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Last Year: Bundles TO Bolivia

This Year It's Evacuees FROM Bolivia

(Editor's note: During November's UTA, four C-130s, their crews and support personnel returned from rotational duty at Howard AFB, Panama. They were the last elements of a four-week assignment of the 337th TAS to supply airlift throughout Latin America. Next month's Patriot will highlight the unit's VOLANT OAK activities. The 337th public affairs representative, Maj. Dick Orpheus, reports on one of their earlier missions.)

While in Panama, the 337th evacuated 152 civilians from Bolivia because of fighting which resulted from a recent coup. In addition, the squadron was placed on standby alert for the possibility of a similar mission when unrest erupted early November in El Salvador.

Two C-130 crews, Lt. Col. Joseph DeNegre, Capt. B. J. Ferro, Maj. Jerold Budinoff, TSgt. James Lynch, MSgt. Ray Laurin; and Capt. Edward Custer, Capt. Bruce Cartwright, Capt.

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MSgt. Dale Olson, 905th CAMS crew chief, applies power to C-130 about to embark on a VOLANT OAK mission from the flight line at Howard AFB, Panama.

439th TAW in Bolivia . . .

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Tom Grenham, TSgt. Russell Konold and TSgt. Charles Lexius, left Howard on Nov. 7. They refueled in Lima, Peru and then flew to the La Paz airport.

The city of La Paz is located approximately 10,000 feet above sea level, while the airport, J. F. Kennedy International, is on a plateau at an even higher elevation of 13,000 feet. The lower pressure at these altitudes makes aircraft takeoffs and landings more difficult. In addition, there was some concern for the intended evacuees who might be sick from the extended stay at these higher altitudes.

In fact, the greatest concern of crewmembers was the lack of information on local and airport conditions. There was no contact with the airport and information was supplied through HF radio contact with individuals in Lima who had contact with people in La Paz. As related by TSgt. "Chuck" Lexius, "In the final analysis, it proved to be a routine and unexceptional mission; however, what gave rise to some anxiety on my part was the lack of information on what we could expect, such as how many evacuees

F.Y. 1980 UTA Schedule

Jan. 5-6	April 26-27	July 12-13
Feb. 2-3	May 17-18	Aug. 9-10
Mar. 1- 2 29-30	June-none	Sept. 6-7

439th TAW Annual Tour
June 7-21, 1980

there were, how many were sick, elderly or injured, or how secure the airport was."

Upon landing at La Paz, the two aircraft taxied up to the terminal and with engines running, loaded 69 and 63 tourists respectively. The tourists had been confined for several days to their hotels and had been forced to extend a one-night stay into maybe five or six. The day before the evacuation, they had been convoyed up to the airport terminal. Staying in the airport terminal overnight and into the next day, their main concern was the lack of food and water. Needless to say, most were relieved to be evacuated from the fighting, lack of food and water, and the higher altitudes. So much so, that Captain Grenham received a thankful kiss from an elderly woman while he was helping her with her seat belt.

The operation lasted about 45 minutes, as the numerous guards around the terminal and questions about the security of the airport led to a rapid on-load, taxi-out and takeoff. Both planes then had an hour and a half flight to Lima where the tourists were off-loaded.

To Lt. Col. DeNegre, now known within the squadron as "the hero of La Paz," it was all in a day's work, and when contacted, he commented, "Shucks, it weren't anything."

Don't Be Chicken: Enter the Turkey Trot

Try to jog your memory. Remember the last Westover Turkey Trot? You promised yourself you would get into shape during the year and compete in the annual five mile road race. Time is up! The event will start Saturday, Dec. 8 at 11 a.m. from the base gym. Everyone on base, reservists, active duty, civilians, dependents and retirees may participate.

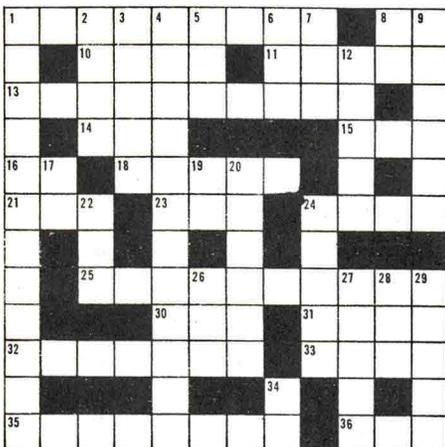
There are separate categories for men and women in three different age groups as well as a three-mile course competition for youngsters.

