

# Southland Produced T-38 Welcomed Into ATC by Sky Parade Ceremony

The U.S. Air Force's new T-38 Talon Supersonic jet trainer, designed and built here in the Southland, streaked into the Air Training Command today with a faster-than-sound flight demonstration climaxed acceptance at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

A sky parade of aircraft spanning nearly 50 years of powered flight heralded the introduction of the Northrop-built Talon into ATC. A 1914 model "pusher" plane led the fly-by demonstration.

High-ranking military and civilian officials witnessed the spectacular aerial review.

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The T-38, USAF's first supersonic jet training aircraft, is produced and assembled at the Norair Division of Northrop Corporation in Hawthorne. Final assembly and flight acceptance are conducted in Northrop-operated facilities at USAF Plant 42 in Palmdale. The T-38 was tested at Edwards Air Force Base.

In addition to the T-38 and the pusher, aircraft participating in the program were the TT-17, PT-22, BT-13, T-6, T-28, T-14, T-37 and T-33. All have held prominent roles in the Air Force pilot training

program but all, with the exception of the T-37 and T-33, have since been "retired."

The first T-38 signalled its arrival at Randolph with a sonic boom directed at the crowd of spectators four and one-half minutes after the pilot announced his position over Austin.

### AIR TRAINING

Lt. Col. Arthur W. Buck, T-38 Project Officer for the Air Training Command, was at the controls of Talon No. 1. After a low level pass the Colonel brought the T-38 in for a landing and presented it to Lt. Gen. James E. Briggs, Commander of the Air Training Command, who officially accepted the aircraft for the Air Force. After the presentation of the first Talon to Gen. Briggs, three additional T-38s performed aerobatics for the spectators.

A three-ship formation, made up of a T-37, T-33—aircraft now used in the pilot training program—and a T-38, signalled the end of the program with an acceleration run ending with rolls. All aircraft were placed on static display.

### GUEST

A guest during the ceremonies was Maj. Gen. Benjamin D. Foulois, USAF (retired), who on March 2, 1910, piloted the first military

plane ever flown in San Antonio.

A luncheon was held at the Randolph Officers' Club after the presentation ceremonies. Guest speakers were Lt. Gen. Truman H. Landon, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel at USAF Headquarters; Thomas V. Jones, president of Northrop Corporation, which designed and manufactured the T-38, and Gerhard Neumann, manager of the Small Engine Division, General Electric, which manufactures the Talon's J-85-5 turbojet engines.

# Lawyers in Local Area Can Apply For Direct Commission in Air Force

Lawyers in Southern California now have the opportunity to apply for a direct commission and serve as a Staff Judge Advocate in the United States Air Force.

This program offers lawyers, who are a graduate of an accredited law school and a member of the bar of the Federal Court or the highest court of a state, commissions in the grade of First Lieutenant through Major. The rank will be determined by age, education, experience and

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Applicants who are accepted for this program will attend a four week basic legal office orientation course at Lackland AFB, Texas, prior to a regular assignment.

For further information contact Master Sergeant LeFevre, Air Force Recruiter, at 1319 1/2 Sartori St., Torrance, or by calling FAirfax 8-1404.

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