

early morning in Cambodia, President Ford decided to move ahead with a rescue operation. Disregarding Thai objections, aircraft and marines moved through U-Tapao.

Tragically, one helicopter crashed on takeoff enroute from Nakhon Phanom to U-Tapao in Thailand killing all 23 men aboard. The 23 fatalities included four crewmembers and heavily armed members of the 56th Security Police Squadron.

Heroic efforts by firefighters risking the danger of exploding ammunition could not save anyone aboard the downed craft.

Despite this tragic crash and armed with the go ahead from President Ford, the destroyer USS "Holt" steamed alongside the "Mayaguez" to carry out the first naval boarding operation since 1826.

Meanwhile, 500 Marines landed on Koh Tang and an aircraft from the carrier USS "Coral Sea" bombed Kompong Som and other mainland targets. The ship was easily taken but had aboard only a few Cambodian guards. At Koh Tang the 1,100 Ma-

rines in the landing party encountered heavy resistance from nearly 200 heavily armed Khmer Rouge regulars.

Before the island was secured, 18 more Americans were dead along with over 50 wounded. At that juncture not a single "Mayaguez" crewman had been rescued.

Unexpectedly, about the time the Marines began landing, the Cambodian government had decided to release the "Mayaguez" crew without demanding a ransom or engaging in some protracted political maneuvering for advantage.

The destroyer USS "Wilson" picked up the crew of the "Mayaguez" and within three days they were headed for home.

The "Mayaguez" rescue produced mixed results in American public opinion. During the first few days after the event, President Ford's favorable approval rating climbed from 39 to 51 percent.

Eight out of every nine calls coming into the White House enthusiastically praised the President's actions.

Members of Congress and press reporters soon noted publicly that the rescue attempt sacrificed 41 lives to save 40, counting the 23 who had died in the helicopter crash.

Others charged that the bombing of shore installations on Cambodian soil had been unnecessary. Yet others criticized the administration for going ahead with an operation that had not been carefully planned.

Given the general political climate in the United States in 1975, President Ford did about as well as one could expect. Secretary of State Schlesinger, Henry Kissinger and President Ford did not bask in the sunshine after the "Mayaguez" rescue. They instead felt the barbs of a critical and unconvinced public.

The 18 servicemen killed in the rescue operation are listed among the missing from the Vietnam War.

While there still may be American prisoners alive in Southeast Asia, U.S. authorities remain pessimistic about the fates of those captured by the Khmer Rouge. ■

salutes

NIC member wins award for developing technology for DIA

by 1st Lt. Matthew Mayberry
HQ AIA/PA
Kelly Air Force Base, Texas

Stephen Burch, a special information operations staff officer at for the National Intelligence Council, was recently awarded the Computerworld Smithsonian Bronze Medal for developing the Defense Intelligence Agency's Community On-Line Intelligence System for End Users and Managers.

The award was established in 1989 by the National Museum of American History and Computerworld Magazine to recognize the innovative use of information technology to benefit society.

"During the Gulf War operations, it became clear that an interpretative and consistent method to understand intelligence requirements, production and fulfillment was needed. We had to have a way to provide the best or most



timely information to support ongoing operations. This reward is really just recognition of a team effort to address those demands," said Burch.

The nation's 100 top technology companies support the award and a committee consisting of chief executive officers from these companies makes award selections.

"The award recognizes the achievements of new 'IT Heroes' who take needs and make them a reality," said Corneluis O'Leary, vice deputy director for intelligence production for DIA.

"Mr. Burch aggressively investigated and resolved design incompatibilities to ensure that the COLISEUM had the support of all users in the national and Department of Defense Communities," said O'Leary. ■

MEDALS



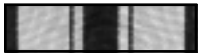
Meritorious Service Medal

Maj. Karen Inskeep



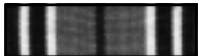
Joint Service Commendation Medal

Staff Sgt. Ronald Carolino
Staff Sgt. Brian Johnston
Staff Sgt. Areteria McCummings
Staff Sgt. William Watt
Tech. Sgt. Melissa Lane
Master Sgt. Darren Bryan