First prize in each of the seven divisions is a turkey. Silver and bronze medals go to the second and third-place finishers.

Registrations and a \$1 entrance fee, must be submitted to base gym personnel prior to the event.

So get out the running shoes. You might not win. But you'll have the satisfaction of competing. And that way, throughout the year, you won't be upset that you didn't even try to run yourself down.

Air Force Crosswords



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| <p>ACROSS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1st soldier pilot, 1st military aviation fatality 8. Top Secret 10. Greek goddess of the rainbow 11. Circle the globe 13. Whirlybird 14. Wild ox of Tibet 15. Be in debt 16. Above and supported by (prep.) 18. Knot again 21. Rent 23. Move head to agree 24. Tiny flying insect 25. Site of 1st atomic test 30. House pet 31. Travel by water 33. Equal scores 35. Russian-American expert on 13 Across 36. Hearing organ | <p>DOWN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Places of learning 2. White Easter flower 3. Monk 4. American Ace of Aces 5. Equal, similar (comb.) 6. Took 7. Before, sooner than (poet.) 8. Training instructor 9. Avenue 12. Secretary of Defense 17. Compass direction 19. Technical order 20. Morons 22. Hot beverage 24. Spirit 26. Niss West 27. Increase in pay 28. Stop living 29. Not younger 34. Near (prep.) |
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Children Invited to Christmas Party

Santa is coming to town. . . The town is Westover. The date is Saturday, Dec. 22 and the children of Westover are invited to join in the festivities. A gala Christmas party, starting at 9 a.m. in the base gym, is open to children, 14 years old and younger, whose parents are Reservists, on active duty or civilian employees assigned to the base. Mr. Claus will dole out refreshments and gifts. For more information contact base gym personnel.

ARP'S Will Rate Airmen's Proficiency

An enlisted evaluation program that will affect staff sergeants and above is being phased into the Air Force Reserve.

The Airman Performance Report has already started for chief and senior master sergeants. Master, technical and staff sergeants will be part of the program by June 1980.

The evaluation is done by the air-

man's supervisor, called the rating official, and the endorsing officer, who is the rating official's supervisor.

Unit first sergeants are busy completing work to designate each rater position for the program.

The rating is done on an annual basis and entered into a computer system. Areas covered are duty, evaluation (eight specific items), overall evaluation, and areas for comment by the rating official, endorsing officer and an additional rater, when necessary.

The program may eventually be used to rate and compare airmen of the same rank throughout the Air Force Reserve and aid promotions for qualified NCOs.

59th Mobile Aerial Port Squadron Goes Hawaiian

by SSgt. Michael Goldberg

The 59th Mobile Aerial Port Squadron received a certificate of appreciation for its assistance to the 619th Military Airlift Service Squadron, at Hickam, AFB, Hawaii. Ten members of the unit, under the command of Capt. Edwin Doty, completed their two week tour Oct. 6 through Oct. 20.

Because of its type of operation, everyone had a chance to work almost all phases of aerial port, including pallet breakdown, special handling, loading cargo and passenger service.

Captain Doty worked in the Air Terminal Operation Center and coordinated all personnel duties. SSgt. Lewis Kalesnik, NCOIC, worked in aircraft services. SSgt. Eugene Butler, SSgt. Joaquim Henriques, SSgt. James Hniedziejko, SSgt. Michael Goldberg, SrA. Ricardo Degrace, SrA. Roland Roy, A1C. John Kellar, and Amn. Sandra Wells worked all phases of aerial port during all three shifts.

Aircraft that were on and off loaded included the C-5, C-141, KC-135 and DC-8.

The tour proved to be one of the most advantageous two week tours. This type of training could never be duplicated.

BRIEF

TSSgt. Richard Eaton, 439th recruiter, offered an unusual Christmas gift to the Bascom family of Salem, N.H. when he enlisted three of eight members of the family into the 57th and 85th MAPS at Hanscom AFB. They will report for basic training the day before Christmas. The triple enlistment made the Bascoms a 62.5 percent Reserve family. CMSgt. Charles Bascom, their father, and their sister are already Hansconians, and the remaining two children have expressed interest.

