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439th Takes AFRES Awards (Part II)

The 439th TAW and its members received more recognition in AFRES-wide and 14th Air Force competition. The praise is in addition to the previously announced awards received in the 14th AF contest. (See March, 1977 *Patriot*.)

The wing now boasts the "Outstanding (Aircraft) Maintenance Unit" in all of the Air Force Reserve. The award honors the 901st and 905th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadrons (CAM) at Westover and the 914th CAMS at Niagara Falls.

The USAF Reserve (USAFR) gave its "Bicentennial Award" to the 439th CSG. Maj. Gen. William Lyon, chief of the Air Force Reserve, presented Col. J. Frank Moore, 439 CSG commander, with a plaque at a Reserve Commanders' Conference in Washington, D.C., February 25. He praised the "wide range of promotional activities including a beauty pageant, constructing a Bicentennial float and hosting a Bicentennial open house attended by more than 20,000 people."

The award also went to the 94th TAW at Dobbins AFB, Ga.

The wing also gets AFRES' Community Service Award, for its year-long Bicentennial

and community service events at Westover and Niagara. The unit's presentation, describing its efforts, was forwarded to the Secretary of the Air Force for competition against active duty units.

Individual achievement has been rewarded too. 14th AF (R) "Information Specialist of the Year," SSgt. Marshall Hathaway, 439th CSG Information Office, now holds the AFRES title. Sergeant Hathaway is a Navy veteran and a 439th member since 1975. As Chief Photographer of Holyoke's Transcript-Telegram, he has effectively combined civilian and military positions and provided a great deal of excellent news coverage on the 439th in the

paper. Sergeant Hathaway was also cited for his many contributions to the base's community service activities and coordination of special events involving the community and Westover.

Other 14th AF (R) awards have also been announced. SSgt. Armand P. Tourangeau was named the 14th's Runner-Up in the AFRES Personnel Technician of the Year competition. Capt. David W. Barnard was chosen the 14th's Junior Personnel Manager Runner-Up.

The results of other award committee findings are still pending. Like last month, wait for next month's *Patriot* for possible additional 439th recognition.

Reserve Medical Benefits Clarified

Reservists may receive routine medical and dental care at the 439th Tac Hospital only during a tour of active duty, according to Col. Alan Fleckner, M.D., hospital commander. While on inactive duty training, such as UTAs, a reservist may receive treatment because of an injury incurred on duty. Medical care necessary due to injuries received traveling to or from these inactive duty periods is not authorized. Those seeking more information may contact MSgt. George Copeland at the 439th Tactical Hospital or call him at extension 3565.



THE LAST HURRAH—Westover's award-winning float starts its way on the St. Patrick's Day Parade route. (Story and other photos on page 5.)



Base Commander's Message

by Lt. Col. J. Frank Moore

As the trees begin to bud and the fields turn green, we, in a way, view the parable of birth and development of mankind. The similarities between nature's yearly abundance and mankind's development are numerous.

Rain and sunshine produce a substantial yield due to nature's time schedule and planning. Nature, therefore, is a manager of resources. Along with the finishing touches of outside assistance of cultivation and fertilization, it fine tunes each plant, each living organism to produce the best possible yield.

We too need outside assistance to develop ourselves as individuals and as managers of our precious resources. To do this as reservists, we must take full advantage of every opportunity to learn, grow and accomplish our mission.

We should welcome the upcoming Management Effectiveness Inspection (MEI) as one such way. It identifies our strengths and weaknesses as managers of others and of materials. An MEI measures our efficiency and ability to fulfill our vital assignments.

Nature, after a severe winter, will unfold a rich bounty. Our test will be the MEI. I'm confident that each of us will weather this storm and make the inspection the most successful ever.

