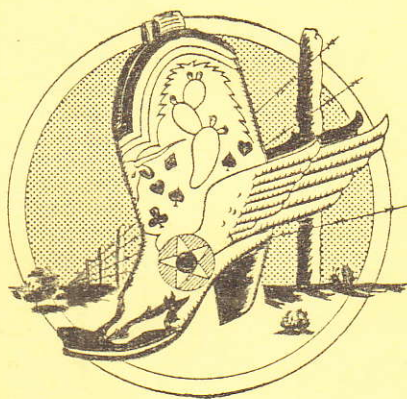


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CLASS 59B

BASIC MULTI-ENGINE

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3500TH PILOT TRAINING WING

FOREWORD

The officers who receive the wings of the United States Air Force today begin a career which demands these qualities:

A strong sense of duty coupled with unswerving loyalty to the United States, and a willingness to make any sacrifices necessary to the defense of this country;

The intellectual capacity and leadership potential to become effective officer-pilots in the United States Air Force;

The ability to shoulder responsibility and the willingness to exert any effort required to fulfill the assigned mission;

The unquestioned integrity and character which are the hallmarks of commissioned officers.

The officers and instructors of Reese Air Force Base have recognized these qualities in the men of the graduating class. We share with each wife and parent here the pride you can take in the achievement of these young men and join with you in wishing them continued success.

DRoss Ellis  
Colonel, USAF  
Commander

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## PROGRAM

INVOCATION Chaplain William D. Franks

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER Colonel Dross Ellis  
Commander, 3500th Pilot Training Wing

ADDRESS Brigadier General George E. Keeler, Jr.  
Deputy Director of Supply  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

OATH OF OFFICE Lt. Colonel James W. Weaver  
Commander, 3500th Pilot Training Group

PRESENTATION OF THE COMMANDERS  
TROPHY TO HONOR GRADUATES OF  
PILOT TRAINING Colonel Dross Ellis

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES TO  
DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES Colonel Dross Ellis

PRESENTATION OF WINGS Captain Adrian A. McDonald  
Commander, Flight 6, 3500th Pilot Training Squadron  
Instructor Pilots  
3500th - 3501st Pilot Training Squadrons

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS Major Roland E. Lane, Jr.  
Executive Officer, 3500th Pilot Training Group  
Captain John P. Diener  
Commander, Flight 1, 3501st Pilot Training Squadron

BENEDICTION Chaplain William D. Franks

## BRIGADIER GENERAL GEORGE E. KEELER, JR.

General George E. Keeler, Jr. was born in Stanford, Conn. He was educated at Stanford High School, and graduated from the United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. in 1929, receiving his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army.

General Keeler served with the Army in various assignments, including a tour as instructor of mathematics at the U.S. Military Academy. In 1943 he joined the 1st Fighter Command at Mitchell Field, N.Y., and later served as Defense Officer in the 12th Air Force in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations in Italy. Following the war, General Keeler formally transferred to the Air Force and from 1946 to 1950 served as a student and instructor at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington, D.C. During a subsequent European tour General Keeler served with the Joint American Military Advisory Group in London and later with Headquarters, European Command in Frankfurt, Germany.

He was assigned to Headquarters, Air Materiel Command, at Dayton in September, 1953, as head of one of the Air Force's major projects--that of converting Air Force Supply Catalogs to the new Federal Catalog System. General Keeler also supervised AMC responsibilities in the Air Force's standardization program, which the military services were mutually establishing.

In June 1954, General Keeler was appointed Deputy for Plans and Operations in the Directorate of Supply and Services. He held that post until February, 1955. At that time he went to Harvard University to attend the Advanced Management Program course. Upon completion of the course he returned to Headquarters, Air Materiel Command as Deputy Director of Supply, a post he holds at the present time.

