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It Was A Gas

Maintenance 13, Flyers 10, In Chemical War Game

By Capt. Rick Dyer

At first glance, it seemed as though Abner Doubleday and Orson Wells had gotten their signals crossed.

Was it the World Series? Or the War of the Worlds? Or both?

Faceless, martian-like creatures took over Westover's softball diamond on Nov. 1, batting with abandon and blazing around the base paths. But it wasn't a Halloween hoax, and it was much, much more than a sporting event.

Two teams of Reservists, outfitted with M-17 gas masks and full chemical warfare ensembles, participated in the hour-long contest during the November UTA. The purpose of the unusual game was to give the airmen training in wearing the chemical gear under circumstances that would involve rigorous physical exercise.

The softball game, which was the idea of Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen, wing commander, pitted a team comprised of members of 337th Tactical Airlift Squadron and 74th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron against a squad from the 901st and 905th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadrons.

It was literally a game where you couldn't tell the players without a score card. Even the umpires—Dick Haskins and Bob Boyd—forsook their traditional masks and chest protectors to don the special boots, masks, suits and rubber gloves.

"The game had a very significant training purpose," said John Wilson, chief of the Disaster Preparedness

Division. "It exposed our people to the psychological and physical stresses which occur when they wear the chemical warfare equipment while performing physical activity. It is important to have this experience, since this equipment would be used in an emergency or combat situation where strenuous activity would be required," he added.

The Maintenance players, overcoming the handicap of their unusual "uniforms," and a final-inning surge by the 337th/74th squad, triumphed 13-10. Their winning margin was posted in the first inning, when errors, and a long triple by Jim Tucker, en-

abled them to score seven runs.

With the masks restricting vision, and the suits and gloves making fielding more difficult, both sides had their share of miscues. As the game wore on, however, each team seemed to adapt to the playing environment.

Tony Robello kept the losers in the ballgame with an inside-the-park home run in the fourth inning. Loping around the base paths like a frightened astronaut, Robello crossed the plate to make the score 13-4, and lay the groundwork for his team's comeback.

In the bottom of the fifth and final

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Many spectators voiced their surprise at how well the players maneuvered in the cumbersome chemical warfare garb. This close play at second base attests to the agility possible in the suits. (Photo by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway)



Wing Commander's Message

by Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen

One of the many personal rewards of being the 439th Tactical Airlift Wing commander is reflecting over the year's accomplishments. That reflection again clearly demonstrates that Westover and our unit are alive and doing very well.

Our activities in 1980 indicate this continued excellence in performance and in participation in Air Force Reserve programs. It demonstrates your dedication to the wing's mission.

Some of our mutual successes were:

- REFORGER '80 which deployed more than 150 439th members to Germany and supported 300 transient aircraft at Westover.

- REDOUBT '80 — the successful deployment and operation of a forward operating base in Labrador during our Operation PAID RAMPART.

- PAID PREMIUM — an aeromedical evacuation exercise designed to coordinate interagency cooperation and provide realistic training.

- The 40th Anniversary Open House, which featured the Air Force Thunderbirds, was the highlight of our community events. It attracted more than 280,000 area residents during the two days.

- Finally, the addition of the 911th TAG at Pittsburgh to our family, made the 439th TAW the largest wing in the Air Force Reserve.

Our challenge in 1981 will be even greater. Events already scheduled for Westover include REDOUBT '81. Plans also call for increased deployment of Westover personnel to other bases for greater training opportunities.

These goals will require a greater commitment to our peace-keeping role. But they are challenges made and surpassed in previous years. I am confident everyone in the 439th will again perform as well.

Awareness key to preventing sexual harassment

by MSgt. Larry Lentz

He, alone, decides if she'll get a promotion and pay raise. Will his decision be based on her competence and accomplishments on the job? Or will he favorably decide only if she accepts his sexual advances. What are her choices? If her answer is no, is her career over?

