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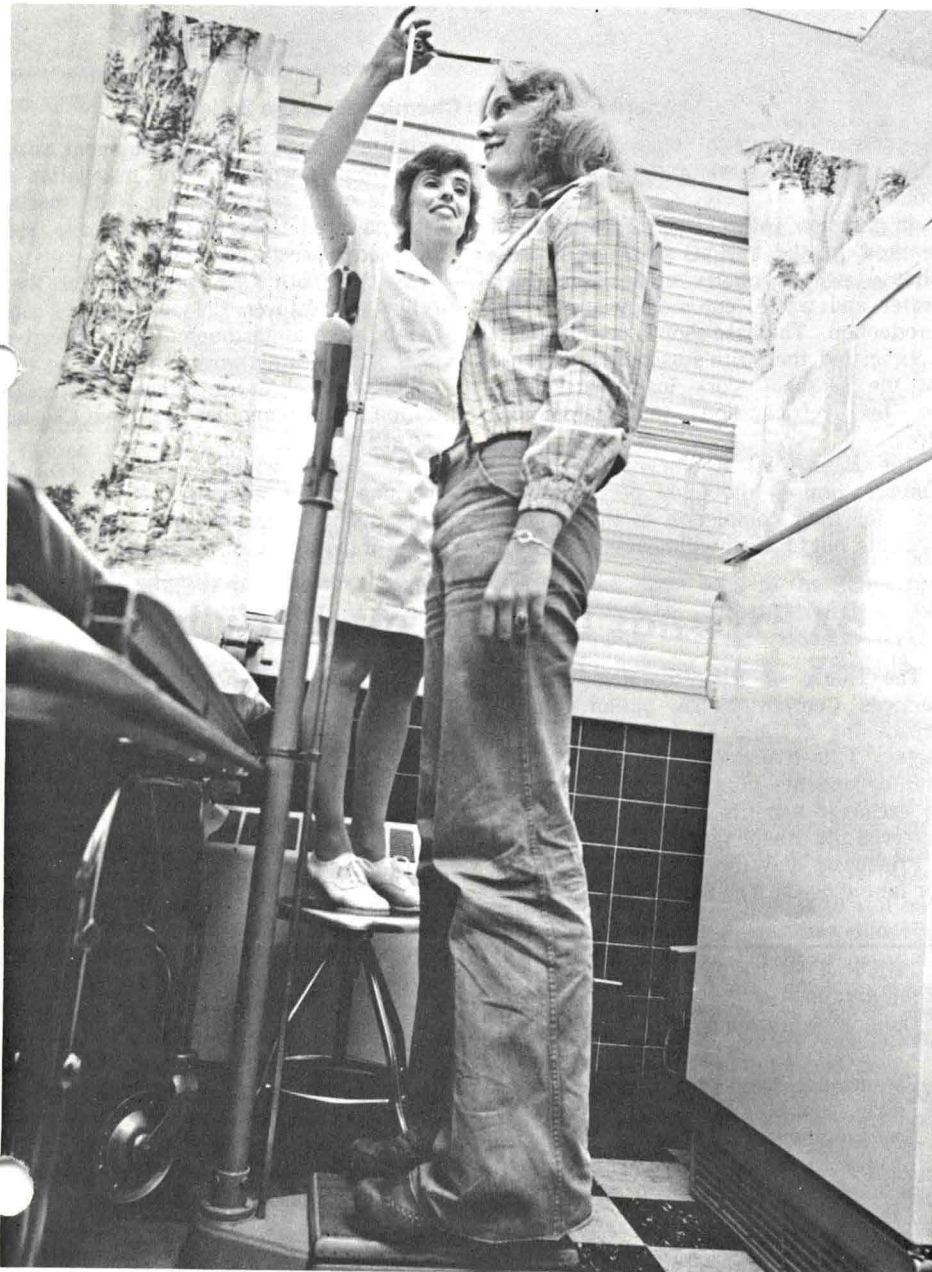


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STRETCH SrA Louise Young, left, 439 Tac. Hosp. medical specialist technician, rises to the lofty task of measuring AB Suzanne Henderson, 6'2", assigned to the 439CSG Law Enforcement Section. (Story on page 3)

439th Combat Support Group Takes Top Honors

It's official. The 439th Combat Support Group, with its eight subordinate flights, has been selected to receive the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) award as the AFRES Outstanding Nonflying Reserve unit. Notification came on Sunday, June 12.