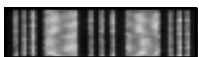
Air Force Commendation Medal

Senior Airman Bobbie Dutko
Senior Airman Messheila Pacheco
Staff Sgt. Angela Catchings
Staff Sgt. Laura Hendrick
Staff Sgt. Jeremy Symonds
Tech. Sgt. Raymond Miller
Capt. Flando Jackson



Joint Service Achievement Medal

Senior Airman Michelle McAllister
Senior Airman Michael Tacoronte
Senior Airman Debbie Tschanz
Senior Airman Robert Welch
Staff Sgt. Jon Appleton
Staff Sgt. Troy Pistole
Master Sgt. Lyle Albert



Air Force Achievement Medal

Airman 1st Class Elizabeth Harvey
Senior Airman Travis Bray
Senior Airman Timothy Corey
Senior Airman Bobbie Dutko
Senior Airman Debbie Tschanz
Staff Sgt. David Hildebrand
Staff Sgt. Jose Lopez Jr.
Staff Sgt. Carl Sweeney



Air Force Good Conduct Medal

Senior Airman Arianna Hall
Senior Airman Robert Ebbink
Senior Airman Diane Kelsey
Senior Airman Christie Kurka
Senior Airman Michelle Lee
Senior Airman Robert Warfield



Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

Tech. Sgt. Robert Yetman
Master Sgt. Darren Bryan



NATO Medal

Senior Airman Kimberly McDaniel

AWARDS

Quarterly

HQ AIA Staff
Teresa Gonzales
690th CSS/ADW
GS/FWS 1-8

Kenneth Brown
690th ISS/VP
GS 9-12

Mickey Hampton
DPC
GS 13-15

381st IS
Airman 1st Class Gregory Littleton
Airman

Staff Sgt. Bruce Spence
NCO

Master Sgt. Tim Kennedy
Senior NCO

1st Lt. Aaron Allgeyer
Company Grade Officer

18th IS
Senior Airman Casey Goldston
Airman

1997 Air Force Intelligence Awards Program

Capt. Vonda McLean
381st IS
Officer Intelligence Contributor of the Year

Staff Sgt. Mark Maddox
48th IS
Enlisted Intelligence Contributor of the Year

Tech. Sgt. Marchett Sandoval
HQ AIA
Air Reserve Component Intelligence NCO of the Year

Tech. Sgt. Calvin Williams
NCO

Master Sgt. Timothy Finn
Senior NCO

Staff Sgt. Bill Cundiff
Technician

RESERVE PROMOTIONS

To staff sergeant
Susan Barthelme
Michael Berger
Matthew Johnson

To technical sergeant
Timothy Frankel
Edwina Jones
Trina McQueen
Herbert Newman
Colleen Robinson

To master sergeant
Stephan Brick
Lynn Jolin
Kevin Kern
Anthony Pendleton

EDUCATION

Community College of the
Air Force
324th IS
Senior Airman Monique Jones

Senior Airman Derrick Richardson
Staff Sgt. Vincent Aker
Staff Sgt. Matthew Hampton
Staff Sgt. Randall Lacombe
Staff Sgt. Hugh Umpstead
Staff Sgt. Brian Wiley
Tech. Sgt. Christine Peterson
Tech. Sgt. Amy Plummer
Master Sgt. Daniel Stewart

ARRIVALS

Beale Air Force Base, Calif.
Airman 1st Class Hancock, Brian
Senior Airman Miller, David
Staff Sgt. Bryan, Peter
Staff Sgt. Wolff, Charles
Tech. Sgt. Bishop, Michael

Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.
Master Sgt. Howell, Bryan

Brooks Air Force Base, Texas
Airman Jankowski, Susan
Airman Roach, Rachell
Airman Shultz, Jennifer
Airman Stockley, John
Airman 1st Class Fenwick, Changmi
Senior Airman Aguirre, Joegilbert
Capt. Spencer, Matthew

Buckley Air National Guard Base, Colo.
Senior Airman Vella, Michael

Tech. Sgt. Schafer, Michele
Master Sgt. Schafer, Ronald

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

Staff Sgt. Luther, Brian
Tech. Sgt. Hamblett, Philip

Falcon Air Force Base, Colo.

Master Sgt. French, Lloyd

Fort Bragg, N.C.

Staff Sgt. Thompson, Todd

Fort Dix, N.J.