Sounds like a soap opera. But as more women are employed in all levels of the work force, similar scenes are not only occurring in television studios, but in offices throughout the country. While such actions might be perfect for a daily TV series, they are not condoned by the federal government. Its Equal Employment Opportunities Commission is charged with

the elimination of this and other forms of sexual harassment.

"This is any situation forced on a female, or for that matter, a male, by an employer or supervisor, which suggests that advancement or promotion could be linked to sexual favors," explains Bill Lucia, Westover's employee management relations specialist. "Our Affirmative Action plan, originally developed to protect the rights of minorities and women, now includes specific procedures to combat sexual harassment as well."

Anyone believing that he or she has a complaint, may contact one of the base's two Equal Employment Opportunity Counsellors. They are Natalie Harmon, in the Base Transportation Office at Ext. 2058 and Robert Drake in the Program and Mobility Office at Ext. 3561. They will informally investigate and later, if warranted, their findings would be sent up through Air Force channels for disciplinary action.

"But the best way to eliminate sexual harassment is not through punitive methods, but through education," Mr. Lucia continues. "If everyone understands what is the appropriate, normal interaction between working men and women, we will maintain Westover's record of no filed complaints."

Briefs

A Christmas luncheon and style show, hosted by the 439th TAW officers' wives, takes place on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 11 a.m. at the Open Mess. The program, open to all active duty, Reservists and civilian personnel and their families, includes luncheon (\$4.55) and is sponsored by the base exchange. Reservations should be sent by Dec. 6 to Mrs. Donald E. Haugen, 14 Fifth Ave., Westover AFB MA 01022.

New vehicle decals will be replaced after January 1981. Applicants must bring their vehicle registration and identification card to the Security Police's Pass and Registration Office.

Our condolences are extended to the family of SMSgt. Salvatore J. DeAngelis, who died on Nov. 5. He was an operations systems management supervisor in the 439th TAW Wing Operations. After four years active duty from 1951 to 1955, he joined the Air Force Reserve at Hanscom AFB, and moved to Westover when the 901st TAG was transferred in 1973. He leaves his wife, Anna Rose; daughters, Mary and Patricia; and son, Michael.

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911th MAPF captures wing Roadeo



TSgt. John Spidell, 905th MAPS, eases a 25K loader through an obstacle course marked by pylons, barrels and tennis balls. (Photos by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway)



The team chiefs of the six aerial port units join hands after the competition's finish. They are, from left, TSgt. John Sheehan, 58th MAPS; TSgt. Michael Schuell, 59th MAPS; TSgt. William Kollios, 901st MAPF; MSgt. David Gaboury, 905th MAPF; MSgt. Edward Matthews, 911th MAPF and TSgt. Leonard Smith, 914th MAPF.

by SSgt. Dean Mauro

The skills of the 439th's six aerial port units were tested at the first wing-wide Material Handling Equipment Roadeo held at Westover during the November UTA.

The 58th and 59th Mobile Aerial Port Squadrons and the 901st and 905th MAPFs from Westover, and the 911th and 914th MAPFs from Pittsburgh and Niagara Falls competed in the roadeo for the right to represent the wing at the 14th AF roadeo competition.

The roadeo, judged by representatives from the 57th MAPS, Hanscom AFB, was divided into three categories: driving 10K and 25K loaders, pallet buildup and written examinations.

A wing newcomer, the 911st MAPF took first in the overall competition, followed by Westover's 905th MAPF.

In the separate categories, the 911th MAPF took first in the 10K competition, the 59th MAPS in the pallet buildup, the 905th MAPF in the written test and the 901st MAPF in the 25K.

Two five-man teams from each unit raced the loaders through a maze marked by pylons, barrels and tennis balls. The time it took to complete the course, the smoothness of the ride and the number of obstacles, if any, hit by the machines, were the criteria used by the judges.

The pallet building teams were given one hour to properly pack a 108 inches by 88 inches pallet with bundles of various weights and shapes.

