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A TEAM OF 901ST RECIP ENGINE SHOP "SURGEONS" (left to right), SSgt. William Bowker, SSgt. Alan Garside, SSgt. Roger Marcoulier and TSgt. Kenneth Green, carefully diagnose a v.i.p. (patient.) The 2800 engine's skillful repair has led to an unheralded distinction for the 439th. Story on page 3.

MOVING UP

RECENT PROMOTIONS

To MSgt.

Donald A. Brewster
Richard B. Filliettaz
Joseph J. Platukis

To TSgt.

John R. Carter
Martha A. Daugherty
Robert E. Feinberg
Edward T. McDermott, Jr.
William J. Podgroni, Jr.
Charles R. Watts

To SSgt.

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Philip C. Catalano
Kenneth W. Delude
Donald L. Edwards
David P. Fontaine
Albert J. Frigugliett
Gilford J. Gendreau
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Wayne F. Keene
Thomas F. Kenney
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Harry N. Merchant
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Ralph R. Parsons
Louis L. Pronovost
William B. Shea
Richard D. Starbard
Steven D. Stetson
Joanna I. Suszczyński
Stephen M. Wade
Lawrence E. Wagner
Jan A. Zwirko

To Sgt.

Alan A. Barretto
Catherine A. Peltier
Donna M. Schroder

To A1C

William F. Bair, Jr.
Theresa M. Klewin

SUMMER ENCAMPMENTS

74AES — July 19-27
905CEFLT — August 3-17
901CEFLT — Aug. 23-Sep. 6
439TAW — Sep. 21-Oct. 5

Not Enough Indian Chiefs

The monthly preparation of **The Patriot** requires the services of many individuals. Westover personnel write and edit stories and later supervise the paper's production when it is commercially printed.

The required input, however, should not be limited to the wing and base commanders and information office staff. Rather, your comments, suggestions and viewpoints, both pro and con, regarding articles appearing in **The Patriot** as well as issues affecting all of us are essential and are highly valued.

Therefore, **The Patriot's** editors cordially invite your participation. A column of representative 'letters to the editor' will include your thoughts as long as your letter remains in the realm of good taste, is signed and submitted by Sunday noon of the UTA to the information office, building 2211, room 208.

This is **not** an instance when there are too many chiefs and not enough indians. On the contrary, now there are no excuses why you can't voice your views. Your soap-box is waiting.

SEVENTH ANNUAL AIRLIFT REUNION to be held at the New Orleans Marriott Hotel Sept. 26 thru 28. Contact Col. Kenneth L. Charpillou or Lt. Col. Robert A. McMullen at 439 TAW or write to Col. Earl C. Schmeling, P.O. Box 1176, Little Rock AFB AR 72076. Reservations must be made with Colonel Schmeling by Aug. 25.

1975 UTA SCHEDULE

July 12, 13
August 9, 10
September 13, 14
October 18, 19
November 8, 9
December 13, 14
HOURS: Sat., 8 to 5 — Sun., 7 to 4

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ANOTHER INSPECTION SUCCESSFULLY PASSED

A Maintenance Standardization Evaluation Team (MSET) from Dobbins AFB visited Westover from June 12 to June 19. Their purpose—to inspect and evaluate 901st and 905th CAM Sqs and 439 Maintenance sections. The eleven man AFRES team analyzed 439th maintenance capabilities and the unit's compliance with prescribed methods in effect at each Air Force base. No office, shop or maintenance procedure was spared the inspectors' scrutiny.

The outcome of their deliberations, although not predetermined, was expected. The superior performance of the unit's personnel, rapidly becoming a 439th tradition, resulted in an overall Satisfactory rating. In individual sections, only two Marginal ratings were assigned, while the Personnel Evaluation, Production Analysis and Maintenance Administration sections received Excellent ratings.