The selection process saw the three numbered Air Forces (Reserve) select their top units on a regional basis. AFRES Headquarters then picked the best, the 439th CSG.

Col. J. Frank Moore, 439th CSG commander, accepted the official recognition, on behalf of the unit, at the ROA convention in Seattle in July.

The unit was cited for its operation of Westover and its support for the base's active duty units. Also singled out were the significant accomplishments of its operational support, facilities management, and its disaster preparedness, recreation and community relations programs.

"This is just another tribute to all the people at Westover — the Reservists, ARTS and civilians. They put in a lot of hard work to get this award and they deserve it," said Colonel Moore. "What is more impressive, and makes this award an even greater honor, is the realization that we're AFRES' largest nonflying unit. Achieving a unit-wide outstanding level of performance is even that much more difficult."

GATE 22, south of Hangar 9, is now closed to all but military vehicular traffic. Gate 14, between the Base Hangar and Hangar 3, is the only gate now open for flightline access by civilian vehicles.

905th CEF Ends PRIME BEEF Tour



Dental Lab Addition

By Lt. Col. Gerard Pelletier

The 905th Civil Engineering Flight (CEF) under the command of Lt. Col. Fred J. Marek, completed its two week active duty-PRIME BEEF mission at Charleston AFB, S.C. on May 21.

The two major projects assigned to the unit were directed by Maj. Richard Cosgrove, PRIME BEEF manager, and SMSgt. Albert Aniello.

MSgt. William Roberts supervised the construction of a 1,000 square foot concrete addition to the base dental clinic. The other project was the erection of a 1,440 square foot "pre-fab" steel acid chemical storage building and the installation of



Acid Chemical Storage Building

heaters and electrical equipment. This effort was supervised by Sgt. Louis Rampolla.

In addition, other 905 CEF personnel worked in the various civil engineering shops, such as refrigeration, liquid fuel, water and waste, entomology and power production. The base shop superintendents appreciated the 905th's assistance because of the seasonal work load, particularly in the refrigeration and entomology areas.

The Base Civil Engineer, Col. F. G. Dupree, praised the flight personnel, not only for their completion of the assigned projects, but for their willingness to perform

extra tasks such as site development, roads and grounds work and the installation of outside electrical poles. The 905th specialists mastered tasks that would have been assigned to private contractors.

As the 905th CEF prepared for their return to Westover, Colonel Dupree's comments serve as testimony to the effectiveness of the team's work. "We will be very happy, Colonel Marek, to have your organization perform another mission at Charleston at any time."

The 905th personnel, in addition to learning while working, visited Charleston's many historical sites and watched some of the Miss U.S.A. Pageant festivities.

ANG and Reservists Face Mandatory ECI Course Exams

Denver, Colo. (AFNS) - Air National Guard members and Reservists who enroll in an extension course institute (ECI) course will be required to take the end-of-course examination before credits and points will be awarded.

Past procedure has allowed guardsmen or reservists an option to complete the volume review exercises (VRE) for retirement points only. The awarded points were reflected on their point summaries at year's end, but not on their personnel records unless they chose to take the examination.

Under the new procedure, no points will be awarded until the course examination has been satisfactorily completed. With the successful course examination, however, total points for completion will be higher than under the old system, since points are awarded for both VREs and the course examination.

BX Expands Dependents' Privileges

The House of Representatives Armed Services Committee has authorized the broadening of Base Exchange (BX) privileges. Effective immediately, the spouse and dependents of any reservist entitled to exchange benefits may accompany the reservist and use the facility.

Previously only the reservist could shop for family needs. The new policy allows for

the proper selection and fit of clothing and other items for dependents which was often difficult when the reservist shopped alone.

Dependent spouses must present appropriate identification such as driver's license, social security card, etc; however, identification for dependent children will not be required.

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Haneline Leaves For Panama

By TSgt. Thomas Brucia

Lt. Col. Roger D. Haneline has administered training for Moroccan Air Force people, served a two year tour in The Congo, ferried C-123s into and out of Southeast Asia during the war, and picked up C-123s as they came off the lines in Hagerstown, Md.

The fulltime active duty officer joined the 901st Tactical Airlift Group, Hanscom AFB, in November 1972 as the Air Force advisor on C-123s. When the 901st came to Westover, Colonel Haneline came along, becoming wing Air Force advisor when the 439th TAW formed.

In July he leaves the wing. Destination: the 1300th Military Airlift Squadron, Howard AFB, Panama.