The judges were there to insure con-

formity to all safety regulations and to see that packages were loaded in the proper way with the weight correctly distributed. The judges also inspected the participants to insure they were in proper uniform and not wearing any potentially hazardous rings or other types of jewelry.

"There were some booby traps, too," Maj. John Shelby, roadeo organizer said. "The teams that made assumptions lost points."

Flags raised in hostage tribute

The American flag, long a symbol of 50 states committed to single purpose, took on added significance at special ceremonies recognizing the 52 Americans held hostage in Iran. On October 13, Columbus Day, 52 American flags were raised by representatives from 52 Air Force and local civic organizations at Prospect Park overlooking New York's Niagara Falls.

The community-wide commemoration was initiated by Sgt. Henry Provost, with the Det. 1, 1998 Base Communications Group, Niagara Falls International Airport. He wanted to show that "we have not forgotten the hostages. This is the kind of thing that just being there will show we still care." His idea was accepted by his unit, community service clubs and eventually the Air Force Communications Command at Scott AFB.

The Westover "side" of the 439th TAW was represented by Col. Paul E.

The written exams tested the unit personnel's knowledge of their jobs.

Major Shelby noted that the aerial port units did their regular duties in addition to the roadeo competition.

"There was still a mission they have to do," he said. "There were airdrops going on during the roadeo and the aerial ports were kept busy with that."

The final destination of the winners of the 14th competition is an AFRES-wide event.

Huffman, wing vice commander. The wing was one of the organizations sponsoring a flag. Colonel Huffman reported, "The ceremonies were quite impressive. A contingent of kilted bagpipers from Canada marched over the Rainbow Bridge into the United States. Later, Mrs. Shaeffer, the wife of one of the hostages, poignantly addressed the gathering. The Air Force did a great job preparing the special monument holding the flags and arranging the surrounding floral displays."

After the flag raising dedication, guests proceeded to the Niagara Falls Convention Center for a concert by bands from Langley and McGuire AFBs.

At each flag location there is a plaque indicating the flag's sponsor. One side of each plaque, however, has been left blank. The name of a hostage will be filled in when the Americans return.

Chief Roberts keynotes airmen dining-out



Col. J. Frank Moore, left, and Lt. Col. Joseph Hellauer, right, share the pride of the annual wing award winners. They are, from left, SrA. Zigmund D. Skawski, TSgt. George A. Perreault, SMSgt. Ludwig H. Schwechheimer and MSgt. Charles Scott.



Mr. Vice, TSgt. Wayne Huot, with his wife Margaret, toasts the ladies.



TSgt. Faith Longfield, at right, dining out committee member, greets SSgt. Marge Schoonover and her husband Michael.



Enjoying an "instant floor show" put on by some of the members of the mess are 2nd Lt. Alan Harrington and TSgt. Gail Mas.

story and photos by

TSgt. Marshall Hathaway

The sixth annual NCO/Airman Dining Out chalked up another success when 242 members and guests from the 439th TAW attended the gala event at the Consolidated Open Mess on Nov. 1.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the annual wing awards. SMSgt. Ludwig Schwechheimer, 901st WSSF, won the Outstanding Senior NCO of the Year award, and TSgt. George Perreault, 439th Food Services, took NCO of the Year. Airman of the Year honors went to SrA. Zigmund Skawski, 901st MAPS and MSgt. Charles Scott accepted the award for the work center of the year — Fuels Management.

This year's guest speaker was CMSgt. Jack E. Roberts, AFRES senior enlisted advisor. His talk was on leadership and the importance of the NCO's role in the Air Force and Air Force Reserve. The chief differentiated between an NCO and what he termed an "E-Grader." For instance, he pointed out that an NCO would admit his mistakes, saying, "I was wrong," while the "E-Grader" would say, "It's not my fault."

He summed up his speech stating the



SrA. Edward B. Shment, greets 14th Air Force



MSgt. Charles Roberto celebrates with a date

to—NCOs and airmen honored

quality of the forces depended on the influence NCOs must exert on airmen. "They will be as great and professional as you make them."