1977 UTA Encampment Schedule

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| Apr 16-17 | Sep *16, 17, 18 |
| May 14-15 | Oct 15-16 |
| June 11-12 | Nov 19-20 |
| Jul 16-17 | Dec 10-11 |
| Aug *12-13 | |

Aug 14-28 Encampment
*Friday evening

439 Welcomes New Unit to Family

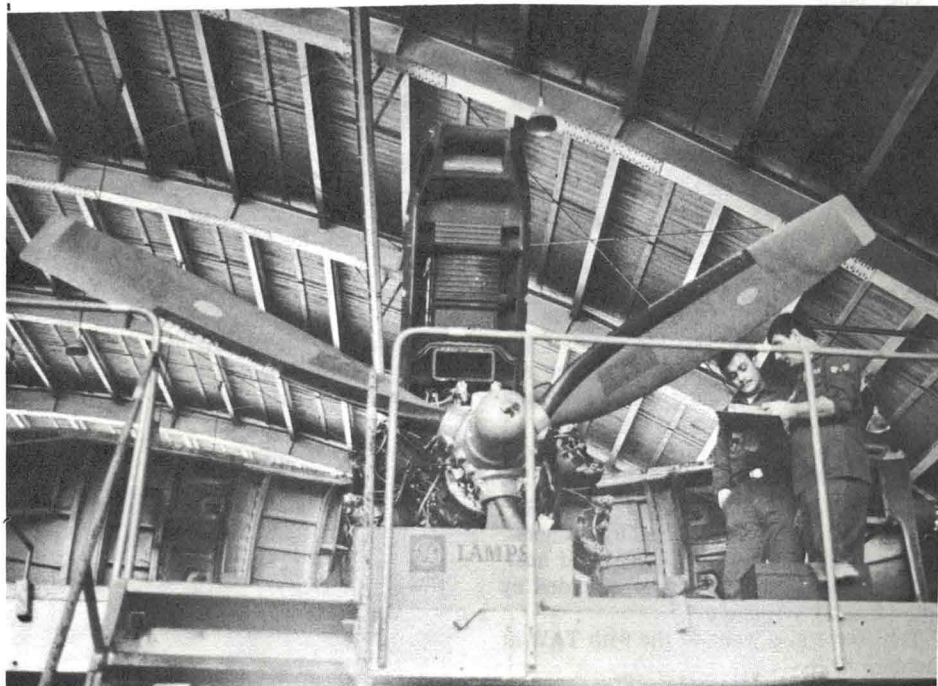
Duplicating the function of a complete supply depot, but in "micro" size, are 21 officers and 40 airmen assigned to the 2d Air Logistics Center Augmentation Squadron (2ALC) at Fort Drum, New York.

The unit, one of only five in the United States, was recently assigned to the 439th Tactical Airlift Wing. It boasts a full support mission, comparable in scope, if not in size, to that of the 439th Combat Support Group, in addition to its mission portion, which is the material management section of a depot function.

Commanded by Lt. Col. Timothy J.

Downs, Jr., the 2ALC trains to be ready should it be called on to replace or augment a depot in a national emergency. Capt. Robert K. Steindl, the unit's supplies management officer, has just completed his annual tour with the 439th's Base Supply, upgrading his capability to keep current in supplies management.

During a recent visit to Fort Drum, the 439th's team was told that even though they've been with the 439th for only three months, their personnel have received more support from us than any other unit in their 14 years of existence.



DOING IT BY THE BOOK were Amn. Bob Hughes, left, and Sgt. Paul Chappelle, both of the 901st CAMS. They were working on a C-123 engine in the base hangar during March's UTA.

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BRIEFS

Maj. Joseph F. Hellauer, Jr. is the new base executive officer. He replaces Col. Gordon Partridge, who was promoted out of the position. With Major Hellauer's vacancy at the 905th Communications Flight, Capt. Alvin J. Burge has assumed command. The new Wing Executive Officer is Capt. Barry Monahan. He replaces Maj. Wayne Markison, who is the new Commander of the 905 Mobility Support Flight. Captain Monahan's position of Wing Headquarters Squadron Commander is now held by Capt. Charles Simoncini.

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More than 2,500 Boy Scouts are coming to Westover. They'll camp out on the base during "Horizons 77" on the weekend of April 29 to May 1. Hundreds of parents and friends are expected to tour the "tent city" as well.

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The 29th Air Force Association (AFA) Massachusetts State Convention will be held on April 15 and 16 at the Highpoint Motor Inn, Chicopee. Brig. Gen. Billy Knowles, 439 TAW commander, is the guest speaker at the Saturday luncheon. Gerald Hasler, chairman of the AFA board, is slated to address the gathering that evening. Contact Andrew Trushaw at (413) 584-5327 for more information and tickets.

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WE SHARE THE GRIEF of the family of Eric Ward, 47. The night manager of the Open Mess passed away on Feb. 28.