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Lt. Col. Clarence J. Bryant
Maj. Walter J. Cienaski, Jr.
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MSgt. Jean M. Gordon
Sgt. Thomas A. Avezzie, III
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TSgt. Everett L. Scott
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MSgt. Raymond E. Cailler
MSgt. Joseph R. LaFrance
MSgt. Dale V. Olson
TSgt. Terry A. Allen
TSgt. Paul A. Bates
TSgt. Robert E. Begley
TSgt. David A. Burden
TSgt. Calvin E. Dallas
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Amn. Walter L. Miller, Jr.
Amn. Steven L. Vinson

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Sgt. Harold E. Rhodes, Jr.

Hospital Airman Gets Direct Commission



Col. Alan Fleckner, 439th Tac. Hosp. commander, left, and Maj. Carla Decker, chief nurse, pin gold bars on the unit's newest officer, 1st Lt. John Mulcay. (Photo by SrA. Howard Garbarsky)

The shining new silver bars of the new uniform of an Air Force nurse belong to 1st Lt. John Mulcay. He received a direct commission on Monday, Nov. 19.

Col. Alan N. Fleckner, 439th Tactical Hospital commander, had the swearing-in honors.

Lieutenant Mulcay became an officer through the Direct Commissioning Program. He had completed his nursing studies at Salem (Mass.) State College and became a registered nurse in 1976.

"I had to wait a long time, three years, for this day," Lieutenant Mulcay remarked. "I couldn't be commissioned until a slot in the unit manning became available."

The lieutenant is a 17-year veteran of the Air Force and Navy. He has served in a variety of medical functions while on active duty in Alaska, Southeast Asia and throughout the United States. He joined the Air Force Reserve ten years ago with the 901st TAG at Hanscom AFB.

The former senior master sergeant was the hospital's medical services superintendent and oversaw the enlisted personnel in the hospital's daily functions. MSgt. Ray Gosnell now has those responsibilities.

Lieutenant Mulcay lives in Danvers,

Mass. and, in his civilian occupation, is a staff nurse on a Salem hospital neurosurgical unit.

"I'm looking forward to broadening my military horizons and starting a new career in my chosen profession — nursing," says the unit's newest officer.

BRIEFS

(AFNS) The previous decision to reduce Loring AFB, Maine to a forward operating base has been reversed, according to an announcement by the Department of Defense. The determination was based on a continuing assessment of evolving strategic requirements and the need to assure maximum flexibility in the posture of U.S. strategic and general purpose forces for the 1980s.

(AFNS) Twenty-seven Air Force Reserve airmen were among the 1,720 enlisted men and women throughout the Air Force who graduated from the Community College of the Air Force during the week of Oct. 23. The Reservists were part of the second CCAF graduation class this year. All received Associate in Applied Science degrees.

Westover Athletes Receive Awards

More than 100 trophies, plaques and jackets were presented to Westover athletes at the fourth annual sports awards night held Oct. 9 at the Consolidated Open Mess.

This year's event saw many additions to the program, including a slide show of past AFRES softball tournaments, a guest speaker (Lee Williams, Basketball Hall of Fame executive director) and inclusion of sports such as jogging, weight lifting, basketball and intramural sports.

Six athletes were chosen by a panel for the Base Commander's Athletic Award due to their endurance and the desire to better themselves physically. The six were Capt. Robert Martens, 439th TAW; MSgt. Fred Angel, Detachment 5, 1ACOMMG; 1st Sgt. Eugene Vallaincourt, Marine Corps Reserve; TSgt. Thomas Owens, Air Force Advisor; Pfc Dennis Williams, Army Reserve and Wade Tate, Westover Fire Department.

Softball MVP awards went to AB Mitchell Stasko, 905th CEF; Robert Chisolm, Base Fire Department and AIC. Cheryl Clapprood, 337th TAS. The MVP award for volleyball went to MSgt. Dennis Wallace, 905th CAMS. A plaque was presented to the 901st CES as a token of appreciation from MWR for their part in preparing the softball fields for the tournament.

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STOP at the Stop Sign when you drive up to the Westover Industrial Park gate house. Failure to do so, when security guards are present, could result in a \$20 fine.