In announcing their findings, Lt. Col. Lockett J. Pundt,

team chief, said, "This unit has one of the finest attitudes I've ever seen—a tremendous attitude." He noted the Excellent rating given the administration section was a first in EAFRR. He also cited Bill Lucia and Nick Perfidio in Production Analysis.

Summing up his outbriefing, Colonel Pundt said, "This was my first MSET and the one I'll remember. I look for a tremendous future (for this unit)."

Roy A. McCord, wing executive, thanking the maintenance personnel on behalf of Colonel Knowles, said this inspection closes the door on the inspection cycle we've gone through the past nine months; we'll be inspection free for the summer. Capt. Ronald M. Frederickson, a rightfully proud chief of maintenance, after inviting all personnel to a celebration party after work on Friday, said: "Thanks. You did one Hell of a job."



TWO POINTS OF VIEW . . . Aircraft safety and maintenance regulations and their application to the "real thing" occupy Sgt. Dean Murfield, 901 CAM and MSgt. Marvin Oliver, MSET.



901st/905th PRODUCTION ANALYSIS SECTION records receive the once over by CMSgt. Joseph G. Salazar, inspector (left) as office personnel MSgts. Bill Lucia (center) and Al McDowell (seated) answer inquiries.

901st CAM Performing Unique Depot Maintenance

Thanks to the know how and talents of the 901st 'recip' engine shop personnel, the 439th can claim another distinction.

Traditionally, major C-123 engine overhauls are performed at Kelly AFB, while routine field maintenance functions are handled on the unit level. With the Air Force decision not to purchase new '2800' engines for its Provider aircraft, each engine now in service must be used to its fullest potential.

To meet this challenge, Westover's shop members are now performing overhauls and repairs once reserved solely for central depot locations. This accomplishment is an unique one. **NO OTHER RESERVE UNIT IS PERFORMING SIMILAR MEASURES.**

With authorization from higher headquarters, the shop is allowed to perform the required overhauls receiving tooling and assistance as needed. Under the supervisions of 'Recip' Engine Shop Leader TSgt. Richard Lajoie and Engine Shop Foreman MSgt. Arthur LaPorte, during the June UTA the mechanics separated two inoperative engines. They were then able to combine the properly functioning rear accessory section with a good power section. The 439th can thus utilize the new, properly functioning engine rather than sending both back to Kelly.

Their success can be attributed to the skill and dedication of the 439th personnel. Perhaps, as a New England reserve unit, a little bit of that 'ol Yankee ingenuity' and a Westover esprit de corps was a factor as well.

Wing Commander's Message

By Col. Billy M. Knowles

The intent of both this column and this publication each month is one of communication. I am continually curious as to whether that purpose is served; particularly since there is a dollar and time investment involved. Recently an inconclusive survey was made to determine how well read The Patriot is. Even though the survey sample was unscientific, the answers were revealing. One airman stated he used The Patriot to start fires (probably during winter months.) Another said he preferred not reading it since it tended to remind him of his reserve assignment. Obviously, in both cases, The Patriot does serve a purpose. Other responses were more traditional and resulted in some suggestions for improvement. The Wing and Group Information Office strives to publish a Patriot with widest possible reader appeal and one that comes off the press in time to be mailed to each home. Future surveys will be made with a view towards improvement.

The remainder of this open letter is to acquaint members of the 439 TAW and 439 CSG with fellow Air Force reservists serving at Westover AFB who do not belong to our units but who do fulfill a designated Air Force assigned mission.

a. There are 32 highly skilled intelligence personnel, forming an intelligence detachment assigned to Hq USAF (Det 15). These officers are commanded by Col. James Plitt and perform their UTAs on other than 439th TAW/CSG weekends in Hangar 3. I have personally heard Maj. Gen. Keegan (HQ USAF) extoll the criticality of these people and their peacetime and wartime importance.

b. There are 15 mobilization augmentees (MAO), eleven of which are reserve supplement officers (RSO), assigned to numerous USAF headquarters around the world but attached to the 439 TAW or 439 CSG for training purposes. These skills range from procurement officers to civil engineers. Over 5,000 such officers and NCOs are to be found throughout the CONUS. The Air Reserve Personnel Center (ARPC) at Denver, Colo., services these reservists.

