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## *New Building, New Program*

# MWR Plans for Six AFRES Tournaments

by SSgt. Dean Mauro

Six AFRES-wide athletic tournaments scheduled to be held at Westover this year and a wide range of scheduled improvement projects indicate the continued growth and activities of the base's Morale, Welfare and Recreation section.

The MWR section, staffed by nine reservists and four civilians, is responsible for coordinating hosting activities and running the wide variety of recreation services on base.

AFRES-wide tournaments scheduled for Westover are a men's and women's jog-a-thon (May 1980), men's and women's softball (August) and men's and women's racquetball (September.)

Although Westover has acted as host to the large softball tournament for the past several years, the 1980 version will take a different form. Four regional tournaments are planned with the top two finishers in each to compete at Westover.

Tournaments at other bases include basketball, volleyball, bowling and tennis.

Services in support of these tournaments are available at Westover, making it one of the better bases to play host to a tournament, 1st Lt. Thomas Gray, MWR chief explained. "We have enough quality housing for officers and enlisted," he said.

"To prepare for a tournament, we contact both group and wing for their help. Together, arrangements are made for cooks, billeting workers, people to prepare the field and every other detail."

### Continued Change

The tournaments held at Westover are only a part of the continued growth MWR has shown.

As the Strategic Air Command slowly left Westover in the early 1970s, the once active recreation program also began to slow.

"When the reservists took over the base in 1974, it seemed that all the gym had was a basketball court," Lieutenant Gray remembers. "We took that program and through self-help, transformed it into a very lively and innovative operation."

Since the 439 CSG MWR section took over that "basketball court" six years ago, the gymnasium and recreation program has undergone a major metamorphosis.

The current staff includes civilian Mike McNicholas, recreation director; reservists Lieutenant Gray, 2nd Lt. James Yaffe, TSgt. Thomas D. Shaw, Jr., NCOIC; TSgt. Robert Lester, Sgt. Patricia Byrnes, Sgt. Suzanne Henderson, Sgt. Peter Barbato, AIC. Margaret Ryan and AB Linda Novotny. Civilians are Ron Turmelle, assistant mana-

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SMSgt. Thomas Straight, 58th MAPS, left, with members of a MAC ALCE team, eases an Army helicopter into a C-130. (See story on page 4.)

## MWR Plans for Tournaments . . .

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ger; Dave Cote and Ron Michon.

The list of improvements to the gymnasium building and the activities established are rattled off by Lieutenant Gray.

"There's Little League for boys and girls, softball for men and women, dance instruction for children; the Four Seasons equipment rental store is open all year round; three-on-three basketball, billiards, ping pong, ski club," he says quickly.

The gym building itself has seen racquetball courts, a sauna, jacuzzi and a vastly improved weight room built.

At first there were just bits and pieces of equipment left to us in the weight room," Lieutenant Yaffe explained. "Now it's one of the finest in all of Western Massachusetts."

### Planned Improvements

Improvements at the gym and around the base are in various planning stages. Some are scheduled to be completed within the next year. Construction at the gym and reopening of the base bowling alley top the list.

The addition at the gym will connect

the two wings which now house the racquetball courts and game room.

The addition will hold an arts and crafts area and meeting, television and reading rooms.

With the extra room available, women's shower and locker room facilities will be improved.

The 16-lane bowling alley, located near the Base Exchange, could be back in operation soon. The building will include a pro shop and snack bar.

Additional projects planned include replaster and repainting of the inside and exterior of the theater, repair and remodeling of the ball diamonds and a new gym floor.

### Seek Suggestions

"Tell us what you think," Lieutenant Yaffe urges. "We want everyone to come and talk to us about our activities and facilities. Our purpose at all times is to provide constructive leisure time activities. We are here to serve."

"We don't want to become complacent," Lieutenant Gray said. "We want to keep coming up with new programs, to change and upgrade, to stimulate interest."

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## CCE Set for April UTA

The wing will conduct a Combat Capability Evaluation on April 26 and 27. While it is not a formal inspection, the exercise combines elements of an operational readiness inspection, management effectiveness inspection and a staff assistance visit.

