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## 439th Passes MEI With Satisfactory Rating

The 439th Tactical Airlift Wing successfully completed its annual Management Effectiveness Inspection (MEI) April 13-20 with an overall satisfactory rating.

The 37-inspector team, headed by Col. Stillman V. Taylor, inspector general, came from Air Force Reserve Headquarters, Robins AFB, Ga.

"Our inspection effort is directed towards the effectiveness of the support functions for your wing, in supporting the assigned mission," explained Colonel Taylor at the inbriefing. "In that training is the primary reserve mission we will be looking closely at your management of resources—or in other words, are you turning out the best product possible in the most economical and most efficient manner possible."

The colonel emphasized that the inspection system is often misunderstood. "This inspection should be a valuable management tool, a road map of how to improve the operation of the unit." He added, "No matter how good an operation you have got, there's always room for improvement."

The team fanned out over the base, examining management practices. They gave particular emphasis to such special-interest items as facility utilization, flightline driving safety, dress and personal appearance, awards and decorations, self-inspection/crossfeed, and energy conservation.

The team didn't just walk in cold. "We started preparing 45 days prior to arriving here," said Colonel Taylor. The team spent the last two weeks before arrival examining information about the 439th TAW, particularly past inspection reports. Since Westover (along with Dobbins AFB, Ga.) is one of the largest AFRES bases, the largest size team was assembled for this MEI. Many inspectors were AFRES staff people. Six were full-time inspectors, two came from 10th Air Force, Bergstrom AFB, Tex., and two were taken from the Air Force Inspection Safety Center, Norton AFB, Calif.

"These are the best management talent available," said Colonel Taylor. "These people have talent, and they know their business!"

Among those heading the team, serving as project officer and division chief, was former Westoverite Lt. Col. Richard H. Hoffman, until last year the 731st Tactical Airlift Squadron's operations officer.

The team, which watched the wing con-

duct two disaster preparedness exercises outbriefed on April 20 and left a tentative field memorandum describing its findings. The final inspection report, however, was issued 10 days later (after rechecking and sifting the initial findings).

In summing up the team's initial findings, Colonel Taylor admitted this was a

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US . . . . .** What better way to celebrate the third Anniversary of the 439th TAW than a party and a huge birthday cake. Brig. Gen. Billy Knowles gets set to cut the first piece for TSgt. Ray Bixby, wing historian, and unofficial chairman for the affair. Shaped and decorated like the wing's shield, the cake was made by TSgt. and Mrs. Frank Duval, left. It was distributed during dinner at the Dining Hall on Sunday, April 17. Also on display were the 439th CSG's Community Service Award; the Outstanding (Aircraft) Maintenance Award won jointly by the 901, 905 and 914 CAMS; and Westover's trophy for winning the AFRES Volleyball Tournament.

# Magazine Features Westover

By SSgt. Marshall Hathaway

Westover stars as the lead story and cover art of *Springfield Magazine's* May issue, with a two page story by Mr. Paul M. Craig and photography by SSgt. Marshall Hathaway, 439th Office of Information. The offering, off the presses April 29, is an offshoot of a press flight to Brave Shield XV last October, when Mr. Craig was a member of the press contingent.

Mr. Craig has taken pains to erase some common public misconceptions which have frequently been aggravated by news reports. One such phrase is "at the site of the former Westover Air Force Base." Mr. Craig says he has attempted to point out past press errors and eliminate confusion, and maintains that the base is many flight hours from being closed, adding that we are a highly active component in the Air Force Reserve readiness system.

In the course of explaining the mission and the reserve role, the article displays high praises for Westover's part in Brave Shield XV, and lists other accomplishments, including the success of the last ORI. The story also cites the base for being a gracious host to many off-base units on training, and comments on the future DoD training site.

Mr. Craig is convinced that Westover's performance justifies the spending of defense dollars, and his story commends base efforts in areas of energy conservation, environmental concerns and overall efficiency. The economic impact to the surrounding communities is also covered.