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OUR MISTAKE . . . Last month's Patriot story on 439 TAW unit summer encampment destinations inadvertently omitted the 905th Communications Flight. Thirty of its members will train with the 2046 Communications Group at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio between August 14 and 28. Apologies for the oversight and "bon voyage."

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FLYING HIGH . . . 2d Lt. Michael Rosen, wing ground safety officer, leaves for Lackland AFB, Texas, on May 11 to begin the Flight Screening Program and T-41 training. Later, he'll go to Craig AFB, Ala., for Undergraduate Pilot Training. He's a 1975 Reserve Officer Training Corps graduate of Norwich University. The Winchendon, Mass. native completed Palace Option duty with Mr. Roy McCord, wing executive officer. Lieutenant Rosen's appointment caps his desire for flying status he has had since he was nine years old.



Wing Commander's

Message

By Brig. Gen. Billy M. Knowles

Prior to 1958, all attempts to maintain a good solid Air Force Reserve failed. Having been a member in those days, I can assure you that failure was complete; no defined mission statements, inadequate facilities, inadequate funding, inadequate or meaningless training, etc., etc. The chief contributing factor was a management structure that didn't understand the "citizen soldier."

But that all changed when a principle of "Reserve Management By Reserves" was adopted. Gradually, missions were defined; facilities, funding, and training were provided. By now, the Air Force Reserve is often cited for its readiness and responsiveness. Today, there is a total force policy and real reliance upon Reserve Forces within that total pace.

We might tend to forget, with the passage of time, the immense importance played by the adoption of the principle—"Reserve Management By Reserves".

Study Group Canvasses Base

by Sgt. Lou Groccia

How credible is America's military reserve structure to the nation's defense?

President Jimmy Carter asked his aides this soon after taking the oath of office.

He wanted an in-depth analysis of the question answered by the Department of Defense (DoD) as soon as possible.

Gen. David C. Jones, USAF chief of staff, observing that the DoD study hadn't started looking at individual bases yet, decided to complement the investigation with an Air Force-instituted study.

He directed an Air Staff study group, called "Corona Total," to put the entire Air Force Reserve structure under a microscope.

Westover AFB was scrutinized under that microscope during March's UTA by eight members of the "Corona Total" team.

Whether at AFRE (The Pentagon), Hq. AFRES (Robins AFB), 14 AF(R) (Dobbins AFB) or in field units—the reserves manage themselves.

To do that, there are those on four-year tours under USC Title 10, Section 265; these are responsible reservists (sometimes called "Pure Reservists") and Air Reserve Technicians. This conglomerate provides the necessary balance of full-time and part-time mix; but ALL are reservists. For example, of the 31 units within this wing at Westover, Niagara and Fort Drum, only 5 units are commanded by full-time reservists or ARTs while manning three numbered Air Forces are predominately full-time Reserves. You can see organizational requirements dictate the mix.

As we reflect on the sum of the parts that constitute the Air Force Reserve, never lose perspective. Resist losing sight of the principle that fosters the success we enjoy. Any divisiveness between the elements that comprise the Reserve community will only tend to weaken or provide fertile grounds for retrogression. No Air Reserve Technician should ever forget two very fundamental truths—the ART is first and foremost a Reservist and exists ONLY to support and train Reservists. No "pure" or part-time Reservist should ever forget his or her commitment to train seriously or to assume assigned management responsibilities.

Collectively, we must never forget the importance of each higher echelon of command and their never ending support for one's efforts. Times change. Requirements change. As long as we demonstrate readiness and efficiency, the principle of Reserve Management By Reserves will prevail.

"We're here to insure that the USAF Reserve stays as good as they are," said Lt. Col. Paul Kimminau, head of the Westover team.

"General Jones realizes that the Air Guard and Air Reserve are head and shoulders above the other military reserve outfits. He wants to make sure we stay as strong as we are.

"We're also visiting bases to help erase soft spots that sometimes creep into organizations, no matter how good they are. Units are always changing and our job is to make sure those changes are for the good."

How did Westover fare during their visit?

"In my opinion, Westover is just a super outfit. It really is excellent. I hope my feelings about the base get into the report our group will be making to the Chief of Staff," was the word from Colonel Kimminau.

Keeping Abreast of Your Ribbons

by TSgt. Tom Brucia

There are a variety of ways to wear one's ribbons: upside down, backwards, on the wrong uniform, not at all. . . .

And then there's the right way.

