

Lt. Col. Lounsbery Directs Space Experiments Flights

Lt. Col. William R. Lounsbery, of 23501 Carlow Road, is chief of the Space Experiments Flight Support Division for the Space and Missile Systems Organization (SAMSO), of the Air Force Systems Command.

In his assignment, Lt. Col. Lounsbery provides the engineering and operations support for the Department of Defense Space Experiments Flight Support Program.

In other words, this Torrance officer can be considered the chief of a space delivery service and his office could be called a "satellite orphanage." His job is to save the taxpayer as much money as possible by taking the satellites handed to him by various components of the Department of Defense—including the Army, Navy and the Air Force—and occasionally NASA and find room for the mon a launch that may have a totally unrelated purpose but may draw all the attention.



LT. COL. W. LOUNSBERY

A PAYLOAD may have just one or two specific purposes in its original conception, but before it is actually put on a booster and sent into space it may have as many as six or seven hitchhikers.

In this way Lt. Col. Lounsbery saves the taxpayer the cost of building and launching additional expensive vehicles. In addition to increasing the efficiency of each launch he also selects which launch vehicle will be used for which particular assignment and programs the flight paths of the boosters and sets up the launch schedules used at the launch sites.

Lt. Col. Lounsbery and his wife Frances have two children, Gail 15, and Jane 11.

A graduate from Fairview-White High School in Dayton Ohio in 1943, he enrolled in the University of Dayton, Ohio. Bill left school to enlist in the Aviation Cadets of the U.S. Army Air Forces. He received his commission as a navigator in November of 1944. He flew 17 combat missions over Japan as a radar observer on B-29's, for which he received the Air Medal with oak leaf cluster and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with two battle stars.

AFTER WORLD War II Lounsbery returned to school at the University of Cincinnati and was graduated in 1950 with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering.

He was recalled to active duty in the Air Force in 1951. Since that time he has served as the project officer on aircraft flight test missions to collect data on effects of nuclear explosions on aircraft in flight.

Lounsbery received the Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster. He has also been assigned to the Strategic Air Command (SAC) as a navigator on B-29 and KC-135 aircraft.



NARBONNE FUTURE FARMERS... Showing certificates won in farm project competition sponsored by the Future Farmers of America and Security First National Bank are four members of the FFA chapter at Narbonne High School. The winners are (from left) Robert Rafferty (silver), Howard Armstrong (silver), Dennis Morse (silver), and Jerry Freed (gold). Backing up the students are (from left) Edwin H. Peters, assistant manager of Security Bank's Del Amo Center Branch; Principal Richard H. Nida of Narbonne High; Clarence B. Mann, agriculture instructor at Narbonne; and Neil Iven, assistant vice president of the bank.

County Supervisors Honor Civic Leaders

County supervisors, on the motion of Burton W. Chace, have honored the memory of three prominent Torrance civic leaders.

Supervisors adjourned their meeting Tuesday in memory of Francis M. Shaw, savings and loan executive; and Mrs. Jessie Wood, who was active in children's hospital work; and W. E. Bowen, prominent businessman. All three died last week.

"Each of these citizens has left a legacy of achievement and service," Chace said. "Their efforts will be missed."

Shaw, senior vice president of the Southwest Savings and Loan Association, was a member of the Southwestern Lions Club and active in many charitable organizations. A scroll commemorating the adjournment will be sent to his widow, Dorothea, of 20544 Osage Ave.

Mrs. Wood was the wife of Dr. Howard A. Wood, longtime Torrance physician. She was active in work of the Children's Orthopaedic Hospital of Los Angeles and the Well Baby Clinic at Torrance Memorial Hospital.

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The Torrance Social Security Office began a search for disabled people in the Torrance-South Bay area, according to Miles A. Davis, district manager. An estimated 165,000 disabled persons nationwide can become entitled to monthly disability payments because of recent changes in the social security laws, Davis says.

These changes provide for reduced monthly payments to a severely disabled widow as early as age 50, if her disability began before her husband's death, or within seven years after.

Under the same conditions, a disabled widower is eligible, but in addition he must have been dependent on his wife for his support.

About 100,000 of the people eligible for benefits under the recent changes in the law are young disabled workers who did not have sufficient work credits under the old law.

Under the new law, a worker who became disabled before age 31 needs work credits for only half of the time from age 21 to the time his disability began, with a minimum work requirement of one and one-half years.

Some individuals will be reached through contacts with local public and private agencies, Davis noted, but most will learn of their eligibility through news articles, radio and TV announcements or by word of mouth.

The staff of the social security district office is ready to accept application for these benefits. Persons wishing additional information or assistance may call 320-4020 or visit the office at 1408 Crenshaw Blvd.

Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Rifle Ends Life
James Dallas McNeely, 17034 Faysmith Ave., shot himself through the chest with a Winchester rifle Tuesday afternoon in the bedroom of his Torrance home. The 39-year-old lab technician left a four-page note to his wife Sheila expressing dissatisfaction with life.

Deadline For CHP Exam Set
Applicants for a position as a traffic officer on the California Highway Patrol have only five more days during which to file for the next civil service test given for the position, according to California Highway Patrol Captain P. J. Ford of South Los Angeles Area.

Application blanks are available at the nearest Highway Patrol office, Department of Employment office, or Department of Motor Vehicles office, according to Captain Ford. The deadline is Friday, which means it is the last day on which applications will be taken for the test to be given May 18.

Captain Ford said the Patrol is seeking men who are between the ages of 21 and 31, stand between 5-foot-9 and 6-foot-6, who have at least a high school education or its equivalent, and who are in sound physical condition.

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