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## 439th Takes Six 14th AF Awards

The 439th Tactical Airlift Wing (TAW) and some of its individual members have swept the annual 14th Air Force awards competition. The winners' names have been forwarded to AFRES headquarters for further Reserve-wide consideration.

SSgt. Michael J. LaFortune, 439th CSG/DA was selected the "Administration Specialist of the Year" while SSgt. Marshall Hathaway, 439th CSG Information Office, took "Information Specialist of the Year" honors.

On the unit level, the 14 AF's "Outstanding Maintenance Award" now belongs to the 439th. The highly successful May 1976 ORI and the contribution of the maintenance personnel clinched the

award. "We, in maintenance have the essential ingredients of personal initiative, dedication, hard work and leadership to enjoy the satisfaction of being the number one maintenance unit," claims MSgt. Acquillino Lucia, senior production analyst. "Now, 14th Air Force knows it too."

The 439th also is the co-recipient of the "Annual Community Award" along with the 514th MAW. The presentation was based on the year long series of bicentennial and community service events and credits everyone's efforts and cooperation to accomplish the huge undertaking.

In addition, the 439th CSG is the 14th's nominee for the Reserve Officers Association Outstanding Reserve Unit (Non-Fly-

ing) Award. As one of two combat support groups within AFRES and responsible for 24 tenant organizations, the 439th CSG operates Westover—the largest of the two AFRES-owned bases and the largest of all AFRES installations.

The Social Actions Office's staff, Capt. Benjamin Goff, 1st. Lt. Frank Mauro, 2nd. Lt. Jose Ruiz and TSgt. Thomas Stigliano were named Runners-Up for the "Outstanding Reserve Social Actions Office of the Year" Award.

The announcement of other award selections will be forthcoming, thus increasing the possibilities of even more recognition for the 439th.

## Westover Gets a Snow Job

By Betty O'Connell

Living in New England means plenty of winter's snow. It's pretty when it first falls. The children and skiers love it. But it can become a headache for those responsible for its removal and for the safety of those who must live, work and drive in it.

The Westover area has had an extraordinary amount of snow fall this Winter, and Spring is still many weeks away. But praise has already been heaped upon Westover's snow removal crews as they have had to heap snow into piles higher and higher.

It has been no easy task to keep 1,665,513 square yards of airfield pavement clean. Snow must be removed from these runways and taxiways (47,000 lineal feet of them) including the base's main runway which is two and a quarter miles long and 300 feet wide, larger than most commercial runways.

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THREE IN A ROW PLOW THE SNOW — Part of Westover's snow removal task force takes on the elements.

## HELP!

The Patriot is your newspaper. It is intended for your use. We, the staff, believe this is a fact so important it's worth repeating occasionally.

Articles are included because we think they're of utmost interest to you. We hope we're providing you the right information.

But are we? Is the Patriot meeting your expectations?

What stories would you like published? What are your suggestions?

Please drop us a note at the Information Office, or call ext. 2072 during the UTA.

Help us complete the communication cycle.

## Where Are They Now?

"I sure would like to get in touch with ol' Sgt. Carlson!," said one Westover bluesuiter to another. "But I don't know where to look."

This common problem has a simple solution. The National Personnel Records Center will help you find former Air Force friends.

Since the center staff is prohibited from releasing addresses directly because of the Privacy Act, they will forward your letter to the person you are trying to get in touch with. Include a two-dollar check or money order, payable to the General Services Administration. The fee covers the cost for forwarding the mail to the person you are seeking.

Mail your letter to:

National Personnel Records Center,  
Military Personnel Records  
(Air Force Section),  
9700 Page Blvd.,  
St. Louis, Mo., 63132

## 1977 UTA/ Encampment Schedule

Mar 19-20	Aug *12-13
Apr 16-17	Sep *16, 17, 18
May 14-15	Oct 15-16
June 11-12	Nov 19-20
Jul 16-17	Dec 10-11

Aug 14-28 Encampment  
\*Friday evening

## Summer Training Scheduled Here and There

As winter storms and freezing temperatures continued, Lt. Col. Eugene Mangin's office of deputy commander for operations finished schedules for approaching summer encampments. This year six Westover units will spend their two active duty weeks away from home.