What uniform? Well, always on class A blues, never on flight and utility uniforms, and optionally on all other combinations.

What order? A wall chart in the CBPO customer service center (technically Air Force Visual Aid 900-2) shows what each ribbon looks like and what order it should follow in relation to other ribbons. Just walk in and take a look.

Special reserve ribbons? There are two uniquely Reserve ribbons: the Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Award (ARFMSA), and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal (AFRM).

The ARFMSA is granted for three continuous years of exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity while serving as an en-

listed person in The Reserve. The AFRM is awarded for 10 years satisfactory service (within a 12 year period) in The Reserve. The specific recommendation of one's commander is required for both. He notifies a person of his selection.

Longevity ribbon for reservists? The latest revision of AFR 900-48 (Oct. 29, 1976) allows reservists, as well as active duty people, to earn the Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon (AFLSAR) for each four years of satisfactory participation as a reservist. The AFLSAR is automatically given, without specific recommendation.

What do oak leaves mean? The bronze oak leaf cluster is added upon the second or subsequent award of a ribbon already earned. Five oak leaf clusters equal a silver oak leaf cluster.

Which way do the oak leaves go? The oak leaf cluster is worn with the smallest portion (the end with the berries) pointing

towards the center of the chest.

What about the "V" on a ribbon? The V-device, signifying valor, is worn in the center of the ribbon. When worn with an oak leaf cluster, the V-device is always nearer the center of the chest.

Should an officer check his ribbons before having an official photo taken? Yes. After pictures are taken, the personnel people check them for ribbon compliance (among other things). Persons with ribbon mistakes will be sent back to the photo lab to "try, try again."

Who should I check with to find out what ribbons I'm entitled to? The CBPO Records Section can provide information and answer questions. Ask for TSgt. Ann Daugherty or Sgt. Faith Longfield. (A tip: Phone ahead for an appointment to be sure you won't have to wait. If you do "drop in," the best time is Sunday afternoon of a UTA.)



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MSgt. John Nagy
TSgt. Edward J. Anderson
TSgt. William R. Brewster
TSgt. Russell E. Konold
TSgt. Donald H. Kosakowski
TSgt. Dennis C. McGrevey
TSgt. Michael C. Riley
TSgt. Leroy T. Rose
SSgt. Donald E. Burroughs
SSgt. David L. Echols
SSgt. Stanley G. Lasko
SSgt. Thomas D. Shaw Jr.
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SrA Arthur S. Girard
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A1C Walter Roy Dixon
A1C Chester R. Shattuck
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AB Nataleau Andrews
AB Mark J. Bryant
AB Michael David Cohen
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AB Carol E. Firestone
AB Sheila M. Gallop
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AB April J. Jones
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Sgt. Bruce R. Carriere
Sgt. John A. Duke
Sgt. Frederick F. Flynn Jr.
Sgt. Thomas R. Nadeau
Sgt. Kenneth J. Scolaro
Sgt. Geoffrey P. Whittum
A1C Diane A. Sutherland
Amn. Donald C. Lambert

439 Tactical Airlift Wing Vacancies

The Wing has the following vacancies. Any member interested should contact MSgt. Mary Paradise in the CBPO or call X3037 for information. Cross-Training under AFRES Regulation 39-4 will be authorized if member is qualified.

| AFSC/No. | TITLE | AUTH GRADE |
|----------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 20450/1 | Intelligence Oprs Spec | SSgt. |
| 29353/1 | Radio Operator | SSgt. |
| 55253/1 | Masonry Spec | Sgt. |
| 55330/1 | Apr Site Developer | A1C |
| 55350/1 | Site Development Spec | SSgt. |
| 55530/2 | Programs & Work Cont Spec | SSgt. |
| 571X0/33 | Fire Protection Spec | A1C/Sgt./SSgt. |
| 605X1/53 | Air Cargo Spec | A1C/Sgt./SSgt. |
| 621X0/4 | Baker | A1C/Sgt. |
| 622X0/7 | Cook | A1C/Sgt. |
| 63130/4 | Apr Fuel Spec | A1C |
| 65170/1 | Procurement Supv | MSgt. |
| 811X0/3 | Security Spec | A1C/SSgt. |
| 90650/2 | Med Admin Spec | SSgt. |
| 91550/1 | Medical Mat Spec | SSgt. |

Trophy Winner

Westover Units Seen, Admired and Awarded at St. Patrick's Day Parade

Personnel from Westover AFB provided one of the largest contingents participating in the annual Holyoke (Mass.) St. Patrick's Day Parade held on March 20 for the enjoyment of 150,000 viewers along the line and many thousands more who watched it on TV.