It evaluates mobility, aircraft operations, various mission support functions and training. The findings provide Brig. Gen. Donald Haugen, wing commander, with a first-hand assessment of the unit's abilities to perform its mobilization mission.

"The CCE analyzes our policies, procedures and programs with an eye to improvements," says Lt. Col. Arthur Sorenson, assistant deputy commander for operations. "It also has other benefits. The CCE team, headed by Lt. Col. 'Woody' Mench, the 914th TAG's director of operations, is made up of staff officers and senior unit members from Niagara and Westover.

The Air Reserve Personnel Center at Lowry AFB, Colo. now offers a toll-free number (1-800-525-0102) that Guard and Reserve members with no access to AUTOVON lines can utilize if necessary. "We recommend that individuals seeking information report first to the local Consolidated Base Personnel Office section before calling Lowry," says Lt. Col. Edward J. Seilius, chief of the 439th CSG CBPO. "There is a slight time inconvenience, but this is the proper procedure which should be followed."

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"This increases the sharing of information and ideas between the two units. Because they use the same criteria MAC and AFRES use, and with our people being evaluators, it lets them get a look through the inspector's eyes and learn from it."

The next comparable evaluation will be in September at Niagara, when the roles will be reversed. Then, our people will join the 914th TAG at their home base.

## 731st TAS has Crew of the Year

A 731st TAS crew has been selected Outstanding Crew of the Year by Det. 1, 317th TAG, Lawson, AAF, Ga. in support of the Army's Airborne Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga.

The crew members were Maj. Thomas Donovan, aircraft commander; Lt. Col. Louis Paskevicz, copilot and unit commander; Capt. Joseph A. Cleveland and Capt. Joseph Pitasi, navigators; SMSgt. Peter J. Fontana, flight mechanic; and SSgt. James L. Barnes and the late TSgt. Laurent Barbeau, loadmasters.

The Westover crew participated in parachute training along with 135 active, guard and reserve crews in all types of airdrop-capable aircraft.

The crew completed 17 drops with a Circular Error Average of only 11.1 yards from center target.

"Considering the complete lack of experience of these student jumpers in controlling their parachutes to the desired impact point, this error average was outstanding," Maj. Jerome Taylor, the detachment commander said in a letter of praise and thanks to the 731st.

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# Planning Begins for Open House and T-Birds Show

This year's open house, June 18 and 19, features a visit from the Air Force Thunderbirds. The precision flying team's airshow will be one of the slated highlights.

The Golden Knights, the Army's parachute demonstration team, are expected to perform.

Because this year's open house will commemorate the 40th anniversary of the dedication of Westover AFB, Lt. Col. Arthur J. Sorenson, Jr., 1980 open house project officer, is contacting members of previous tenant units for a possible reunion. Also, historical displays will enlighten visitors on Westover's past.

"Even though Armed Forces Day is four weeks before open house, we will take this opportunity to celebrate it in conjunction with the various other activities," says Colonel Sorenson.

"In these early stages of planning," says Colonel Sorenson, "we hope for

spectators to view the arrival of aircraft returning from Goose Bay, Canada on the first day of the open house." To balance the effect, the following day spectators may wave goodbye to

two C-123s on their way to Germany. There will be static displays including "Patches," an aircraft whose name best reflects its unique history, and a C-130 with its own interesting past.



The Thunderbirds fly cross-country in the wedge formation. (Air Force Photo by TSgt. Ben Jones)



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## Westover Hosts Empire Glacier Exercise

Story and photos by  
TSgt. Marshall Hathaway

Westover hosted approximately 550 active duty and reserve soldiers and airmen engaged in an annual U.S. Readiness Command joint services exercise called Empire Glacier '80 throughout January. The base's involvement in the mock winter war actually began in late December when the advance party began initial preparations.

Participants included elements of the 4th Tactical Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.; the 7th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, Keesler AFB, Miss.; the 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Fla.; the 317th Tactical Airlift Wing, Bergstrom AFB, Texas; the 253rd Combat Training Group, Wellesley, Mass.; the 10th Special Forces Group, Fort Devens, Mass.; a RED HORSE team from Hurlburt Field and the 267th Combat Communications Squadron, Mass. ANG.

