



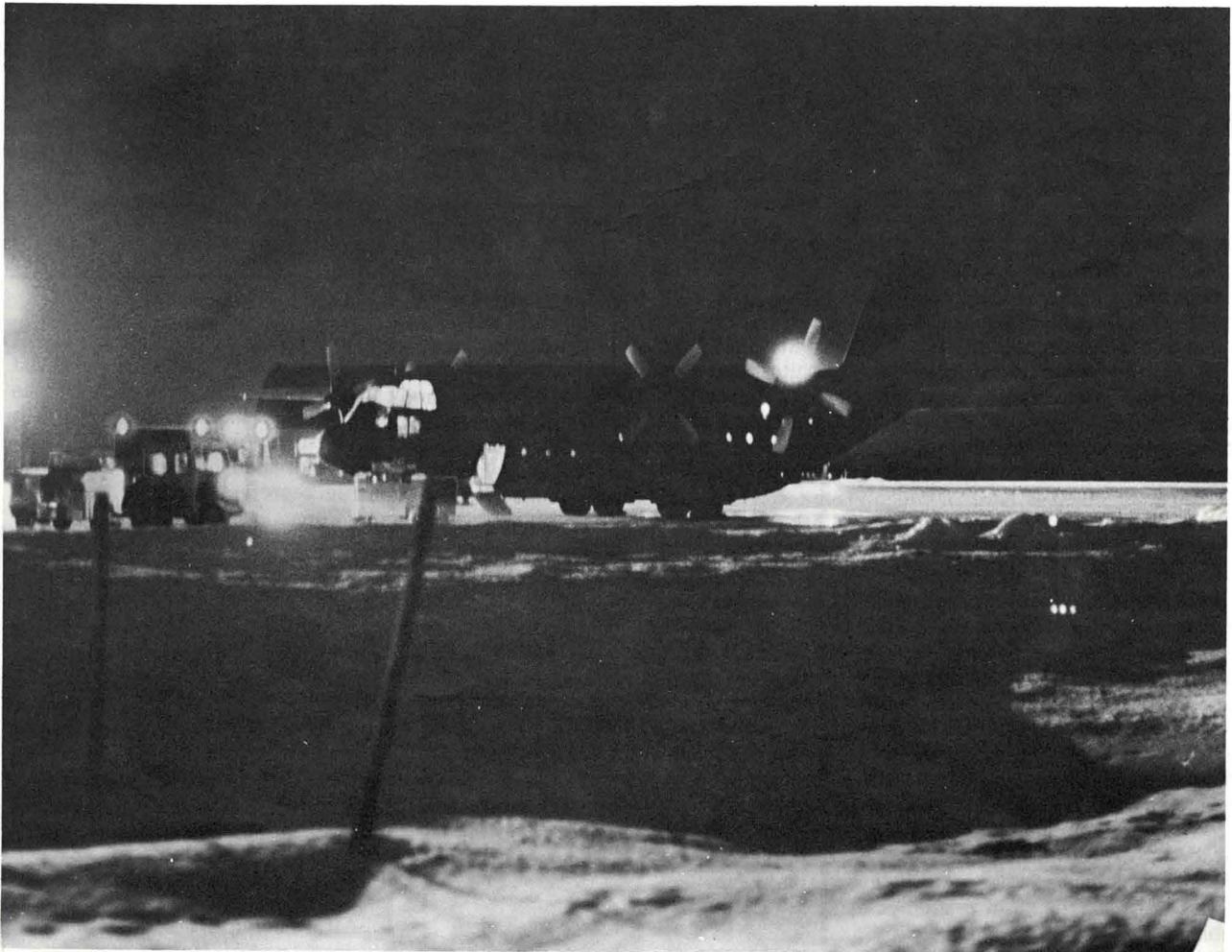
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AND THE BEAT GOES ON Westover's flying activities do not cease with the setting sun or mercury. After completing a routine night flying exercise, a newly arrived C-130 is the center of flight-line activity, regardless of the time or below zero temperatures. (Photo by Sgt. Barry W. Brightman)

AF's Community College Opens To Reservists

(Editors note At the request of the 439th TAW Enlisted Advisory Council, the following updated story is republished for the benefit of all Westover personnel.)

