

Mace/Matador

MISSILEER NEWS

"SERVING THE TACTICAL MISSILE CREWS AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL WHO FOUGHT AND WON THE COLD WAR"

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NO TIME TO PROCRASTINATE!

The days are dwindling, but there's still time to register for the big get-together in Dallas/Fort Worth on 24-26 August.

A lot of people have already signed up, but we need you to notify us of your intentions so we can finalize plans as soon as possible. On page 7, you will see a list of those who have already registered, as well as those who indicated on the earlier questionnaire that they would likely be attending. As you can see, we could potentially have more people than room availability unless you let us know quickly!

I think you will agree that both the registration and hotel prices are very reasonable. You

could spend the same amount taking your significant other to a football game and pizza afterwards. If you join us in Grapevine, you get two big meals, a dance and two or more days reliving some of the most memorable times in our lives.

We will continue to register people until the last minute and the hotel has agreed to allow us to add names to the meal list until the 17th of August, but we really need to know your intentions as soon as possible. If for some reason you can't notify us until the last minute, we will do whatever we can to accommodate you, but room availability will not be guaranteed. Things will go much smoother if we have more notice.

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WHERE IT ALL BEGAN

The following was submitted by Maj Eugene W. Slegel, (ret), from a paper written by C. Jackson Libby, a field test engineer for the Martin Co. Space will not permit printing the entire story, but I thought you'd enjoy reading how it began. 1Lt Slegel was Asst Guidance Officer at Holloman in 1949.

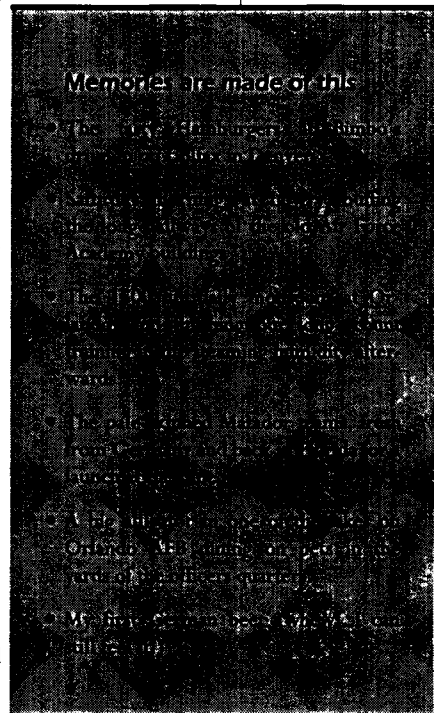
4:05 PM on January 15, 1949 marked a moment in history at Holloman AFB, NM. This was the moment the first US Air Force Matador missile was fired. Not a very auspicious beginning,

as the missile traveled only 2600 feet. But at that instant was born a determination and seriousness of purpose that would lead to the deployment of seven USAF Matador (later Mace) squadrons throughout Europe and Asia—the first US missile ever to become operational and deployed overseas.

Partners in this historic accomplishment were the USAF and the Glenn L. Martin Company who worked together as an integrated missile firing team at Holloman AFB in the period of 1948-1951. In 1951, the operation was transferred to Patrick AFB, FL. The Air Force contingent headed by then Capt John Evans comprised an elite group from First Guided Missile Wing, Eglin AFB, FL. The Martin contingent headed by Jack Libby, was from the company's fledgling 100-man Pilotless Aircraft section, even the veterans of zero length launching tests at Aberdeen Proving Grounds and Martin Baltimore plant. Holloman AFB provided project coordination for range support and the officers during this period were Wallace, Wetzel Pederson, Ellzey, Hombaker. Wright field provided the first chase pilots—Allred and Curtiss. Eglin provided later pilots Evans, Biehunko, Young and Hoover.



"Sorry Captain, I always take this shortcut with my VW, and I've never had a problem!"



CORRECTION...HOTEL RESERVATIONS: 972-724-2600

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Preparation for our get together is going full blast and I am focused and dedicated to that end. The initial requests for a gathering this year was large. But the response to the registration (commitment) has not been as fast as I had anticipated. This has prompted me to reevaluate our room requirements to insure there will not be a substantial penalty for not meeting our commitment.

We are sending out this newsletter to do 2 things, one is to get a count of committed people and second to update our active roster.