First to leave will be members of the 905th Civil Engineering Flight (CEF). They'll report to Charleston, S.C., May 7. Four teams of 901st CEF personnel will go to Malmstrom AFB, Mont., June 4.

While many from the 439th will remain at Westover between Aug. 14 and 28, others will train with active duty forces around the country.

The 901st Communications Flight will be assigned to the 1913th Communications

Squadron, Langley AFB, Va. Security police squadrons at McGuire AFB, N.J., and Pope AFB, N.C., will benefit from the assistance of the 901st Weapons Systems Security Flights (WSSF) and the 905th WSSF respectively.

Their departures, however, will not decrease base activities as other AFRES units will come to Westover for their training.

Over 800 reservists from Pittsburgh's 911th TAG are scheduled to arrive May 2. In June the 926th TAG from the Naval Air Station, New Orleans, La., makes the long northward trip. Between Aug. 13 and 27 Westover also will host Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio's 4th Maintenance Squadron.

## CCAF Grants Degrees

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—Enlisted members can now earn associate degrees through the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) as the result of a recent decision by the U.S. Commissioner of Education.

This marks the first time in history that a military agency has been given the authority to grant degrees to members of the enlisted force.

The action means that Air Force enlisted personnel can earn a two-year college degree by combining the military instruction CCAF certificates as equivalent to college-level courses with specified courses from civilian institutions.

Officials at CCAF headquarters at Lackland AFB, Tex., say there will be no changes in existing program requirements. Air Force members currently enrolled in certificate programs will receive an associate degree in applied science upon successful program completion.

According to Air Force officials, CCAF is expected to begin conferring the new degrees in April.

The CCAF is not made up of a campus and faculty as most people consider a college. It is a group of Air Force educators who evaluate technical and professional education to develop degree programs matched to Air Force job specialties.

CCAF curriculum requirements include technical education, related general education, management and skill-level advancement. Credit is given for military and civilian courses which meet college-level standards and which fulfill objectives in the CCAF study program.

When a member has earned the required mixture of CCAF and civilian credits, he or she is granted a two-year degree by the commander of Air Training Command.

More than 48,000 enlisted personnel stationed around the world are currently registered with CCAF. More than 160,000 airmen have received CCAF credits since the college began in 1972, and more than 1,000 have received the career-education certificates formerly awarded by CCAF.

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## *This Does Compute*

By A1C Dean Mauro

To most reservists, this appears to be some sort of confused gibberish or top secret military code. Neither is right. It's really one of many computer sentences used by the computer section of an Air Force CBPO. Without the computer section a reservist would have trouble getting paid, promoted, while the Air Force would grind to a halt under the staggering burden of additional paperwork.

The computer section at Westover's CBPO keeps all computer records in order and up to date. The section, called Personnel System Management (PSM) is "the hub of the CBPO", according to MSgt. Frank Ludwig, 439th CSG, chief of the section.

The computer room is brightly lit and alive with activity. The sounds of men and women operating computer terminals and a keypunch machine fill the room.

Cost of the equipment in the room totals about \$20,000. Two Burroughs remote terminals are connected by telephone lines to a larger B-3500 computer at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass. as part of the reserve-wide computer records system.

A mini-computer located in base supply, also connected to the computer at Hanscom, is an added asset to Westover's computer network. The mini-computer prints out information received overnight from Hanscom for pick-up in the morning. Without this computer the information would have to be picked up at Hanscom.

Heading the computer section at Westover is MSgt. Frank Ludwig, 439 CSG. Sergeant Ludwig, a former Marine, also works in the section during the month as an ART. He brings a lot of computer experience to his Westover job. He attended Universal Systems Institute in Rockville Center, New York, and worked with computer systems on Wall Street. He also completed two Air Force technical schools at Keesler AFB, Miss. and Chanute AFB, Ill. Sergeant Ludwig holds an A.A.S. degree in Business Administration and is working on his Bachelor's at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Assisting Sergeant Ludwig since April 1974, is Harriett Schramm, a civilian who worked as a librarian at the base library before moving to the computer section. She works the keypunch machine as well as other duties.