Westover's reservists and their fellow citizen-soldiers can now enroll in the recently expanded Community College of the Air Force and qualify for a career education certificate.

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.

Interested Westover personnel are urged to contact CMSgt. Eugene Longfield in the 439th training section, or stop by customer service in the CBPO. A specially prepared film, designed for individual viewing and available during business hours or during the UTAs, further explains the many advantages and opportunities possible through the Community College of the Air Force.

Air Force Approves Metal Collar Chevrons For Enlisted Wear

(AFNS) - The wearing of metal collar chevrons by enlisted personnel on the raincoat, men's optional topcoat, lightweight blue jacket, medical/dental whites, and the food handler's coat has been approved by Air Force officials.

It was stated that the use of traditional sleeve chevrons on other garments will continue. The optional wear period is effective immediately, with no time limit set to allow phase-in of the collar chevrons.

Collar chevrons may be purchased now through local base exchanges. Officials expects them to be available in clothing stores around Oct. 1, 1976.

UTA SCHEDULE

13 - 14 Mar.
10 - 11 Apr.
15 - 16 May
12 - 13 Jun.
10 - 11 July

13 - 14 Aug. (Fri-one period 1900-2300)
15 - 29 Aug. **ENCAMPMENT**
11 - 12 Sept. (Fri-one period 1900-2300)
16 - 17 Oct.
13 - 14 Nov.
11 - 12 Dec.

Base Commander's Message

By Lt. Col. Jack P. Ferguson

INITIATIVE . . . A ten-letter word which when applied to a problem should help bring about a solution.

Unfortunately, too many have knocked this word out of their vocabularies and ergo, out of their minds. I'm asking the cooperation of all reservists in attacking a problem on their own first before springing that problem on their supervisors without offering a possible solution.

In these days of belt tightening, it behooves each of us to come up with a practical answer to lots of our real or purported dilemmas.

Be inovative; be creative; be imaginative; but in any case, be a solver before being a defeatist. Try to solve it before it looks like an insurmountable problem.

INITIATIVE . . . Put it to good use. And who knows—you might even find yourself on the receiving end of a suggestion award.

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Westover Federal Women's Club Issues Invitation To Men

The Westover Federal Women's club (WFWC) is issuing an invitation to the men on the base to attend their February luncheon meeting at the consolidated open mess on Wednesday, Feb. 11.

In a true ecumenical spirit, the usually exclusive club is joining the base Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) council and the Bicentennial Women's Committee in recognizing the 50th annual observance of Black History Week.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Walter H. English, associate professor of psychology at Springfield College, who will narrate a slide presentation he prepared following his recent trip to Africa. His theme is "A Glimpse Into Another Culture."

Flyers announcing the luncheon details have been distributed throughout the base. Serving as joint chairmen are Mrs. Natalie Harmon of the WFWC, Mrs. Marilyn Callahan, Bicentennial Women's Committee and John Kendrick, assistant EEO officer.



A PORTION OF THE WOMEN at a recent luncheon meeting as they await the guest speaker, Mrs. Frances M. Kerr, assistant professor of psychology at Mt. Holyoke College.

Establishing The Guard/Reserve as a Credible and Viable Part of Total Force

by William K. Brehm

Assistant Secretary of Defense
(Manpower and Reserve Affairs)

(Editor's note: selected excerpts from the Oct. 2, 1975 Commander's Digest)

The Selected Reserve Bill (SR2115) is a legislative proposal of utmost importance in establishing the Reserves as a credible and viable part of our Total Force.

In summary, the proposed Bill would give the President the authority, without a prior declaration of war or national emergency, to order not more than 50,000 members of the Selected Reserve to active duty for not more than 90 days. It would permit the activation of units of any size and of individuals not assigned to units, thus giving the President the flexibility to respond to a variety of circumstances.