Future plans and continuing improvements are reported, mentioning items such as more efficient and less costly runway lighting, a safer instrument landing system, and improved maintenance facilities for refueling vehicles.

The cover photo is of Sgt. Allen B. Misner, 905th Weapons System Security Flight, on flight line patrol, and was previously used as the *Patriot's* December 1976 cover photo.

Mr. Craig, a former Naval combat aircrewman, has published articles in the

U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings, Our Navy, and other trade and general periodicals. A former editor with the Holyoke Transcript, he is now senior partner for Urbionics Systems, a Northampton (Mass.) based editorial consulting firm.

Paul and Sergeant Hathaway have been teaming up on journalistic projects for several years, and have been covering Westover stories since 1971. Hathaway is also director of photography and a staff writer for Urbionics Press, and chief photographer for the Holyoke Transcript.

After several years association with active and reserve people, Mr. Craig argues—"The only way you can tell the difference between the reserves and the regulars is that the reserves are better."



**SMSGT. CHARLES FUSCO, 439 TAW maintenance superintendent, demonstrates a Westover-design tiedown device to Maj. Philip McAtee, an aircraft maintenance inspector from the Air Force Inspection Safety Center, Norton AFB, Calif.**

## CSG, 74AES, Move to New Locations

Some Combat Support Group offices are on the move. All offices previously in building 2211 are transferring to new locations.

Base Commander Col. J. Frank Moore and Base Executive Officers Maj. Joseph Hellauer and Mr. Herman Tracey are now in building 1850, the former 74th AES building. It's located at the intersection of Inner Drive and Lloyd and Sullivan Streets.

The Judge Advocate's Office, orderly room personnel and the Base Information Office, also have been assigned there. They may be joined by the Group's OJT and Training Office personnel.

The Reserve staff assigned to the Information Office and to *The Patriot* are unpacking in Hangar 3, room 211. That facility is also the new home for the Social Actions instructors.

Newly assigned 439th members will no longer report to the Welcome Center in 2211's basement. As of the May UTA, they'll be greeted on the second floor of building 1408.

The disposed 74AES will be on the first floor of the Base Hangar, on the Hangar 3 side.

All offices will retain their present telephone extension numbers.

The former base headquarters building is one of the many wooden buildings slated for demolition. Previously, it was the "Westover Lodge", an alert facility, during SAC's tenure at Westover. But after 30 years, upkeep on the "temporary" structure is now cost prohibitive and a consolidation to other buildings is the only alternative.

Other CSG offices, now in other buildings, will be part of the consolidation. Their new addresses and moving dates will be announced shortly.

### IN MEMORIAM

**A1C Mark E. Guilbeault**  
901st MOBSF

**Alexander A. Sokoloski**  
439CSG/DE

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## Wing Commander's Message

By Brig. Gen. Billy M. Knowles

THE AFRES MEI Team outbriefed the inspection on Wednesday, April 20, 1977. There were approximately 425 full time personnel in attendance but unfortunately very few reservists were able to come out mid-week and receive the final word. Brig. Gen. Edward Dillon, 14th Air Force (Reserve) commander did take time from his busy schedule to be present.

The summary was overall "Satisfactory" with 57 major findings (of which one was laudatory and three beyond this unit's control) including eleven repeat findings. In addition there were 99 minor findings.

This was the most severe inspection this wing has received since its reactivation just over three years ago. It was, however, the most objective by far of any inspection received. The entire team was outstanding. There is no question of their credentials or expertise. Furthermore, I believe we desperately needed such an in-depth evaluation.

Of course, there were many satisfactory areas and functions. In fact, the only way the wing could be "Satisfactory" is because of those many "Satisfactories" recorded and a determination by the team that the 439th Tactical Airlift Wing is capable of performing its assigned missions.

When the final report is received and distributed to all functional areas, you will find many areas requiring earnest effort nearly across the board. Lots of work! It is to be our blue print for "how to make a good wing better," as stated by General Dillon.

When you get your blue print, do not allow yourself the luxury of practicing defensive maneuvering. Just fix it, but fix it permanently.

