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## Westover's First Encampment Week

### Westover Hosts First AFRES Softball Tourney

After two days of intense competition and 15 games the team from Robins AFB, Ga. captured the Air Force Reserve (AFRES) Slow Pitch Softball championship with a convincing 14-6 victory over the 911 TAG from Greater Pittsburg Airport. The final game on Saturday, August 21, concluded the first AFRES-wide softball tournament. It was held at and hosted by Westover.

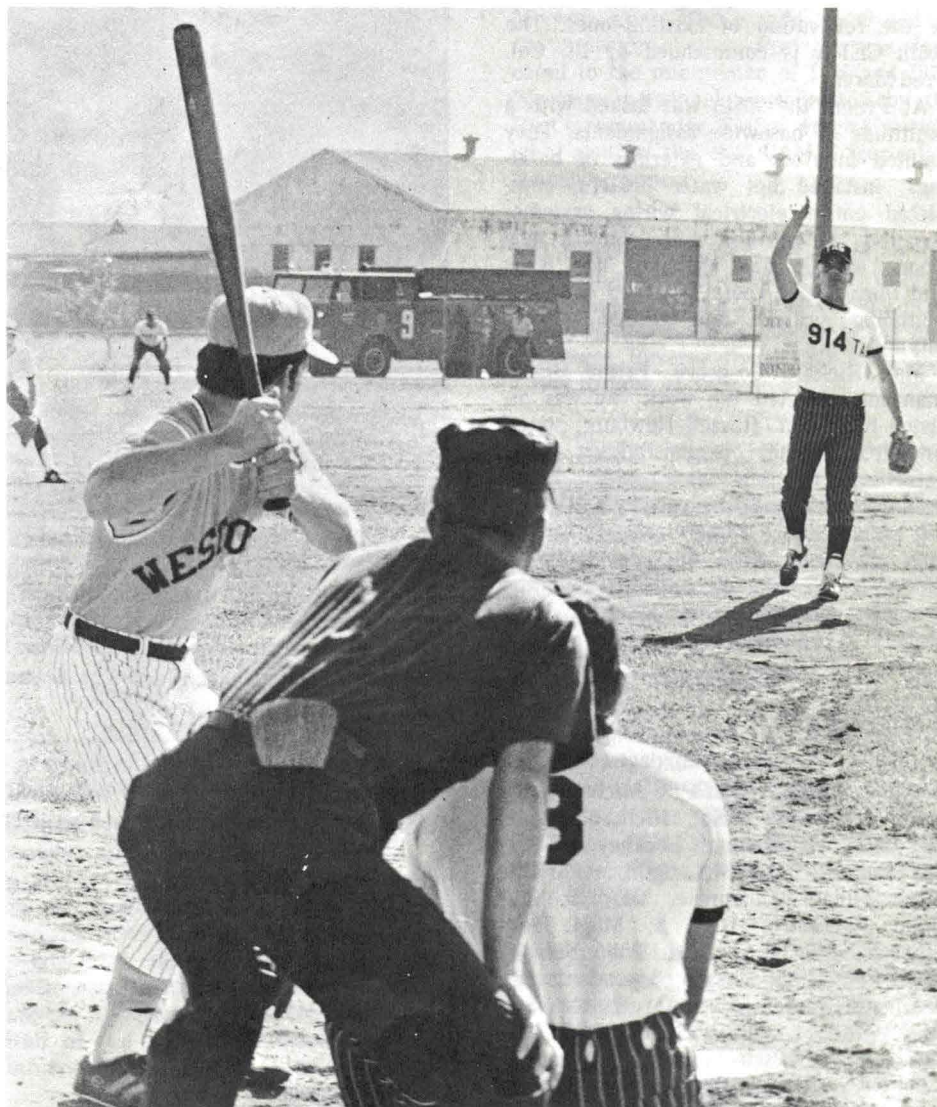
The final standings for the eight participating teams is:

1. Robins AFB, Ga.
2. 911 TAG, Greater Pittsburgh Airport
3. 104 Tactical Fighter Group, Air National Guard, Westfield, Mass.
4. 914 TAG, Niagara Falls, N.Y.
5. Westover AFB, Mass.
6. 103 Tactical Fighter Group, Air National Guard, Bradley I.A.P., Conn.
7. Dobbins AFB, Ga.
8. Willow Grove Air Reserve Facility, Pa.