Visiting aircraft included C-141 Starlifters, MC-130s (Blackbirds—unconventional warfare special operations), EC-130s (Airborne Battlefield Command and Control Center) and F-4E Phantom fighters.

In addition to routine support, such as billeting, administration, transpor-

tation and food services, the 901st and 905th WSSF provided flightline security. Also, the 58th and 59th MAPS and the 901st and 905th MAPFs supported transient aircraft.

The exercise, principally staged at Fort Drum, N.Y. from Jan. 3 to Feb. 1, trained and evaluated joint forces in a northern region winter environment. Approximately 12,000 troops participated.

Fort Drum was chosen for the location, because it lies in the snow belt region in upper New York. It is, therefore, well suited for Army winter maneuver training. This year however, snowfall was at a bare minimum, although the wind chill factor dipped to minus 30. Normal snowfall is between 200 and 300 inches.

The "war" involved the mobilization of joint forces with mechanized and armored battalions and air forces. On "D-Day" Jan. 19, friendly forces expelled invading forces from a fictitious friendly nation and stabilized the military situation.

### Fort Drum Action

Five members of the 58th MAPS served a two-week tour in the heart of the action at Wheeler Sack AAF, Fort Drum. They joined personnel from ten

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## BRIEFS

The Massachusetts Department of the Reserve Officers Association will hold its annual election caucus at Camp Curtis Guild National Guard Training Center, Routes 128 and 129, Reading, on Mar. 14 at 7:30 p.m. The caucus is intended to bring together former and present members. There will be music, light refreshments and a cash bar.

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Effective Mar. 17, the route to the BX, dining hall and barracks area and the Consolidated Open Mess from Outer Drive will be by 3rd Avenue to Austin Road, then to Anderson Road; or Outer Drive direct to Anderson Road. Austin Road is being closed between 2nd and 3rd Avenues. Passage off Outer Drive, southwest to 2nd Avenue will provide entry only to the Civil Engineering complex.

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Watch for the change . . . As soon as signs are received, parking on either side of Hangar Avenue in front or across from the brick hangars will be by **backing in only**. This does not affect the configuration in the off-street parking lots.

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When his mother-in-law, Mrs. Blanche G. Szatkowski died on Jan. 17, TSgt. Jack Cooper requested the assistance of his fellow 58th MAPS airmen. Six members, SMSgt. Thomas Straight, TSgts. Donald Bramen and Donald Poudrier, SSGts. Chester Shattuck and Donald Bascom and Amn. Wayne Britto volunteered to serve as military pall bearers. After the funeral, Sergeant Cooper offered them \$20 in appreciation. Rather than keep the money, the men donated the gift to the Air Force Enlisted Widows' Home in Florida in memory of Mrs. Szatkowski.

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The 439th TAW took two honors in the 1979 AFRES Media Contest. . . . The Frontiersman, the 914th TAG newspaper, was named the best unit newspaper in category A competition. Westover's Patriot received the Special Achievement Award for its 50th anniversary issue.



Army troops board a C-130 during the first snowfall of the exercise.

## Empire Glacier '80 . . .

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other Air Force installations to form the EG '80 Airlift Control Element team for the deployment phase of exercise.

Of the team of 70, three Westover men were named NCOICs. SMSgt. Thomas Straight, for traffic; TSgt. Paul Kwiatkowski, 1st shift and TSgt. Leroy Rose, 2nd shift.

The ALCE team had ample opportunity for realistic hands-on training. They unloaded 130 Hercules, an operation that involved the handling of 275 pallets, 273 wheeled vehicles and 5,663 passengers. The loads equalled 1,835 tons.

Sergeant Straight, 58th MAPS training NCOIC, remained at Drum for the employment and redeployment phases. Redeployment was the most rigorous period because loading is more demanding and more time consuming than unloading. During that time, 162 aircraft were loaded — up to 30 per day.

