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45 complete Westover seminar course

"It was 100% successful," according to Col. Louis Paskevicz, 439th TAW vice-commander. He was referring to the first Air Command and Staff College Non-resident Seminar Program at Westover.

45 mid-career officers enrolled in the largest seminar program ever held on a military installation. For one year, they commuted from as far away as Rhode Island, New Jersey and New Hampshire to hone their leadership skills.

The initial response to the program was tremendous according to Col. Leon Furr, seminar leader. "Within two days we had 30 people sign up. It was a beautiful opportunity. It's difficult, because of job restraints, to get this kind of training without going away to school. We even had junior officers applying for waivers so they could enroll."

The officers at Westover recognize the importance of professional military education Col. Furr noted. Col. Paskevicz agreed, "You learn the language the Air Force speaks; without it the individual is severely handicapped. Education enhances his position for promotion, but in the long run the Air Force gains. It (USAF) ends up with better administrative products."

Effective communication, resource management techniques and national security issues were but a few of the areas examined. "The exchange of ideas in the seminar was much more valuable than sitting down with a textbook. Each topic was thoroughly examined and since we had representatives from a number of units, we heard a variety of viewpoints," Col. Furr remarked.

The 45 officers were divided into three seminar groups. Two groups met twice monthly and the third group weekly. The scheduling flexibility allowed missed classes to be made up easily. Capt. Paul Torpey explained, "This was one of the primary reasons

for the successful graduation of all 45 participants."

The following officers were awarded graduating certificates for the Non-resident seminar program:

Col. Louis Paskevicz, Lt. Col. Philip Crutchfield, Lt. Col. Jay Johnson, Lt. Col. Charles Joslin, Lt. Col. Leon Furr, Maj. Henry Balch, Maj. George Bourque, Maj. Sudro Brown, Maj. Joseph Butler, Maj. George Caldwell, Maj. Walter Cienaski, Jr., Maj. Charles Cole, Maj. Robert Cole, Maj. Edward Custer, Maj. Peter Eiche, Maj. David Fitzgerald, Maj. John Gallagher, Maj. Dorothy Gates, Maj. Stanley Gromala,

Maj. Andrew Kasnay, Jr., Maj. Michael Lopardo, Maj. Wayne Markison, Maj. Frank McCormack, Maj. Robert McMillan, Maj. Edward Murphy, Maj. Nelson Newhouse, Maj. Richard Ray, Maj. Valentine Riordan II, Maj. John Riley, Jr., Maj. David Rusch, Maj. James Sheridan, Maj. Lyle West, Maj. Elmer Whittier, Jr., Capt. Robert Carl, Capt. David Doyle, Capt. Thomas Mannello, Capt. John Martin, Capt. Dante Mazzochi, Capt. David Moore, Capt. Stephen Morrison, Capt. Harry Polychron, Jr., Capt. Paul Torpey, Capt. Terrence Trent, and Capt. Kevin Wentworth



In preparation for Westover's Thanksgiving activities, TSgt. Robert Cossaboom, 439th CSG food service supervisor, paid a visit to Bennett's Turkey Farm in Wilbraham, (USAF photo by Maj. Bob Carroll)

439th claims two more AFRES awards

The 439th has taken two more AFRES awards. MSgt. Eugene C. Smith, 901st MABF, has been named Transportation Non Commissioned Officer of the Year and the Vehicle Operations section was named best in AFRES for the second year in a row.

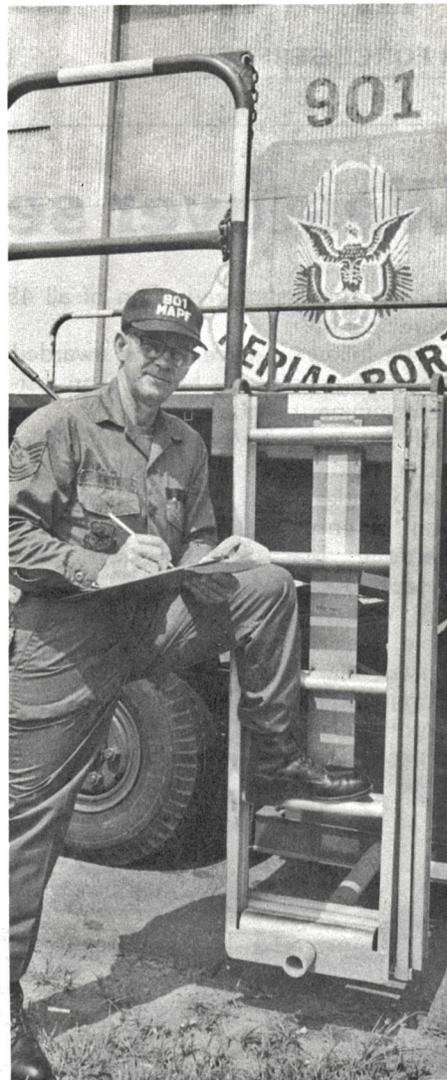
Sergeant Smith supervises the 14 members of the unit's ramp service section and air terminal operations center. As such, he is responsible for all aspects of aircraft loading operations.