Senior Airman Hanaway, Daniel Jr.

Fort George Meade, Md.

Airman Bowman, Shawn

Airman Crouse, Richard
Airman Ellis, Donald
Airman 1st Class Doherty, Kevin
Airman 1st Class Evans, Sammara
Airman 1st Class Golden, Stacie
Airman 1st Class Isaacs, Matthew
Airman 1st Class Jepsen, Ida
Airman 1st Class Minish, Alison
Airman 1st Class Mirkadyrov, Allen
Airman 1st Class Oliver, Brian
Airman 1st Class Partner, Ray
Airman 1st Class Steele, Earnest Jr.
Airman 1st Class Wagner, Tanja
Senior Airman Adrian, Steven
Senior Airman Clarkson, Richard
Senior Airman McCarrel, Lovette
Sgt. Shoemaker, Daryl
Staff Sgt. Belser, Marcella

Staff Sgt. Foster, Sean
Staff Sgt. Schulz, Jason
Tech. Sgt. Friesen, Dale
Tech. Sgt. Martin, Warren III
Tech. Sgt. Sumilong, Benjamin
Master Sgt. Dunlap, Robert Jr.
Master Sgt. Tabler, Richard
Maj. Diaz, Jose
Lt. Col. Dredde, David

Fort Gordon, Ga.

Airman 1st Class Kehrle, Jennifer
Airman 1st Class Long, Steven
Airman 1st Class Silvani, Shannon
Lynn
Airman 1st Class White, Fonda

Hurlburt Field, Fla.

Master Sgt. Figueroa, Joseph
Master Sgt. Welborn, Kenneth

Kelly Air Force Base, Texas

Airman Carter, Tina
Airman Castro, Veronica
Airman Heath, Saboor
Airman Torres, Jose
Airman Witte, Brian
Airman Lopez, Phillip
Airman 1st Class Callahan, Shane
Airman 1st Class Ochoa, Miguelangel
Airman 1st Class Trainor, Kristen
Airman 1st Class Upton, Erin
Airman 1st Class Wilson, Leslie
Senior Airman Brown, Montrey
Senior Airman Glasser, Cynthia
Senior Airman Haralson, Carlos
Staff Sgt. Hill, Harold
Staff Sgt. Luellen, David
Staff Sgt. Torres, Juan
Staff Sgt. Wiggins, Cheryl
Tech. Sgt. Clark, Lawrence
Tech. Sgt. Sheppard, Timothy
Tech. Sgt. Workman, Brett
Master Sgt. Ailshire, Teresa
Master Sgt. Johnson, Mark
1st Lt. Beck, Eric
1st Lt. Ford, Thomas
Capt. Oimoen, Steven
Capt. Sallberg, Scott

Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Airman George, Rishal
Airman 1st Class McCall, Jill
Senior Airman Babinsack, Paul

Staff Sgt. Clayborne, Raymond Curtis
Staff Sgt. Rillo, Terry

Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

Airman Scarcelle, Christopher
Airman 1st Class Malone John
Airman 1st Class Richards Jennifer
Airman 1st Class Smith, Jason
Senior Airman Ehlers Jason
2nd Lt. Ross, Dinah

Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.

Airman 1st Class Daly, Robert
Airman 1st Class MacPherson, Ryan
Senior Airman Kottke, David
Staff Sgt. Fish, Norman
Staff Sgt. Honadle, Robert
Tech. Sgt. Mitchell, Addison

Pentagon, Va.

1st Lt. Bolen, Michael

Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

Master Sgt. Mattingly, Timothy

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Senior Airman Raulston, Chris
Tech. Sgt. Lockridge, Darrell
Lt. Col. Asher, Terry

RETIREMENTS

Buckley Air National Guard Base, Colo.

Tech. Sgt. Rockwell, Ronald

Fort George Meade, Md.

Staff Sgt. Williams, Joseph
Tech. Sgt. Bean, Travis
Master Sgt. Shafer, Jeffery
Master Sgt. Hawkins, Jerald
Master Sgt. Whittington, Jackie Jr.
Senior Master Sgt. Hancy, William
Maj. Hearrell, Jeffrey
Maj. Huddleston, Ray Jr.
Col. Sedberry, Lewis

Fort Gordon, Ga.