### Reservists Applauded

Maj. Dennis C. Lake, 436th MAW, Dover AFB, was the ALCE commander. He commented on the performance of the 58th's personnel. "They meshed right in with the active duty forces and performed as if they had done the job all their lives. The ALCE team was a well-oiled machine."

One of the many high-ranking officials who visited Drum was Maj. Gen. James I. Baginski, deputy chief of staff for operations, HQ MAC. When asked his opinion of the Reserve forces par-



Members of the local press and base personnel are given a briefing aboard an EC-130 by crewmembers of the 7th ACCS.



Lt. Col. James R. Swindell, Chapter 50, Reserve Officers Association outgoing president; Army Col. Robert J. Cuthbertson, U.S. Army Natick Research and Development Command commander and Maj. Frank J. Purnell, incoming ROA president, discuss ROA business at hand. Colonel Cuthbertson was the guest speaker for the monthly ROA meeting at the Open Mess Feb. 3. (Photo by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway)

ticipating in Empire Glacier, his response was immediate. "Super — we couldn't do without them. The actives

couldn't possibly perform the exercise without the support of the Reserve Forces."

## Commander's Call Praises Two Reservists

Two Westover reservists were cited at the February group commander's call for their outstanding military performances.

Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen, 439th TAW commander, pinned a Meritorious Service Medal on retired Maj. Robert D. Hafner, former 439th TAW public affairs officer. Major Hafner distinguished himself through ceaseless and diligent efforts in improving the Air Force and base public affairs programs.

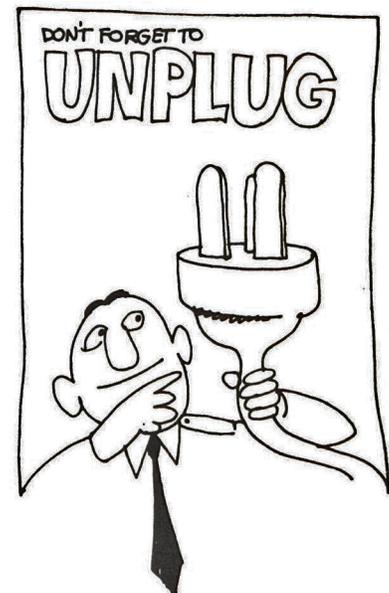
SrA. Ronald C. Carberry, 905th CES, was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for his outstanding achievements as an entomology specialist while assigned to the 4392nd CES at Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

The ceremony also marked Major Hafner's retirement.

He began his Air Force service 28 years ago as a private with active duty in the United States and in Germany. Major Hafner joined the reserve program in 1956 at New Haven's Air Reserve Center and was commissioned two years later. In 1965, he went to Bradley Field as the 905th TAG's

budget officer and deputy comptroller.

When his unit relocated to Westover in 1966, he returned to the base he had previously served as the 8334th Support Group's personnel officer. For the past 5-1/2 years, Major Hafner was the 439th TAW's public affairs officer.



# Wing's Training Plan Strives to Insure Top Training

It's the start of a typical UTA and you're given your assignments for the weekend. You are to report to two places—the clinic for a physical, and to disaster preparedness classes. But wait. You're supposed to be both places at the same time. Sound familiar? Then for the rest of the weekend, you're "treated" to an extended period of inactivity. You lose again.

Acually everyone loses. Everyone loses when poor scheduling of your time results in missed or inappropriate training. However, such occurrences are becoming problems of the past with the publication of the wing's 1980 Training Plan 400.

"The plan outlines the UTA schedules, annual training dates, known operational commitments and unit exercises," explains Brig. Gen. Donald Haugen, wing commander, in a letter to all unit commanders and staff officers. "The deputy commanders have carefully coordinated with the units to identify all known training requirements and have them arranged in an orderly plan."

Then each unit develops specific objectives. The 439th Tactical Hospital is one such unit.

"We are required to give live patient

training throughout the year," reports Col. Alan Fleckner, M.D., unit commander. "Because of the lack of active duty facilities at Westover, we work at a civilian hospital on the UTAs and at Pease AFB during the annual tour. The 400 Plan gives us the year to meet the requirements of a total hospital force. It is prepared by our chief nurse and training officer and reviewed by the administration officer and myself before it is submitted to General Haugen.

