

## Captain James Pratt III Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross for Heroism in Vietnam on January 31st

Army Captain James T. Pratt III, whose parents live at 1411 Queen St., Kinston, received the Distinguished Flying Cross May 25 in Vietnam.

Capt. Pratt received the award for heroism in action which engaged in aerial flight in connection with ground operations against a hostile force in Vietnam.

An instructor pilot assigned to the United States Army, Vietnam's AH-1G New Equipment Training Team, he entered the Army in November 1962 and was last stationed at Ft. Rucker, Ala., before arriving in Vietnam last August. He also has received the Bronze Star Medal and 17 awards of the Air Medal. The captain graduated from Grainger High School in 1953 and attended The Citadel, Charleston, S. C. His wife, Jeanne, lives at 613 Cameron Drive.

The text of Captain Pratt's citation reads:

For heroism, while participating in aerial flight, evidenced by voluntary actions above and beyond the call of duty in the Republic of Vietnam: Captain Pratt distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 31 January 1968 as pilot of an attack helicopter supporting ground units during the communist Lunar New Year offensive in III Corps Tactical Zone. Enemy forces launched a series of coordinated attacks throughout the country. Captain Pratt's first call for assistance came from a unit pinned down in a village near his base. Quickly arming a helicopter damaged in previous missions that day, he flew to the battle site and directed a devastating attack on the insurgents. He ignored withering enemy automatic weapons fire directed at his ship and made deadly rocket and machine gun strafing runs which inflicted heavy casualties to the attackers and forced them to withdraw. After refueling and rearming his helicopter, he flew to help repel an attack on II Field Force Headquarters. His savage barrage on enemy positions enabled infantry forces to advance and destroy the Viet Cong. He was then called to aid a Vietnamese unit defending the Joint General Staff Headquarters in Saigon. There he braved

withering hostile fire as he repeatedly attacked enemy positions in nearby buildings. He skillfully directed his fire to prevent hitting civilian houses in

the area and destroyed numerous enemy-held structures, forcing the insurgents to withdraw from the action with heavy casualties. Captain Pratt's outstanding flying ability and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

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THE REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

### LBJ and Violence

"Are the seeds of violence nurtured through the public's airwaves, the screens of the neighborhood theaters, the news media and other forms of communication that reach the family and our young?"—President Johnson, June 10, 1968.

If LBJ wants the answer to this question posed the other day to members of his newly-created Presidential Commission

to Investigate Violence, perhaps one place to start is his own TV station in Austin.

The LBJ station, KTBC-TV, is known in the business as a "cherry picker" since it is the only one in Austin and is, therefore, permitted to pick and choose from the programming of all three major networks. What programs does the LBJ station select for showing to the

families and youngsters of the Austin area?

A look at KTBC's scheduling for one week lists some of the best of the shoot-'em-up shows, including the Avengers, the Invaders, Mission Impossible, Gunsmoke, Felony Squad, NYPD, Rat Patrol, Garrison's Gorillas, FBI, Guns of Will Sonnet and To Catch a Thief.

Does KTBC plan to cut back on such programming in the wake of LBJ's concern? If it does, it's keeping it pretty quiet. In fact, the station's president

and general manager, J. C. Kellam, would even talk to the Newsletter about it.

If LBJ wants to pursue his question, Mr. Kellam's number is 512-GR 2-2424.

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## Southeastern Boat Races Sunday at Trent Pines Club

Preparations by the New Bern Jaycees for the Southeastern Division Championship Hydroplane Races at the Trent Pines Club in New Bern are under way.

The race will be held Sunday afternoon, July 14, as announced by Project Chairman Jimmy Andrews.

About 200 top boat racers from 6 or 7 states are expected since this race is a must for the national races. Last year this race was held in Miami, Florida.

The races will begin at 1 p.m. and will last approximately until 6:00 p.m. Children under 12 are admitted free.

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