By the 'luck of the draw,' the event's first game pitted Westover's entry against the 439th TAW's 914th TAG. The host team won with a 10-0 shutout. A homerun blast by TSgt. Richard Eaton, 439 CSG, helped the winning cause.

On Saturday the Westover ten (four outfielders) lost to a tough Robins team, 12-6. This time, Sgt. Doug Towers', AFSPPF, four bagger wasn't enough. Later Westover was edged by the Mass National Guard, 9-8, and eliminated from further competition.

The Westover contingent represented many members of the 'base family'—active duty, civilian, dependent and reserve. The roster included: Sgt. Mike Alexander, DET 5; SSgt. Steven Dumenigo, DET 5; TSgt. Richard Eaton, 439 CSG; Sgt. Harry Herbert, 901 CAM; Harry Holmes, dependent; AIC Antonio Jimenez, DET 5; Sgt.



**FIRST PITCH OF SLOW PITCH. . . .** First batter honors go to AIC William Mazzaresse, Det. 5. 1ACOMG, in the first game (Westover vs. the 914th TAG) of the first AFRES Softball Tournament. He got the first hit and reached first base.

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## 905 C.E. Ends German Prime BEEF Mission

After two weeks of ten-hour work days, all 66 members of the 905th Civil Engineering Flight (CEF1t) returned to Westover Aug. 14 and 15. Though they were exhausted and somewhat disheveled from the long flight home, the unit was very satisfied with its very productive tour and with many glowing reports acclaiming their accomplishments.

The reservists completed their active duty tour at Pruem Air Station, a high-priority North Atlantic Treaty Organization installation 40 miles from Bitburg Air Base, Germany.

The unit was selected for the European training in recognition of its recent ORI outstanding rating. In line with its Prime BEEF (Base Emergency Engineering Force) mission, the 905th can rapidly deploy to any point in the world and provide construction-trade expertise and manpower for the building of new facilities or the renovation of existing ones. The 905th CEF1t is commanded by Lt. Col. Fred Marek.

At Pruem the 905th was tasked with a multitude of basewide assignments. They painted interiors and exteriors of buildings; installed hot water heaters; completed entire electrical wiring systems; repaired refrigeration units; put in new floors, ceilings and shelving; laid brick and tiles; sealed roofs; replaced complete plumbing systems and graded parking lots and roads.

Maj. Richard Cosgrove, Prime BEEF manager, directed the work; he was assisted by SMSgt. Russell Newburg, superintendent. Other responsibilities were supervised by four work chiefs. MSgt. James Devitt handled carpentry and painting assignments; TSgt. Greta Bohannon was charged with site development; SMSgt. Lindley Cassey controlled road and grounds operations and MSgt. William Robert coordinated the plumbers' and electricians' efforts.

## Tourney . . .

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Douglas Jowers, AFSPPF; Michael Laighow, dependent; MSgt. Richard Lavoie, 439 CSG; A1C Kenneth Lockney, DET 5; Lt. Col. Richard McLaughlin, AFSPPF; A1C William Mazzaresse, DET 5; A1C John Policastro, DET 5; MSgt. Sam Roberts, 317 OLAL; Sgt. John Serrano AFSPPF; Mitch Staszko, dependent; Sgt. Dennis Trimmer, Marine recruiter; Sgt. Mike Wallace, AFSPPF; Mike McNicolas, base gym, coach.

AFRES headquarters supported the new tournament and was represented at the games by SMSgt. Andrew Lopez, of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division.

In less than two weeks the 905th contributed over 1,800 manhours in direct maintenance, repair and construction at Pruem.