The duties and responsibilities of those who work in the computer section are many. They manage the personnel data base, keep the system pure of old and

**KEEPING A LIST . . . MSgt. Frank Ludwig, standing, and A1C Kathy Ritter, both from the 439CSG DPM, review a computer printout of Westover Reservists.**



**CHECKING IT TWICE . . . Harriett Schramm at the keypunch machine checks the product which contains a wealth of information on the individual reservist.**

useless information by running programs to check the data and aid effective management.

One of the more important jobs of the section is the continual updating and revising of reservist's Uniform Military Personnel Records (UMPER). An UMPER is a complete, computerized record of a reservist's military career. Without computerized UMPERs, the administrative affairs of the reservist would be more complex.

The computerized system has many advantages over the older "paper file" method. Information stored on a reel of magnetic tape is bulky and hard to manage in paper form. The vast managerial resources available computer-wise in The Reserves is almost identical with the main Air Force computer at the Air Force

Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Texas. In case of activation it is possible to integrate the systems with little difficulty.

Speed is another advantage of the computer system. By using a computer, someone at AFRES headquarters, needing to know everyone of a certain grade and AFSC at Westover, can find out in seconds. Without a computer it would take hours looking through individual files.

The regular Air Force "went computer" in 1970, The Reserves followed in 1973. In 1974 The Reserves moved into Phase II, which shortened reply time by almost half. This year when Phase III is adopted, the reply time will be cut even more. Some day Air Force records will be completely computerized, helping to reduce the time reservists have to spend on their records.

# Gym Offers New Facilities, New Programs

By Sgt. Debbie Studebaker

Thump . . . thump . . . thump . . . thump. A pause. Quickly, a pass to a fellow teammate and then . . . 2 points! Time is called to end the game and the words "we won" are echoed in a joyous chant throughout the gym.

A basketball game is not the only sport reservists, civilians, and dependents can enjoy and participate in at the base gym located in building 1700. Other athletic activities available are: volley ball, pool, baseball and soft ball, tennis, golf, handball and paddleball, weight lifting, dancing, and many others.

"We always have quite a few people using the gym and athletic equipment," says TSgt. Robert P. Lester, reserve NCOIC of the gym. "That is why we are remodeling. A few areas will be relocated within the building, and others have been and will be restored and repainted."

Gym staff members, civilian, active duty, and reservists, and dependents, have helped in remodeling by chipping in their talents and efforts, and have saved AFRES \$370 in labor costs.

The sauna, rub-down room, tennis courts, gym, locker room A, weight exercise room, TV room, softball diamonds one and two, little league diamond, needed rain drain pipes, and the Four Season's Rental Store are completed. Projects being worked on presently are the shower room and whirlpool baths.

Future efforts include relocating and

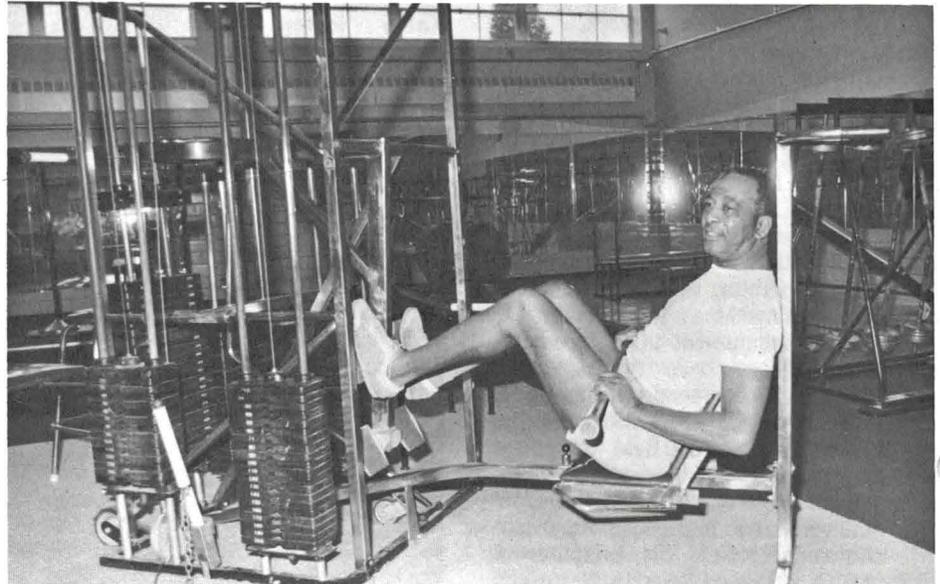
remodeling the handball and paddleball courts, shower room B, the tape and childrens' libraries, and building an indoor swimming pool.