There was one write up I wish to share with you. And that was their observation regarding compliance with AFR 35-10. Admittedly only a small PERCENTAGE, there were numerous instances of individuals improperly uniformed (officers and airmen), improperly groomed and discour-

teous. This bothers me and should bother you. If 95% of our people voluntarily comply, why should we put up with or tolerate the 5% who let us down? If you have the

same concern that I do, talk it over with your commander, your first sergeant or your NCOIC. Let them know you don't appreciate being let down by such a few.

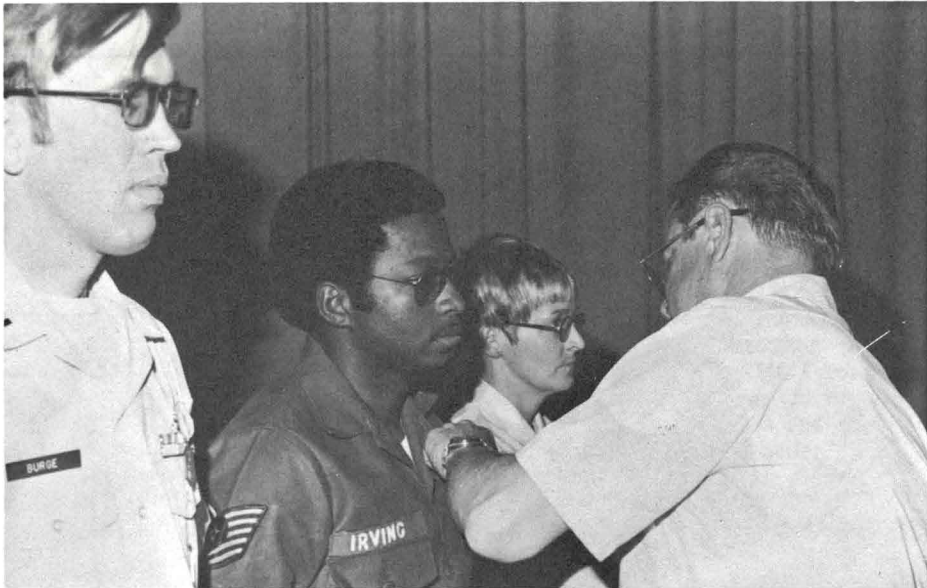


**CHIEFLY POW WOW . . . . 439 TAW Maintenance Supervisor CMSgt. Sidney Wells, goes over some of the finer points with CMSgt. G. W. Womack, an aircraft maintenance inspector from 10 AF Maintenance Headquarters, Bergstrom AFB, Texas.**



**HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE IS SERIOUS . . . . Maj. Carla L. Decker, 439th Tactical Hospital, checks the blood pressure of 1st. Lt. Philip Weber, 439 CSG. Everyone should be checked periodically to catch any rise in blood pressure (hypertension). Because many of us don't have the opportunity to have their physician check it, the 439th Tactical Hospital has set up a hypertension screening program on the UTAs. Everyone is welcome to stop by. The program begins at 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 p.m. on Sundays.**

## April's Commanders' Calls



Capt. Alvin J. Burge, 905 CF commander; SSgt. Thomas M. Irving, 905 CF and SSgt. Karen White, 439 CSG, were honored at the Group Commander's Call. Captain Burge received the Air Force Commendation Medal for his work as his unit's communications operations officer from 1970 to 1976. Sergeant Irving receives the same tribute from Colonel Moore due to his 1974 to 1976 Telecommunications Center supervisory talents as Sergeant White waits her turn. Her exemplary contribution to the Air Force School of Applied Services Technical Training Group, Lackland AFB, as a student training advisor, earned Sergeant White a Joint Services Commendation Medal.