He has been in the 901st since 1975 and had three years of active duty at Westover before leaving the service for 18 years.

Employed by the Schuster's Express Trucking Company, Sergeant Smith and his wife have four children and two grandchildren. He also is very active in local Moose Lodge activities and served as last year's Junior Governor.

His commander, Maj. Barry Monahan, has nothing but praise for the award winner. "Perhaps Sergeant Smith's strongest characteristic is his ever present can-do attitude. There is nothing that he undertakes that doesn't enter into with 110% enthusiasm and an absolute commitment to see it through to successful completion. Whether its organizing air cargo activities for a UTA or undertaking, with the help of his wife, his yearly spaghetti dinner with all the 'fixins' for 60 members of the unit and their spouses.

"In terms of morale, his attitude has been a very positive influence on the unit's high morale." Major Monahan concluded.



MSgt. Eugene C. Smith is AFRES's Transportation NCO of the Year. (USAF photo by MSgt. Larry Lentz).

BRIEFS

Horse Lovers

Have you been a closet horse lover? Well it's time for your coming out. The rest of the known base horse addicts are in need of your help.

Practically unnoticed in the September UTA Training Bulletin, Col. James Thomas, base DO let it be known that a base riding club and stable is in the planning stages. Names are needed to comprise a list of interested persons, so a rough estimate can be made for number of stalls needed and usage.

Membership will be open to all active duty personnel, reserve members, dependents, DOD civilian personnel, and retirees. If enough interested persons come forward a meeting will be set-up to workout the details.

To add your name to a growing list of enthusiastic equestrians, please call: Col. James Thomas Ext. 3881 or Jo-Ann Pothoff Ext. 2072.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are again needed to assist in the wing's Pre-Basic Flight Program. Every three months, as an additional duty, you'll act as an instructor and coordinator for the newly recruited wing members. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Armand Tourangeau at Ext. 3115 or Hangar 5 Ext. 2094.

Mess-Dress

Westover Reservists will soon be wearing a new year-round mess-dress uniform which will be ready for both officers and enlisted members early in 1983. Members will no longer have to have two Air Force mess uniform combinations, say Army and Air Force Exchange Service officials. The new uniform, approved by the Air Force uniform board in March, will be in shade 1583, dark blue, with a silver braid trim. The uniform for women features a jacket, two skirts, a cummerbund; formal white blouse; tab tie and shoulder boards. For men, the uniform includes a jacket, 1.5 inches longer than the present one; one pair of trousers, a cummerbund; bow tie; formal headgear; a formal white shirt and chevrons on shoulder boards.

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Sailors learn how to survive on 'the beach'

by Capt. Rick Dyer

Landlubbers?

They may not have loved it, but 20 Navy reservists from Hartford, Conn. learned how to survive on land when they teamed up with the 439th's Life Support Section for training during the August UTA.

The seamen, most of them aviation support personnel, were "beached" for the half-day course at Westover's wooded "Dogpatch" area. There they foraged for food, built shelters, mastered escape and evasion tactics and learned signaling and fire building techniques.

"It's a whole new world," said William Dimeo, an aviation boatswain's mate. "For most of us, our prior survival training has consisted of learning to fight shipboard fires."

The Navy personnel even got to sample backwoods cuisine — squirrel which was cured in a smoke house rigged from a parachute.

"They were good students," said SrA. Pierre Wood, one of the survival instructors. "This is a new experience for them and they were all eager to learn," he added.

The Naval reservists, who are led by Cmdr. Edward H. Gaulrapp, are expected to "drop anchor" at Westover on future UTA weekends for joint training with the 905th CAMS.