"In addition to these obligations, our other routine functions keep the wing medically up to par," Dr. Fleckner continues. "Our secondary mission, conducting physicals, immunizations and sick calls, must be fitted into our overall mission. The 400 Plan insures that everyone receives proficiency training and also that we adequately staff the clinic."

"One of the many accomplishments of the new training coordination has been in scheduling of physicals," states Lt. Col. Arthur J. Sorenson, Jr., assistant deputy commander for operations. "Previously, units were notified on Fridays prior to UTAs. They, in turn, would have to quickly make new training plans. Now, because of the close cooperation between Military

Personnel, Chief Longfield and the Hospital, individuals are scheduled two months in advance."

"By sharing individual unit objectives in preparing the 400 Plan, everyone has the same information at the same time and the responsibilities asked of providing mutual support to other organizations," explains CMSgt. Eugene Longfield, wing training officer. He coordinates and publishes the 138-page plan. Along with Roy McCord, wing executive officer, Chief Longfield insures the units are fulfilling their objectives throughout the year.

"If we realistically plan, we can meet all our training requirements by effectively utilizing the base facilities and equipment," continues the chief. "For example, if one unit needs airlift assistance for their annual tour, our flying squadrons must reserve the plane's availability. Or CBPO must know where other units will have their annual tours so record check appointments could be arranged."

"1980 will be a time to improve the conduct of individual training—a time to upgrade the proficiency of all unit members. The coming year will be a time to strive for quality rather than quantity. It will be a year to emphasize (and recognize) individual performance capability through effective training," states General Haugen, "We will have the opportunity to build a stronger, more capable staff that will be even better prepared to meet the future challenges. . . . (We must) take advantage of every hour of opportunity. Remember that quality planning equates to quality training!"

## Community Services Information Sought by Public Affairs —

The 439th TAW Public Affairs Office is collecting and reporting all activities that relate to Air Force Reserve personnel participating in community events. If you are active in community programs such as boys' clubs, little league, youth service, etc., either as a civilian or in military status, please pass this information along to your unit public affairs representative, or call Capt. David Keefe at extension 2572.



MSgt. Joseph Agati, 901st Mobile Aerial Port Flight, receives a plaque of appreciation for 29 years of military service from Maj. George Dillon, 901st Civil Engineering Squadron commander, during commander's call ceremonies Feb. 2. In 1962, Sergeant Agati had earned the Air Medal for heroically cutting an entangled bundle from the tail section of an airborne cargo plane, thereby preventing disaster. (Photo by SrA. Howard Garbarsky)

# Long Distance Flying is Easy for Base's Legal "Eagle"

by Capt. Richard Dyer

While most reservists are accustomed to commuting to weekend UTAs, few can equal Col. Edward Sullivan.

"I may be some kind of record holder in weekend commuting," said Colonel Sullivan, the 439th CSG's chief staff judge advocate.

A resident of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. since moving from Bridgeport, Conn. in 1976, Colonel Sullivan has commuted to Westover from the Sunshine State one weekend per month for the past four years.

The journey covers more than 3,000 miles round trip, but the base's chief legal officer isn't complaining. In fact, he has never missed a UTA since his move to Florida.

"I always fly commercial, and pay my own fare," the colonel said. "Actually, it's not that difficult."

Colonel Sullivan generally departs from Ft. Lauderdale on the Thursday night before the UTA, and lands at LaGuardia Airport in New York several hours later.