c. There are six Palace Option officers (all 2d lieutenants) assigned to the 439 TAW/CSG for 90-days active duty. These young officers were all commissioned via AFROTC and planned an active duty career upon graduation. The present dollar crunch interrupted those plans and now we are seriously reviewing with them their futures in the Air Force Reserve.

d. Not often mentioned, we have two Air Force Reserve aerial port squadrons who do not belong to this wing but who train on Westover and receive their full support from the TAW/CSG. These are the 58th and 59th APSs who are Category A combat-ready MAC-gained units. These units belong to the 512 MAW at Dover, Delaware, and train sometimes with and sometimes not with our wing units.

All of the above reservists, like ourselves, are vital to the needs of the DoD and Air Force and should deserve our continued support. While participating on this installation, they all will be considered as part of the 439th Tactical Airlift Wing.

439th Pre-Bees Take Flight

A scheduled training exercise for 74th AES members provided a unique opportunity for ten pre-basic enlistees to take a four hour orientation flight in a C-123 on June 14.

The exercise enabled 74th personnel to perfect their in-flight patient care under actual conditions. Green berets, acting as volunteer victims, displayed a wide range of imaginary ailments, medical conditions and injuries.

The ten pre-bees were, in turn, able to witness Air Force medical evaluation procedures as well as take their first military flight.

Coordination of the two activities was handled by Maj. Yvonne Snow and Marvin Proctor of the 74th AES and by TSgt. Gerald R. Davignon, 439th CSG.

With high school graduation now a memory and a solid foundation of Air Force policies and practices firmly established, the ten airmen—Linda Ammon, Thomas Bennett, Denise Cistave, Rudolph Gallequiffos, Jeffrey Joachum, David Miller, William Sullivan, Lisa Waldron and Mark Webber will leave for basic training well prepared and confident to meet the many challenges and experiences they'll soon encounter.

Base Commander's Message

By Lt. Col. Jack P. Ferguson

We all realize this road we travel is a two-way street, so I want to ask your cooperation on a few items. But first let's brag about the things we're doing for you.

- In response to numerous requests, the base gym will be open all day during the encampment and UTAs, and until 10 p.m. on Saturday of the UTA.

- The base swimming pool is open and available to you.
- For your comfort, brand new modern furniture in the dorms.

- In the works, a program to paint the dorms.
- A well-planned dining out on October 18.

Now what am I asking you to help me with?

- Attend UTA's. All our positions are manned for a purpose, and if assignees don't show up for a UTA, we cannot provide the intended services.

- Pay attention to your grooming. Your commanders do take serious notice of the feedbacks such as "other services aren't doing it." However, we should be proud to set an example of what has always been good military grooming, and comply with the Air Force standards.

- Good housekeeping. This is your "home away from home" and it should be treated that way. Fortunately, there are only the few who close their eyes to any mess or trash they leave behind them. My thanks to those who care.

- Recruiting. YOU are our best recruiter. Talk up the Air Force Reserve and its benefits. If only one out of ten reservists is instrumental in signing up an enlistee, we'll go over our 100% manning.

NAME THAT PATCH . . . The JOC is sponsoring a contest to design the official wing patch. After approval, the patch will be worn on the left shoulder of fatigues and flight suits. All grades, officer and enlisted, are invited to submit entries; the deadline is the October UTA. Direct entries and questions to 1st. Lt. Jim Becker, 337 TAS, at ext. 3120.

Unit Chaplains: Meeting More Than Spiritual Needs

"Our main purpose is to be available whenever needed," according to Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Roger A. Rotvig. "We are here to assist everyone and to be present for what ever reason."