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Westover has been blessed with a new chaplain. **Father (Capt.) William R. Charbonneau** was sworn into the Air Force Reserve on Nov. 2. He is from Hartford, Conn., and is vice principal of Aquinas High School in New Britain, Conn. He will assist Father Albert J. Ryan and will celebrate Catholic mass. Captain Charbonneau will attend chaplain school at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

“Mr. Brown, We are Secretaries in the Air Force (Reserve)”

by Sgt. Deborah Elliot

Buzzzz, Buzzzz. “May I help you, please?” The pleasant voice of one of Westover’s 15 full-time secretaries sounds over the telephone to one of many inquiring callers. Blahhh. Blahhh. A question is asked “Just a moment, sir.” She presses the hold button and dials her boss, who works quietly behind her barricade. “Joe Smith is on the line; he has a problem.” And her receptionist activities, among other things, go on.

Mrs. Anita Sabourin, one of the secretaries, has many varied duties. Her boss is Col. J. Frank Moore, base commander.

“Colonel Moore is like the mayor of a town,” she says. “Anything from soup to nuts comes through this office.”

She processes correspondence, which comes in two categories — routine — those she answers herself, and those involving a policy decision. The latter, she prepares for Colonel Moore’s signature. Mrs. Sabourin sometimes records staff meeting minutes. Afterwards, she reviews her initial notes and transcribes them into the appropriate format. They are then distributed to the staff.

Answering and screening incoming



Lt. Col. George Merrill, 731st TAS chief navigator, checks with Mrs. Doris Baker, the squadron commander’s secretary, as she compiles one of the many reports required of the unit.

calls “more times than not leads into a new project,” she says. “The other day, a parent of a man assigned to the 819th CSG when SAC ran the base, called to get her son’s records, I gave the woman, after a little digging myself, the address of the records center where past information is filed.”

Mrs. Sabourin, who Colonel Moore says is “like an extension of my right arm,” summed up her responsibilities by saying, “We’re in the business of running the base and managing an airfield.”

Sgt. Ann Myers, 439th CSG administration specialist, fills in for Mrs. Sabourin on Reserve training weekends. “You have to know what you are doing in this office,” says Sergeant Myers. “For instance, a mistake in relaying secondary crash phone information could really mess things up.”

Not only assigned duties, such as the few most common ones already mentioned, but attitude plays a large part in any job “well done.” This is not a new idea, as an 18th century poet exemplified by writing: “Who works for glory misses oft the goal, Who works for money coins his very soul, Work for work’s sake then and it may be, That these things shall be added unto thee.”

The secretary for Col. James P. Thomas, deputy commander for operations, seems to have an outstanding job-related attitude. For it, she receives many letters of appreciation from visitors and words of praise can be heard whenever her name is brought up.

“I love my work,” says Mrs. Jean Parker. “When I think of the Air Force Reserve, I think of flying. I work for the best; therefore I firmly believe they deserve my best efforts. I’ll do my part on the ground so they can fly their best in the sky.”

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Former 439th CSG Commander, Col. Jack Ferguson, has been named commander of the 512th MAW at Dover AFB, Del. His new position follows assignments at Maxwell AFB, Ala. as commander of the 908th TAG and at Rickenbacker, AFB, Ohio, as the 302nd TAW’s senior air reserve technician.

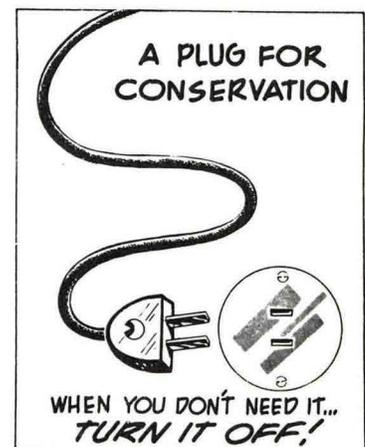


Chief of Supply Myer Goldenberg scans letter prepared for his signature by his secretary, Kathy Walsh. Miss Walsh plans to retire on Jan. 12, 1980, after 42 years of federal service. (Photos by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway)

Mrs. Sabourin and Mrs. Parker, along with the 13 other base secretaries, have the qualities and competence required to hold the positions they do,” says John Mitchell, civilian personnel officer. “They all have the experience, fine performance records and skill they need.”

“Today’s secretary is no longer a ‘Buzz me, Miss Blue,’ according to an old timer on base, and one who spent most of her career in administration, “She is a diplomat and a strategist.”

Buzzzzz. Buzzzzz. “Hello, I believe you can help me.” And the calls go on.