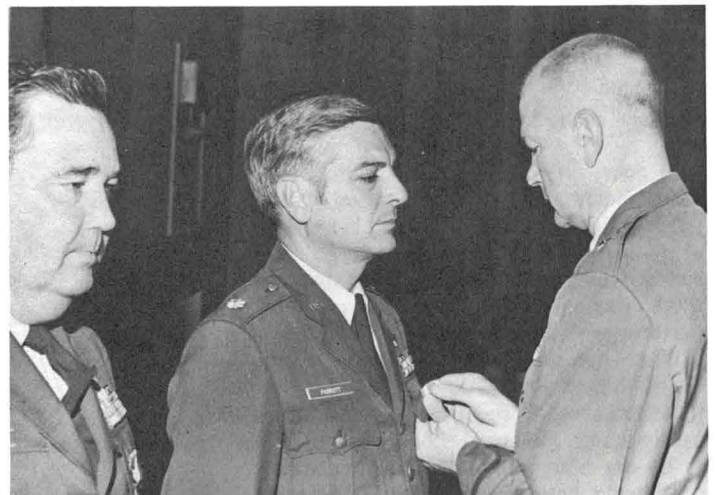
### Westover's Airmen "Pinned"

C-130 HERCULES 1,000 HOUR PINS were awarded to: Lt. Col. Theodore Beck, Lt. Col. Robert McCoy, Lt. Col. Robert Motley, Lt. Col. Donald Ridgway, Maj. Philip Bowin, Maj. Richard Doucette, Capt. James Becker, Capt. Norman Elliott, Capt. Robert McMillan, Capt. Mark Rafferty, 1st Lt. Herbert Sagendorf, SMSgt. John Burnat, MSgt. Edward Tylutki and SSgt. Charles J. Cotnoir.

NOW WEARING C-130 HERCULES 2,000 HOUR PINS are Capt. Patrick J. Dery, Capt. Bernard J. Ferro III, Capt. Thomas J. Grenham, Capt. Roger A. Peltier, 1st Lt. Daniel J. Nichols, 1st Lt. Kenneth L. Ryngala, MSgt. Ralph Branzen Jr., TSgt. Raymond M. Desroches, TSgt. Charles T. Radabaugh and SSgt. Thomas V. Dzwonkus.



THE OUTSTANDING MAINTENANCE UNIT among AFRES's 53 flying units, the 439 TAW, gets a trophy to match its unique accomplishment. Col. Donald Carlson, deputy commander for maintenance, and SMSgt. Charles Fusco accepted the award on behalf of the unit's 600 maintenance personnel, from General Knowles, wing commander.



AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDALS were given to Lt. Col. Robert Anderson (ret.) and MSgt. Travis Shelton. Colonel Anderson distinguished himself as a 731 TAS flight commander at Hanscom AFB from 1971 to 1975. Sergeant Shelton's recognition honored his work as a flight engineer with the 731st from 1972 to 1976. He looks on as Lt. Col. Charles Parrott, wing vice commander, receives the Meritorious Service Award because of his excellence as 731st commander from 1973 to 1975 from General Knowles.

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very thorough inspection—"much more than in 1975 or 1976. You have many fine accomplishments. Nothing has prevented you from accomplishing your mission. You can look on this inspection as a means to improve that mission."

Brig. Gen. Edward Dillon, 14AF(R) commander, addressing the assembled members of the wing at the base theatre for the outbriefing, said, "I'm proud of the 439th. The things you've done have showed up all over. You all have a can-do attitude."

General Knowles thanked all the wing members for their participation in preparation for and during the MEI. In his closing remarks he told the audience, including Lt. Col. Robert McMullen, 914 TAG commander, and his staff, "I believe that this inspection could not have come at a better time in our three years plus existence. We needed it."

In cautioning us not to let down waiting for another inspection in 18 months, the commander said, "We've accomplished a lot and come a long way. We'll use this report as our blueprint to make the best wing in the Air Force a better wing."

Though all points on the final report must be answered by the wing, no single area had the power to make or break the overall inspection rating.

## 'Permanent-Press' Fatigues Approved

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—Durable-press cotton and polyester utility uniforms (fatigues), metal chevrons for raincoats and epaulets for the new women's standard overblouse are included in uniform changes announced by the Air Force.