We need you to respond to this newsletter so we can check and make sure our Roster is correct. If you have e-mail (to verify e-mail address) please send the response by e-mail (gsand@quik.com / perkster@fcol.com) if not, a post card or short phone call (904-282-9064 or 940-464-0490) will suffice.



JOE PERKINS, CHAIRMAN
perkster@fcol.com

We need to know if you are attending (committed) or not attending.

I realize some of you want to come, but due to prior commitments, jobs and financial obligations, you cannot attend. I understand and will miss talking and the camaraderie.

I have made a commitment to the hotel on rooms reserved and non-performance carries a heavy penalty. If I do not meet this requirement it could cost me in \$100's, so I am trying to get an honest count of committed people before it is too late to correct the amount of rooms we will require. You do not have to send money now, but you need to make room reservations as soon as possible (tell them that you are with Mace/ Matador group).

Your cooperation is essential on this matter.

Joe

EDITORIAL: DIDJA' EVER?

Remember the old Elvis song from his GI Blues album...Didja' Ever? To the rhythm of a marching song, he lamented the day...*"When nothin' goes right, from morning 'til night, didja' ever get one of those days?"*

I had one of those days with the last issue of your newsletter...in spades. As you might have noticed, it consisted of a record breaking 8 pages, an event registration form and a format change. It turned out to be a rather heavy workload, but despite that, I was only running behind my self-imposed schedule by a day or two.

The moment I began printing, everything that could go wrong did. I won't bore you with all the details, but there were printer problems, software problems, computer problems and the printer ran out of toner...twice! Toner cartridges, which are usually delivered overnight, took 3 days to arrive, and frustration was the order of the day.

Then when I went to the post office to mail the 550 copies, I discovered it was close enough to the maximum weight for a 33 cent stamp, that the tiny mailing label put it over the weight limit! Instead of 33 cents, I had to cough up 55 cents or take forever to handwrite each address. Needless to say, I wasn't about to do that.

The real frustration is that I had tried pre-

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printing addresses on the page, so I could omit the label, but that was where I ran into one of the computer problems.

The coup-de-grace came when I realized, too late, that I had misprinted the Missileers website address and that the reservations phone number I got from the hotel was actually their fax number!

With that in mind, I offer my humble apologies

for a less-than-satisfactory product, and hope you will forgive the faded printing, dark pictures, missing text and overall poor quality of the newsletter. If this issue shows improvement, it means the computer and printer problems are at least temporarily

resolved. If not, it likely means I'm still tearing my hair in frustration!

...the tiny mailing label put it over the weight limit!

As long as I'm in apology mode, I should mention another subject. I originally promised I would be including a condensed version of Fred Horkey's article from **International Plastic Modelers Society/United States Branch Quarterly** in this issue, but due to my extended, unplanned trip to Montana, I didn't have time to transcribe the text. I *did* include a couple of photos from the magazine and there are many more to come.

Corrections!

Please note the correct address for our internet web site. I printed it wrong last time, and I'm still in the doghouse.

<http://tacmissileers.homestead.com/MISSILEER.html>

As you may have discovered, the hotel reservation number was also listed incorrectly. It should be: 972-724-2600

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Several of you have been sending donation checks to me, and while we *greatly* appreciate your generosity, it works much better for us if you send them directly to Joe. I manage to beat out a few words on the computer, but when it comes to bookkeeping, I make a good ditch digger! Joe is the designated financial wizard and official check writer for this team, so I depend on him to keep us solvent. Please help keep us un-confused by sending all donations to him, and only newsletter items to me.

Send to: Joe Perkins
2019 Cornell Rd
Middleburg, FL 32068

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Okay, I know the old Air Force advice is to never volunteer for anything, but this won't hurt....too much.

We need a few people to help out at the DFW meet. At least 2 people are needed to man the registration desk. It will consist of registering people, handing out nametags and other goodies and guiding them to the proper locations.

A couple of others can set up and help keep an eye on the display tables and boards.

If you have computer skills, we need someone to input data and scan photos which the members bring in.

If you can pull one of these details, please let Joe or me know.

Don't forget.....

If you have any mementos to put on display at the Texas meet, boards and tables will be set up to hold these items. We'd like to have models, pictures, patches and other uniform items to add to the nostalgia. Whatever you have will be welcome and appreciated.