731st TAS: Reflections of its Past

Although the 731st TAS's participation in REFORGER, in September 1978 marked its first flight to Germany, the unit's predecessors were no strangers to Europe. They were flying over England, France and Germany 37 years ago. The journal, *Combat Squadrons of the Air Force, World War II* traces the 731st and its previous designations back to 1942.

The squadron was formed in January 1942. It was named the 331st Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) and assigned to the 94th Bombardment Group. During its statewide training period, it was stationed at MacDill Field, Fla; Pendleton Field, Ore; Davis-Monthan Field, Ariz; Biggs Field, Tex and Pueblo AAB, Colo.

That orientation period was brief. The United States was at war. In May 1943, the squadron's B-17 bombers were sent to England's Earls Colne and Bury St. Edmunds. From those bases, they took part in the air offensives over Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe.

Within five months, Aug. 1943 to Jan. 1944, their valor earned the 331st two Distinguished Unit citations.

The end of the hostilities brought the airmen home and their squadron evolved through a series of different names reflecting different missions.

It was the 331st Bombardment Squadron (Light), the 331st Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron and the 331st Bombardment Squadron (Tactical). Its homes were as numerous: Camp Kilmer, N.J., Marietta AFld, Ga., Dobbins AFB, Ga. and Scott AFB, Ill.

On July 1, 1957, it took the designation 731st Troop Carrier Squadron (Medium) and was eventually assigned to Hanscom Field, Mass.

In response to the Cuban missile crisis, the unit's personnel were ordered to a one-month active duty tour on Oct. 28, 1962. By that time, they were flying C-119s.

On 1966, the squadron converted to the C-124 Globemaster which, until the advent of the C-5 Galaxy, was the world's largest operational airlifter. For the next six years, members of the 731st operated these giants of the sky into virtually every corner of the world in support of the military airlift system.

The August 1972 conversion to the C-123K Provider is the most recent milestone in the squadron's mission heritage. While still in the airlift business, the nature of the mission shifted from scheduled "long haul" of strategic materiel to the "quick and dirty" tactical delivery of troops and their fighting gear in hostile environments.

In September 1973, the relocation from L. G. Hanscom AFB to Westover AFB set the stage for formation of the 439th Tactical Airlift Wing.

The 731st's heritage is reflected not only in its lineage, but in its unit emblem which was approved by the Institute of Heraldry in August 1943. "On a disc within a red border, a black panther proper, standing on a white cloud formation in base and leaning on a yellow globe marked with lines of latitude and longitude, exposed by a rift in the cloud formation, all in front of a light blue sky."

PEARL HARBOR DAY 7 DEC 41 BRIEF

Lt. Col. Joan Hartnett, 74th AES chief of nurses, is acting unit commander while **Lt. Col. Edward T. Kosakowski**, commander, is on an 89-day extended active duty tour. Colonel Kosakowski is stationed at Los Angeles AFS serving as administrator of the Air Force clinic there during his active duty tour. The colonel will return to Westover by the January UTA. **Maj. Marvin Proctor, Jr.**, 74th AES operations officer, left the unit in November for an assignment at Travis AFB, Calif. No replacement has been named to fill his vacancy.

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The Feast of Lights and Rededication of the Temple

Wing Pilots Get Safety Awards

by SrA. Deborah Elliot

Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen, 439th TAW commander, received his 5,000 accident-free hour patch Sunday, Nov. 18, during the wing's flying safety meeting in the base theater. In December, Capt. Allen P. Heinrich, 337th TAS pilot, will receive a similar honor.

"I would say only the top 15 percent of Air Force pilots received this award," says Capt. Robert Martens, 439th TAW flying safety officer. "The average accumulated hours per pilot is approximately 3,000." The two men, together with Lt. Col. Arthur J. Sorenson, Jr., Lt. Col. Robert H. Yanney, Maj. Gale French, SMSgt. Leo J. Bourret, SMSgt. William Mahoney, MSgt. Ralph H. Branyen, Jr., MSgt. Joseph Gandet, and MSgt. John Nagy, brought the wing's total of 5,000-hour award holders to ten in 1979.

"It is a significant award," says Captain Martens. "There are also 10,000-hour awards given but they are so special, they are presented only by higher headquarters."

Col. Donald L. Ridgway, 439th TAW chief of safety, presented the patches "to be proudly displayed" on the individuals' flight suits, together with letters of congratulations from 21st Air Force. General Haugen also received a personal letter of congratulations from MAC Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Robert E. Huyser.