This output, both in quantity and quality, did not go unnoticed. The grateful Pruem commander notified Bitburg's commander, Col. George Wehling. His laudatory remarks also prompted Maj. Gen. Benjamin Bellis, 17th Air Force commander, to pay an inspection visit. He, too, expressed praise for the "professional expertise unavailable at Pruem before." The general went on, "The Air Force has a valuable resource in its reserves. You (the 905th) prove it by work accomplished and the manner in which it was done."



**BASE FIREFIGHTERS ENTERTAIN CHILDREN . . . . Don L. Cloutier joins fellow Westover firefighters for a visit with patients at the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children in Springfield. The firefighters and other local departments recently provided an afternoon of entertainment for the children for the second consecutive year. Besides the traditional highlights of snack bar, balloons and a magical bag of tricks, there was an actual firefighting demonstration on the hospital parking lot.**

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MAJ. GEN. EDWIN R. JOHNSTON, Eastern Air Force Reserve Region commander, presents a plaque to Lt. Col. Franklin R. Heyner, 731st Tactical Airlift Squadron (TAS) commander, in recognition of the 731 TAS's achievement of 75,000 accident-free hours—a period covering more than 18 years. The Aug. 14 presentation took place in a unit formation in conjunction with General Johnston's Westover visit during the August UTA.

## Ferguson Goes to 908th as First Navigator-Commander

Westover's loss is Maxwell AFB's gain as Lt. Col. Jack P. Ferguson left his base commander's position here to become the Commander of the 908th Tactical Airlift Group. He is the first navigator in AFRes history to assume the top spot in a flying unit.

For those who worked for and with Colonel Ferguson, the reaction to the announcement was mixed—mixed due to the pleased congratulatory comments expressed to him and sincere disappointment to see his departure.

"He has been an inspiration to all the officers and enlisted personnel assigned to Combat Support. His expertise will be sorely missed," claims Colonel Ferguson's Executive Officer, Lt. Col. Gordon Partidge. "The 908th is the recipient of an outstanding officer, leader and friend."

The promotion caps a distinguished career which includes positions with the 700th Troop Carrier Squadron, the 445th TAW, and in Eastern Air Force Reserve Region's Directorate of Operations, all at Dobbins AFB, Georgia.

As "mayor" of Westover and 439th CSG commander, Colonel Ferguson was responsible for the various subordinate base support activities including Military and Civilian Personnel, Administrative

Services, Public Information, Civil Engineers, Security Police, Transportation, Supply, Procurement, and Controller Functions.



**COLONEL AND MRS. FERGUSON** receive the praise and appreciation of grateful friends at a reception on Aug. 26. Lt. Col. Gene Mangin, right, representing the 731 TAS, offers some appropriate and some "not-so-appropriate" gifts. Brig. Gen. Billy Knowles later presented plaques and a trophy on behalf of the base's reservists and civilian employees.

**CONDOLENCES** to the family of Myril "Dave" Lincoln, a DoD gate guard at Westover.

## OCTOBER PAY RAISE OUTLOOK

(AFNS) A three to five per cent pay raise is probable in October for Air Force personnel and civil service employees, according to Air Force officials. Current law calls for distribution among the three elements of regular military compensation—basic allowance for quarters, basic allowance for subsistence, and basic pay. An administration amendment in Congress would allow up to a quarter of the raise money now for basic pay—a taxable item—be added to the basic allowance for quarters element which is nontaxable.

## BRIEFS

**40 MEMBERS** of the 439th TAW marched in the 16th annual "V.J." Day Parade in Moosup, Conn. The parade, sponsored by the American Legion Post 91, was dedicated to the minutemen of 1776 and 1976. Westover personnel were invited by the Post's commander, SMSgt. Hugh Fraleigh, who also is the 905 CAM's fabrication branch supervisor.

**RELATED CONGRATULATIONS** to the 439th's 914 TAG at Niagara Falls International Airport. The unit received the prestigious Grover Loening Trophy as the best Air Force Reserve flying unit from July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975.

**TOO MANY COOKS** didn't spoil Westover's Bicentennial Cake. Inadvertently Mr. Glen Van Valkenburg, firefighter, and MSgt. Charles Ward, recruiter, were not included in the *Patriot* story citing those able volunteers who helped bake the mammoth cake for the July 3rd party.

**ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT . . . . .** During the past 19 months, 15 airmen of the 901st Aerial Port Flight graduated from the eight week basic loadmaster course at Sheppard AFB, Texas. Five were named honor graduates. They are: TSgt. Joseph LaFrance, SSgt. David Barger, SSgt. Haswell Frye, SSgt. James Lortsher and Sgt. John McBride.

**SMALL WORLD . . . . .** The son of TSgt. Frank Sweryda, 905th CF, PFC Frank Sweryda Jr., U.S. Army, graduated from Basic Airborne Training School at Fort Benning, Ga. on August 18. Part of Private Sweryda's graduation exercise included five parachute jumps. Ironically, the last was from a C-130 from the 337th TAS which routinely supports the Army's training.



## Good Fences Make Good Neighbors



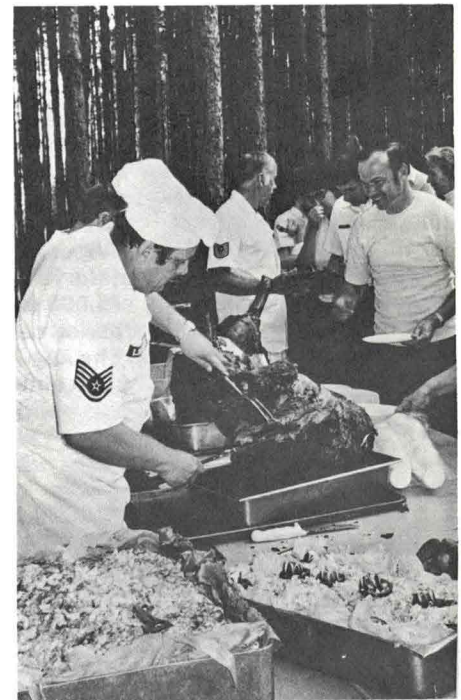
**WORKING IS A BLAST . . .** Sgt. Michael Goodro, 439th CE FLT cuts through stubborn bolts on the flight line's blast fence with an acetylene torch while A1C Michael Rossetti, 439th CE FLT, stands ready with a fire extinguisher for the first sign of possible danger.

Westover reservists, always eager to lend a helping hand, reached across the continent to aid fellow airmen in California. In doing so, they saved the Air Force Reserve and the American taxpayer approximately \$75,000.

With its recent change of mission from C-130 to KC-135 jet tankers, the 336 Tactical Airlift Squadron at March AFB, needed a blast fence. The curved structure directs the heat and exhaust from the jet engines up and away from other aircraft on the flightline.

Due to good coordination between units, it was discovered that Westover's fence could meet March's requirements and save the expense of a new one. Westover has no longer needed the equipment since the departure of SAC's huge jet aircraft.

During the annual encampment, Westover's 439 CE Flight dismantled the fence and readied it for air shipment by the recipients. Their task was not an easy one. "The fence was divided into 18 blast shields. We prepared 15 for delivery," according to MSgt. Paul Joachim, NCOIC. "Each shield is 80 feet long and each required the removal of 420 bolts and cutting through 160 spot welds. The job took ten airmen approximately ten days to complete."



**PICNIC PICKINGS . . .** SSgt. Vincent Lingley helps dish out mounds of steamship round beef, hamburgers, hot dogs, corn and all the trimmings to Wing personnel at the annual picnic on August 21. The outing, held at the Stoneybrook picnic grounds, ended the first week of Encampment.



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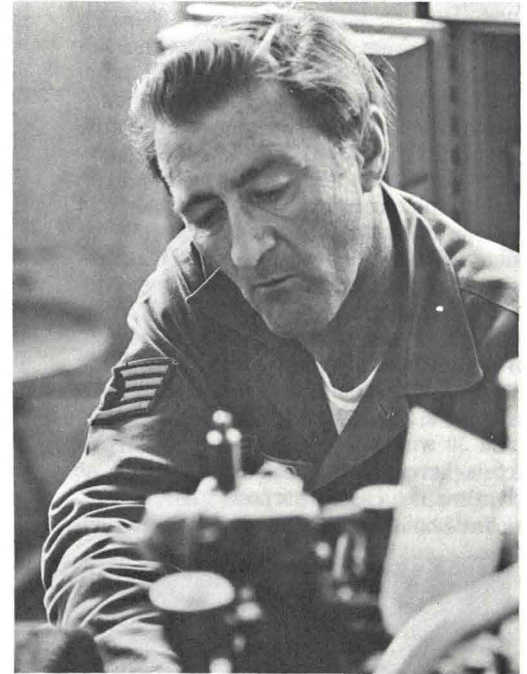