"After the last ORI, what's left to do here? No one questions we're number one in the Air Force," he says, "The challenge of this job has been overtaken by the increased proficiency of the people flying the C-123s."

The colonel's connections with Westover will not end when he goes to the Canal Zone. As squadron chief of operations here, he will be receiving C-130 rotational missions of the 439th in Panama. "It will be an interesting job," he says with a grin.

Colonel Haneline's long association with the C-123 spans 17 years of his 24 year career.

In April, he helped ferry six ski-equipped J-models to Korea under Peace Topaz. The routing, naturally enough, was through Alaska.

But since August 1957, when Colonel Haneline first began flying C-123s, he has held a variety of interesting assignments. Sent to Morocco in the early '60s as a C-119 instructor for Moroccan Air Force personnel, he promptly became Operations Officer for the Military Assistance and Advisory Group (MAAG). He was in charge of providing the Moroccans with English language instruction, managing American technical representatives sent to service HH-43 helicopters the U.S. had supplied the Moroccans, and recommending Moroccan Air Force students for advanced training in the U.S.—among other things!

While in Morocco, that nation decided to replace its force of Russian MIGs with 12 American F-5s. Colonel Haneline recalls some of the problems of that move. "The F-5s didn't have any Automatic Direction Finding (ADF) equipment. We had about getting the aircraft equipped with the system, and Air Force said it could be done—at \$100,000 each or \$1.2 million. The F-5s could handle TACAN, though, so we arranged for several TACAN stations to be installed instead. We were able to do that for only \$750,000."



LOAD AWAY Lt. Col. Roger D. Haneline, left, Air Force Advisor, checks cargo door controls as Capt. James E. Pickett, C123 pilot, verifies that the ramp and cargo mechanism is functioning properly.

After Morocco, Colonel Haneline served with the Air Commandos at England AFB, La., supporting training of Special Forces troops from Ft. Bragg, N.C., and other U.S. Army installations. There he became involved in 1967 in ferrying C-123Ks to Clark AB, Philippines, where he and his colleagues would pick up the older B models and take them back to the States for modifications. The trip involved a lot of island hopping: Hawaii, Midway, Wake, Guam, Philippines, Guam, Wake, Midway, Hawaii.

While Colonel Haneline was at England AFB, the Air Force was looking for the right man to serve as Chief of Support Services to the MAAG in The Congo: French language qualified, with C-123 experience, current as a flight examiner, and with previous MAAG experience. When the computer went to work on the task, it spit out one single card. On it was the colonel's name. His wife found out before he did. He recalls talking with her: "She said, 'Well, we're ready to go!' I said, 'Go where?' She said, 'To the Congo!'" They spent three years in The Congo—and had a great tour.

The colonel was in The Congo at the height of the Vietnam War. "I came out expecting to go directly to Vietnam to complete my tour—I spent 174 days in Vietnam in 1962 TDY from Pope AFB. They sent me to Korea for a year instead." From there to Hanscom, from Hanscom to Westover, and now from Westover to Panama.

Colonel Haneline didn't realize how much moving he had done, but his wife did. Seventeen times in their 18 years together!

Long Arm of the Law

AB Suzanne Henderson was being weighed in and measured as part of her in-processing requirements. SrA Louise Young, 439th Tactical Hospital medical specialist technician, was standing on a stool. Certainly there is nothing spectacular about these two events except for the fact that Louise had to stand on the stool to measure Suzanne. Airman Young stands a mere five feet even, while Airman Henderson towers at six feet two inches.

Suzanne's family is alleged to be the tallest in Massachusetts. Her parents, Donald and Doris, measure 6'5" and 5'10" respectively, and the statistics on her four brothers are Donald 6'11", Mike 6'7", and twins Dennis and Daniel 6'7" apiece. Sister Cathy is six feet even. Suzanne refers to her remaining sister as "the runt"—she is only 5'6".

The Henderson family is from Worcester Mass., where Suzanne hopes to be a member of the city's police force. She'll go to basic training August 26, and then attend the 10 week Law Enforcement Technical School, returning to Westover's 439CSG Law Enforcement section. Her desire to pursue a career in law enforcement prompted her to join the reserve program and gain experience in the field.

Maintenance Achieves Another Satisfactory MSET Inspection

The 439th TAW maintenance squadrons received an overall Satisfactory rating in a Maintenance Standardization and Evaluation Team (MSET) inspection held June 10 to 16 at Westover.

The last MSET inspection of the CAMSs was in June 1975, when they also received an overall satisfactory rating. No other adjectival ratings are assigned; the functions are rated either satisfactory or unsatisfactory.