Capt. Leslie Helfers, AFRES chief of operations of morale, welfare, and recreation (MWR), commented, "I think recreation supervisors here and in the entire Air Force must adopt a well-rounded program for personnel and their families. I feel an outstanding effort has been put

forth in completing this kind of program at Westover."

On UTAs, the gym is open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturdays, and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$1.00 per month or 25 cents per day for adults, 50 cents per month for dependents, and \$1.00 per day for guests.

A volley ball tournament, with reserve and active duty teams participating, will take place in the gym April 16 and 17.



**PUSH — PULL —** Maj. Arthur R. Davenport (USA, Ret.) takes advantage of the equipment in the gym as part of his therapy for an injured leg.



**EXTENDED STARLIFTER** — Dubbed the YC-141B, this "stretched" C-141 is 23 1/3 feet longer than the standard C-141 in the background and can carry some 13,000 pounds more cargo. The experimental aircraft was rolled out recently at the Lockheed-Georgia plant near Dobbins AFB, Ga. (U.S. Air Force Photo).

## Commanders Away, Troops Don't Play

The Commander-In-Chief spent the weekend of Feb 11-12 in Georgia. So did 21 commanders of the 439th TAW.

While the President vacationed, the 439th commanders were training during their UTA at Dobbins AFB—at the first annual commanders' conference.

Westover's wing, group, squadron, and flight commanders met with Brig. Gen. Edward Dillon, 14th Air Force commander, his staff, and all other 14 AF unit commanders, as their substitutes carried on.

"People have been trained to carry on. This is the proof of the pudding," says Col. Gordon L. Partridge, acting group commander for the UTA. "It's not much different than my usual activities as an executive officer," says the colonel. "I've done it before. The biggest problem is finding the time to meet people. That's the most meaningful part."

At the 74th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Maj. Marvin F. Proctor, operations officer, filled in for his boss. "Everything's fine. We've got a staff assistance visit in this week, but we're carrying right on as normal."

One airman, asked where the commander of his unit was, replied, "I guess he's around here someplace." When informed of the conference, he said, "That's news to me!"



**KAREN AND THE KOOKIE MONSTER** — Every UTA, SrA Karen Martin, an administrative clerk in operations with the 337TAS, reports for duty with a large bucket of homemade cookies to share with her fellow workers. Lt. Col. Robert McCoy, 337th operations officer helps himself to some of Karen's delicacies.



## Wing Commander's Message

By Brig. Gen. Billy M. Knowles

All unit commanders within 14AF (R) attended a Commanders' Conference at Dobbins AFB, Ga. during the February UTA. For the first time, the conference included flight and squadron commanders in addition to the usual group and wing commanders.

While there, the conferees were thoroughly briefed upon all major subject matters facing the Air Force and Air Force Reserve today. Topics ranged from 14th AF mission and wartime tasking to Officer

## AF Weathers the Storm

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—Air Force units throughout the United States are providing long-distance and local relief assistance for areas hit hard by cold weather and record-breaking snows.

Military Air Command (MAC), Air Force Reserve (AFRES) and Air National Guard forces have airlifted 1,160 tons of snow-removal equipment and some 430 relief personnel and government officials into the Niagara Falls and Buffalo, N.Y., and Pittsburgh, Pa. areas.

Grissom AFB, Ind., provided water cans and plastic bags to nearby Kokomo for relief from a water shortage, furnished diesel fuel to stranded truckers, and loaned heavy equipment to the city for snow removal.

Rome, N.Y. has received snowblowers, drivers and other equipment from Griffiss AFB. Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y., has provided snowblowers and drivers to that local area.

Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, snowblowers and drivers have cleared nearby county roads and base thawing equipment and operators have assisted local Ohio water departments.

The bulk of Air Force assistance has gone to Niagara Falls and Buffalo, where MAC airlifted the Army's 20th Engineering Battalion from Pope AFB and Fort Bragg, N.C.