# Active Duty: Active Days

*(Editor's note: Because softball tournaments, picnics and other special events grabbed everyone's attention and "headlines," it would be easy to overlook the primary reason active duty brought reservists to Westover for two weeks—continued training and preparation for mission effectiveness. Like past encampments, however, 439th personnel were busy in shops, offices and sections, routinely and quietly, doing their jobs.)*



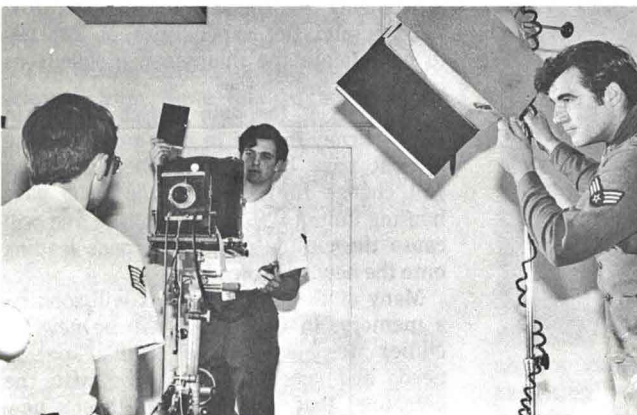
Silhouetted against a hot summer sky, Sgt. Charles G. Coviello and SSgt. Jack J. Nottingham replace an ignition relay on a C-130's T-56 engine. The two jet engine mechanics are with the 905th CAMS.



SSgt. Albert P. Benard, aerospace ground equipment mechanic with the 901st CAMS, performs an engine change on an MC-2A air compressor.



Amn. Kevin P. Cahill, security police gate guard, waves a car onto Westover. Amn. Mark Doyle phones in from the gate shack.



Amn. Paul J. Amoroso, on camera, and Sgt. Barry W. Brightman, on lights, prepare to snap a passport picture in the base photo lab.



A1C John M. Harris and Sgt. George A. Perreault, cooks, serve dinner in the base dining hall.



## \$1.3 Million in Construction Contracts

# The Changing Faces of Westover

Since 1940 Westover AFB has been fulfilling its critical role in America's defense. With the passing years and changing managers from MAC to SAC to the Reserve as AFRES' largest operated base, the requirements to accomplish the various missions have also changed. Recently, all facilities and buildings have been carefully evaluated in light of present criteria. Each structure must be deemed essential to the base's new mission and whether or not their continued upkeep and maintenance is economically feasible.

This determination has resulted in 32 structures earmarked for demolition. Westover's 'temporary' wooden buildings were built in the 1940's with an expected service life of 20 years. Now, 30 years later and 30 winters' deterioration, their repair costs have proved prohibitive. Others no longer serve a useful purpose.

Two buildings, the 'old' Officers' Club

and a barracks near the old swimming pool were recently sold to a salvage company for \$500. Materials from the building will be sold by the company for reuse in other structures. Future negotiations for other buildings, also requiring AFRES Headquarters and the Army Corps of Engineer's approval, are pending. Additional building sales would save Westover the expense of demolition.

Other structures with no salvage value, such as the motor pools' sheds, will soon be torn down by base civil engineers.

Another wooden building affected by these changing criteria is the Commissary. Its slated for closure next March.

Lt. Col. Jack Ferguson, base commander, believes that "eventually all sections and offices will be located in the 'permanent' brick buildings, including wing headquarters and base headquarters personnel."