MAIL CALL!



Wow, the mailbag is full this time! I've been getting a steady stream of both e-mail and the old-fashioned pony express kind.

Victor Haas sent several cartoons, photos and info about his time in Tainan. He also mentioned that he is on the mend from the surgeons knife, but is going to try his best to be in Grapevine in August. Get well Vic...

it was good to see your name on the registered list!

George Mindling forwarded a wonderful story about Bitburg from his website. We will publish it in a future issue for those of you without web access. He also authored the Mace quiz which can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Sharon Chapin wrote to say she wants to stay in touch. Many of you will remember her and Clive from their Matador days.

Fred Epler identified the Matador picture on the back of our last issue. It was taken by his dad at the Hahn maintenance area about 1957.

Shane Combs related a few tales about his time at Holloman. That base was so interesting if you had a yen for the oddball and the future. I hope we get lots of stories about those Mace and Matador operations at Holloman which very few of us got to see, or

were even aware of.

Frank Godwin reminds us of the opportunity to obtain the Cold War Recognition Certificate signed by SecDef. Since the details were covered in a previous newsletter, I'll hold off re-printing the info for a couple more issues. Frank also noted I had forgotten to mention the fact that Grapevine, TX got it's name from the vinyards located in the area. Yes, of course they have tasting rooms!

Nearly every day brings another letter from a former missileer who heard about our organization from a friend, or found our web site. Let me use this opportunity to welcome all newcomers and to offer an invitation to our get together in August. Hope to see you there!



Taps sounded for another missileer recently. I received a phone call from Ewell (Jerry) Lawson's wife informing us of his passing. Jerry was a Mace technician at Sembach. He was present at the Las Vegas reunion and had planned on attending our Texas get-together. Our sympathies go out to wife Jaqueline, his family and friends.

The Tactical Missile Quiz -Did You *REALLY* Earn Your Missile Badge?

Adapted from George Mindling's web site: <http://home.quixnet.net/~ilsem/38tmw.htm>

1. **The Black Hangar was at:**
(The first question is a "gimme". Nobody goes away empty handed!)
2. **(A Bird) What did RFML mean?**
3. **VIHS meant what?**
4. **Orange bottles meant what?**
5. **White bottles meant what?**
6. **What is a bottle?**
Sorry, I got carried away. No points here! Unless you happen to know what a "hot" bottle is!
7. **What did MAST stand for?**
8. **What was the 4504th?**
When were you in it?
9. **Yes, you were!**
Otherwise it was the ?
10. **What was a Flux Valve?**
Where was it located?
11. **What was the "African Queen"?**
12. **What was Primacord used for?**
13. **(Matador & B-Bird) Camp Happiness was where?**
...and (extra points), why?
14. **How was the dump light read?**
15. **Tangent GusRa was a Yogi from India. T or F?**
16. **When were ORIs always held?**
17. **What ORIs?**
18. **What was the operating tire pressure in the Teracruzers?**
How was the pressure adjusted?
19. **DGs and VGs were always easier to remove while they were still spinning. In fact, the faster the better! True or False?**
20. **Who designed the Missile Badge?**
21. **What was your dosimeter used for?**
22. **Who was Malish, and how did he get his name?**
23. **The Lock On Box was kept in the back of the truck! T or F?**
24. **What were MC-1s; 3100Bs; 4000As; T1Bs; PSM-6s; and SCOPS?**
25. **What did it mean when both sets of spoilers were up at the same time?**
26. **What spoilers?**
27. **Hold back bolts, shear bolts, and splice bolts were interchangeable. (True or False?) Explain!**
28. **OSAT (or augmentee) meant doing what?**
29. **Who had the warmest Pizzas, MEMS or TEMS?**
30. **Can you number the 38TMW sites?**
31. **Can you even remember your old APO?**
32. **What color was your "Alert" scarf? Did it match your cap? No extra points for matching shoelaces, sorry!**
33. **How many different AFSCs did you have? and, lastly**
34. **Do you have TAC Missile photos or stories you haven't sent in yet?**

EXTRA CREDIT!