Project officer Maj. Marvin Proctor was rightfully proud of the base's impressive contribution to the parade.

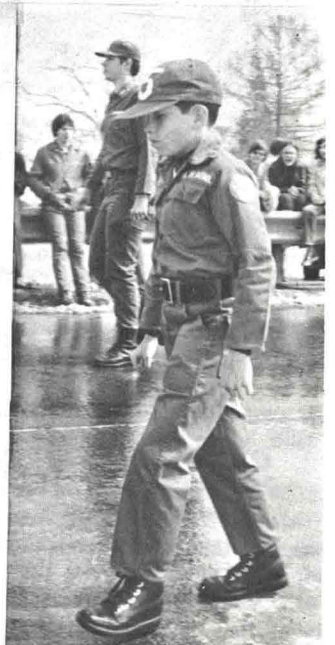
When the marchers stepped off promptly at 12:30 p.m., they already knew that Westover's float, driven once again by SSgt. David Echols, had won a third-place

trophy for its entry in the Patriotic Division. Waving to many friends along the way were nine reservists depicting various occupations of the 439th Tactical Airlift Wing and its units, and displaying the slogan, Peace Through Readiness.

A Security Police cruiser and the Recruiters' color guard heralded the approach of 150 men and women from the 58APS, 74 AES, 905CFlt and the 439CSG, led by their Troop Commander, Col. Gordon Partridge. They were followed by the CAP color guard and 75 cadets from the Ludlow, Westfield, Westover and West Springfield Squadrons.

Appearing with other area firefighters, but well identified as part of Westover's group, were members of the base Fire Department, including their three-man color guard and 12 other firefighters. Always a crowd pleaser, a P-4 combination crash and structural fire fighting vehicle was displayed along the line of march.

A long day, but one enjoyed mutually by the participants who knew they were putting Westover and The Reserves "on the map", and by the spectators associated with the base who could say with pride, "That's my organization."



Inquiring Photographer

There are two classes of people: those who are never doing anything, and those who are always doing something. Reservists fall into the latter group, if responses to the following question are any measure.

"What would you be doing if this were an average weekend and you weren't on UTA?"



Sgt. Alan Rogers, aircraft mechanic with the 439th Field Maintenance Squadron repair and reclamation shop. "I'd be working around the house or riding my motorcycle. I've got a 360 Honda. I put on 61 miles two weeks ago. My wife goes along; she rides on back."

SSgt. David Henry, an air reserve technician with the 439th Field Maintenance Squadron aerospace ground equipment section, ground power support. "I go bowling Friday nights. I don't like Friday night UTAs. I'm also involved in youth activities with a local church. Last weekend I took some kids to the Boston Aquarium."



Sgt. Lawrence Clairmont, 439th Civil Engineering Division pavements and grounds. "I'd be working around the house. Maybe having a can of beer, but mainly fixing up. Cleaning storm windows and getting ready to put up screening. Trout fishings coming up in April, too. I've been fishing about 25 years: walleye, pickerel, bass, trout. I fish in Saratoga Lake. I live about six miles from there."

Amn. Wilson St. Julien, Jr., 901st Firefighter. "I'd be watching basketball this afternoon if I weren't here. My wife doesn't mind. She loves basketball. She got into that in high school. But she hates football."



SSgt. David J. Pacheco, training administrator, 901st Mobility Support Flight. "I work in radio so I sometimes go in and do some production work, goof off, and relax. I work at a student station; I'm the Public Affairs Director for WMUA at the University of Massachusetts. I'm a communications studies major there; I'd probably be studying, too."

MSgt. Thomas F. Koerber, NCOIC of nursing services, 439th Tactical Hospital. "I'd probably be working. I'm a shift leader in a chemical lab. We work a six and two schedule so I only get a weekend off every seven or eight weeks. When I am off I play golf and I'm a lodge member. The wife and I camp, too."



Morningstars Shine Brightly

Fred and Joan Morningstar, Staff Sergeant and Sergeant respectively, with the 439th TAW, won first prize as the best dressed military couple at a Military Ball held January 22 sponsored by the North Brookfield (Mass.) Veterans' of Foreign Wars (V.F.W.).