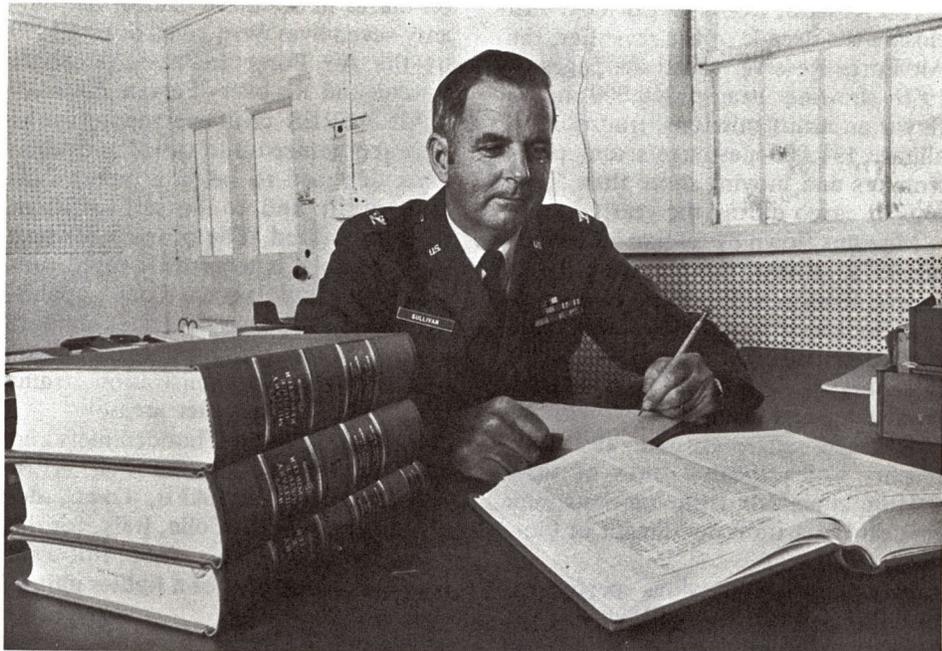
From there, he drives to Bridgeport—where he still has close ties—and spends the night in his hometown. On Friday, he drives from Bridgeport to Westover (a "short hop" of 100 miles) where he serves a manday in order to keep on top of the base's legal business.

On Sunday, the itinerary is reversed, and Colonel Sullivan is back to his Florida law practice by Monday.

The colonel, who is a member of the Connecticut, Oklahoma and Florida Bar Associations, as well as several federal bars, served from 1961 to 1976 as the procurement director for the City of Bridgeport. He is a recipient of the Boston Bar Association's Military Lawyer Award.

Westover's "head lawyer" since the Reserve took control of the base in 1974, Colonel Sullivan decided to continue with the assignment after he retired from his city post and relocated to Florida.

Although he holds a commercial pilot's license with a multi-engine rating, he leaves the flying to others on UTA weekends. "I used to fly my own plane from Bridgeport to Westover when I lived there, particularly several years ago when the 439th was assuming re-



Col. Edward D. Sullivan, staff judge advocate, refers to one of his law books.

sponsibility for Westover and I had to come here frequently during the week to deal with legal issues surrounding the takeover," Colonel Sullivan said. "But the flight from Florida is a different story."

The colonel has been a member of the Air Force Reserve since leaving active duty in 1958, and has served at Westover since 1966. Prior to his service with the 439th, he was assigned as a judge advocate with the 905th Tactical Airlift Group.

The colonel's legal training and experiences with Bridgeport's procurement department serve him well at Westover, where one of his many responsibilities includes reviewing Air Force contracts. His expertise in this area is widely recognized, and he lectures on the legal aspects of procurement to various Air Force Reserve components and governmental agencies throughout the country.

"The fact that this base is operated exclusively by a reserve unit involves me in some unique legal situations," Col. Sullivan explained. He cited such areas as contract negotiations with local utilities, the legal technicalities of "shared jurisdiction" with the federal, state and municipal governments, boundary questions resulting from the changes in the base's dimensions, and labor and employment issues.

"I also serve as a legal advisor for flying and physical evaluation boards, and get involved with workmen's compensation and administrative discharge cases," he said.

"All in all, it's a busy weekend and a long trip," Col. Sullivan said. "But it's worth it."

Colonel Sullivan and his staff are located in the Base Photo Lab, building 1502.

## BRIEF

Many reservists travel great distances by automobile to reach Westover for UTA weekends. "While most trips are uneventful, breakdowns or accidents can happen," says **Capt. Charles Weinert**, a wing plans officer. Suggested items if carried in your car, could prove invaluable if the unexpected occurs: flares, fire extinguisher, flashlight, portable radio, first aid kit, snow shovel and blanket (in winter months), water container, spare tire and jack, tools (adjustable wrench, pliers, screwdriver, etc.) It's also a good idea to keep your vehicle properly tuned and maintained, and to check your lights, tires, brakes and other safety equipment prior to departing on any long trip.