The Army-certified "permanent-press" fatigues will become the standard non-combat utility uniform for all the services. However, dates the new uniform will enter the supply system and the cotton uniform will be phased out have not been determined.

The newly designed green fatigues have also been approved to replace the women's blue flight and field uniforms. As previously announced, the women's blue flight and field uniforms are now optional and women may wear the men's green fatigues until the new uniform is available.

Enlisted men and women must begin wearing metal chevrons on raincoats July 1. The mandatory wear date for metal chevrons on the lightweight blue jacket, for both men and women, and for the men's shade 1549 optional topcoat has been set for July 1, 1980.

## Telling It "Like It Is"

By MSgt. Larry Lentz

"Westover to Close," "Military Budget Escalates," "Unions to Organize GIs": These are some of the newspaper and television stories informing concerned citizens about the nation's defenses and military establishment. Occasionally, they're unintentionally inaccurate or misleading. Due to space limitations, sometimes they fail to report the story or parts of it.

Military officials, therefore, are using alternatives other than the mass media to present timely and factual information to the public. One such method, a Speakers' Bureau, is in full operation at Westover.

Base representatives visit area schools, business groups and service clubs throughout the year and speak on a wide variety of subjects. The role of the Air Force Reserve, Westover's increasing responsibilities, and the utilization of tax dollars, energy resources conservation are some of the topics.

The program coordinators, Mr. Roy McCord, wing executive officer; and Miss Betty O'Connell, base information officer, schedule the requests for a specific subject on a specific date from the community groups, with one of the many available speakers.

One such representative is Capt. John Shelby, 905th Aerial Port Flight commander. He has appeared on Springfield's WWLP-TV and at 35 high schools throughout Massachusetts.

His involvement is very rewarding to his audiences and to himself. He speaks on a wide range of subjects to appreciative student audiences while listening and learning from them. He now believes that many of the alleged anti-military attitudes of many high schoolers are unfounded. "They have no idea what we're all about. But they're eager to know and are very attentive," he adds.

Brig. Gen. Billy Knowles, due in part to his position as 439th TAW commander and in part to his excellent public speaking ability, addresses many groups ranging from assembled press reporters to the Reserve Officers Association state convention delegates this past April.

"Our speakers must be articulate, well versed and prepared, possess integrity and believe in what they're saying. Further, that information should be logically arranged, be of imminent interest to the audience and be credible," General Knowles emphasizes. "I want to hear the 'straight skinny,' without the rhetoric, spoken in my language with a commanding and interesting voice."

The increasing number of requests for speakers testifies to the program's popularity and success. The requests are also

coming from further distances. Recently, Maj. Arthur Sorenson, assistant director of operations, journeyed 70 miles and spoke at the Old Chatham (N.Y.) Exchange Club.

The program has become an effective communications tool. Business leaders hear how Westover contracts and payrolls are a vital part of the local economy. High school and shopping mall audiences discover the many advantages of a reserve career. Neighbors learn about new noise abatement procedures.

Through this greater communication has come greater understanding, acceptance and appreciation of the Reserve mission. Westover members also appreciate the opportunity to share important information and experiences. Area residents appreciate the commitment and enthusiasm of each speaker and are quick to demonstrate their thanks. For example, after Base Commander Col. Frank Moore's address at the Holyoke Veteran's Day observance, Mr. Richard Fales, the event's chairman, felt that a "thank you" letter wasn't enough. Rather, he made a special trip to Westover to personally express the gratitude of everyone in attendance.

## Retired Pay Was Larger March 1

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—Military and federal civilian retirees got a 4.8 per cent increase in their retired pay.

A 1976 law set March 1, 1977, as the effective date for new procedures in figuring cost-of-living increases for retired military and government employees. This means the pay increases will show up in end-of-the-month checks.

The 4.8 per cent increase is a "before-taxes" figure. The net change may be slightly different for some retirees.

Under the 1976 law, cost-of-living adjustments will be made at six-month intervals (each March and September), based on the consumer price index (CPI) increase for the previous six months.