Area people from every branch of the service, whether active, reserve, or retired, were welcomed to attend the organization's annual military ball.

The Morningstars gave their \$25 first prize to the North Brookfield V.F.W.'s Children's Christmas Fund.

SSgt. Fred Morningstar, who is an administrative specialist, 439th CSG, works at Base Operations. He has almost 10 years of active duty training with the Air Force and Navy, and with Air Force Reserve. Sgt. Joan Morningstar is also an administrative specialist, assigned to the 901st CAMS. She completed two years Air Force active duty and one year reserve service, both at Westover.

'Laurence G.' Dropped From Name of Hanscom AFB

HANSCOM AFB, Mass. (AFNS)—The Air Force has formally dropped the "Laurence G." prefix from the name of Hanscom Air Force Base.

The Air Force has operated the airfield under a long-term agreement with the Massachusetts Port Authority (MPA) and originally shared the name "Laurence G. Hanscom Field" with the MPA.

In 1973, the Air Force ceased flying activities and turned operation of the runways back to MPA. The civilian area became Hanscom Field. The name Laurence G. Hanscom Air Force Base was applied to the 1,300 acres of federal property bordering the Hanscom Field in the towns of Bedford, Concord, Lexington and Lincoln.

Hanscom Air Force Base is the "home" of the Air Force Electronic Systems Division, charged with managing the development of command, control and communications systems throughout the free world.

State Tax Withholding to Start in July

(AFNS) The Air Force Accounting and Finance Center will begin withholding state income taxes from the pay of Air Force members in July of this year for states that have completed agreements with the U.S. Treasury. No state has yet

signed an agreement, but 28 states, including Massachusetts and Rhode Island, are negotiating with Treasury. The center will use each individual state's tax formula to compute the tax withheld from member's pay.

"Patches", the 731 TAS's C-123 with the fond name, will be the subject of an upcoming Patriot story. Anyone with information or personal recollections about the aircraft is cordially asked to contact the Information Office (ext. 2831, 2072) and help describe the plane's illustrious past.

New Benefit for Reservists

BX Takes Over Commissary Operations

Effective April 5, Westover's Base Exchange personnel took over the operation of the base commissary which was scheduled to close on March 31. The transfer agreement was reached between Westover, AFRES headquarters, Department of Defense and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service representatives.

Active duty and retired persons may continue to shop on base. Now, reservists

may also take advantage of the facility. Previously, they were permitted to use the commissary only during active duty for training periods—such as their annual two week training. Because the commissary is now a part of the exchange, all benefits previously afforded reservists in the exchange now apply at the commissary as well.

"The facility features the same items as before, and we're planning to introduce

new items such as paper and household products," explains Luis Merced, exchange manager. "It will still not carry fresh meats and produce, however."

Renamed "The Grocery," it will be housed in its present building until Sept. 1 when the building is scheduled to be closed. Then the main base exchange will complete modifications to accommodate its new offerings.

Westover Goes Hollywood

"... They're going to put me in the movies... they're going to make a big star out of me..."

A bevy of Westover workers sang this refrain after they aided in the making of a videotape during the March UTA. Once completed it will be made into a film and will be used by Air Force recruiters. They'll show it to prospective fire fighters at high schools, civilian fire departments and other gatherings when speaking about the Air Force.