Naval Reservist Michael P. Gelt learns some of the finer points of cosmetology — survival style — during recent escape and evasion training conducted by the 439th's Life Support Section. (USAF photo by TSgt. Howard Garbarsky)

Pro-program bosses prompt pro patria prize

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFRNS) — If you're an Air Force Reservist, Gilbert M. Turner wants to make your boss a "Pro."

Mr. Turner, chairman of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, announced recently that the committee will honor a select group of employers — no more than 60 each year — of the hundreds of thousands for whom National Guard and Reserve members work.

This small group, which will include individual supervisors as well as firms and agencies, will be named recipients of the committee's new "Pro Patria" award. Winners, termed "Pro's" for short, will be selected from several sources, an important one being from nominations submitted to the commit-

tee by members of the Guard and Reserve.

The award, named for the Latin expression meaning "for the nation," symbolizes the patriotism of the recipient in supporting a strong national defense.

Members of the Reserve are eligible to nominate their employers for the Pro Patria award.

Employers qualify when they practice personnel policies that support employee participation in the Reserve. Federal law requires them to grant excused absences to Reserve members for military training; simple compliance with the law is not sufficient for nomination. The employer must demonstrate additional, voluntary measures that make it easier for employees to stay in the Reserve.

Nomination will be by letter, which

must explain why the employer deserves consideration for the Pro Patria award. Members of Reserve units may nominate their bosses directly to:

My Boss is a Pro
NCESGR Award Officer
1735 N. Lynn St., Suite 206
Arlington, VA 22209

Reservists must include in their letter the identification, address and name of the commander of their Reserve unit. Reservists who are not unit members must state their Reserve status.

Though not every employer nominated will win a Pro Patria award, each will receive an Employer Support Certificate of Appreciation and each will be considered for other awards by both the national and appropriate state employer support committees.

Runway recycled

by SrA. Kathleen Lincoln

An innovative technique used in the recently completed renovation of Westover's secondary runway has generated nationwide interest among cost-conscious construction engineers.

A \$700,000 contract was awarded to Ted Ondrick Construction Company of Chicopee in September 1981. Renovation began in early April and the date of completion was Sept. 30, 1982.

An evaluation made in September 1979 by pavement engineers from AFRES and Westover found the airfield in very poor condition. The approaches were cracked and shattered and loose debris was present. The estimated cost of repair on a little more than one-half the runway was set at \$1.7 million.

Leroy R. Clink, design and project engineer at Westover developed a process in which the existing asphalt from the runway would be ground and mixed with sand to form a new base.

According to Clink's design the asphalt was removed, ground up and stockpiled. The concrete was lifted from the middle section of the runway but left on the sides. The middle was then filled with the ground asphalt and sand at a ratio Clink determined for optimum strength. Finally, a new surface of asphalt applied. This recycling method and design reduced the cost of repairs to \$700,000.

James Green, Air Force pavements consultant at Tyndall AFB, Fla. has already determined Clink's process to save \$5.50 a square yard. Green will be presenting the design at a NATO symposium in Brussels, Belgium Nov. 9-11.

According to Clink his "reconstituted asphalt stabilized base" offered more than cost savings. The mixture of sand and asphalt resulted in a very high strength material. Because of this there are no longer limitations on the number of times an aircraft can land. "The weight of a plane and its load determines how many times an aircraft can

land without causing runway damage." Clink explained. Now even the largest airplane with a full load has no limitation.