Joining Chief Roberts at the head table were Col. and Mrs. Paul Huffman, Lt. Col. and Mrs. J. Frank Moore, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Joseph Hellauer, Chaplain (Capt.) William Charbonneau and CMSgt. Stanley VanMeter, 14th AF senior enlisted advisor; also, CMSgt. and Mrs. Jack Murdock and TSgt. and Mrs. Paul Wood. Sergeant Wood was president of the mess. With The Huffmans was Judy Haugen, wife of Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen, wing commander. General Haugen was called to temporary active duty to sit on an active duty colonels selection board at Randolph AFB, Texas. According to Colonel Huffman, the general was the first Reservist to sit on an active duty selection board.

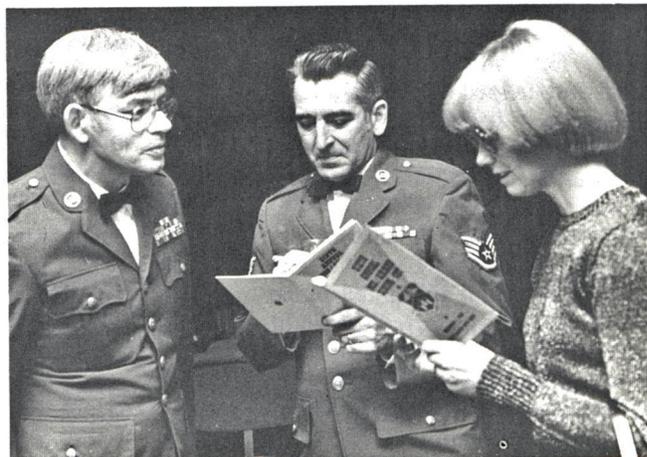
The role of Mr. Vice was taken by TSgt. Wayne Huot.

For the first time, a four-man team from the 901st WSSF acted as the color guard at a dining-out.

When all the tradition and formality was over, everyone settled in for relaxation, fellowship and dancing to the music of the Varieties.



CMSgt. Jack E. Roberts, guest speaker, accepts a presentation of appreciation from MSgt. Paul Wood, president of the mess.



Members of the mess check the formalities of the dining-out during cocktail hour in the Stonina Room. From left are MSgt. Raymond Cailer, and SSgts. Paul Vandal and Pamela Vogel.



After the formalities, SMSgt. Clayton and Helga Gallant dance to the music of the Varieties.



Chairman of the dining out committee MSgt. Marthur Bumgardner, trips the light fantastic with SMSgt. Leo Burette.



Stanley VanMeter, 439th law enforcement advisor.



SSgt. Ann Airman Dining

905th CF takes top civic award

by TSgt. Mark LaFrancis, 905th CF

The 905th Communications Flight is one of four Air Force Communications Command units to receive its Civic Achievement Award.

It is the flight's first such award for outstanding civic work from July 1979 through June 1980.

The award is presented annually in four categories to the AFCC's 189 Air Reserve Force units. Winners, selected for their outstanding unit citizenship and community relations programs, receive an engraved plaque.

In its nomination for the award, the flight listed a wide range of community service projects and individual contributions and memberships in civic and fraternal organizations.

Throughout the year, the flight worked with Boy Scout Troop 22 of Worcester. They sponsored a tour of Westover and helped 12 troop members receive their disaster preparedness merit badges during an exercise at the Treasure Valley Boy Scout Camp, Paxton, Mass.

At the camp, flight members arranged with Westover's Civil Air Patrol for a flyover and simulated plane crash. The scouts transported the flight members, acting as "victims," to safety and administered first aid. Also, the flight's Outside Plant Telephone Maintenance and Installation Office installed a switchboard and field telephones in the camp.

In addition, three flight members joined the Westover disaster preparedness radio communications team, which would provide communications between the base and a disaster site through the Military Affiliate Radio System.