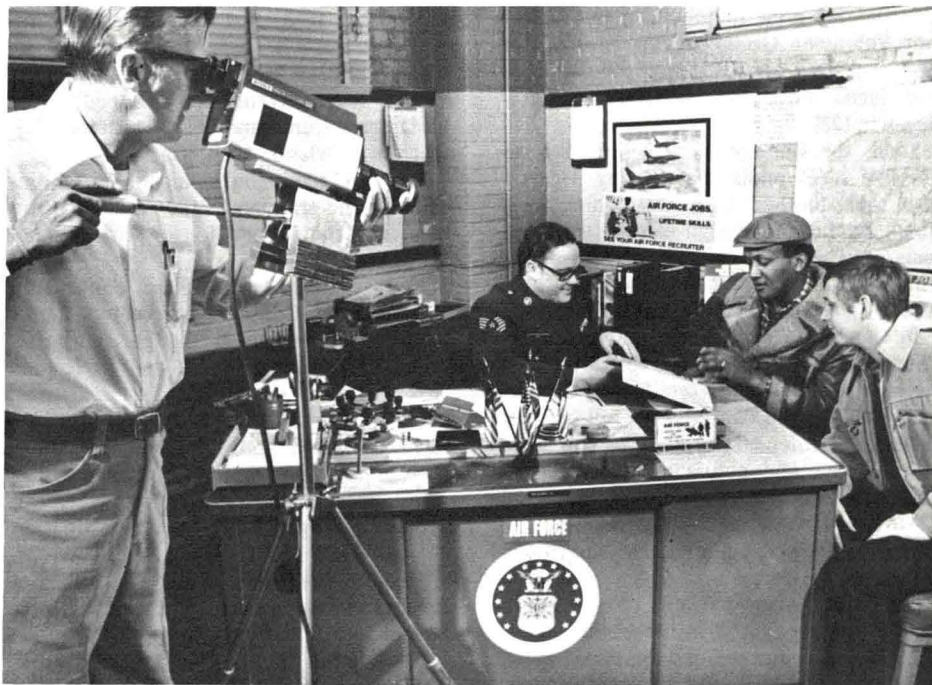
A special two-man crew from 14th Air Force (R) provided the equipment and expertise. They filmed highlights of the activities of reserve fire fighters during a UTA weekend. The different aspects of their work used the Westover actors. They included members of the 901st and 905th CE Flights, the base fire fighters and the 439 CSG fire department staff.

Four Westover people wrote the script for the movie and presented their ideas to the 14 AF for approval. They are Lt. Col. Maurice Bilodeau, 905th CEFlt commander; MSgt. Ira Simmons, training NCO; SMSgt. Anthony Palmieri; and Base Fire Chief Haskel Jenkins. The latter also voluntarily aided the crew for a number of days during the week.

The film also will be shot at Chanute AFB, Ill., where prospective fire fighters train for their specialty.

This is actually the second Westover production of its type. A ten-minute film, titled "Air Cargo," was produced last year and is in use currently. With the assistance of MSgt. Walter Harrold, Jr., Wing Executive Support Officer (Palace Option) Paul Vasquez directed that effort designed to facilitate the recruiting of aerial port personnel.

With TSgt. Louis H. Nagel, MAC technical advisor for the 58APS, handling the script, the cargo work was actually filmed at Dover AFB, Del., but with the exception of the 14AF(R) color support, was totally performed by base personnel.



LIGHTS-CAMERA-ACTION—Mr. William Hallahan, audio-visual production officer, 14AF(R), focuses in on the action of 439th recruiter TSgt. Bill Rose's efforts to interest Wilson St. Julien of Springfield and Wade Tate of Pittsfield to sign up as fire-fighters with the 901CEFlt. They did. The filming was a segment of a Westover-produced color video tape to be used in recruiting reserve firefighters.

New IG Named

Col. Donald A. Carlson, 439 TAW deputy commander for maintenance, is the new Wing Inspector and Wing Complaints Officer (IG) for the 439 TAW and its units. He relieved Lt. Col. Harry Judd as of March 7.

Colonel Carlson may be reached at extension 3076 or may be seen at Hangar 7 during UTA weekends. In his absence, Maj. Clarence E. Smith, Jr., 439 TAW as-

sistant deputy commander for resources management, can be contacted at Bldg. 1100 or by calling extension 3810.

Procedure for initiating a complaint or grievance is to first contact your unit complaints officer (as posted on unit bulletin boards.) Then, if your complaint or grievance is not amended, you may contact the IG.

14th AF: Serving Since '43

(Editor's note: Our thanks to the 913 TAG Information staff for their permission to excerpt material from the 913th Alerter.)

On Oct. 8, 1976, the Eastern Air Force Region was deactivated, ending a seven-year era of Reserve management which divided the country into three areas. In its place is the 14th Air Force (Reserve). Although presently functioning for only six months, the 14th brings to AFRES a varied and distinguished history started prior to World War II.

It was 1937 when Army pilot, Capt. Clair Lee Chennault, resigned his commission and became the military advisor to the Chinese in their war against invading Japan. Three years later, the 100 previously obsolescent P-40Bs, and 100 volunteer pilots and 200 crew members of the American Volunteer Group (AVG) became the first organized air resistance the Japanese had faced since the Sino-Japanese War began in 1937.