Conducting the inspection was a 12-man team from 14AF (R), Dobbins AFB, Ga; 10AF (R), Bergstrom AFB, Tex; and 21AF (MAC) at McGuire AFB, N.J.

The inspection team observes and evaluates the maintenance sections at work and analyzes their maintenance capabilities. The units' compliance with Air Force standards is also carefully inspected. The MSET also checks equipment maintained by the CAMS, including assigned aircraft.

In short, the inspection team makes sure the maintenance sections do their jobs correctly with the proper, expected results. The inspection centered only on these sections, with each member of the team having his own area of expertise to provide for a thorough and in-depth inspection.

Major Dave Bitonti, team chief, after announcing the results of the inspection, said, "Members are to be commended for their attitude, cooperation and 'can do' spirit." He also thanked base and CAMS personnel for their hospitality and cooperation, and particularly the ladies in Maintenance for their superb job of typing.

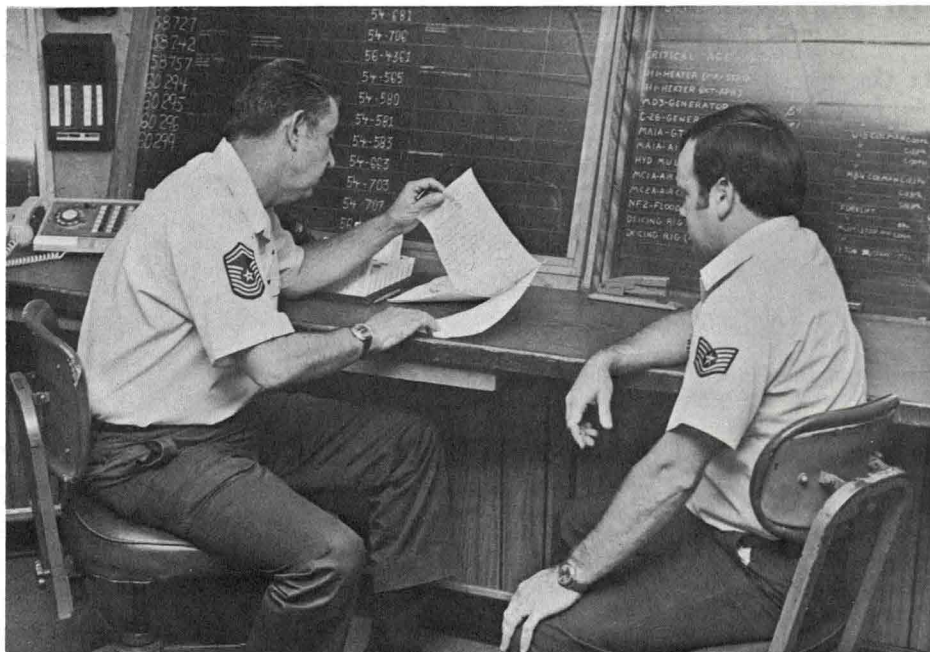
When asked if he was pleased with the overall findings, Capt. Ronald T. Frederickson, chief of maintenance, said, "Not just pleased—very pleased. The caliber of people we have here is what's got us where we are. They're the ones who earned us the award as Best (Aircraft) Maintenance Unit in AFRES; they're the ones who'll see the combined 901st and 905 CAMS stay number one in AFRES."

C-Rating Criteria Change Announced

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The Air Force changed its rating criteria for about 330 flying units recently to standardize its readiness measurement system with those of the other services.

The new criteria apply to the forces status (Forstat) reports commanders use to report unit readiness up the chain of command. The four areas rated are personnel, supplies on hand, aircraft and aircrew training.

Specific Forstat ratings are: C-1, fully ready; C-2, substantially ready; C-3, marginally ready; and C-4, not ready.



EVALUATING 439TH PERFORMANCE CMSgt. William Duncan, left, inspection team NCOIC, watches TSgt. Thomas Arsenault, 901 CAMS, direct the maintenance of Westover's aircraft. The charts indicate the status and location of each plane.