Present authority for activating large numbers of Selected Reservists is restrictive. Without a declaration of war or national emergency, members of the Selected Reserve can be ordered to active duty for only 15 days annually.

Thus, the scope of the current authority is too limited to provide the flexibility to respond appropriately in those situations where a limited augmentation of the active force is needed, but where the declaration of a state of national emergency might be premature or have undesirable international or domestic impact.

To get the most for each manpower dollar and manpower now consumes more than half of the Defense dollar—we are necessarily increasing our reliance on the Re-

serve components. Consequently, we have given the Reserves important front-line missions which must be performed in conjunction with the active forces—selectively and on short notice.

We cannot afford to spend \$5.5 million annually on a force oriented solely toward a lengthy mobilization of the type envisioned in the past.

By the end of FY 1976, for example, 56 per cent of our tactical airlift aircraft and 43 per cent of our strategic airlift crews will be assigned to Guard and Reserve forces. Over the next few years, 128 KC-135 jet tanker aircraft will be transferred from the active Air Force to the Guard and Reserve, placing them in the strategic offensive mission for the first time.

Given the traditional role of the Reserves, there has been a natural reluctance on the part of the active forces to depend on them and to transfer important mission to them. We need to change the underlying perception that engenders this reluctance or concern, once and for all, because the role of the Reserves has been changed. The Reserves themselves must perceive that they can and will be called upon when needed. Their morale, training and sense of purpose depend on it.

In summary, the requested authority will help our own forces, our Allies, and our potential adversaries to perceive our Reserve components in the proper light—to accord them the respect that our investment in them, not to mention their own pride, demands.

58th APS Trains, Breaks

"We intend to be the best aerial port squadron in The Reserve. We've always been in contention, but this year will hopefully take top honors and be selected to travel to Europe for training during our summer encampment," forecasts Capt. Ronald W. Lawler, cargo processing officer.

Such recognition would be the culmination of five years of achievement and perseverance by members of the 58th Aerial Port Squadron.

With its formation in 1971, the 58th drew many of its personnel from the former 905th TAG. Now its own recruiting and retention efforts have handsomely paid off. Its assigned strength now claims four officers and 96 enlisted men, 81 percent of its allocated 119 total.

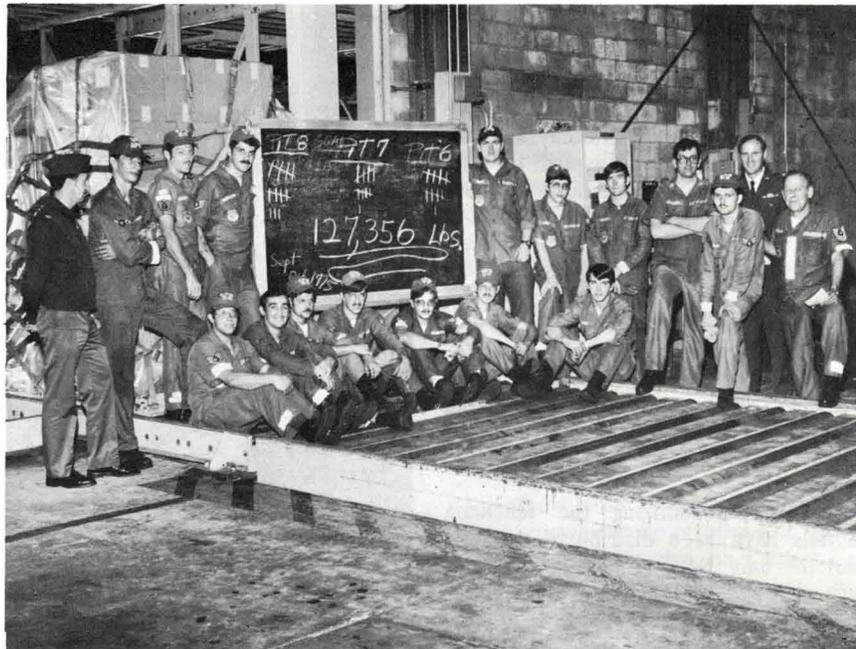
Although the unit is based at Westover, it is not an organizational part of the 439th TAW. Rather, it receives various supportive services from base and wing sections.

