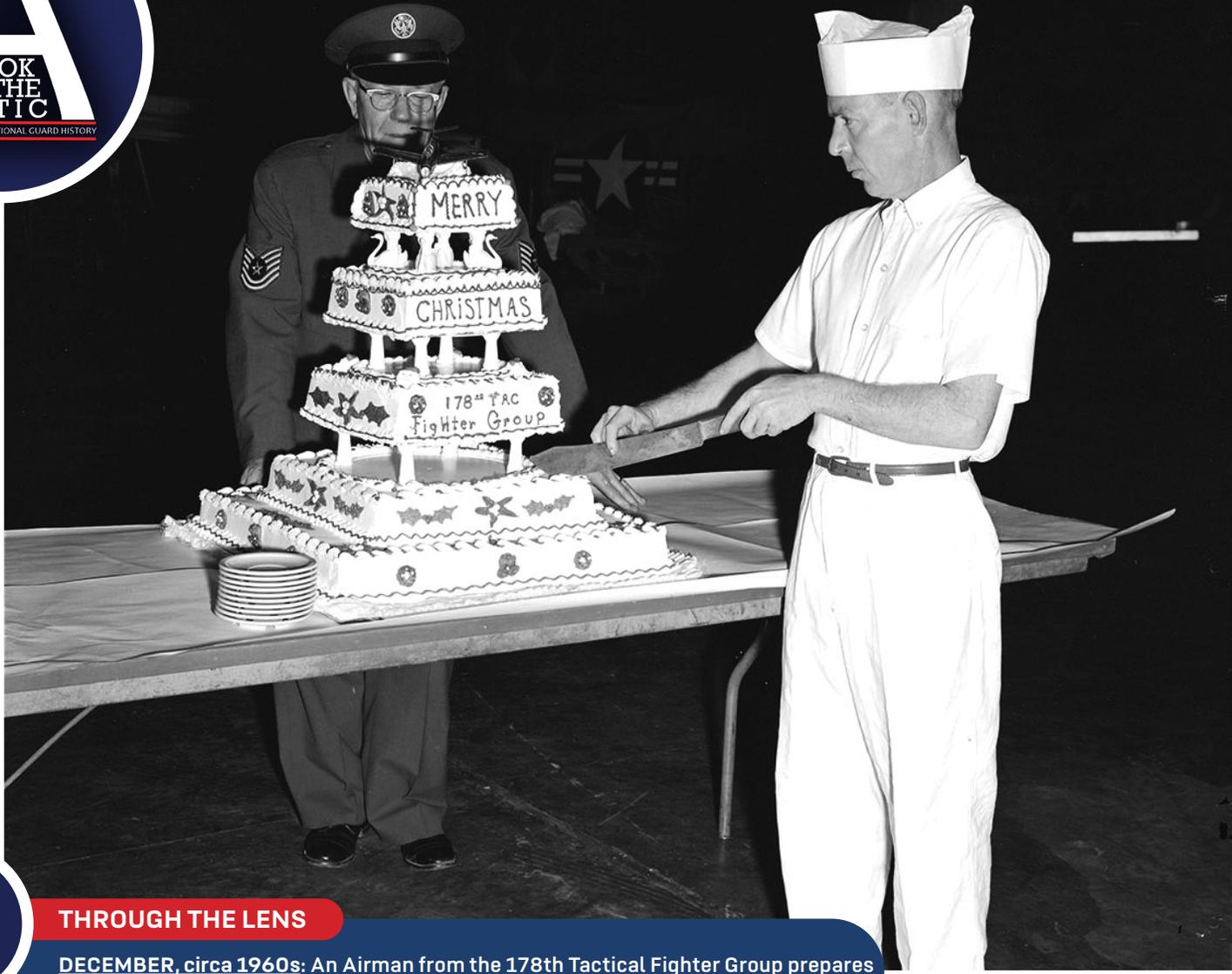




DECEMBER 20-26, 2021



THROUGH THE LENS

DECEMBER, circa 1960s: An Airman from the 178th Tactical Fighter Group prepares to cut the unit Christmas cake at the Springfield Air National Guard Base.



WEEK IN REVIEW

M DECEMBER 20, 1989: The 180th Tactical Fighter Group supports Operation Just Cause: the Invasion of Panama. Beginning in November 1989, elements of the 180th were deployed to Howard Air Force Base, Panama for a scheduled rotation of units. While there, the operation launched in the early morning of Dec. 20 with numerous Army units making ground and airborne attacks at various locations. The 180th flew more than 20 combat sorties in their A7D Corsair II aircraft and expended 2,715 rounds of ammunition in support of those ground troops. The group became the first Air National Guard unit in the Tactical Air Command to experience combat since the Vietnam War.