The CPI measures the change in the cost of purchases a typical wage earner might make during a particular base period.

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TOPS IN BLUE '77, are scheduled to perform at Westover on the evening of May 22, 1977. The showunit consists of 21 active-duty military personnel, a volunteer group which showcases the Air Force's top talent.



**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION** went to Westover's Det. 5, 1ACOMG (AFCS) for the unit's outstanding contribution to the base's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). Base Commander Col. J. Frank Moore, left, presents the certificate to Capt. Stanton E. Collier, unit commander, at the monthly tenant commanders' meeting. Det. 5 personnel raised \$1,589.50, 25.6 percent of the total base contribution. The money is divided between the International Service Agencies, United Way of Chicopee and National Health Agencies.

## Tracing Our Roots

By TSgt. Thomas Brucia

"Westover" was an important name in American aviation even before Westover Air Force Base was activated in 1940.

Maj. Gen. Oscar Westover, for whom this installation was named, was the first Chief of Staff of the Army Air Corps.

Oscar Westover was born in Bay City, Mich., in 1883. He joined the Army at age 18—and then entered the U.S. Military Academy. After graduating from West Point in 1906 as an infantry officer, Westover served overseas, first in the Philippines and then in Alaska. He returned to the Academy in 1916 as a faculty member in the drawing department. Two years later he was commanding the Storage Dept., Signal Corps, and the Storage and Traffic Dept., Bureau of Aircraft Production. Westover had found his niche: in the technical vanguard of his time.

Westover first attended balloon school—and then became chief of the Balloon and Airship Division. He later attended flight school—and then took command of Langley Field.

The now-general, at the age of 49, became the assistant chief of the U.S. Army's air activities. Four years later, upon the formation of the U.S. Army Air Corps, he assumed the new post of Chief of Staff of the Air Corps—the first man to do so.

Two years later, in 1938, Maj. Gen. Oscar Westover took off on a routine flight in his Northrop attack plane. He was killed when it crashed in a California field.

Though the General died, his memory lives as those at Westover carry on his tradition and honor his name.

## BRIEFS

**DUE IN LARGE PART** to the generosity of the Westover community, Bill and Kathy Wolfendon raised almost \$600 selling St. Patrick's Day "stick-on" shamrocks and leprechauns. Proceeds went to the residents of Chicopee's Sunshine Village. Well done, Westover! Well done, Wolfendons!

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**MOTORISTS BEWARE . . . .** Westover's Outer Drive is a two-way street separated by a median strip. Drivers, unfamiliar with the base—please remember to keep to the right when taking a left turn onto Outer Drive from Industrial Road.

## More 14th Winners

The 14th Air Force (R) has honored more members of the 439th TAW during its annual award competition.

The 901st and 905th CAMS Pneudraulic Shop is the Maintenance Shop of the Year Runner-Up. Under the supervision of MSgt. Henry Lapa, shop chief, the ten-man shop maintains hydraulic components, such as flight control systems, wheel brakes and steering and landing gear on Westover's 16 C-123s and eight C-130s. In addition to Sergeant Lapa, those cited are: TSgt. Dan Cole, TSgt. Richard Tardif, TSgt. Carlo Torre, SSgt. Francis Favara, SSgt. Harry Merchant, Sgt. James Delisle, A1C Jeff Karbonic, Amn. Celio Hernandez and Amn. Robert Lussier.

Individual achievement also didn't go unnoticed. SrA Mark A. Watkins is 14AF (R) nominee for one of the Twelve Outstanding Airmen of the Air Force, 1977 (Airman Category). TSgt. Paul Alexander, 905 CAMS and Sgt. Emery F. Filarski, 901 CAMS, were named the Runner-Up Crew Chiefs of the Year throughout 14 AF (R).

Maintenance Man of the Year Runner-Up recognition goes to another 439th member. He's SMSgt. Leland B. Spencer, 905 CAMS quality control chief.