Maj. Don V. Williams has commanded this unit for the past year and is assisted by Captain Lawler; Capt. Robert J. Ravell, freight services officer; 1st. Lt. Raymond L. Brisson, Jr., ramp services officer; CMSgt. Walter J. Hareld, NCOIC of training and air transportation superintendent; and MSgt. Thomas H. Straight, first sergeant.

Under their guidance, the unit's personnel continue to receive a wide variety of classroom and on-the-job training at Westover and at the 436th MAW, Dover AFB, Del. In the event of activation, the 58th would report to the 436th and support them in their terminal operations.

Along with other aerial port unit personnel, they are skilled in the proper scheduling, arranging and loading of cargo aboard C-5As and C-141s. "Before distribution, we must determine its destination and priority," according to MSgt. Anthony Simovich, ramp services NCOIC. "These priorities indicate the order cargo is prepared for shipment." In addition to adhering to established ranking order, the cargo is classified according to dimension, weight, size and type. For instance, perishable food in transit requires prompt handling while odd-sized pieces demand special care in packing.

The cargo is also documented, weighed and palletized. Then, the assigned 58th personnel must properly load cargo aboard the aircraft, arranging the heavier pallets over the wings while the lighter ones are placed toward the plane's tail section.



PARTICIPANTS IN THE 58TH APS record breaking "pallet buildup" exercise receive congratulations from Col. Donald Balch, left, 436th MAW commander. Reflecting on their accomplishments are from left (standing), Amn. Gerald Auby, SSgt. David Morganthal, SSgt. Raymond Marquis, Sgt. Lawrence Parker, SSgt. Henri Leblond, SSgt. William Merchant, Capt. Ronald Lawler, Sgt. Richard Sheldon, Maj. Don Williams, MSgt. Howard Nolan; (seated), SSgt. Frank Kaniecki, Sgt. Ernest Tirendi, Sgt. Walter Lazarz, SSgt. Brian Connor, SSgt. Richard Tulloch, SSgt. Donald Darcy and SSgt. Robert Barry. (Photos by SSgt. Edward Anderson)



NETTING A PALLET occupies the attention of Sgt. James Bonafini, A1C Donald Twarkins and SSgt. Bruce Meservey.

ks Aerial Port Records

The unit's training is paying off in numerous ways. When a shortage of skilled air cargo specialists occurred in Thailand in 1974, TSgt. Roger Brogis, SSgt. Richard Tulloch and Sergeant Hareld volunteered for a 120-day tour of duty. Later, during the same year, Sergeants Hareld and Tulloch returned for another tour lasting 90 days. Others lent their knowledge and brawn to aerial port units serving in Germany and Denmark.

Setting a Record

This demonstrated excellence is exhibited by all the unit's personnel rather than a select few. During their past encampment at Dover, 13 members directly participated in a special "pallet build-up exercise" while others performed support functions.

Three pit crews of three men each, two forklift operators and two supervisors "built" 35 pallets, consisting of 1,070 pieces and weighing 127,356 pounds, in one 7-1/2 hour shift. Normally, five to six crews only complete 18 to 20 pallets of assorted-sized, general cargo.

"The crews worked hard and deliberately, yet there were no accidents," points out Captain Lawler. "Inspectors insured that the crews strictly adhered to all safety rules."

Their feat not only established an aerial port record, but will allow the 58th to "challenge" other reserve and active duty units as well as themselves next summer camp.

This accomplishment isn't their only enviable distinction. The Reservists maintained a 100 percent training effectiveness as well as OJT participation record in 1975, while claiming a 93 percent passage rate for the AKTs and CDCs.