Taking the place of the outmoded and inefficient are new structures. During this summer, over \$1.3 million in construction contracts have been awarded and are now in the implementation phase.

A new Refueling Vehicle Repair Shop is 'going up' on Hangar Road between Hangar 9 and AMS building. The transportation branch will now have a facility meeting stringent safety codes.

The piles of sand around base are part of a \$550,000 project to close one of the base's two central heating plants and install individual heating units in three areas.

It is no longer economical to operate the huge facility as many of the buildings using the power are no longer operational or within the base's new perimeter. Consequently, the plant, which requires around the clock supervision, is only operating at 20 to 30 percent efficiency.

The new units will serve the visiting Officers Quarters; the mess hall, barracks and base exchange; and the Open Mess. The cost savings are considerable. The project is expected to pay for itself within two and a half years, and is scheduled for an end of year completion.

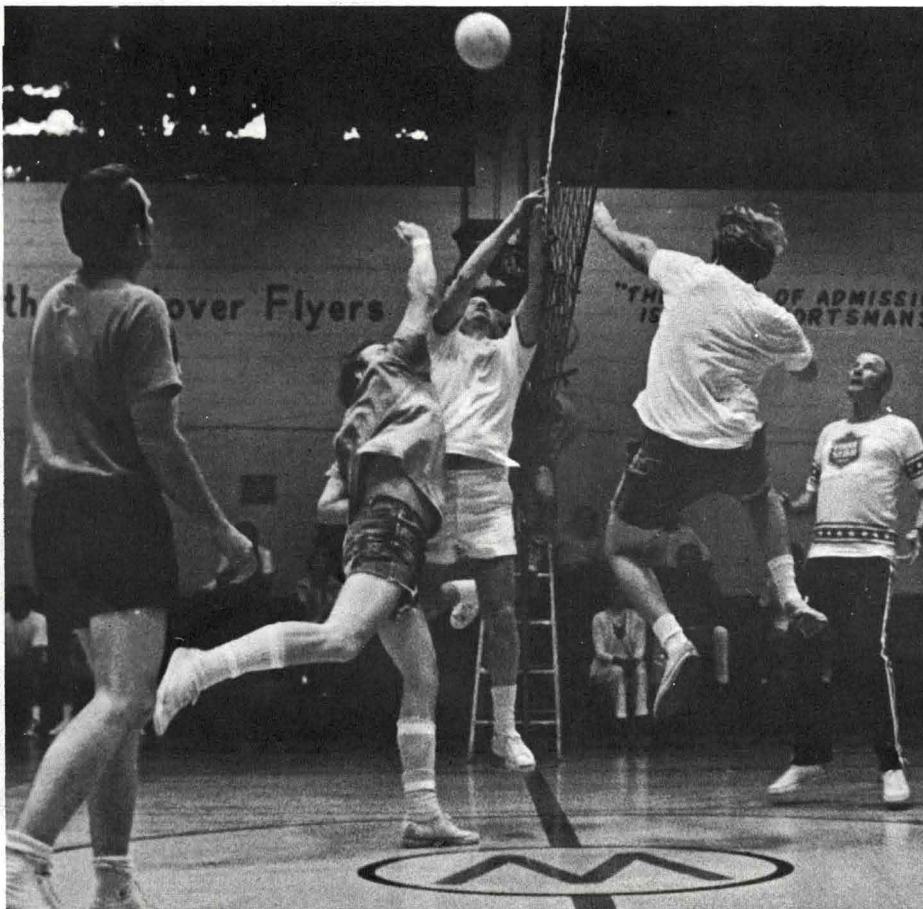
Flightline areas have not been forgotten. New "Visual Approach Systems Indicators" (VASI Lights) will be installed at both ends of the main runway as well as new Instrument Landing Systems (ILS) equipment.

In addition to the completed reroofing of two hangars and two dormitories and the painting of other hangars, four nose docks are scheduled for painting as well. The fresh coat of paint will brighten up the structures and help in corrosion control.

Construction of a \$200,000 "Aircraft Fuel Cell Repair Facility" in Nose Dock 32; improvements at the Motor Pool costing \$25,000; and the expenditure of \$200,000 to consolidate the maintenance squadrons is programmed.