BRIEFS

FIRST OF THEIR KIND . . . Sgt. Timothy K. Patten, 1917 Comm. Sq. ground controlled approach controller; Sgt. Thomas Brand, Det 5, 1ACOMG ground radio communications equipment repairman; and Sgt. Michael Cocke, Det 5 radio operator, were the first senior airmen at Westover to exchange "blue-starred stripes" for silver ones. June 1 was the first day senior airmen throughout the Air Force could be promoted to noncommissioned officers. They were E-4s for a minimum 12 months — the same pay grade as sergeants. Now, they have completed the required NCO orientation training, met all criteria and were recommended by the reporting official for promotion

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THREE WESTOVER OFFICERS participated in area town Memorial Day observance on May 30, all in the capacity of main speaker. Brig. Gen. Billy M. Knowles, wing commander, addressed the town of Russell, Mass. Col. Jack Newell, senior Air Force advisor, was the featured speaker at South Hadley, Mass., while Lt. Col. Howard Mangin, deputy commander for operations, travelled to Southwick, Mass., for the occasion.

FIRST FAMILY . . . CMSgt. Richard Dupre 901 CEF first sergeant, reenlisted in the Air Force Reserve. Nothing new—with 25 years of service, this was Sergeant Dupre's sixth swearing in ceremony. Under a new 439th program, however, Lt. Col. Maurice E. Bilodeau, 901CEF commander, invited Sergeant Dupre's wife, Elaine, to participate in the event, spend the day touring Westover and learning about her husband's reserve duties on a firsthand basis.

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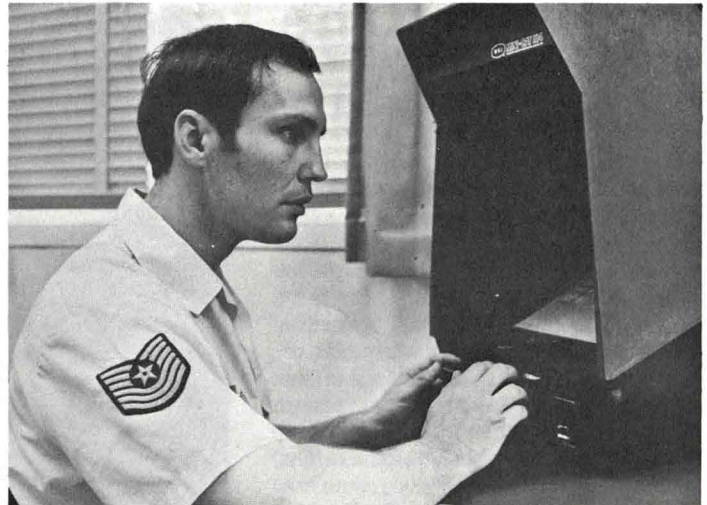
NEWLY QUALIFIED IN CPR. . . After a 10-hour course of instruction taught by Firefighter Ken Willette, all of the base's pool life guards and gym recreational aids are certified in Red Cross cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

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NOSE DOCKS GET FACE LIFT . . . Renovation of four Westover nose docks will begin soon with the recent approval of a \$30,000 contract by the Base Procurement Office. Plans call for the replacement of portions of corrugated metal siding, the installation of personnel doors and painting.



TESTING, TESTING TSgt. Bernard McCormick, 905 CAMS, demonstrates equipment used to check the oxygen system in an aircraft.



RESEARCHING MSgt. Owen Connolly, 439TAW/RMX, gathers supply information on a microfiche reader.

The Art is the Heart

By 2nd Lt. Joseph Tavormina

On a Sunday evening of another UTA weekend, when most reservists are heading home, not many give thought to those Air Reserve Technicians (ART) who will return the next day.

While they haven't changed uniforms, symbolically they have changed hats. For the ART, his work is the same or similar to that of the UTA weekend.

The ARTs provide a full time nucleus of supervisory personnel around which the reserve training and support will be centered. At Westover the ART functions as part of the military chain of command but Monday through Friday he is a civilian Civil Service employee. As a prerequisite condition of employment, an ART must be a Ready Reservist in the same unit.

Not all the full time positions at Westover or any reserve unit are occupied by ARTs. Civilians and ARTs work together throughout the year to prepare training and support. Specific ART positions are designated by AFR 40-6. The Civil Service Competitive System is utilized to locate the best qualified person to fill an ART position. Then a civilian candidate becomes a Ready Reservist prior to his appointment.

The ART program is a major part of the Air Force Personnel Plan. It is in keeping with the Total Force Planning Policy. The ART program builds a leaner, more productive and capable force while providing a system which satisfies the needs of all its members.