Staff Sgt. Capleton, John

Kelly Air Force Base, Texas

Staff Sgt. Jones, Robert
Staff Sgt. Young, Michael
Tech. Sgt. Flora, Lee

1997 AIA Mission Support Awards

Headquarters Level

Velma Byler
AIA/DPPX
Senior Personnel Manager

Capt. Seanta Young
AIA/DPAS
Junior Personnel Manager

Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Young
AIA/DPP
Personnel Superintendent

Staff Sgt. Donaldo Puller
AIA/DPPC
Personnel Technician

Senior Airman John Gwartney
AIA/DPAO
Personnel Specialist

Fort Meade, Md.

Maj. Gayle Goodman
694th MSS
Senior Personnel Manager

2nd Lt Gregory Jensen
694th MSS
Junior Personnel Manager

Master Sgt. Dennis Rhinehart
694th MSS
Personnel Superintendent

Staff Sgt. Brenda Thompson
694th MSS
Personnel Technician

Senior Airman Melody Houston
694th MSS
Personnel Specialist

Unit Level

Master Sgt. Mark Van Huss
692nd IG
Personnel Superintendent

Staff Sgt. Dean Simanek
451st IS
Personnel Technician

Senior Airman Stanford Sims
301st IS
Personnel Specialist

Other Awards

Master Sgt. Angela Gomez
AIA/DPT
Senior Education and Training Manager

Staff Sgt. Trina Jones
324th IS
Junior Education and Training Manager

Tech. Sgt. Elizabeth Longfritz
694th IG
ALS Commandant of the Year

694th MSS
HQ AIA nominated them for the Air Force Outstanding Mission Support Squadron Award

Tech. Sgt. Spate, Edward
 Tech. Sgt. Dillon, Danny
 Tech. Sgt. Plunk, Leonard
 Tech. Sgt. Young, William Jr.
 Tech. Sgt. Murphy, Patrick
 Master Sgt. Chambliss, Bruce
 Master Sgt. Abraham, Steven
 Master Sgt. Ogletree, Richard
 Master Sgt. Brown, Terry
 Master Sgt. Wood, Anthony
 Lt. Col. Srulowitz, David
 Lt. Col. Strom, Larry

Langley Air Force Base, Va.
 Master Sgt. Brodt, Steven

Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.
 Master Sgt. Edwards, Paul

Capt. Crawley, Timothy
 Lt. Col. Towell, Ralph Jr.

Pentagon, Va.
 Master Sgt. Drake, Sharon

Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.
 Lt. Col. Sheck, William

Ramstein Air Base, Germany
 Tech. Sgt. Agu, Teresa
 Master Sgt. Marose, Gerald
 Senior Master Sgt. Duncan, James

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
 Tech. Sgt. Garcia, Bob
 Master Sgt. Rudd, Philip

Senior Master Sgt. Dana Glavich, 381st IS, is the winner of the Air Intelligence Agency's *Honorable Budley C. Sharp Logistics Award* for 1997.

Capt. William Polakowski, AFIWC, is the *Air Intelligence Agency's Security Manager of the Year*. This award is designed to recognize the outstanding program management efforts by individuals not assigned to a security career field.

Tech. Sgt. Edward Lindsay Jr., AFTAC, is the Air Intelligence Agency's *nominee for the 1998 Air Force Sergeants Association Pitsenbarger Award*. The award is sponsored by the AFSA and recognizes an enlisted Air Force member who has performed a heroic act which resulted in the saving of a life or the prevention of serious injury.

AIA members climb aboard for T-38 incentive flights

Three AIA members got incentive flights recently aboard a T-38, the Air Force's primary jet trainer. Pilots of the 313th Flight Test Squadron provided the flights at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas. Left, Airman 1st Class Justin McCarthy, Airman of the Year for the Air Intelligence Agency Headquarters Honor Guard, gets some reminders from Master Sgt. Cleve Sanders, life support superintendent for the 313th. Right, Staff Sgt. Catherine Faruzzi, AIA Honor Guard NCO of the Year, climbs aboard for her incentive flight. Bottom left, Tech. Sgt. Susan Sangster, one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airman of the Year, settles into the T-38 aircraft.



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