Not content to reflect on the past, the unit continues to prepare. Their UTAs will remain divided between their hangar 9 home and every third month at Dover, with one important change. Previously, their Westover training was confined to the classroom, but now a new arrangement will permit a "primary mission training program" to begin. Ramp and cargo personnel will participate in hands-on, realistic exercises.

In addition, expended documented control training will be initiated using upgraded lesson plans and newly designed audio visual aids.

Recruitment of new personnel will also be emphasized. "We're looking for motivated individuals eager to learn and advance themselves," says Captain



MEMBERS OF THE 46th APS, extreme left and right, assist Sgt. Arthur Moreau, fork lift operator, and Sgt. Linwood McCloud, cargo specialist, build up a pallet for eventual air transport. Proper arrangement of the freight insures undamaged, expeditious delivery.

Lawler. "Most of our members have cross-trained from other AFSCs, but we're certainly accepting those without any prior service. Family and friends are cordially invited to learn about opportunities within the 58th."

The unit already has one father and son combination. MSgt. Howard Nolan is the assistant ramp services NCOIC, while his son, TSgt. Michael Nolan, is the career advisor. The squadron also hopes to add to their WAF population. Both A1C Donna Weismiller, air cargo specialist, and AB Christine Banasik,

administration specialist, have added their charm and expertise to the unit's operation.

Not only will these newcomers add to the 58th's mission, but to the uninitiated visitor, they will add to the already discernable cooperativeness, camaraderie and congeniality prevalent throughout their facility. A 58th APS esprit de corps seems to permeate all aspects of their activities. With such continued dedication, teamwork and already established excellence, perhaps training in Europe is just a little closer to reality.



LOAD PLANNING EXERCISE engages, SSgt. Kenneth Delude, left, as he instructs Sgt. Lawrence Parker and SSgt. James Beachell. (Photo by SSgt. Marshall Hathaway)



Promotions

Lt. Col. Delman L. Wolf
 MSgt. Nicholas P. Morrissey, Jr.
 MSgt. Thomas A. Smith
 TSgt. David A. Boire
 TSgt. Michael J. Conboy
 TSgt. Kenneth B. King
 TSgt. George J. Kudla
 TSgt. David D. McCluskey
 TSgt. Edward H. Morris
 TSgt. Gerald J. Racicot
 SSgt. Kenneth N. Abbott
 SSgt. Gino F. Cascieri
 SSgt. William F. Desmond
 SSgt. David L. Maloy
 SSgt. Robert P. Patenaude
 SSgt. Howard G. Rae
 SSgt. Joseph R. Strouse
 Sgt. William A. Christian
 Sgt. Neil B. Cormier
 Sgt. David P. Hartman, Sr.
 Amn. Jean A. Giannini
 Amn. Roxann J. Henry

Enlisted

SSgt. David A. Burden
 SSgt. Eric T. Franzen, III
 SSgt. Gary F. See
 Sgt. James Bross
 Sgt. Sandra L. Barrett
 Sgt. George N. Melville
 Sgt. Robert R. Turcotte
 A1C Eugene P. Butler
 A1C Neil B. Cormier
 A1C Jane L. Hesse
 A1C Peter B. Kennedy
 AB Walter W. Green
 AB Maryann E. Kulas
 AB Dwight E. Manning
 AB Wilson St. Julien, Jr.

Reenlisted

SMSgt. Robert E. Bohn
 MSgt. Allen Senarian
 TSgt. Edward J. Booney
 TSgt. William J. Podgoni, Jr.
 TSgt. Richard E. Rowell
 TSgt. John V. Valli
 SSgt. William R. Fielder
 SSgt. Thomas D. Fries
 SSgt. Albert R. Gladu
 SSgt. John F. Millea
 SSgt. John H. Ott
 SSgt. Joseph Szczepanek
 Sgt. Michael H. Hmieleski

45-Day ADT Tours Set For Reservists

(AFNS) - Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve nonprior service airmen who fail to perform satisfactorily will be ordered to 45-day active-duty-for-training (ADT) tours in lieu of being ordered to active duty tours of up to 24 months, Air Force Military Personnel Center officials said.