## Armed Forces Day Message

The Chief of the Air Force Reserve issued the following message in observance of Armed Forces Day:

This year, the beginning of a third century of this great nation's existence, our armed forces role in the preservation of peace here and around the world is one in which we can all be proud. As we observe Armed Forces Day, the Air Force Reserve is an integral part of the country's deterrent capability and must remain lean and poised every minute of every day to respond to potential national emergencies. We are ready and willing to fulfill our mission because the high state of readiness of the Air Force Reserve is excellent and continues to improve through the help and dedication of its men and women. Since 1970, over 89 percent of our present flying units have been equipped with modern equipment. The most recent example is our KC-135 refueling partnership with the Strategic Air Command. Combat readiness is the watchword of today's Air Force Reserve. Whether you are a unit member or serving as an individual, you can be proud of our common purpose and professionalism.

# Social Actions Begins Phase III

By A1C Dean Mauro

The 439 TAW's Social Actions Office began a new aspect of Human Relations Training, Phase III, during April's UTA.

The new Air Force-wide program is geared to NCO supervisors and officers. It explains how discipline and human relations are essential to mission effectiveness and that the two are really inseparable rather than different and separate.

"Supervisors must combine their mission responsibilities with the responsibilities they have to their people," explains 1st Lt. Frank Mauro. "The new training will explain how the proper blend of 'people-orientation' and 'task-orientation' could insure maximum long range effectiveness."

The new phase will also stress the Air Force's commitment to the two prior Human Relations phases earlier taught.

Phase I, begun in 1971, was labeled the "Awareness Phase." Air Force people were made aware of some regulations involving human relations. It also hoped to ease some of the tensions existing between people.

In 1973 the new phase was started. Phase II was "Involvement," and helped Air Force members solve some of these existing problems. Over 1,600 went through the program before its completion at Westover in Feb. 1977.



**SOCIAL ACTIONS INSTRUCTORS** 2nd Lt. Jose Ruiz and 1st Lt. Frank Mauro, using a wide range of visual aids, explain some of the new Phase III concepts during the program's first class.

Now, Phase III also explains why positive and equal treatment of military and civilian female workers is essential. Previously, women were confined to a few career fields. Now, with all the all-volunteer force, more and more women are enlisting into positions not accessible before.

Supervisors therefore will be shown how to use these new workers to their fullest potential.

Social Actions instructors, Lieutenant Mauro and 2nd Lt. Jose Ruiz will conduct the classes.



## PROMOTED

Maj. Alvin J. Burge  
TSgt. John W. Jones  
TSgt. Thomas F. McCoy  
TSgt. Gerald P. Vesper  
SSgt. James L. Barnes  
Sgt. Robert Byron  
SSgt. Rosalind A. Landers  
SSgt. John M. McBride  
SSgt. David C. Mee  
SSgt. John J. Speidel  
SSgt. Claude W. Thompson  
SrA William G. Cantin

SrA Debra A. Daley  
SrA Roxann J. Henry  
SrA Armand R. LaMonthe  
SrA John J. Mahoney  
SrA Diane R. Roohr  
SrA Debra J. Sekcinski  
SrA Lisa M. Waldron  
A1C Carol B. Armstrong  
A1C Louis A. Brodeur  
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A1C Nicholas B. Staszko III  
A1C Wanda Wood  
Amn. James F. Buonopane Jr.

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SSgt. Bradford A. Arruda  
SSgt. Barry F. Kitka  
Sgt. Alfred L. Mutti, Jr.  
SSgt. Joseph J. Palowski Jr.

## ENLISTED/REENLISTED

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TSgt. Harold Burton Crapo Jr.