Brief

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.

It was a gas . . .

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inning, a single by Robello and a triple by Paul Overstreet ignited a five-run uprising which gave the Maintenance squad a scare—but ultimately fell short. The losers had two runners on base when Danny Carr of the Maintenance team made a running, two-out catch in centerfield to end the game.

"This demonstrates that you can be mobile in those suits," said Col. J. Frank Moore, base commander. The colonel was one of 30 spectators on hand to view the game, which was played in weather more suited to football than to softball.

Despite the 35-degree temperature, most of the players were perspiring heavily by the end of the game. "It wasn't bad, but I don't think I'd like to wear this every time I play softball," Cliff Turcotte of the 74th AES said later.

The game was not of Yankee vs. Red Sox caliber, (or even Blue Jay vs. Mariner caliber, for that matter).

But according to Wilson, who has trained more than 1800 base personnel in the use of the chemical warfare suits during the past year, it did emphasize a point.

439th TAW members conduct CCE at Niagara

Members of the 439th TAW conducted a combat capability evaluation for the 914th TAG at Niagara Falls on Oct. 18 and 19.

The segment of the evaluation that affects the most people and material is Mobility; Reservists worked around the clock and processed people and equipment for deployment for overseas bases.

The highlight of the 914th mobility scenario was the loading of the unusually awkward WRSK propeller pallet. Individuals in the mobility section are typically from different career fields than the function they perform during the exercise.

Col. Paul Huffman, 439th TAW vice commander and evaluation team chief, reported the 914th TAG performed well during the exercise.



No umpire in his right mind would argue with a batter this awesome looking.

"If they can swing a bat or field a hot grounder in those suits, then they can certainly repair a plane or load cargo while wearing them," he said.

Blue Room renamed Stonina Room

Honoring the man credited as the "Father of Westover Air Force Base," the Consolidated Open Mess Blue Room was renamed the "Stonina Room" during a special luncheon on Sept. 20.

Civic leaders, members of the deceased Chicopee mayor's family and members of the Westover community recognized the man whose efforts, 41 years ago, convinced Army Air Corps officials that Chicopee would be an ideal site for the proposed Northeast Air Base.

Anthony J. Stonina, Jr., the mayor's son; Helen Berestka, his daughter; and Benjamin Mathis, chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce and Stonina's son-in-law, presented a plaque commemorating the event to Brig. Gen. Donald Haugen, wing commander and to Col. J. Frank Moore, base commander.

Reservists' efforts recognized at commander's call

Two Air Force Commendation Medals and a Community College of the Air Force diploma were awarded by Col. Paul E. Huffman, wing vice commander, during the November UTA's commander's call.

CMSgt. Leland B. Spencer, 905th CAMS aircraft maintenance superintendent received his medal for aiding immeasurably in accomplishing the mission of the squadron's Quality Control Branch.

SMSGt. Geatano (Guy) Iannuzzo, wing aircraft life support superintendent, earned his Commendation Medal through outstanding professional skill, job knowledge and leadership abilities.

Also, SrA. Daniel W. Plawecki, a 731st TAS member, received an Associate Degree in Applied Sciences from the Community College of the Air Force in the area of aircraft maintenance technology.

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Class action suit filed at Eglin AFB

AFNS . . . The U.S. District Court for the Northern Florida District is considering a settlement (consent judgment) of a class action suit that was filed in 1976. The suit alleges discrimination against blacks who may have applied for transfer to, employment or re-employment, there since March 24, 1972.

The suit calls for money damages to be paid, as well as jobs and promotions for certain individuals. Other relief, including special job programs and complaint procedures, is being considered in the action.

The court intends to hear evidence on the suit Dec. 16. Any objections or evidence should be filed before then.

For legal advice, contact the attorney of your choice. If you only want additional information, contact:

T. Patterson Manney, Esq., P.O. Drawer 1628, Fort Walton, FL 42549.

Maj. Ralph J. Lee, Law Center, Eglin AFB, FL 32542. Telephone: (904) 837-8445.