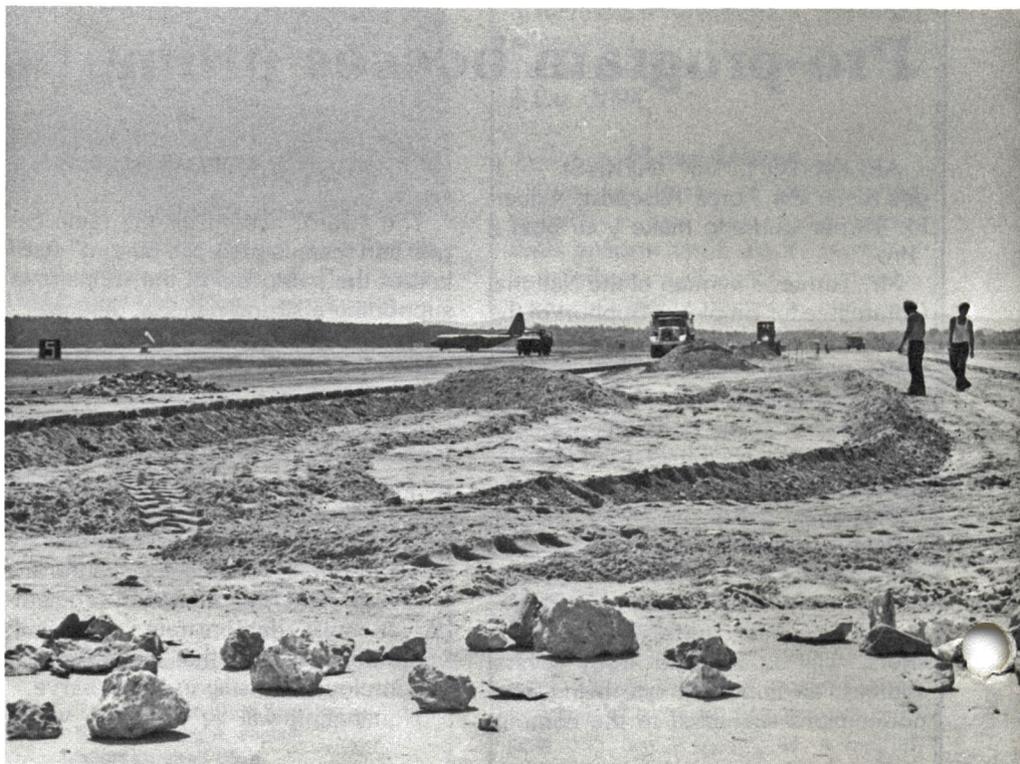
Safety and reduced maintenance were factors Clink incorporated in his design. "We changed from a rigid concrete runway to a flexible asphalt runway. The flexible pavement absorbs the heat of the sun. It melts ice better and therefore is more suitable for the climate in the northeast. Concrete is better in the south," he explained. His design, also, called for sloping sides on the runways which would improve drainage.

When asked about tests made so far on the new base material, he said, "the results have been very positive." There was even an unexpected bonus. "The sun's heat melted the asphalt and sand

together — further increasing the base's strength. In one week it had increased in strength by 10 percent."

With a plan that promises cost-savings, safety features and less maintenance, the Engineering and Service Center at Tyndall AFB will determine possible application to Air Force bases nationwide. The runway at Westover according to Clink will be undergoing a 10 year evaluation but future use of his design at other airbases may be implemented sooner.

In a continuing effort to improve Westover's runways, a second contract to Ted Ondrick Construction Company has been awarded for the re-paving and re-striping of two taxiways. Repair of the cracks and ruts is scheduled to be completed Nov. 30, 1982.



Renovation began with the removal of asphalt and concrete layers. (USAF photo by Howard)



Leroy R. Clink, base civil engineer and John J. Hoar, civil engineering technician examine the plans for the runway repair. (USAF photo by SrA. Kathleen Lincoln)



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Recycled asphalt and sand is dumped into a giant mixer to form the new base material. (USAF photo by Capt. Philip Weber)



Farewell

A final salute to the 901st CAMS, before the unit's merger with the 905th CAMS, was made at the squadron's party during the September UTA by (from left) MSgt. Kenneth King; MSgt. William Bowker; Maj. Nino Nistri; Lt. Col. Haven Gorman; MSgt. Sal Palumbo; Col. Reginald Wackford and CMSgt. Charles Fusco. (USAF photo by Maj. Bob Carroll)

Former Westover Reservist Dies in Crash

Her military career began at Westover as a medical administrative specialist in the 74th AME only six years ago. It then took her to pilot training at Williams and Randolph Air Force Bases. For the 25 year old daughter of a police sergeant, her immediate future in the Air Force included promotion to captain and continued service as an instructor pilot with the 96th Flying Training Squadron at Williams.

It was on a cross country training mission that her career ended. She, 1st Lt. Heidi Kniupis, and her student, 2nd Lt. Britt Simplins were killed after their T-37 crashed at March AFB, Cal.

Lieutenant Kniupis had joined the 74th after attending Boston State College for a nursing degree. "She was a highly motivated, vivacious, enthusiastic person who really loved the Air Force," recalls SMSgt. Edward J. Galvin, Jr., first sergeant. She was a real good person."