Crossword Puzzle Answers

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Civilians to Take Part in Appraisal Study

The Air Force will be asking selected civilian employees at Westover and 74 other CONUS installations to take part in a research and development program procedures for use Air Force-wide.

The study is part of a major Air Force research project on ways to measure employee performance, validate the data, and use it in making personnel management decisions. The entire project is being conducted by the Air Force Human Resources Laboratory (AFHRL), Brooks AFB, Texas.

The Air Force and all other federal agencies are being required to make major changes in their civilian personnel systems under the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978. One of the most significant parts of the new law requires that management decisions on rewards, promotions, training, assignments, downgrading, and removals be based on valid performance appraisal data.

AFHRL is using the best elements of the current appraisal system and the best management technology currently available in government and industry to develop several new performance measurement procedures for possible use in the new system.

The appraisal system will be tested and developed from the ground up, using civilian employees as test subjects.

Base Civilian Personnel Offices will select personnel at random from both the GS and WG systems to take part in the test program. The employee's supervisor and a co-worker will also be asked to participate. All information collected will be used for research purposes only. No personnel decisions will be based in any way on these data. It will be privileged information for use only by the research agency in developing a new appraisal system.

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MSgt. George (Ray) Bixby, 439th TAW historian, announced his candidacy for the Democratic Party's nomination for Vermont's lone seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. The resident of Vergennes is an engineer at Simmons Precision Products, Inc. One campaign promise: If elected he would try to maintain his 439th active participation.



Those honored at November commander's call are, from left, MSgt. Salvatore Palumbo, TSgt. Ronald Ploof, Col. James Thomas, MSgt. Raymond Cailler, Lt. Col. Edward Lincoln, Lt. Col. Louis Paskevich, TSgt. Michael Conboy, MSgt. Michael Arminio and Capt. Stephen Morrison. (Photo by SrA. Howard Garbarsky)

Reservists Recognized at Commander's Call

Three Meritorious Service Medals and six Air Force Commendation Medals were awarded to wing members by Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen during the November UTA.

Col. James P. Thomas, 439th TAW, received the Meritorious Service Medal because his diligent management techniques resulted in 100 percent manning during the five and a half years as commander of the 702nd Military Airlift Squadron (Associate) at McGuire AFB, N.J.

Lt. Col. Edward F. Lincoln, 439th TAW, distinguished himself as standardization evaluation flight examiner and flight commander, 731st TAS and 94th MAW, L.G. Hanscom AFB and Westover AFB.

Outstanding leadership and devotion earned 337th TAS former commander **Lt. Col. Louis Paskevicz** the Meritorious Service Medal.

Capt. Stephen V. Morrison, 731st TAS, contributed significantly to RE-FORGER '78 and prevented dangerous flight conditions from developing into a major aircraft accident. For his efforts he received the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Another 731st member, **MSgt. Michael A. Arminio**, earned the Air Force

Commendation Medal through his outstanding efforts as instructor loadmaster and flight examiner for the past 11 years.

As a result of his superior professional skill, knowledge and leadership, **MSgt. Raymond E. Cailler**, 439th TAW air operations superintendent, was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Two members of the 901st CAMS, **MSgt. Salvatore D. Palumbo** and **TSgt. Michael J. Conboy** received their medals through superior maintenance knowledge and professional skill.

On March 30, 1979 **TSgt. Ronald Ploof** noticed another Reservist choking on something and performed the Heimlich Maneuver of first aid, successfully clearing the obstruction. His prompt action and regard for his fellow man earned him the Air Force Commendation Medal.



Happy New Year

Procedures Outlined for Maj. Gen. Claus' Visit

(AFNS) — An official visit by Maj. Gen. Santa Claus is expected Dec. 25, 1979. The following procedures will govern activities during General Claus' stay.

1. Not a creature will stir without official permission. This will include indigenous mice. Special stirring waivers will be issued to staff agencies through normal command channels. Services Division will be in charge of granting mice-stirring permits.

2. Key personnel will deploy their brains for a long winter nap on or about 2000, Dec. 24, 1979. Uniform for nap will be: pajamas, cotton, lightweight, drowsing style with kerchief, general purpose. Cap, fatigue, olive green with ear flaps is optional. Sleeping caps may be drawn from supply prior to 1900.