This desire to be readily accessible keeps the 439th two chaplains constantly on the go. In addition to conducting regularly scheduled religious services, both Colonel Rotvig and 1st. Lt. Peter Gregory hold informal counseling and 'rap' sessions throughout the base. The chaplains adopted this procedure because of the usually hectic schedule reservists maintain during the UTA. They feel that those who might wish to talk to a chaplain might not do so because they are often too busy to seek out their assistance.

The reserve chaplains feel this approach to their job differs from their active duty colleagues. "The regulars conduct counseling on a formal basis within the chapel facilities. Here at Westover, as at most reserve units, almost all counseling is on an informal level anywhere it might be convenient," says Chaplain Rotvig.

Chaplain Gregory agrees. He believes this rapport is also possible "because many of the reservists are more candid about a possible problem than if they were civilians. This honesty permits us to discuss and help solve a difficult situation more quickly."

The background and experience of Chaplain Gregory helps facilitate an empathic and immediate relationship with his fellow reservists. He joined the Air Force in 1962 and served as an airman working in supply. After dis-



CLERICAL CONFERENCE . . . Chaplains Lt. Col. Roger A. Rotvig and 1st. Lt. Peter Gregory coordinate their weekend activities at the start of a UTA.

charge, he attended the University of Louvain Seminary School in Belgium under the G.I. Bill. While in school, Chaplain Gregory continued his Air Force association teaching summer religious school at Air Force bases throughout Europe.

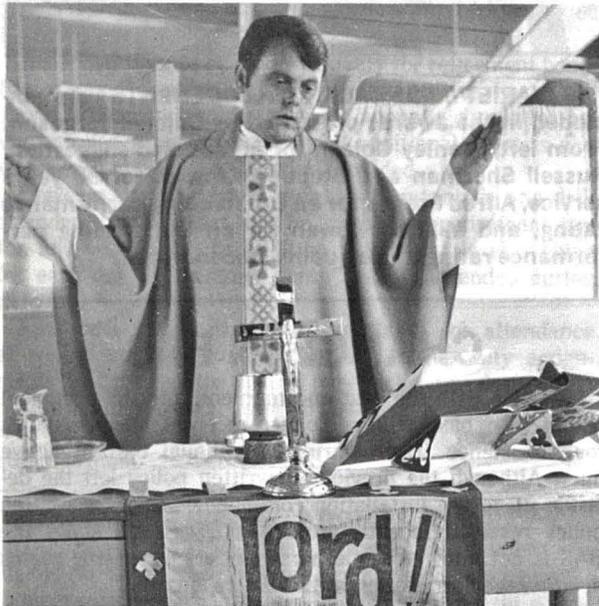
This long term contract later prompted him to join the reserve. As a Catholic priest, Chaplain Gregory is assigned to St. Joseph's Church in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

Colonel Rotvig is a Lutheran minister and is involved in religious activities of a different nature. He is director of a Lutheran social service agency in Hartford, Connecticut. The clergy member has been in the reserve program for 18 years.

In addition to the chaplains, the office functions are coordinated by Chapel Management Assistants SSgts. James DeVita and Albert Gladu. Both help set up and arrange for services and handle administrative details. Sergeant DeVita spent four years in the Air Force primarily as a chaplain's assistant. Presently, he teaches in a Winsted Connecticut parochial school. As a civilian, Sergeant Gladu is an inventory control clerk with the American Pad Company.

The four man team is responsible for services each UTA. Protestant services are held Sunday at 10:30 a.m. while Mass is held Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. All services are conducted on the second floor of Building 1408.

Each UTA, the chaplains, and their assistants, with dilligence and understanding, seek to accomplish their primary goal—helping to boost the morale of 439th personnel. You can contact them in their second floor office in hangar 3 or at extension 3182 or 3938. You might have to leave a message as they might not be in. Or wait a minute. They may be paying your section and you a visit any moment now.