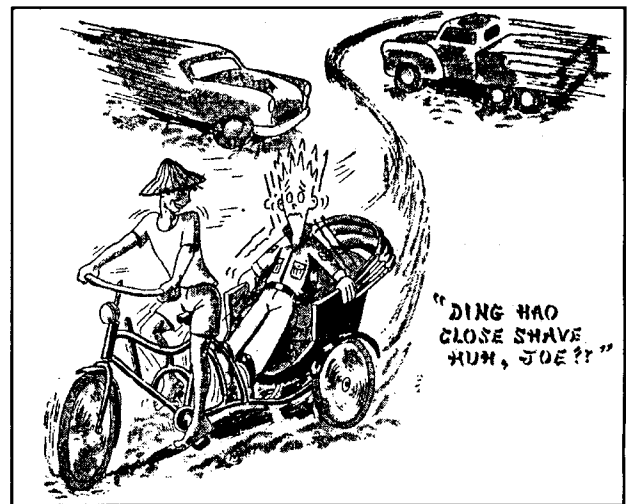
35. **When did we go back and bomb Wheelus?**
 36. **Why?**
 37. **and with What?**
- (We know the extra credit questions don't have anything to do with TAC Missiles, but what the hey!, it was Wheelus!)

Correct answers can be found at the Dallas convention!

....and on the other side of the world...



Hardened Mace site-Okinawa, from Fred Horky's article



Contributed by Vic Haas

Dallas/Fort Worth Event Information

The Event: A social gathering of all former Mace and Matador Missileers, their families and friends, to take place at the *Embassy Suites-Outdoor World* in Grapevine, Texas from **24-26 August, 2000**.

The Price: For all activities including a Friday night buffet dinner, dance and Saturday Banquet the cost will be **\$90** per individual and **\$180** per couple. Additional guests are \$90 each. These fees are strictly for the events and apply whether you stay at the hotel or not. Walk-ins will be charged \$20 per person to attend the Friday dance. This is the only event that may be paid for on a walk-in basis.

Registration: Registration will continue until 17 August. The hotel has extended our deadline one week, and this is the date by which we must furnish a final meal count to the hotel.

Room Rates: The special room rate offered to our group is **\$89** per night. This rate is for up to four people per suite and will be in effect only for the nights of 23-26 August 2000. This allows one additional day each side of the scheduled event for those who wish to arrive early or stay an extra day to visit the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Walk-ins must pay regular hotel rates and will be accommodated on a space available basis.

Rooms Reservations: Room reservations and payment are the responsibility of the individual member and reservations must be made by 17 August to take advantage of the special rates. Remember, we have only 80 rooms blocked, so it's first come, first served. When you make your reservations, **be sure to identify yourself as a member of our group** so the hotel can keep an accurate record. Our rates depend on it! To make reservations, call: **1-800-EMBASSY** and ask to be connected with the Grapevine hotel, or to contact the hotel directly, call: **972-724-2600**.

Cancellations: Anyone who cancels will be charged a cancellation fee of \$10 per person. No refunds should be expected after 17 August since meals have already been ordered and paid for, but in case of an emergency, we will be flexible.

Questions: If you have any questions, address them to Joe at 904-282-9064, e-mail: perkster@fcol.com or Gary at 940-464-0490, e-mail: gsand@quik.com.

REGISTRATION FORM

YOUR NAME _____

SPOUSE or GUEST _____

ADDITIONAL GUESTS _____

Please make check or money order payable to

Joe Perkins and send to:
 Joe Perkins
 2019 Cornell Rd.
 Middleburg, FL 32068

Prices
 Until 17 Aug 2000

Individual
 \$90

couple
 \$180

Additional guests
 \$90

Reminder! This registration does not make hotel reservations, see information above for hotel phone number and reservation info.

Date _____

Total Amount Sent _____

EVENT ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

Activities: Not all activities have been decided at this time, but we will have a buffet dinner on Friday, to be followed by music and dancing. A well-known party DJ will be spinning records from the forties, fifties and early sixties, with a touch of Texas country. I know a lot of you will be more interested in visiting than dancing, but what better atmosphere to renew friendships than listening to great music from our youthful days. Saturday evening is the banquet, featuring a menu of Top Sirloin and Chicken Provencale (I think that's French for fancy, herbed, chicken breast!). Jackets for the men and appropriate attire for the ladies is suggested.