Effectiveness Reports (OER). However, they could not possibly have departed without hearing over and over again and unquestionably understanding that the ONE—TWO priorities for all locations—for all units—is **100 percent manning and RETENTION!** It was even implied that units, which chronically cannot man or retain, are excellent targets for elimination in favor of relocation into population centers more supportive.

Get the message? Trainers, supervisors, noncommissioned officers, officers, commanders . . . . get the message?

On a more encouraging note; while at the conference, it was announced that the 439 Tactical Airlift Wing will receive the Air Force Reserve Outstanding Maintenance Award for 1976. It is inclusive—the 901 CAMS, the 905CAMS and the 914CAMS—three weapons systems; C-123K, C-130B and C-130A aircraft. I know that all members of the wing, both here at Westover AFB and at Niagara Falls, join me in sincere congratulations to Aircraft Maintenance. Good show!

## Writing Contests Open to Reservists

Two writing contests are now in progress for Air Force members who enjoy hammering out "creative compositions" on their typing machines.

The 1977 Freedoms Foundation letter-writing program for Armed Forces members is accepting entries. The theme is "My Responsibilities in Keeping My Country Free." Contestants should submit 100 to 500-word statements to the Awards Administration, Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa. 19481.

All entries must include name, grade, service number, service branch, military address and home address. Prizes include savings bonds, medals and certificates.

The Freedoms Foundation will give principal awards next George Washington's Birthday in Valley Forge.

The foundation states one of its basic goals is "to contribute to the development of responsible citizens and the practice of responsible citizenship, and to make Americans proud of America."

The second contest is the 1977 MAC Flying Safety Writing Contest. Entries should be between 1,000 and 3,000 words (six to 14 double-spaced pages) which are "unpublished, original and flying oriented . . . in some way related to aviation." Entries must be postmarked not later than March 31. They should be sent to: The MAC Flying Safety Writing Contest, MAC/IGF, Scott AFB, IL 62225.

Winners will receive awards, but all entrants will be given "C. R. Terror" T-shirts.

# Snow Job . . .

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## Setting the Plan

A committee which has previously set priorities for snow removal areas, also meets during the wintry months. This assures that contingencies are immediately taken care of for off duty hours, and to keep the base open at the least possible snow removal cost.

Mr. Arthur Murphy, airfield manager, carefully follows the weather forecasts. Coordinating his efforts with the base commander, he measures the severity of the storm, and decides how many people, how much, and where the equipment is needed. As the storm becomes imminent, he contacts Charles Vredenburg, chief of civil engineering operations and maintenance, and Fred Wozniak, pavement and grounds foremen, to "kick off" the storm plan.

During Sunday of January's UTA, the snow clearing operation was done entirely by reservists from the 901st and 905th CE Flts and the 439th CE section. Normally, the civilian work force must do battle with the vast accumulations of snow.

These snow removal crews contended with the series of heavy storms. They include 21 overhires in civil engineering, augmenting the 25 permanently assigned civilians. From mid-November to the end of March, they work two shifts per day,

Monday thru Friday. One shift works from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. The other covers from midnight to 8:30 a.m. If help is required after 5 o'clock, the base commander can authorize overtime pay to keep the day shift on and to bring the midnight shift in early.

When not working on plows or plowing, the men prune trees, plant, work on erosion control or assist other shops such as plumbing and carpentry.

Clearing of the surplus base areas is done by SAC personnel assigned to Pease AFB's Operating Location WD at Westover. The portions under the jurisdiction of the Westover Metropolitan Development Corporation and the City of Chicopee are done by private contractors and city equipment.

## "Men, Machines and Methods"

Westover has some of the most modern snow removal apparatus available. In addition to various trucks for light jobs, the base equipment includes nine rollovers. Each cost \$78,000 and can be manipulated by the operator to remove snow to the left or to the right while travelling at speeds up to 45 miles per hour.

The base also has seven "Sno-blowers," purchased for \$68,000 each, two payloaders, one grader, three sweepers and five dump trucks with plows. Brooms towed by vehicles can sweep a swath 15 feet wide when the snow fall is light.