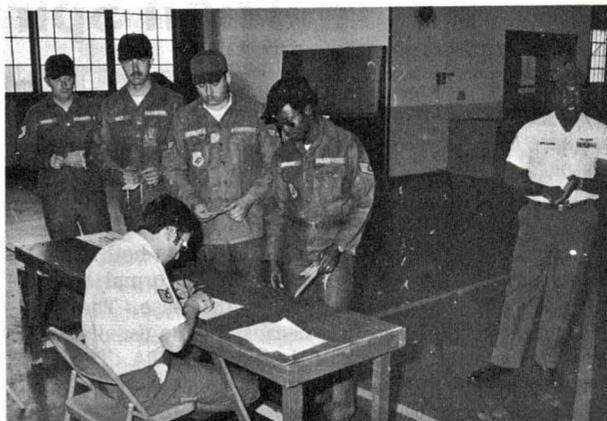


THE CELEBRATION OF THE MASS, by Chaplain Gregory, is offered in building 1408 on Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

905 CFLT MOBILITY EXERCISE



GETTING THE POINT . . . TSgt. Robert G. Lougher is on the receiving end of a required inoculation given by SSgt. Joanna Suszuzynski, SSgt. Albert D. Guzzo looks on as SSgt. Rene H. Roy, Jr. (left) waits his fate.



THE FIRST OF MANY STOPS . . . TSgt. John J. McNamara, Jr. (seated) checks the first segment of 905th CFLT personnel for their eligibility to continue processing.



IN RECOGNITION OF LENGTH OF SERVICE, Colonel Knowles presents certificates to (from left to right) Alcide F. Patenaude and Maurice LaFortune for 20 years, and John J. Munro for 10 years. On the right, Aquilino (Bill) Lucia displays his citation accompanying a quality step increase.



A VARIETY OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS are included in the awards presented by Colonel Ferguson. From left, Stanley Golash for an adopted suggestion, Russell Sherman and Stephen Krawiec for 30 years service, Alfred Freitas for an Outstanding performance rating, and Mildred Bowen for an Outstanding performance rating and a quality step increase.



WESTOVER GRADUATES 47 STUDENTS from its recent Management II class. The civilians, all stationed at the base, represent several units and sections. The lone military representative, 1st. Lt. Martin Deiseroth, is with the 1917 Comm. Sq.

CHANGE IN BAS

Effective with the next encampment, enlisted personnel residing on base will no longer receive basic assistance for subsistence (BAS) during the annual tour of active duty. Although the previous unwritten policy left the decision up to the installation commander, the new written policy received recently from AFRES clearly states the BAS is not allowed while personnel are occupying rooms in either the dormitories or the visitors' quarters.

In passing along the AFRES policy, Base Commander Lt. Col. Jack P. Ferguson explains this procedure will effect an economical savings and increase our training capabilities. Appropriate procedures will be established and published prior to the encampment.

Community College of the Air Force opens to Guardsmen and Reservists

RANDOLPH AFB, Tex. (AFNS) — The Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) has extended eligibility in its study programs to all enlisted members of the Selected Reserve. Selected Reservists include those airmen who are serving in Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve units, or as mobilization augmentees.

CCAF has developed more than 80 study programs that relate directly to Air Force specialties. By combining the technical knowledge airmen gain through completion of accredited Air Force technical schools, applicable off-duty education received at any regionally accredited college or university, and a few hours of management and military science, airmen can qualify for award of the CCAF career education certificate (CEC).

The CCAF curricula are modeled on two-year junior and community college associate degree programs. A growing number of colleges and universities consider the CEC to be equivalent to the associate in applied science or associate in technology degree.

CCAF study programs have been designed to accommodate the majority of Air Force enlisted skills. The 80-plus programs have been assigned to eight general areas where enlisted, civilian, and officer technicians have thoroughly evaluated each program and assigned the appropriate

number of CCAF semester hours. The eight areas are: Administration and management, aircraft maintenance, communications, crafts and trades, distribution services, electromechanical, health care science and public services.