Prior to the inception of the ART program in 1958, regular USAF training personnel at the major command level accomplished the reserve training mission. The functional units were trained separately and would

be subject to the command structure of the unit where they received their training. In the event of mobilization, the functional units would be expected to come together as a cohesive reserve wing never having trained with one another. When cost analyses were performed and compared with the proposed ART program, it was determined that training could be accomplished at significantly lower costs with the ARTs. The program allowed the retention of unit integrity between training and mobilization.

Now, nationwide the 7217 ARTs comprise approximately 15% of all Ready Reserve forces.

How do some of the 254 authorized ARTs at Westover feel about the program? MSgt. Owen Connolly of 439TAW/RMX joined the ART program after 6½ years of USAF active duty. "There is better planning in the reserves through the ART program than I've experienced throughout all my tours," he explains.

TSgt. Bernard McCormick, 905 CAMS, came to the ART program after 10 years of active duty and a year of civilian employment. He says, "The quality of the full time maintenance at Westover is far superior to any I've seen in the Air Force. We have more experience because we've been doing it longer. The four of us in the Aircraft Environmental Systems Shop have 43 years of collective experience."

"The ART program has been instrumental in making the Air Force Reserve the most ready and responsive of all Military Reserve Components," says Maj. Arthur Sorenson. "Some of us at Westover work part time and some full time but both are essential to the 439th."

731 TAS Celebrates Silver Anniversary

A quarter century of continuous service to the country and the Air Force Reserve—that's the claim of the 731st Tactical Airlift Squadron (TAS) as it begins its 26th year of active and inactive duty.

The unit was activated on June 14, 1952 as the 731st Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron at Dobbins AFB, Ga. It flew B-26s. Three years later, the squadron moved to Scott AFB, Ill., and was redesignated the 731st Tactical Bombardment Squadron. On July 1, 1957, with its transfer to L. G. Hanscom Field, Mass. and conversion to C-119s, it was redesignated the 731st Troop Carrier Squadron (Medium).

The squadron was recalled to active duty on Oct. 28, 1962 because of the Cuban missile crisis. It remained at its home station for 32 days.

On Jan. 1, 1967, it became a military airlift squadron with C-124s. Five years later, the squadron received its C-123s and became the 731st TAS. Its move to Westover took place in September, 1973.

No other milestone could be as meaningful or attest to the caliber of its personnel over the years than the recognition it received in the fall of 1975. The unit completed 18 years of accident-free flying. The 75,000 flying hours was an Air Force Reserve record.

Now, as of the "close of business" on the squadron's 25th birthday, the 731st personnel have increased that impressive figure to 83,953 hours.

The Hole in the Air Force Star

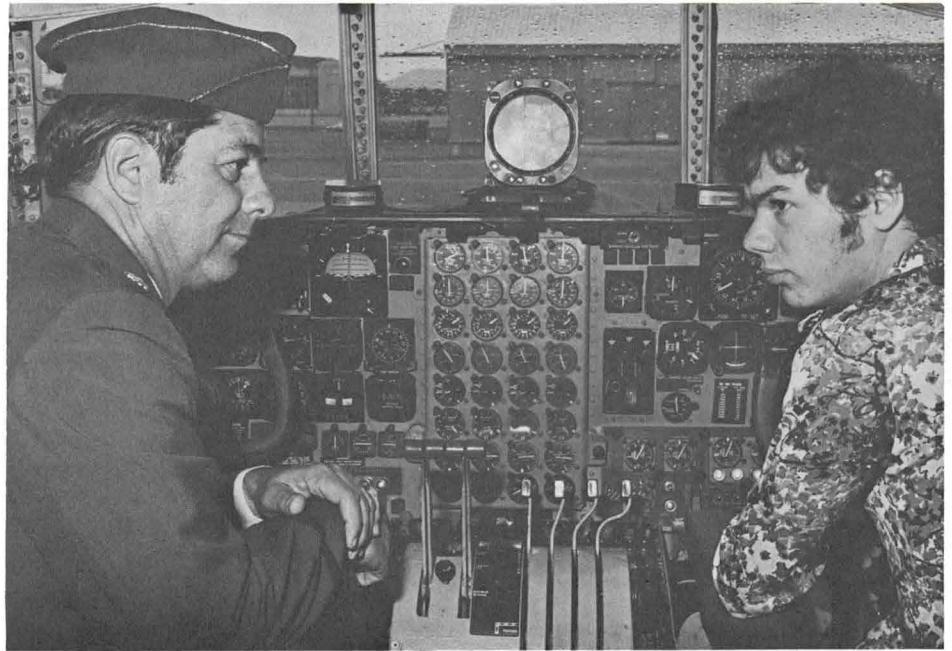
Have you ever wondered why is there a hole in the star on the stripes worn by Air Force enlisted personnel? The answer comes from Mr. J. D. Thomlinson, an engineer and technician at the Army's Institute of Heraldry, Washington, D.C.