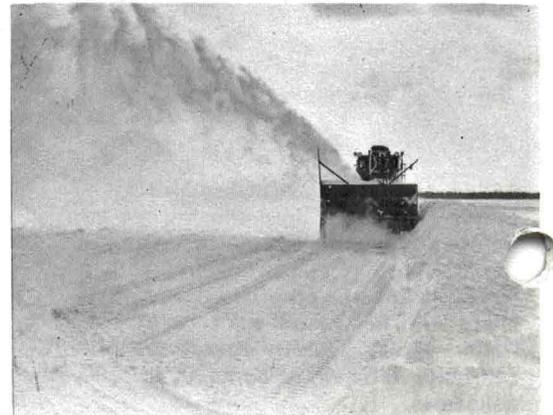
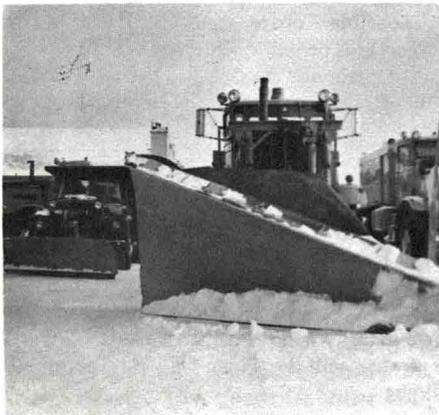
If prevailing winds are from the west, at 7

knots or higher, snow is cleared completely over to the east side (300 feet back) so it won't blow back. If the winds are calm, the runway is split, making removal much easier.

All of this equipment, representing a large monetary investment, must be kept in top-notch mechanical condition. To do so, Dale Altman, 439th transportation officer, has three men in overhire positions, in addition to the five regularly assigned heavy equipment mechanics. It is their responsibility to keep all of Westover's equipment ready to go at the drop of a flake.

It is interesting to note that many of the snow removal personnel have been coming back for several years. Leading in longevity is Thomas Ursia, a concrete mixer operator for a large construction company, 21 years; Joseph Wanczyk, onion and tobacco farmer, 19 years; William Kenney, heavy road construction equipment operator, 16 years; and Louis Ferrando, real estate agent, 18 years.

"Fred Wozniak's foresight and ability to stay on top of changing weather conditions has contributed immeasurably to the rapid removal of snow from the runways," reports Art Murphy. "With the cooperation of people like civil engineering, vehicle maintenance, aircraft maintenance and operations, this airfield has never been closed because of weather since it became an Air Force Reserve base."



# BRIEFS

**439CSG RETENTION.** "Another first for the 439CSG," said Maj. E. J. Seilius, base personnel chief, about the 100% retention rate held by the Combat Support Group in January. This marked the first time they retained all eligible reenlistees. They are four first-term persons and six career persons, according to TSgt. Richard F. Eaton at Base Personnel.

Continuing their patriotic part-time jobs are SSgt. James Alexander, TSgt. Grete Bohannon, Sgt. Leda G. Brinton, SSgt. George R. Cahill, SSgt. Alan M. Ciano, TSgt. Joseph F. S. Gould, SSgt. David Gundersen, SSgt. Donald R. Inglis, TSgt. Robert P. Lester, and TSgt. Frank Sweryda.

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**WISHES FOR** a speedy recovery to **Henry Boutillier**, base firefighter. He is recuperating at Holyoke Hospital from a serious industrial accident.

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**HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES** to the families of MSgt. (ART) **Walter H. Marotte**, 51; and **Joseph Dymski**, 65. Sergeant Marotte was an equipment repairman with the 905 CAMS while Mr. Dymski was the purchasing agent for the Consolidated Open Mess.

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**CAPT. MICHAEL A. WOODSON**, commander of the 901st Weapons Systems Security Flight, graduated from the Connecticut State Police Academy in Meriden on January 6. Trooper Woodson will work as a state trooper in the Stafford Springs area.

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**THE REFUELING MAINTENANCE** facility opened on Feb. 11 in building on Hangar Ave. previously used for engine build-up. 22 vehicles can now be serviced inside.

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**THE CHICOPEE CHAPTER** of the Air Force Association (AFA) will host the Massachusetts AFA State Convention during April's UTA. More information will be forthcoming.

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**MAJ. ROBERT HAFNER**, 439 TAW information officer, was appointed to the adjunct faculty of Post Jr. College, Waterbury, Conn. He's teaching marketing in the School of Business.