Soon, the Chinese were calling the aggressive AVG pilots the "Flying Tigers." The saber-toothed tiger was China's national symbol and a sign of evil to the Japanese. The AVG quickly accepted the Chinese name as a compliment and the Flying Tiger became their symbol.

In the first half of 1941, under Colonel Chennault's guidance, they piled up the astonishing total of 297 confirmed air victories, claiming a conservative toll of 1,500 Japanese airmen. They lost less than 50 of the P-40s and only nine pilots for an amazing kill ratio of 12 to one.

After America's entry into the War, the Flying Tigers became an active unit of the U.S. Army Air Corps.

The U.S. Army's China Task Force (CATF) was activated in battle on July 4, 1942. It was composed of 34 battered P-40s (most from the AVG) and seven B-25 Mitchell bombers. It was commanded by newly recommissioned Brig. Gen. Chennault and assigned to the Tenth Air Force.

The CATF continued the Flying Tiger tradition as a guerilla Air Force whose unorthodox methods and tactics baffled and frustrated the enemy. The CATF hit and ran "evaporated" into China's tremendous expanse.

This handful of men and planes held its own until reinforcements, including two squadrons of B-25 Mitchell medium bombers and the 308th Bombardment Group's B-24 Liberators, made possible its expansion into the 14th Air Force on March 10, 1943.

During 1943, the 14th's 188 fighters, 51 heavy bombers and 23 medium bombers confirmed more than 351 kills of Japanese planes, losing only 68 of their own.

In September, 1943, the 14th began skip-

bombing Japanese cargo vessels in the South China Sea and Formosa Straits. The planes would roar in at mast height and release their bombs to skip across the surface of the water. In three months, such low-level attacks sunk 125,000 tons of shipping.

Despite the fact that Japan threw some of its best pilots into this offensive, the 14th established an extraordinary combat ratio of 7.7 enemy planes destroyed for each American plane lost.

After four years of wartime operations, the Flying Tigers had destroyed 2,300 enemy aircraft, with another 775 probables. In air-to-air combat, it racked up an astonishing 1,238 kills.

Fourteenth Air Force personnel returned to the U.S. in December 1945 and January 1946. Their unit was deactivated on Jan. 6, 1946—just two days after returning to the U.S.

Then on May 24, 1946 (only four months later) it was activated and assigned to the Air Defense Command (ADC) with its headquarters at Orlando AFB, Fla.

The ADC's mission included the administration and training of the Air Force Reserve and the supervision of Air National Guard training.

On December 1, 1948, the Continental Air Command (CONAC) was created. Under it, the 14th remained in the southeast. Later, its headquarters moved to Robins AFB, Ga.

During the Korean War, the 14th Air Force remained stateside, but sent thousands of its trained reservists into action.

In June 1957, the 14th AF was given the secondary responsibility for coordination of local, state and federal agencies within its geographical area which possessed a search and rescue capability. Their efforts were to save more than 675 persons.

A year later, the 14th AF assumed jurisdiction over the Air Reserve Forces within a 22 state area covering the eastern United States. On Sept. 1, 1960, it was again deactivated until April 1, 1966 when the Air Defense Command was reorganized.



This time, the 14th AF, headquartered at Gunter AFB, Ala., was in charge of two air divisions controlling 23 air defense squadrons.

On July 1, 1968, it was deactivated. At the same time, the 9th Aerospace Defense Division, headquartered at ENT AFB, Colo., was designated the 14th Aerospace Force. It became the world's first command dedicated to space surveillance and tracking.

Until Oct. 1, 1976, it watched space for more than 20 units to detect any threat from missiles or earth-orbiting satellites and tracked and identified all man-made objects orbiting the earth.

As a result of Aerospace Defense Command reorganization, the 14th Aerospace Force was deactivated on Oct. 1, 1976.

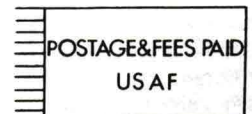
A week later it was given its present assignment.

Now, the 14th Air Force manages all Reserve airlift resources within much of the active duty area of authority of the Military Airlift Command's 21st Air Force. This functional alignment will allow Reserve managers and their active duty counterparts to work more closely than ever before in maintaining and managing the Total Force airlift fleet.

The 14th Air Force encompasses five Reserve bases, 31 Reserve flying units and 49 other Reserve support organizations accounting for more than 18,500 paid Reserve positions. Upon mobilization, these resources will be under 21st Air Force command.

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