They stated this test will be effective until June 30, 1976. Individuals presently on orders to serve, or serving, an active-duty tour of up to 24 months will not be affected.

The tours of duty will be performed at the parent organization, if a training capability exists. If a training capability does not exist, the individual will perform at the active Air Force installation nearest his home that possesses a training capability.

Reassigned

Maj. Gerald R. Dornfeld
 Maj. James A. Greenwood
 Capt. Edward P. Bertero
 TSgt. Arnold I. G. Evans

To Standby Reserve

Capt. Lewis J. Miffitt, Jr.
 MSgt. John A. Basile
 MSgt. George H. Cullins
 MSgt. John A. Struk
 SSgt. Roger B. Belhumeur
 SSgt. James L. Tatangelo
 SSgt. David A. Weakley
 Sgt. James R. Berube
 Sgt. Thomas C. Burkett
 Sgt. Wladimir Hanuszcyk
 Sgt. Roger L. Hutchinson
 Sgt. James W. Potter
 Sgt. Elvin J. Robinson
 A1C Eva Duncan
 Amn. Pearl J. Butler
 AB Kenneth Darden

Discharged

SSgt. Richard J. Butler
 SSgt. Norman H. Caron
 SSgt. Brian R. Connor
 SSgt. Michael A. VanValkenburg
 Sgt. John J. Bonner
 Sgt. William P. Breglio
 Sgt. Stephen Deyermenjian
 Sgt. Edward F. Finn
 Sgt. Brian T. Hayes
 Sgt. Glenn C. Pytlík

Wanna Be A TV Star?

Westover has accepted a challenge and an invitation from WGBY-TV, Channel 57, to participate in their auction to be held each evening from March 20 thru 27 at Baystate West in Springfield. Thousands annually join the local public broadcasting station in its effort to raise funds to aid in continuation of its fine programming.

Volunteers are needed in all phases—go-getters, office workers, warehouse assistants, telephone operators, auctioneers—in front of the cameras and behind the scenes.

This call is made to military personnel, both active and reserve, civilians and dependents. As part of our community service endeavors, we want the local populace to know that Westover is indeed alive and well, and its personnel are willing to contribute time and effort to prove it.