## Westover to Participate in St. Pat's Parade

March 20th, Sunday of the next UTA, will see Base Commander Col. J. Frank Moore lead six Westover contingents in Holyoke's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. There will be three 50-man flights of troops from the 58th APS, the 905MOBS-FLT, and the 905CAMS. Also marching the route will be our color guard, the civilian firefighters with their apparatus, and a Westover float.

The parade will step off at 12:30 p.m. and will be televised by WWLP (Channel 22-TV) from downtown Holyoke at 1 p.m. The event is scheduled to run about two hours. Westover's position in the line of march has not yet been determined by the Holyoke Parade Committee.

## New Dining-Out Chairman Named

The new NCO/Airmen Dining-Out Chairman was introduced at a free NCO/Airmen party held in the Open Mess Ballroom February 13. SMSgt. Leland B. Spencer, 905CAM's quality control chief was nominated by the Dining-Out Committee and approved by Brig. Gen. Billy M. Knowles, according to resigning Committee Chairman, SMSgt. John Bostic, Jr., 439CSG's assistant chief of Central Base Administration.

The party was possible due to extra funds available after financing the NCO/Airmen Dining-Out held in August. Food and refreshments were provided for all base Reserve persons following the Feb. UTA/sign-out.



### PROMOTED

Maj. Richard L. Ray  
 SMSgt. Paul T. Babin  
 SMSgt. Henry C. Krepela  
 TSgt. Tom Irving  
 TSgt. Thomas F. Kenney  
 TSgt. Charles E. Woodruff  
 SSgt. Dwight D. Albrecht  
 SSgt. Barbara A. Bender  
 SSgt. Patrick J. Devens  
 SSgt. Emery F. Filarski  
 SSgt. John J. Gallagher  
 SSgt. Virginia J. Gubich  
 SSgt. James D. Horrigan  
 SSgt. Kenneth G. Lane  
 SSgt. Frederick W. Morningstar  
 SSgt. Edward T. Moynihan  
 SSgt. James R. Noonan  
 SSgt. Robert W. O'Connor  
 SSgt. Neil C. Roberts  
 SSgt. Thomas A. Roohr  
 SSgt. David A. Stebbins  
 SSgt. David R. Terrell  
 SSgt. Ernest W. Tirendi  
 SSgt. Noel J. Underwood  
 SrA Eugene P. Butler  
 SrA Aranda E. Rapacki  
 SrA Donald L. Robinson  
 A1C Russell C. Bailey  
 A1C Jill A. Baker  
 A1C Gayle A. Gordon  
 A1C Dwight E. Manning

Amn Pamela S. Arthur  
 Amn Helen M. Chamiec  
 Amn Geraldine M. Clark  
 Amn Chris C. Crews  
 Amn Matthew W. Dooney  
 Amn Ann T. Meyers  
 Amn Joanne M. Pacella  
 Amn Sally J. Sennewald  
 Amn Mona P. St. Pierre  
 Amn Gary N. Vickers

### ENLISTED/REENLISTED

Sgt. David M. Choate  
 Sgt. David L. Griffeth  
 Sgt. Louis J. Groccia  
 SrA James T. Brown III  
 SrA Wayne B. Franklin  
 SrA Victor M. Marden  
 SrA William H. Weeks  
 A1C Ronald M. McNeil  
 Amn Robert H. O'Dell  
 AB Chris J. Cortigiano  
 AB Robert L. Foley  
 AB Helen M. Hillman  
 AB Diane M. Iovanna  
 AB Michael F. Lacoste  
 AB Carla A. Letourneau  
 AB Charron A. Letourneau  
 AB Nina B. Tomaszewski

### DISCHARGED

TSgt. Freddy Lewis  
 SSgt. Paul E. Gilday Jr.  
 SSgt. Robin J. Ketcherside  
 SSgt. Edward Koziatke  
 SSgt. Michael D. Marinaccio  
 SSgt. Benny Martin  
 SSgt. Gerald D. Racine  
 SSgt. Edward S. Wabeck  
 Sgt. Daniel J. Dawe  
 Sgt. Gary W. Gowdy  
 Sgt. William H. Mackie  
 Sgt. Dennis J. Shea