From 5-7PM every evening, the hotel hosts a reception with free cocktails, and each morning offers a free made-to-order breakfast to all guests. As you can see, we're getting a lot of bang for the buck!

We hope to schedule a couple of other activities for spouses and friends on Saturday afternoon, but it will depend on the wishes of the attendees. Among the possibilities are a trip to The Galleria shopping center, which is home to the world-famous Neiman Marcus store. Another is a trip from Grapevine to the Fort Worth Stockyards tourist area, aboard an old steam train named the Tarantula. If any of those sound like fun, let us know early enough to set something up.

The area has dozens of other interesting places to visit , a few of which are the site of JFK's assassination, Rangers baseball stadium, a horse racing track, Texas Motor Speedway, the Fort Worth Zoo, plus a host of beautiful golf courses. There are several public golf courses within easy driving distance of our hotel, so you duffers can keep in practice.

For those wishing to visit a military installation, Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base (formerly Carswell AFB), is located about 30 mile southwest of the event site. Now operated by the US Navy, units from all branches of the service are tenants, and the usual base facilities are available.

The Hotel: Plush and beautiful are the best words to describe the Embassy Suites-Outdoor World. The suites are large, cheery and have all the amenities of home. The hotel opened a year ago in a rapidly growing area just north of DFW airport and right next door to great shopping. The huge lobby with a 12 story atrium is graced by a fountain, forests and quiet seating areas in which to visit with friends. The lobby also features a large sports bar only a short distance from our meeting areas, which made it unnecessary for us to pay extra for a cash bar .

You might even consider inviting some non-missileer friends to join you on your DFW visit. They can stay at the hotel for our special rates, and even attend the dance, although they would not be able to join in our group meals. Make plans to stay an extra day or two and take in the sights of North Texas.

Please make your interests known by filling out the back of the registration form. Send it in early so we can make plans for other activities. We're looking forward to seeing you in Texas!

In addition to the scheduled events, I would like to:

Ride the steam train from Grapevine to Fort Worth.

Visit the Galleria and Neiman Marcus

Other _____

Who's coming? Names in bold have already registered, but we hope everyone on this list will attend, and perhaps some of the new people we recently added to our mailing list.

Akre, Terry
Alward, Kenneth
 Andrews, James
Bailey, Robert
 Baird, Ronald
Baker, Charles
 Baker, Thomas
Baldner, Roger E
 Barber, Jr Lewis
 Bayliss, Warren
 Beard, Jr Thomas
 Beckner, Gary
 Bennett, James
 Bennett, Ewing
 Benson Sr Winthrop
Bielinski, Eugene
Blann, Robert
 Bolton, Robert L.
 Buster, Lue
Campbell, Tom
 Chamblin, Glenn
 Cook, Lowell
Davis, Quentin
 Davy, Albert
 Doak, Robert
Dockery, Noel

Emerson, Larry
 Epler, Frederick
 Esposito, Julian P
 Fenley, Walter W.
 Fiordalis, Joseph
 Foore, Robert
Freshour, Charles
 Gifford, Russell
 • Godwin, Frank D.
 Green, Edward
 Groth, Vernon
 Gutlovics, George
 Guzzeta, George J
Haas, Victor J.
 • Hagan, Marc
 • Hargrove, Donald
 Harlan, Clyde K
 Hastert, Emile
 Henderson, Gene
 Hernandez, Andy
 Hess, Donald
 Hixenbaugh, Roy H
 Idleman, Larry
 Jacobsen, Robert H.
 Jefferis, Melvin
 • **Johnson, Edwin**

Johnson, Austin
 Johnson, Gerald
 Johnson, Richard T.
 Jones, James
 Kading, Larry
 Kibling, Bernard L
 Kidd, William A.
 Kizer, Donald
 Kroskey, James
 • **Kutulis, Robert**
 • **Kyser, Lee**
 Leighton, Charles
 Lewis, William P.
 Ley, Robert E.
 Lorenz, J Edward
 Lowery, Jay
 Lucas, John J
 Lyscik, Ronald
Maas, David
Maher, Francis
 Malone, Richard
 Margeson, Hector
Marney, Johnny C
 Martin, Charles H.
Martinez, Adolph
 Mason, Fred