Individuals have the right to be excluded from the one monetary award settlement and pursue an individual claim for damages. To pursue such a claim, you must file within 30 days after the approval day of the distribution of the monetary settlement. Send written notification to the Court Clerk, United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida, United States Court House, Post Office Building, Pensacola, FL 32581.

AFNS . . . Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont are still accepting applications for the bonus for Vietnam veterans. Bay State veterans should contact the State Treasurer Bonus Division in Boston's McCormack Building for eligibility requirements and application. In New Hampshire, candidates should apply at the Adjutant General's Department in Concord. Vermont natives must file at the State Veterans' Affairs Office in the Montpelier City Hall.



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Add your name to the list — call Ext. 2001 during UTAs

Gruhzit gobbles the miles to win Turkey trot

by Capt. Rick Dyer

Charlie Gruhzit, a relative newcomer to the world of blisters and sore feet, out-distanced a field of 30 other runners to win the second annual Westover Turkey Trot five-mile road race on Nov. 2.

Gruhzit, a navy petty officer who lives on base, ignored the 45-degree temperature and brisk winds as he breezed over the course in 30:24. He broke the tape a full 200 yards ahead of the runnerup, James Faye, of Base Recreation Services.

The 26-year old winner said he has been training by running 40 miles per week, but added he's a very recent convert to the sport.

"I've been running for two and a half months, and this is my first com-

petitive race," he said.

Gruhzit, who is assigned to the Nuclear Power Training Unit in Windsor, Conn., led by the mile mark and was never challenged after that.

Judy Haugen, wife of Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen, was the first female finisher. Mrs. Haugen captured the three-mile competition with a 24:45 clocking.

In the 1.5-mile youth event, 16-year old Jeff Jalbert won in 11:35. Jeff, who professes to enjoy basketball more than long-distance running, is the son of Marine Gunnery Sgt. and Mrs. Roland Jalbert of Chicopee.

For eight-year old Joe Ferrando and his sisters, Lois, 12 and Laura, 13, the competition was a family event. The three children of TSgt. and Mrs. Mike

Ferrando finished the race together. Their father lives on base and is an Air Force recruiter in Springfield.

Winners, by categories, included:

Children (8-11) — Wayne Hester

Children (12-16) — Jeff Jalbert

Men (17-25) — Benito Reyes

Men (26-35) — Charles Gruhzit

Men (36-over) — Rich Kalnok

Women (17-25) — Jenny Lee

Women (26-35) — Marcia Gross

Women (36-over) — Judy Haugen

Overall winner (Men) — Charles

Gruhzit

Overall winner (Women) — Judy Haugen

The top finisher in each class received a turkey. The annual event is sponsored by the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Division.

Patriot staff honored at public affairs conference

by Betty O'Connell

Members of Westover's combined wing and group Public Affairs Office were honored at the biennial AFRES public affairs conference held in Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 24-26, when they received five of the 22 awards presented by Col. James L. Lee, Jr., incoming director of public affairs for HQ AFRES.

Capt. Richard Dyer captured top honors in the published news articles category, and placed second for published feature articles.

MSgt. Larry Lentz, Patriot editor, accepted a certificate for the paper's fourth place award in the category of funded offset and letterpress newspapers. The Patriot has been entered in the Air Force-wide newspaper competition. Sergeant Lentz also was recognized for having placed second in the published news articles category.

TSgt. Marshall Hathaway's entries for published feature, sports or news story, supported by one or more photos, won him the first place position in that category.

In addition to the 439th's awards, MSgt. John Connolly of the 914th TAG's Public Affairs Office, captured first place for published sports articles.



The three overall winners in the Westover Turkey Trot road race were, from left, Charlie Gruhzit, men's division; Judy Haugen, women's division; and Jeff Jalbert, children's division. (Photo by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway)

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