In 1978, she transferred into the New Hampshire National Guard and became a recruiter while earning a University of New Hampshire degree. Later she was only one of ten females offered Officer Training School and then Undergraduate Pilot Training. The Boston native completed the program in April, 1980, received her commission, and eventually became a flight instructor.

Her father said that Heidi's last flight developed engine trouble following take-off. She "reported loss of power within a minute of takeoff, but seeing she was headed directly into base housing and a school, she apparently swerved to avoid hitting anybody. The pair, according to eyewitnesses, ejected from the plane at almost tree level and their chutes failed to open. Both were rushed to a hospital where they died."



Promotions Enlistments & Re-enlistments Congratulations

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MSgt. William R. Currier
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MSgt. Kenneth L. Morytko
MSgt. James B. Rothwell
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TSgt. Albert P. Benard
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TSgt. Richard J. Matte
TSgt. Edwin G. Ross
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ENLISTED

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Sgt. Jeffrey P. Rohan
AB Catherine J. Nyman

Former Westover pilot heads AFRES

The United States Senate has confirmed the appointment of a former Westover Air Force Base pilot as the new chief of the Air Force Reserve.

Maj. Gen. Sloan R. Gill, who presently commands Fourth Air Force headquartered at McClellan Air Force Base, Calif., will succeed Maj. Gen. Richard E. Bodycombe who retires on Nov. 1.

General Gill served on active duty at Westover AFB from Sept. 1953 to April 1955 flying the Douglas C-118 Liftmaster with the 30th Air Transport Squadron.

A member of the Air Reserve Technician Program since November 1963, General Gill has served in various operations and command positions with AFRES units in Georgia, Michigan, Texas, Alabama, Illinois and California.

Commenting on his selection General Gill said, "It's a great honor to be

selected as Chief of the Air Force Reserve, and I will certainly strive to continue the great record of success that the Air Force Reserve has attained over the years. We are more ready now than at any time in our history. We have exceeded our manning goals for the fifth year in a row; our retention is the best ever and every flying unit not in conversion status is fully combat ready. Our people are the best ever — they are trained and they know the job they have to do. Much of the credit for this success must go to our active Air Force counterparts who have led the way in total force. They have tasked us to shoulder major responsibilities in the defense of the nation and they have provided us the training opportunities and the guidance to achieve this state of readiness in preparation for our wartime missions. I am looking forward to an even closer and more effective working relationship with the active force in the future."

A Georgia native, General Gill is a



Maj. Gen. Sloan R. Gill

1948 graduate of Staunton Military Academy, Staunton, Va. and the Georgia Institute of Technology.

35-10 Alteration

Three significant alterations to uniform wear are among interim changes in Air Force Regulation 35-10 (Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel), released last month by the Air Force Manpower and Personnel Center.

The changes affect the women's overblouse, women's slacks and men's trousers.

The longer length, light blue, short-sleeved women's overblouse with epaulets may now be worn tucked into the skirt (with waistband) or slacks. When worn with Combination 1, the overblouse will not be exposed below the service coat. The sleeves on the light blue, long-sleeved, tuck-in style shirt may be shortened by being altered. When the sleeves are shortened, they must match the current overblouse sleeve length and design.

The bottom of women's and men's trousers should rest on the front of the shoes with a slight break in the crease. The back of the slacks/trousers should be about seven-eighths of an inch longer than the front. Slacks/trousers hemmed by previous wear instructions which did not allow a break in the crease, may be worn until Aug. 1, 1985.

Unit personnel divisions have more details about changes to AFR 35-10. A new edition of the regulation is scheduled for distribution in November.

Life Be In It



Mary Batakis (left) of the Base Exchange Staff helps TSgt. Nancy McKemie select some of the new fashion items that she'll be wearing at the Third Annual Luncheon Fashion Show to be held Sunday, Dec. 5 at 10:30 a.m. in the ballroom of the Westover Consolidated Open Mess. In keeping with the theme of this year's show "Life Be In It", featured will be fashions depicting many activities that make life enjoyable. The entire family will be represented by volunteer models from among Westover reservists, their dependents and civilian personnel. Tickets for the luncheon are \$5. For further information contact Judy Haugen or Carolyn Ayers, fashion show coordinators. (USAF photo by Maj. Bob Carroll)

AFRES Library established at Westover

The ninth Professional and Technical Library in the Air Force Reserve Library System has been established in the Base Gym.