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# Air Force Reserve Closes 1979 Covering Varied Missions

HQ AFRES, Robins AFB, GA.—In closing the decade of the seventies, the Air Force Reserve turned the pages of 1979 showing nearly 210,000 hours flown on airlift missions, transporting almost 131,000 passengers and paratroopers and moving more than 5,000 tons of cargo during the year.

Missions flown by reserve crews during 1979 covered the spectrum. They ranged from routine airlift support to fighting forest fires in Southern California, providing humanitarian airlift in Nicaragua, evacuating U.S. citizens from Iran, and flying aircraft with sophisticated air-to-ground electronic sensors which located leaks of toxic volatile chemicals from railroad tank cars during a train derailment in Florida.

Humanitarian missions performed by AFRES began early in 1979 with the January evacuation of U.S. citizens from Tehran, Iran following civil disturbances in that country. When a 118-car train carrying hazardous material derailed near Crestview, Fla., and exploded, an AFRES special operations group went airborne with their specially equipped aircraft to detect and pinpoint leakage. Reserve hospital personnel also responded to treat the injured. Three Mile Island Power Plant received a shipment of charcoal filters to help stabilize its stricken atomic reactor while another Reserve unit airlifted nine tons of lead brick shielding to the site.

An Easter Sunday earthquake rocked the Adriatic Coastal area of Yugoslavia and the Air Force Reserve was there, delivering medical and emergency supplies to Titograd. While on Panama rotation duty in July, reservists airlifted 30 tons of relief supplies to St. Vincent Island, site of the Mt. Soufriere volcano eruption. And yet another Air Force Reserve unit evacuated American citizens from Nicaragua when that country was torn by strife.

In another part of the globe, Air Force Reservists withdrew American citizens from Zaire, transported Army and Air Force personnel to staging areas and delivered United Nations medical supplies to that country.

In our own nation, Reservists flew insect control aerial spray missions over more than 160,000 acres and more land was saved when the Reserve dropped forest fire retardant chemicals

on blazes in Southern California. Seventy-seven lives were saved during 1979 by the Air Force Reserve Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service units.

All AFRES civil engineering units were reorganized into new deployable units designed to better support full-time repair and to be self-sufficient when mobilized. The primary mission of these units is to provide rapid runway repair and damage repair capability. Other Reservists furnished support in aircraft maintenance, communications, avionics, administration, training and numerous other areas.

In May, 18 F-105 Thunderchiefs and 300 reservists from Carswell AFB, Texas, and Tinker AFB, Okla., deployed to Gioia del Colle, Italy, for the Air Force Reserve's first full-scale training deployment of a fighter unit to that country.

The first AFRES F-4 Phantom unit, located at Homestead AFB, Fla., be-

came combat ready after converting from an EC-121 early warning and control mission. Another unit at Grissom AFB, Ind., assumed full alert status with active duty Strategic Air Command crews, culminating a three year conversion program for three AFRES and 13 Air National Guard units to KC-135 Stratotanker refuelers.

The Air Force announced an AFRES associate unit will be established at Barksdale AFB, La., in October 1980 for the KC-10 Extender, a new advanced tanker/cargo aircraft to be operated by SAC. Reservists will comprise 50 percent of the crews.

For the second consecutive year, Air Force Reserve recruiting met and surpassed its congressionally mandated recruiting goal, the only component of the nation's seven reserve components to achieve this distinction. More than 56,000 citizen-airmen were members of the Air Force Reserve during the year.



This Royal Air Force C-130K Hercules aircraft is 15 feet longer after going through a fuselage "stretch" at the Lockheed Georgia Company. The fuselage plugs that were added can be seen forward and aft of the wing. The modification increases each airplane's cargo compartment from 41 to 56 feet, increasing cargo capacity by almost 40 percent. (Lockheed-Georgia photo by Eston Gallant)

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