To earn a CEC in one of the programs, a participant must complete a minimum of 64 semester hours, to include a minimum of:

- 24 semester hours of technical education earned through accredited Air Force or civilian schools;

- 25 semester hours of related education earned from accredited colleges or universities, including courses in the humanities, communicative skills, and the sciences;

- six semester hours of management and military science earned through accredited Air Force Noncommissioned officers academy or a civilian school.

Depending upon the complexity of a participant's major study area and recommendations from professional organizations, additional hours may be necessary for completing certificate requirements.

To date, 168 airmen and noncommissioned officers have qualified for award of the CEC. Three of these individuals have been awarded their second CEC.

Interested reservists should contact the education services office at Hanscom AFB.

Points Add Up For Reserve Retirement

(AFNS) An unofficial survey of enlisted reservists with less than six years of service shows that few understand the value of their potential retirement benefits or how to compute them.

Following is an explanation of the retirement point system and how a monthly retirement payment at age 60 is calculated.

Reservists with 20 years duty qualify for retirement benefits. Every Reservist accumulates "points" as he or she serves. Fifteen points are awarded annually simply for being enrolled in the Reserves. An additional point is given for each four-hour drill period attended.

However, the maximum number of automatic and drill attendance points that can be applied to retirement pay for any year is 60. In addition, one point is also given for each day of "summer camp" (ADT) attended during the year.

Additional points can be accumulated for attendance at special courses, conferences, and active duty assignments in addition to the normal two-week active duty tour.

A reservist needs at least 50 points a year to have the year counted as "good." Twenty "good" years are required to qualify for retirement pay.

FROM YOUR FEDERAL WOMEN'S PROGRAM COORDINATOR. (WAFB) Don't forget that women are eligible to apply for jobs as firemen, security guards, plumbers, carpenters, and in any other career field previously thought of as strictly male-oriented. For vacancies in the reserves, contact the Westover recruiters at ext. 2192 or 2125. If you think you're eligible under civil service criteria, call the civilian personnel office at ext. 2921.

Retirement Pay Calculation for Category A Reservists

Points:

48—attendance at drills

15—automatic

63 (only 60 may be counted toward retirement)

60

15 (Annual ACDUTRA)

75 (This is the minimum that a full-time Reservist should accumulate in a year)

180 (one point for every day of original six-month ACDUTRA obligation)

+ 1462.5 (19.5 years x 75 pts./yr.)

1642.5 (minimum expected total points at retirement)

Retirement pay = total retirement points x .025 x Base Pay* divided by 360

$1642.5 \times .025 \times \$836.70 \div 360 = \$95.44$ per month.

*Base Pay = Active Duty Monthly pay rate for highest grade and pay rate attained in the Reserves (quarters, mileage are not counted)

MORE ON "SPACE A" TRAVEL. Reservists desiring to travel "space available" must obtain a DD Form 1853, Authentication of Reserve Status for Travel Eligibility, signed by their unit commander.

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AIR FORCE SERGEANTS MEETING is held at the Consolidated Open Mess at 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month.



← UP AND AT 'EM. Performing a 36-month phase inspection on a C-130 are (lower right) SSgt. Joseph E. Enderle, Jr., and Sgt. James I. Fay. Assisting in removing the vertical stabilizer leading edge with the help of the cherry picker, are Sgt. Robert J. Nugent and Sgt. Richard E. Fortier.



STRIPES EXCHANGED FOR BARS. Former CMSgt. Richard A. Murnock's wife Joanne pins shiny bars on a beaming new second lieutenant. Lt. Murnock, whose ART job was as chief of plans and scheduling in Maintenance, was commissioned through the Deserving Airman Commissioning Program. He leaves on July 20 for his new assignment with CAFRR at Ellington AFB in Texas.



← ANOTHER CONVERSION IN THE 439TH is Ms. Faith Dragone, former civilian chief of military pay in CBPO. After her swearing in, shown being administered by Maj. Edward J. Seilius, she leaves for basic training at Lackland AFB as an Airman Basic, one of the new Air Force Reserve enlistees. She reports to CBPO on her return as a military personnel clerk.

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