SSgt. Stephen N. Deland  
SSgt. Otho T. Milbourne  
Sgt. Dennis K. Blicher  
Sgt. Kenneth F. Howe II  
Sgt. Michael S. Kickery  
SrA Paul R. Bennett  
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AB Linda S. Hicks  
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AB Kathleen A. Kozmon  
AB Francis P. Laskowski  
AB Daniel A. Nelson  
AB Karen M. Newcombe  
AB Merle R. Smith  
AB Hector J. Suarez  
AB Susan M. Vitolo

## RETIRED

MSgt. Aristide A. Carosi  
MSgt. Francis X. Langan  
MSgt. Nickolas P. Morrissey Jr.  
MSgt. Henry P. Smith

## REASSIGNED

SSgt. Richard H. Hurst  
Sgt. Lamont Taylor  
Amn. Franklin A. Guild

## TO STANDBY RESERVE

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SSgt. Jeffrey B. Bryan  
SSgt. David P. Henry  
SSgt. James D. Horrigan  
SSgt. Perry T. Jenkins  
Sgt. Joseph Goodwater  
Sgt. Paul R. LaRose  
Sgt. Ernest L. Lederer  
A1C Mark J. Doyle  
A1C William L. B. Gargano

## Wing Victorious in Volleyball

By A1C Wanda Wood

Cheers from team members and spectators kept spirits high throughout the day as volleyball players and six AFRES teams competed in the first-ever AFRES-wide Volleyball Tournament. It was hosted by Westover's Division of Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) on April 16.

After ten games, the championship series pitted the 439th TAW's Westover team against the 439th's 914 TAG from Niagara Falls. Westover took the two out of three play-off, 2-0, with scores of 15 to 5 and 15 to 1.

The 927th Combat Support Squadron team from Selfridge ANGB, Michigan, took third place.

Other competing teams were the 57th APS and 85th APS from Hanscom AFB and the 94th CSG from Dobbins AFB, Ga.

The 439th hosted the tournament with the assistance of Mr. U. T. Grant, AFRES's MWR chief, and his staff.

Wing Vice Commander Lt. Col. Charles Parrott awarded the three top teams trophies and Olympic-type medallions to each member at concluding ceremonies following the championship game.

Wearing the gold first place medals for the 439th are: Team Captain Michael Wallace, and team members Michael Gallagher, Andrew Lown, Donald MacGillivray, Paul Dube, Richard Lajoie, Thomas Templeman, Paul Bethaney, Richard Eaton, Clayton Gallant, Richard Heroux, Michael Lajoie, Kenneth Lockney, Dennis McGrevy, Gerald Racine and Vincent Viglione.

## EAC Officers Elected

Enlisted Advisory Council members elected a new slate of officers during the April UTA. TSgt. Andrew Hoffman, 901MOBSF1t, is the new President. He replaces MSgt. Paul Babin. Sergeant Hoffman will be assisted by SMSgt. Robert Johns, personnel superintendent, as vice president; and TSgt. William Rose, recruiter, as secretary. They'll assume office during the May UTA.

Sergeant Hoffman was selected the wing's Outstanding Noncommissioned Officer for 1976.



ONE THAT DIDN'T GET AWAY . . . . Teamwork between Ken Lockney (foreground) and Richard Eaton account for this "save" and eventual point for Westover.

## New SecAF Sworn In

(AFNS)—Mr. John C. Stetson was sworn in April 6 as the twelfth Secretary of the Air Force during a brief ceremony in the Pentagon.

Secretary of Defense Harold Brown, a former Secretary of the Air Force, hosted the ceremony, citing Mr. Stetson for "outstanding abilities as a leader, manager and an executive."

In addition to Mr. Thomas C. Reed, outgoing Secretary of the Air Force, the ceremony was attended by former Air Force Secretaries, Dr. John L. McLucas, Dr. Robert C. Seamans and Mr. Eugene M. Zuckert.

Mr. Stetson was born in Chicago, Ill., on Sept. 6, 1920. He received a bachelor of

science degree in aeronautical engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1943 and attended Chicago's Northwestern University Business School in the late 1940s.

During World War II, he was with Douglas Aircraft Co. as a structural design engineer. He served later in the U.S. Navy as a communications officer, completing his service at the end of the war.

After the war, Mr. Stetson was employed in various engineering and management capacities. From 1970 to the present, he was president of A. B. Dick Co., an international manufacturer and distributor of office business machines.

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