Mathis, Roy A
 Mauger, Robert E.
 McBride, Jerry (Mac)
McKee, Curtis B
 Miller, George B
 Miller, Herbert J.
 Mitchell, John
Molinaro, Joseph P.
Moore, Steven
Morehouse, David
Moss, Trevis
 Nevis, John
 Oliver, Jack
Perkins, Joe
 Perkins, Ralph
Pettitt, Richard
 Phillips, Earl
 Pickett, John
 Pisle, Standford
 Podlesny, John
 Porter, Phil
 Powell, James O
 Quatrochi, Carmen
 Raya, Joseph
 Reimer, Paul
Renninger, Harold

Reynolds, Charles L
Ristine, Beryl
Ruiz, Elias
 Russell, William S
 Ruth, James M.
 Ruvolo, Sam
Sand, Gary
 Schwindler, Tom
Simpson, Bill
 Singleton, Ben
 Smiley, Robert
Smith, Kenneth
 Stanke, William
 Stenerson, Edgar J
Strong, Jerry R
Summarell, David
 Tallent, James
 Tobin, Frank
 Van Houten, John
Veverka, Philip
Waggles, William
 Walsh, Martin R.
 Walter, Rodney
 White, Richard A
 Wiese, Duane
 Wilson, Jay
 Wilson, Hugh



NEAR-BY GOLF COURSES

There are many more courses in the area, but these are the public courses located within a short drive of the hotel. Tour 18 is considered by local golf-nuts to be the best public course in Texas.

Tour 18

Address: 8718 Amen Corner St., Flower Mound
 Ph: 817-430-2000
 Yardage: 7,033; par 72
 Rating: 74.3
 Green fees, includes cart and tax: \$75 M-T, \$95 F-S and holidays.
 Pro: Greg Saul
 Shoe requirement: Spikeless encouraged.
 All holes are replicas of famous holes on PGA tour. For example, Tour 18's 16th, 17th and 18th holes are replicas of Augusta National's 11th, 12th and 13th holes.

Bridlewood Golf Club

Address: 4000 W. Windsor Drive,
 Flower Mound
 Ph. 972-355-4800
 Yardage: 7,036; par 72
 Rating: 73.6
 Green Fees, includes cart and range balls: \$60 M-T, \$79 F, S, S and Holidays
 Pro: Courtney Connell
 Shoe Requirement: No metal spikes

Iron Horse Golf Course

Address: 6200 Skylark Circle
 North Richland Hills
 Ph: 817-485-6666
 Yardage: 6,580 par 70
 Rating 71.8
 Green fees: With cart \$42 M-F and \$52 on week-ends and holidays. Without cart: \$30 weekdays and \$40 weekends and holidays
 Pro: Jay Clements
 Shoe Requirement: No metal spikes

Lake Park Golf Course

Address: 6 Lake Park Road, Lewisville
 Ph: 972-219-5661
 Yardage: 6,400; par 70
 Rating: 68.3
 Green fees: \$16.50 M-F, \$26.50 S-S; carts \$11 per rider
 Pro: Martin Coulson
 Shoe Requirement: Metal Spikes allowed

Grapevine Municipal Golf Course

Address: 3800 Fairway Drive, Grapevine
 Ph. 972-410-3377
 Yardage: 6,952, par 72
 Rating: 72.1
 Green Fees: \$17 weekdays, \$20 weekends and holidays, Carts \$20 + tax.
 Head Pro: Sid McCleskey
 Shoe Requirements: No metal spikes

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"Ein Prosit, ein Prosit, der gmuetickeit!"

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EXIT SMILING

Airman Jones was assigned to the induction center, where he advised new recruits about their government benefits, especially their GI insurance.

It wasn't long before Captain Smith noticed that Airman Jones was having a staggeringly high success-rate, selling insurance to nearly 100% of the recruits he advised.

Rather than ask about this, the Captain stood in the back of the room and listened to Jones' sales pitch.

Jones explained the basics of the GI Insurance to the new recruits, and then said: "If you have GI Insurance and go into battle and are killed, the government has to pay \$200,000 to your beneficiaries. If you don't have GI insurance, and you go into battle and get killed, the government only has to pay a maximum of \$6000."

"Now," he concluded, "which group do you think they are going to send into battle first?"