During World War I, the American Expeditionary Force used a white star on a blue circle. To keep the colors of the American flag, a red circle was placed inside the star. It remained that way until World War II, when U.S. aircraft flew in the Pacific.

The symbol on Japanese aircraft was the Rising Sun or a large, red circle. When U.S. aircraft returned from a mission, ground forces occasionally saw only the red center of the star and opened fire.

The red center was soon eliminated . . . for obvious reasons.

Exactly why the red center was not reinstated after the war remains unclear. However, the stripes of enlisted personnel carry on the tradition of the original design, if not the coloration.



LIKE FATHER . . . LIKE SON . . . Twenty-three years ago, he enlisted in the Air Force Reserve. On June 11, his son joined too—the same unit—the 337th TAS. Maj. Paul E. Huffman swore in his son, Larry, and then gave him the "deluxe" tour of a C-130. Major Huffman is familiar with the aircraft. He's a flight commander. His son will get to know it as well. Airman Huffman will become a 337th loadmaster.



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Redcom Exercise Proposed

Word has been received that the Joint Chiefs of Staff are studying the possibility of conducting a coordinated Readiness Command (REDCOM) joint exercise at this base during the period of Jan. 16 through Feb. 5, 1978. Nicknamed EMPIRE GLACIER 78, the exercise would involve seven C-130s and 170 aircrew and support personnel.



MEET PATCHES TSgt. Jim Maynard, left, 901 CAMS crew chief, introduces Brig. Gen. Alvin J. Moser to Patches, a C-123 of the 731 TAS which gained fame in Vietnam by taking more than 3,000 hits. Amn. Steve Boutin scrubs down the tail section in preparation for a paint job.

Springfield Tech Opens at Westover

If the students can't come to the college, then the college goes to the students. That's what Springfield Technical Community College is doing at Westover. The school is conducting summer term classes at the Base Fire Station during July and August. Registration for its Fall semester classes, opened to the public, will be in August.

The second campus concept provides Westover-area residents a practical alternative from driving to Springfield and the facility's limited parking. More important for Westover's firefighters, the opportunity for higher education isn't impeded by their 72-hour on-call work week. Now, they'll be able to learn in their own training room and still be available to answer any emergency.

In September, the college will offer to the public "English Composition I", and a sequence of three one-credit math courses in "Intermediate Algebra and Trigonometry." Also, Fire Science majors may enroll in "Introduction to Fire Protection" and in "Building Construction."

Assistant Fire Chief Ira Simmons has more information about the program and registration. Contact him at 557-3818.

Chief Simmons expects 15 firefighters to take advantage of the convenient opportunity along with increasing numbers of local residents. "With more people comes an expanded course offering," he explains. "Eventually, there'll be only three reasons for Westover students to go to the main campus—to take 'Chemistry Lab', 'Physics Lab' and to graduate."

General Moser Visits Westover

Brig. Gen. Alvin "Joe" Moser, 442 TAW commander at Richards-Gebauer AFB, Mo., spent the June UTA observing Westover's operations and members of the 439th.

The Air Force Communications Service at Richards-Gebauer is relocating to Scott AFB, and the former is becoming a reserve facility. The general became acquainted with Westover's transition difficulties and present practices before his base undergoes the same experience.

Also under the general's command is the 926 TAG at New Orleans. That unit also became familiar with Westover. They spent their two-week summer encampment on base June 12 to 26.

Civilian Personnel Activities Inspected

A combined U.S. Civil Service Commission and AFRES inspection of personnel management activities was conducted at Westover AFB from May 3 through June 3, 1977.

The inspection included a review of all personnel programs, individual personnel actions, individual complaints and requests for counseling. The Commission representatives told Westover's Civilian Personnel Officer, John P. Mitchell, they were very pleased with the return of 349 completed questionnaires from the 420 distributed to personnel on base.

The written report of findings and recommendations will not be received at Westover for approximately 45 days.

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ENJOY LIFE**

Aircrew Standardization and Evaluation Team Results

"Marginal" was the rating given the 439th TAW during the recent Aircrew Standardization and Evaluation Team (ASET) visit. An eight-man team from 21AF, headed by Lt. Col. Frederic W. Bradley, Jr., reported 11 major findings (discrepancy areas) and 10 minor findings. The marginal rating runs from eight to 11 major findings.