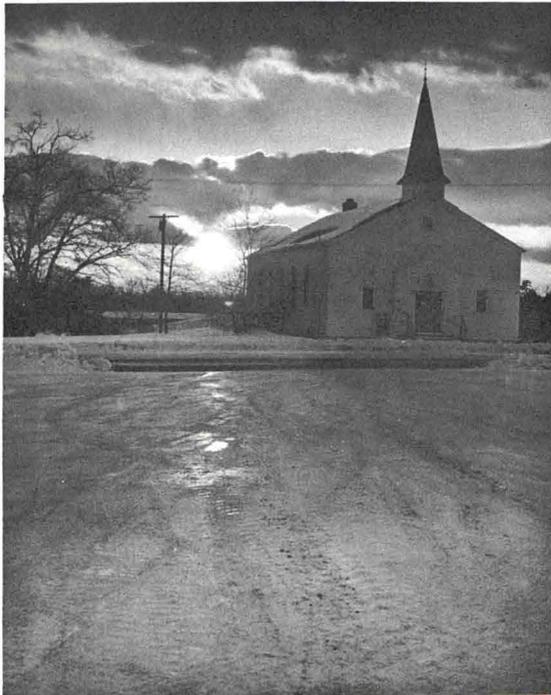
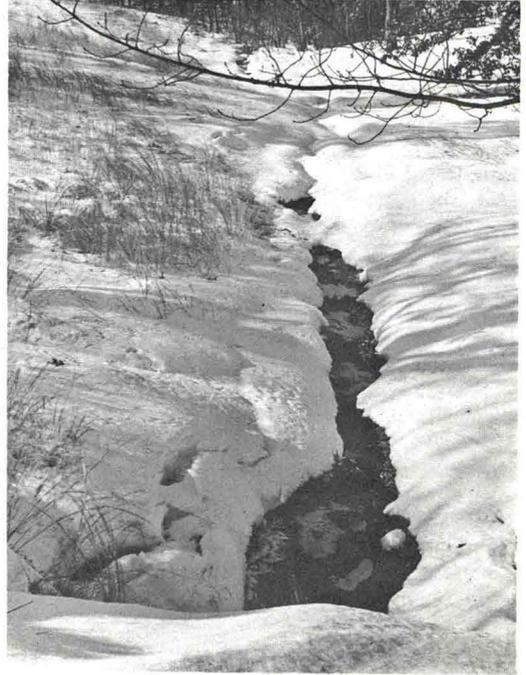
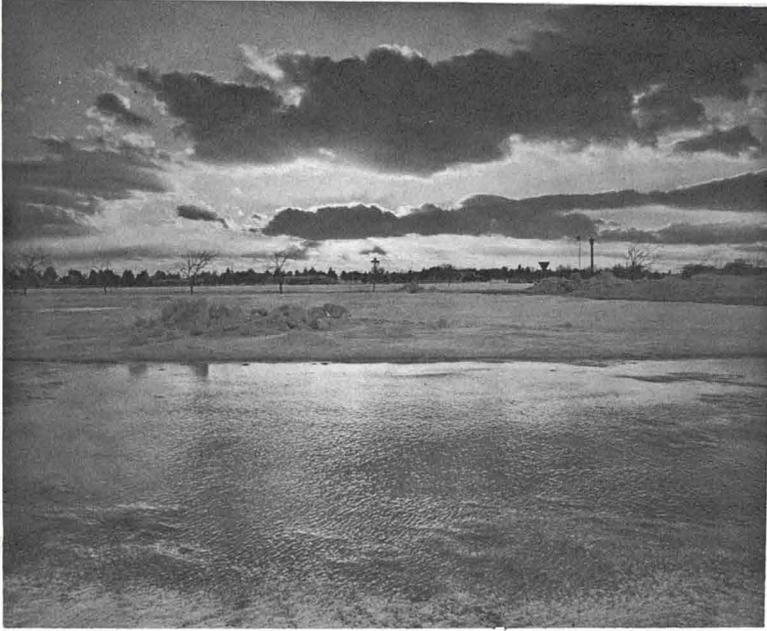
Contact SMSgt. Robert Xanders or SSgt. Nate Writesel in Recruiting, ext. 2943 or (413) 593-5237, or Betty O'Connell at ext. 2072 or 2831.



FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE while serving at Little Rock AFB, Ark. in 1974, MSgt. Samuel Roberts, center, MAC Advisor with the 317th OLAL, receives the Air Force Commendation Medal. With Sergeant Roberts are, from left, CMSgt. Alcide Patenaude, CMSgt. Sidney Wells, MSgt. Joseph Robitaille and SMSgt. Leland Spencer, all members of the 439th's Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance.

Westover — A Winter Wonderland

(Editor's Note . . . While most of us hurriedly but cautiously threaded our way past mountains of snow and braced against the 0° weather during the January UTA, SSgt. Marshall Hathaway paused, with camera in hand, to appreciate the beauty left behind by the "white stuff.")





TEAMWORK VS. MOTHER NATURE The flight status of a C-123 hung on a crated ramp stored in the yard at Base Supply, and stuck solidly to the ground by a vicious January cold. According to Chester J. Kos, management and procedures officer, "a grounding NORS (aircraft not operationally ready due to lack of a supply item) was precluded by the combined efforts of the 901st and 905th MOBSFlts, 439CSG/LGS, 439CSG/DE and the Base Supply civilian work force."



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