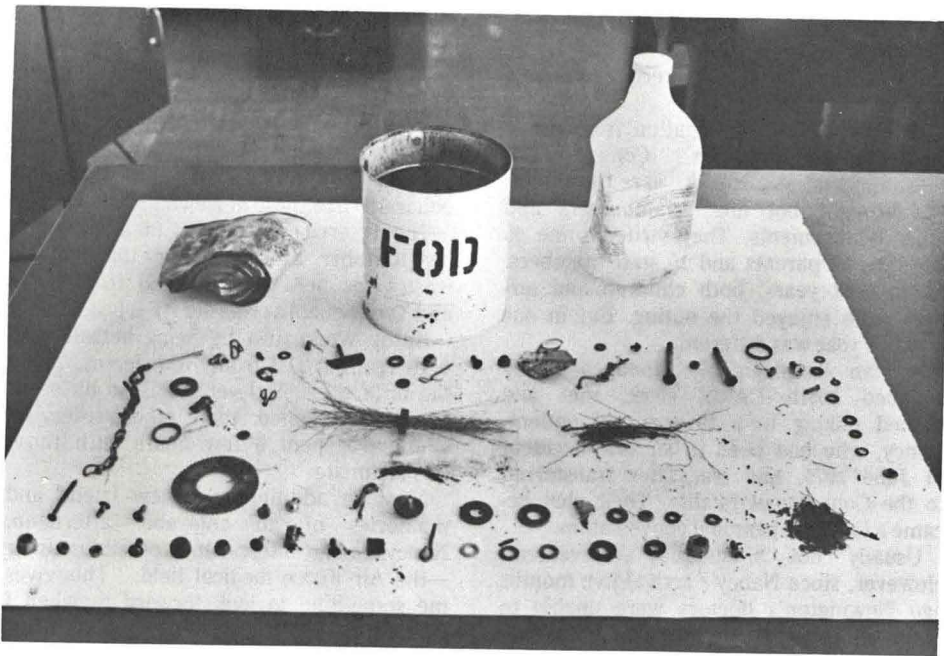
On April 1, the gate houses will begin their journey inward to sites reflecting the present base boundaries. This relocation will change the status of the 1,900 base housing units to "off-base" homes and will cause the closing of certain roads leading onto the newly defined base.

Many of the familiar sights will soon be a memory. In their place will be new facilities designed to the 439th's specific needs and specifications. Along with the personnel that use them, Westover's new construction programs will insure the base's continued excellence in mission preparedness.



**ALL YEAR LONG CSG COULD BOAST:  
"IN VOLLEY BALL WE ARE THE MOST."  
BUT TWO GAMES TO NONE,  
NOW WING'S NUMBER ONE,  
FOR CSG, A YEAR TO ROAST.**





**DANGEROUS DISPLAY . . . .** Some of the items recently picked up on the flight line are displayed in the Safety Office. Each one could cause damage if sucked into an aircraft's engine.

## JOC SPONSORS JUNIOR OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD

By 1 Lt. Charles Simoncini

Junior Officer Council President

The nomination phase of the Junior Officer of the Year competition is now underway. The more meaningful award selection criteria and process have been published and distributed to all unit commanders.

This year's recipient will receive a number of accolades in recognition of the achievement. In addition to the traditional plaque presented at the Officers' Dining Out, an appropriate gift, not to exceed a value of \$50.00, will be given. Written notification of the award will also be furnished to the winner's supervisor for mention in the next Officer Efficiency Report.

The Junior Officer of the Year will be selected from three finalists screened by the Council from the submitted nominations. Each unit commander may submit one nominee to General Knowles' office by Sept. 11. Officers will be considered on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Job performance as a reservist.
2. Leadership qualities.
3. Civilian accomplishments.

General Knowles has stated, "The Junior Officer of the Year will be recognized as the outstanding performer of the Wing in many ways. The winner will be expected to demonstrate all that is outstanding in the 439th and be the Wing representative at various functions. To-

gether with the Airman of the Year, the Junior Officer of the Year exemplifies the spirit that made us Number One."