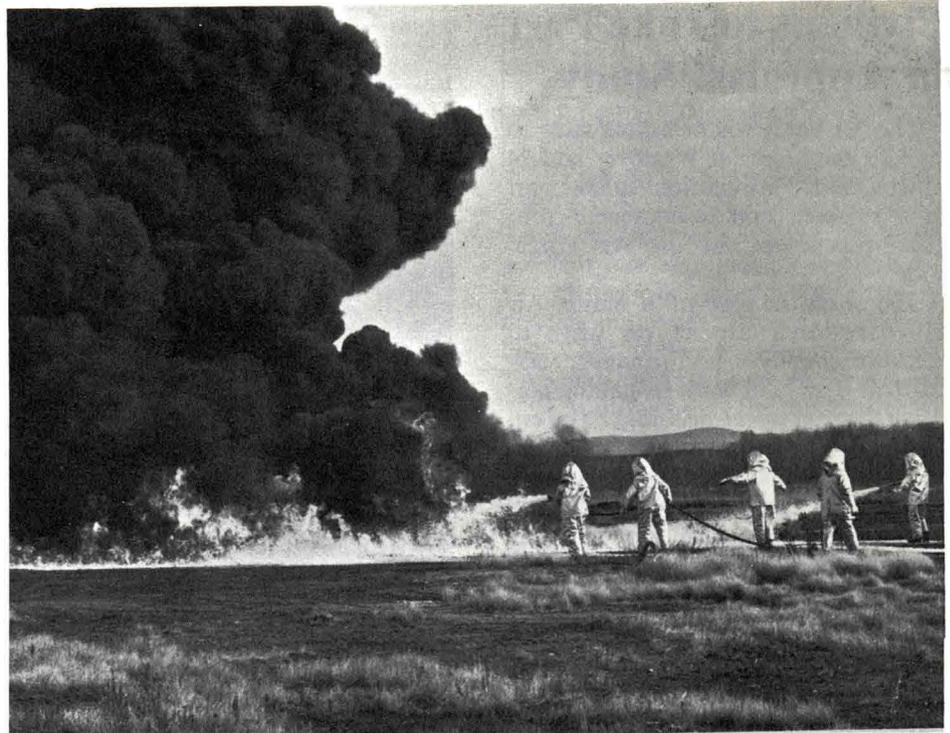
3. Personnel will use standard ration sugar plums to enable required visions to dance through their heads. The inflight kitchen will distribute sugar plums.

4. Stockings, wool type, cushion sole, white athletic style with AF Shade 1550 blue trim, shall be hung by chimney with care. Necessary safety precautions should be exercised to avoid stocking fires. Unit safety officers will submit stocking hanging plans NLT 0800, Dec. 22, 1979.

5. At the first sign of clutter from lawn landing area, all personnel will spring from their beds to investigate cause. Immediate action will be taken to throw open window sashes and tear open shutters. (Reference OPLAN "St. Nick" No. 8, para. 2A, Sec. (2), Nov. 14, 1977). All sash throwing and shutter tearing should be in accordance with this directive to facilitate synchronized performance. All commanders are responsible for seeing that no sash throwing or shutter tearing occurs prior to the official Claus alert.

6. Prior to midnight, date of visit, all personnel will be assigned "Wondering Eye" positions. After sash throwing and shutter tearing, these positions will be filled.

7. Transportation Division will assign one sleigh, miniature, two passenger; and eight deer, rein, tiny, for use



Westover's base firefighters train Reserve firefighters to insure their proficiency should they be called on to deploy or assist in any type of operation. The fire, on the base's training field, was set with contaminated fuel. (Photo by SSgt. Paul Lemay)

by General Claus. One motor pool driver with rooftop license will also be provided. Driver should be fully qualified and have 5-level OJT in Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen operations. Rudolph qualification is not necessary but helpful.

8. General Claus will inspect quarters using chimney entrance. All base housing occupants without chimneys should draw chimney simulator M-4 from base supply on AF Form 2775 (in triplicate) prior to Dec. 23, 1979.

9. Personnel should be aware that General Claus sometimes travels with

his staff. All subordinate Clauses should be treated with respect concurrent with their positions. Protocol will make sure extra milk and cookies are left near all fireplaces in the event the visiting party is larger than expected.

10. All key personnel will attend shouting rehearsal at 0830, Dec. 24, 1979. Shout will consist of "Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night." Squadron commanders are responsible for uniformity in shouting.

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