General Keeler has been awarded the following decorations: Bronze Star, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal, Commendation Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

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GRADUATING CLASS 59-B



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MAJOR JOSEPH G. O'CONNELL, COMMANDER

CAPTAIN JAMES T. LOKEY, OPERATIONS OFFICER

FLIGHT 6

CAPTAIN ADRIAN A. McDONALD, COMMANDER

STUDENT OFFICERS

1st Lt George E. Brunstad	2nd Lt Donald L. Harlan
1st Lt John S. Castell	2nd Lt Giles D. Harlow, Jr.
1st Lt Laurence W. Conover	2nd Lt Kenneth R. Hesse
1st Lt Conrad Gosheff	2nd Lt James N. Hockney
1st Lt Melvin R. Launius	2nd Lt George J. Hoke, Jr.
1st Lt Donald B. Lyall	2nd Lt Bill D. Hurley
1st Lt Carroll G. Moran	2nd Lt Charles W. Jones
1st Lt Kenneth M. Patterson	2nd Lt Michael R. Keating
1st Lt Myron A. White, Jr.	2nd Lt Harper B. Keeler
1st Lt John H. S. Wright	2nd Lt Vincent M. Kerrigan
2nd Lt Robert L. Albertson	2nd Lt John W. McClanahan
2nd Lt Alfred H. Arbuthnot	2nd Lt Walter R. McDonald
2nd Lt John H. Cochrane	2nd Lt Richard A. Mollicone
2nd Lt George D. Cooper	2nd Lt Herbert C. Rice
2nd Lt Donald J. Couture	2nd Lt Stanley Voyiazakis
2nd Lt John T. Gleason	2nd Lt Edwin K. Whiting



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MAJOR RICHARD J. CONDRICK, OPERATIONS OFFICER

FLIGHT I

CAPTAIN JOHN P. DIENER, COMMANDER

STUDENT OFFICER

1st Lt John S. Connors

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Gerald R. Bitney	Kenneth A. Hathaway
John C. Brumit	Donald I. Jackson
Edward M. Brunner	Neil F. Miller
Herman L. Byrd	Morton R. Mitchell, III
Amon W. Cathey, Jr.	Richard W. Nelson
John E. Coffin	Brian E. Pecon
John C. Davis	Robert L. Powell
Glenn H. Dietzel	Philip E. Rice
Gerald G. Goff	Fredrick D. Sproule

## DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES

Lt. Kenneth M. Patterson  
Lt. Herman L. Byrd  
Lt. Kenneth A. Hathaway  
Lt. Donald I. Jackson  
Lt. Richard W. Nelson

The distinguished graduates to receive the Commander's Trophy for maintaining exceptionally high standards in their performance of duty are:

Lt. Kenneth M. Patterson  
Lt. Kenneth A. Hathaway

## HISTORY OF REESE AIR FORCE BASE

Reese Air Force Base was named in honor of First Lieutenant Augustus F. Reese, Jr., of Shallowater, Texas. Lt. Reese was killed in Cagliari, Sardinia, 14 May 1943 while flying a P-38 on a voluntary mission to destroy a railroad supply train. The base was activated in January, 1942 as a pilot training school for the Army Air Corps. Its present mission is to train officers and aviation cadets to become pilots in the U. S. Air Force.

Since its beginning, Reese has produced nearly 15,000 graduates from its pilot training programs. This base has graduated over 7,000 multi-engine pilots since reactivation in October, 1949.

During World War II, it served as a basic flying training school, employing AT-9, AT-17 and the AT-6 "Texan" aircraft. Following the war it was deactivated and used as a housing area for veterans and their families, and as a meeting place for National Guard, Air Force Reserves and Naval Reserve Units. After reactivation in October, 1949 the field was again utilized as a basic flying training school using the T-6 and T-28 training planes, as well as the multi-engined TB-25. In January, 1955 the single engine aircraft were phased out, leaving an all TB-25 training program. In January, 1959 Reese will convert to an all jet program using the T-33.

The course of training for student pilots consists of three phases--flying, academic and military training.

The flying training program includes 116 hours of flying: 43 hours of transition, 44 hours of instruments, 21 hours of navigation 8 hours of formation.

Academic training uses a total of 213 hours of instruction: 29 hours of engineering, 69 hours of flight operations, 34 hours of weather, 27 hours of celestial navigation, and numerous hours in other related subjects.

The cadet military training program requires 209 hours: 26 hours for processing and orientation, 55 hours of drills, ceremonies & inspections, 18 hours of leadership and character development, 48 hours of professional skills and techniques and 57 hours of physical training. A similar program is in effect for students who are already commissioned officers.

This training program qualifies its graduates to take their places among the best pilots in the world.

Colonel Dross Ellis, an Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College graduate and native of Stillwater, Oklahoma, is Commander of Reese Air Force Base.