### RETIRED

Lt. Col. Lucien A. Bouthiller

### TO STANDBY RESERVE

Lt. Col. William F. Bair  
 TSgt. Robert Amaral  
 SSgt. Geraldine A. Criner  
 SSgt. Thomas D. Fries  
 SSgt. Stephen J. Healy  
 SSgt. Lawrence H. Tyrrell  
 Sgt. Richard M. Connearney  
 Sgt. Leonard H. Malinowski  
 Sgt. Gaylord W. Perez  
 Sgt. Paul E. Romani Jr.  
 Sgt. Peter C. Warren  
 SrA Robert E. Anderson Jr.  
 SrA Charlene B. Weaver  
 A1C Patricia C. Brooks  
 A1C Susan C. Hill  
 A1C Gail Ann B. Villone  
 Amn Stephen P. Fay  
 AB George F. Gomes Jr.  
 AB Wayne Robinson

### REASSIGNED

MSgt. Edward J. Buchas Jr.  
 Sgt. Henry D. Gelinas  
 Sgt. Dean N. Murfield  
 Sgt. Richard D. Perkins

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**Pershing J. Limerio**  
**Westover AFB**  
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# Happy Birthday "Herk": C-130 Celebrates Twentieth

Twenty years ago the first C-130 Hercules flexed its way into the Air Force inventory. Two decades and four basic military versions later, the C-130 aircraft is still vital and looking forward to continued service into the 21st century. A recent issue of **The MAC Flyer**, dedicated to that achievement, recounted some of the C-130's glorious history and unusual nicknames.

First called the "Herky Bird" by TAC in the 1950, it later became the "MATS Fighter" (Military Air Transport Service) because of its superior flying, take-off and landing maneuverability.

Because of its tactical and airlift involvement in Southeast Asia, starting in 1964, it was later dubbed the "jet-age Gooney Bird." During this time camouflage paint was added as well as a new name. Said with pride, it was the "Brown and Green Trash Machine."

With changing names came four basic model changes in design and capabilities. The original "A" model had a design maximum gross weight of under 125,000 pounds. The newest model, "H", has a max gross weight of 175,000 pounds and a design speed of 328 knots. The latter also is equipped with search and weather radar, a flight operable auxiliary power unit, new air conditioning and a new Allison prop jet, the T-56A15.

## New Secretary of Defense Sworn In

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—Dr. Harold Brown took the oath of office as Secretary of Defense Jan. 21 during brief ceremonies in the Pentagon. He previously served as Secretary of the Air Force from October 1965 to February 1969, and has recently been president of the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena, Calif.

Dr. Brown received a bachelor of arts degree in 1945, a master's degree in 1946 and a doctorate degree in physics in 1949, all from Columbia University.

He has lectured at Columbia University and Stevens Institute of Technology and has served as a research scientist at the University of California at Berkeley. He has been the director of the E. O. Lawrence Radiation Laboratory at Livermore, Calif.

The new Secretary has served as a consultant to a number of Department of Defense advisory boards and committees and was appointed a member of the President's Science Advisory Committee in 1961.

The Hercules has produced an enviable list of achievements since its first flights:

\*Largest aircraft to land on or take off from an aircraft carrier—without using tailhook arrest in landing, or jet or catapult assistance in takeoff.

\*Longest first flight by a commercial aircraft: 25 hours, one minute on the initial flight of the L-100.

\*Largest ski- and wheel-equipped aircraft.

\*World's heaviest low altitude cargo extraction: 25 tons, extracted by parachute just ten feet above the ground.

\*Provided the platform for the world's free-fall record when nine Marine paratroopers jumped from 44,100 feet.

\*World's longest distance record for nonstop, nonrefueled turboprop: 8,790 statute miles by an ARRS crew.

Perhaps the best accomplishment of all is its safety record. Hercules aircraft have logged seven million hours and boast a mere 1.44 "Major Accident Rate per 100,00 Air Force Flight Hours."

To the 1,400 Hercules produced since 1954 and now serving in military and commercial operations for 37 nations, "Happy Birthday."



**GETTING BETTER . . . NOT OLDER . . .** C-130 aircraft are celebrating their twentieth year in the Air Force inventory. A 337th TAS Hercules, not much for party-going, sits in the Sunday morning flightline fog. (Photo by Hathaway)

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