## Career Management Program Underway

DENVER (AFNS)—The Air Reserve Personnel Center (ARPC) began an airman career management program for senior noncommissioned officers (NCO) in the Air Force Reserve Aug. 1.

Brig. Gen. James E. Dalton, ARPC commander, said the program is designed to help commanders assign highly qualified personnel and give the individual NCO better service and career visibility.

The program is open to the top three enlisted grades assigned in or who seek assignments to training/pay categories A, B and D.

The program will involve some 5,000 ready reservists and will be operated similarly to the current officer career management program.

Under the new concept, almost all assignments will be coordinated with the airman career management teams. The exception will be intra-unit assignments involving no change in control Air Force specialty code or grade and Air Reserve technicians.

Teams will provide commanders with

eligibility and quality reviews of candidates assigned to units. Quality review criteria will include: rank, specialty code, airman qualification examination (AQE) scores, assignment and duty history, technical training, and professional military education. Also included will be security clearance, civilian occupation, awards and decorations, available airman proficiency reports and reserve participation record.

Reserve officials say additional details are available from career management NCOs at ARPC/DPRAA, 3800 York St., Denver, Colo. 80205. Autovon: 555-6751; toll free 800 525-4836; or the commercial line 825-1161, Ext. 6751.

Recently, a C-130 T-56 engine, worth \$130,000, was found during run-up to have bent compressor blades requiring extensive repairs. Suspected cause: material on the ground sucked into the engine.

Nuts. Bolts. Wires. Chains. Nails. Washers. Cotter pins. Paper clips. Springs. These are merely some of the metallic garbage picked up during recent sweeps of Westover's ramps and taxiways.

Maj. Gale H. French, flying safety officer, gives two reasons why increased concern about foreign object damage (FOD) is needed now. "The vacuum sweeper is the best tool we have on the flightline to pick up debris. But it's in the depot for repair. Without it our cleanup task is more difficult.

"Another problem," says the major, "is that military vans are driven on the flightline during the summer with back doors open for increased ventilation. Small, easily airborne items fall out of the back and onto the normally spic-and-span ramps. We're asking everyone to police up these items from their vehicles.

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The next PATRIOT will feature second week of encampment activities including the NCO/Airmen Dining-Out



# Air Power Takes A Different Form

Miracles come in all shapes and sizes. Occasionally, they come in an Air Force uniform and air power becomes people power.

On August 19, a delegation from Westover visited Newington's (Conn.) Children's Hospital. As in past years the reservists brought hot dogs, hamburgers and other refreshments. They visited some 65 patients, 20 parents and 15 staff members. As in past years, both children and airmen alike enjoyed the outing. But in one way this year was different.

Airman Kathleen M. Wood, a newly assigned 905th CAMS clerk, met and started talking to a 19 year old patient, Nancy, who had been in an auto accident in June 1975, and was later transferred to the Connecticut facility. Their chat became a long and personal conversation.

Usually not a unique achievement. However, since Nancy's arrival five months ago Newington's doctors were unable to carry on any type of extended communication with the severely depressed patient. Kathy did.

Airman Wood broke through the isolation by talking about the service.

"She asked me how I liked the Air Force. So I told her about 'basic,' the people, everything. I also told her about the military's medical field," recalls the reservist. "You see, she wants to work with children—like those at Newington."

The reservist enlisted with a girlfriend last October after deciding that college wasn't for her. She returned from basic and Tech School at Keesler AFB last May.

Kathy Wood, just by being herself with a 19 year-old girl from New Jersey, made the difference. And yet she is no different or more talented than other reservists who have spent a few hours with those less fortunate.

Now, in addition to a new friend and memories of an enjoyable afternoon, Nancy has an interest in a possible career—the Air Force medical field. "This gives me something to look forward to when I get better."



**A BURNING ISSUE . . .** Reserve firefighters move in on a practice JP-4 jet fuel fire during the encampment while a P-2 crash truck lays down a blanket of foam. Training prepares firemen for effective action in case of an aircraft crash and fire.

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