Five major findings involved flight checks.

Two involved flying noncurrent. Two concerned improper qualification; that is, all required items were not graded during the flight check. One concerned the change of flight checks into instructional rides and vice versa. One major finding involved failure to "initial off" the Flight Crew Information File.

"You can obviously do the mission; that was evident in the drops," said Colonel

Bradley, "but as you can see, paperwork can kill you under the MAC system."

The colonel made one laudatory comment, noting there were no written test failures.

Brig. Gen. Billy M. Knowles, 439th TAW commander, thanked the team for its "candid and honest evaluation," noting that "we're disappointed; we're actually much better."

Military Offers Recreation Sites

Military departments have recreation sites on or near military installations available to members of the Armed Forces and dependents for vacations and weekend camping. Fees for the use of the sites and equipment vary, as does the availability.

Inter-Service agreements permit members of the other military branches to use hose recreation facilities, usually on a space available basis. This practice varies with the location. A letter or telephone call can ascertain fees, availability, and policies. Information can be obtained about Army, Navy, and Air Force facilities nationwide by writing or calling DIGS (Rm 506), 1117 N. 19th St., Arlington VA 22209. Tel: (202) 694-5024. AUTOVON 224-5024.

The following is a listing of available sites in the New York, New England area:

ROBBINS POND on Ft. Devens. June-Sept. - picnic area, recreation bldg. w/ utilities, water sports, camper sites with hookups, trailers for rent. Write Outdoor Recreation Office, Recreation Services. Ft. Devens MA 01433. Tel: (617) 796-3255.

HANSCOM AFB, near Boston. Year-round - utility hookups, service bldg, play area, base pool. Write FAMCAMP, 324ABGp/SSR Hanscom AFB MA 07131. Tel: (617) 861-2601.

WINTER HARBOR CAMPING AREA, near Winter Harbor, Maine. May-mid Nov. - fishing, hunting, swimming, tent and trailer sites, picnic and play area, base facilities, no utilities at sites. Write Special Services Officer, Naval Security Grp. Activity, Winter Harbor Maine 04693. Tel: (207) 963-5534, ext 314.

ROCKY LAKE RECREATION AREA, vicinity of E. Machias, Maine. Year round if accessible—boating, fishing, camping, hunting, marine rentals, picnic and play area, no utilities at sites. Write Special Services Director, NRS (T) Cutler, E. Machias, Maine 04630. Tel: (207) 259-8276.

SPRAGUE'S NECK RECREATION AREA, in E. Machias, Maine. Year round—base facilities for bowling, swimming, trap shooting, camping, hiking, no utilities at sites. Address and tel. as above.

GARDINER CAMPING AND PICNIC AREA, May - Oct. - lake area, fishing, swimming, picnic and play area, dock, boat launches, golf, marine rentals, camp sites w/utilities hookups. Write Special Services Director NAS Brunswick Me 04011. Tel: (207) 582-3411.

SENECA TRAVEL CAMP, on Seneca Lake 50 mi. W. of Syracuse. Year round—swimming, boating, fishing, water skiing, picnic area, marine rentals, camping area, trailer rentals. Write Outdoor Recreation Branch, Recreation Service Office, Seneca Army Depot, Romulus NY 14541. Tel: (315) 585-4481.

ROUND POND RECREATION AREA, on West Point Academy Reservation. Year round - fishing, picnic area, beach,

marine rentals, trailer rentals, sites w/o utilities. Write Recreation Service Division, Outdoor Recreation Branch, Bldg. 662, West Point NY 10996. Tel: (914) 938-4455.

GRIFFISS AFB, near Rome, N.Y. Seasonal—Marine rentals, fishing, picnic and play area, electric and water hookups, central service bldg. Write FAMCAMP 416CSGp/SSR, Griffiss AFB NY 13411. Tel: (315) 330-3163.



74AES PROMPTS EXCHANGE PROGRAM Mr. David Piper, center, General Dynamics Electric Boat Division safety engineer demonstrates and teaches cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to 74AES members TSgt. Basil Hocynesky, left, medical technician; and Maj. Joan Hartnett, chief nurse. Mr. Piper is an emergency medical systems instructor, and CPR instructor and trainer. During the June UTA, he also conducted a clinic in the Heimlich Method to help choke victims. In turn, Mr. Piper observed air evacuation procedures demonstrated by members of the 74th.

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