At the present time, it contains 733 books and will be built up to a maximum of 1500 books within a year.

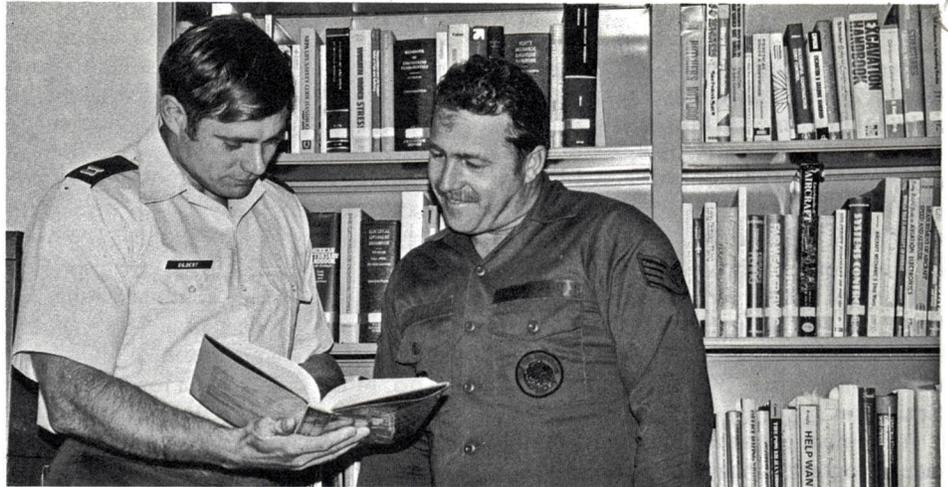
Marty Scarborough, library technician from Robins AFB, helped set up the initial catalog system and placed the books on the shelves, Aug. 5-7. She was assisted by SSgt. Linda Novotny of Westover MWR who will be in charge of the library on U.T.A. weekends when it will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

The library contains a set of reference books including "The Encyclopedia Americana" as well as historical and technical books that may be used in the training of the reservists assigned to the 439th TAW.

"There is a wide variety of books available", said Scarborough, "and if it isn't on the shelf it can be ordered directly from the Air Force Reserve Library at Robins." She emphasized that, "the books must fall into the professional and technical field and not be fiction."

Members of the 439th TAW may check out books from one UTA to the next with the possibility of extensions if the book has not been requested by another reservist.

Capt. Thomas Gray, MWR Officer, said, "We've worked out an arrangement so that everyone may use the library whenever the base gym is open. The library has already experienced heavy use and we expect it to grow as base personnel become familiar with its contents and where its located."



Checking out the books in the new base library are Capt. Mallory Gilbert (left) and SSgt. Alan Jarry both of the 905th CES. (USAF photo by Maj. Bob Carroll)

Commander's Call

Four awards were presented by Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen, wing commander, during the October UTA Commanders Call.

TSgt. Bradley W. Himelick, 905th WSSF, was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for his outstanding leadership and untiring effort which resulted in increased effectiveness and success of the security police mission.

MSgt. Eugene C. Smith, formerly of the 901st Aerial Port Squadron was named Transportation NCO of the year. Sgt. Smith was cited for his outstanding performance in several Air Force Reserve exercises and was also instrumental in the recruiting and retention of personnel of the 901st MAPS.

TSgt. George L. Hoagland, 905th WSSF, was presented his diploma from the NCO Leadership School. He was the first Air Force Reservist to attend the six week course at Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Thomas E. McHugh, Support Services Division Manager of the Munciple Wholesale Electric Company, Stonybrook Energy Center, Ludlow, Mass. was given a Certificate of Appreciation from the Secretary of Defense for his support of the Air Force Reserve program.

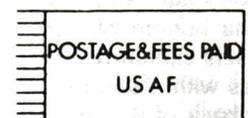
Westover's MWR was named AFRES winner of the Gen. Curtis E. Lemay award for best overall MWR program in the Air Force Reserve. Capt. Thomas Gray, accepted the award.

Turkey Trot

With Thanksgiving in just a month, Westover's annual Turkey Trot Road Race can't be far away! It's set for Sunday, October 31, at 11 a.m. Winners, in categories based on age and sex, will win turkeys just in time for Thanksgiving celebrations. The three mile course for women and five mile course for men begin in front of the base gym. For more information or to register call extension 3958.

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