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From Your Commander . . .

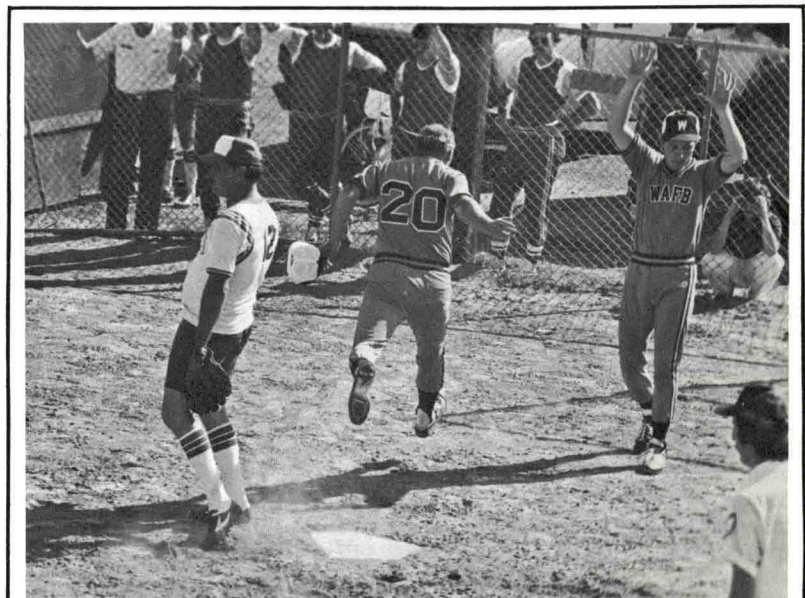
Upon your arrival for the October UTA, you will find our Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) in progress. Everything is on-the-line Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

As we have said so many times in the past, each of you individually and all of us collectively, must validate our readiness in each task assigned. This inspection will determine whether the 439th Tactical Airlift Wing is a cost effective factor in the Defense equation or are we to be lumped in with those often referred to "wasteful, unnecessary reserves."

Attention to detail, that's the key. Pre-study, grooming, uniforms, government issue items for processing, timeliness, safety practices and professional performance; these are the things we've been trained to reflect and demonstrate. Don't let your fellow reservist or your unit down by some careless or indifferent act.

As always, I'll put my money on the best people in the United States Air Force—the men and women of the Patriot Wing, the 439th Tactical Airlift Wing.

Billy M. Knowles, Brig. Gen., USAFR
Wing Commander



THRILL OF VICTORY . . . Sam Roberts crosses the plate for Westover as Don Vernon raises his arms in triumph in a 10-2 victory over the 926 TAG . . .

(see story on page 3)

Awards and Decorations Guidelines Set

By Maj. Rudolph G. DiLuzio

"In the military, it is not always possible to recognize individuals with promotions, additional pay or time off for a good job," states Lt. Col. Theodore Beck. "But it is always possible to recognize an outstanding job by an appropriate award, decoration or letter of appreciation, together with a sincere 'thank you.'" Colonel Beck is the chairman of an ad hoc committee on personnel awards and decorations.

In March 1977, the committee held its first meeting in response to Brig. Gen. Billy Knowles' direction to "develop a permanent program insuring timely recognition of the wing's members." The wheels were set in motion for a comprehensive review of the handling of Westover's awards and decorations (A&D) program.

The committee brain-stormed the potential structure for a realistic program. "We felt that the program required an all-embracing set of guidelines outlining what A&D are available to the Reserves," said Colonel Beck. "The committee also wanted a relatively simple blueprint for program administration—one encouraging participation by showing that the 'paperwork' requirements for recommendations are not as overwhelming as apparently many people thought."

The committee has completed the first phase of its charter. It has formulated and published a guide for every commander's and supervisor's use.

Also, duty awards and decorations personnel for each unit were appointed. They will act as focal points for program administration by assisting unit commanders and supervisors with program procedures and answering reservists' questions about criteria and eligibility.

The committee is conducting indoctrination workshops with the A&D personnel. The committee will fine-tune the program guidelines based on initial implementation experiences.

Col. J. Frank Moore, base commander, has endorsed the need for a strong A&D program. "The program provides a means to honor our people, be it for a particularly significant achievement or for sustained noteworthy performance," said Colonel Moore. "We must assure that all deserving individuals at Westover are recognized for their accomplishments."

ARE YOU PREPARED TO DEPLOY?

BRIEFS

More than Beginner's Luck . . . TSgt. Robert Lougher, newly assigned recruiter for the 439th, was among the top ten percent of all Air Force Reserve recruiters for the third quarter of fiscal year 1977. Selectees were chosen on the number of new recruits.

The 914 TAG Fuels Management Branch has been named the Air Force Reserve Fuels Management Branch of the Year. As a result of this selection, the 914th is AFRES nominee for the American Petroleum Institute trophy.

Everyone wishes Lt. Col. Fred J. Marek, 905CEF commander, a speedy recovery. Colonel Marek is recuperating from an illness at his Long Island, N.Y., home. Acting commander during Colonel Marek's absence is Maj. Richard D. Cosgrove, 905 CEF PRIME BEEF officer.

Maj. George F. Dillon, staff officer for the 901st CEF, became its acting commander in September. The former commander, Lt. Col. Maurice E. Bilodeau requested reassignment to the inactive reserve.

The son of SSgt. Albert P. Benard, 901 CAMS, enlisted in the Air Force. Albert B. Benard goes to Lackland AFB for basic training and then to law enforcement school.

Lt. Col. Howard E. Mangin, former deputy commander for operations at Westover, has moved on and up in the Air Force Reserve. He takes over as director of current operations for the 4th Air Force (Reserve). Stationed at McClellan AFB, Calif., Colonel Mangin left for his new job on Sept. 26.

The Air Force Sergeants Association Ladies Auxiliary Chapter A209, invites ladies interested in joining, to contact Mrs. Anne-Marie Batchelder, chapter vice-president, at (413) 782-3703, or come to their membership meetings at the Open Mess on Nov. 1, Dec. 6, or Jan. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

The story in the September Patriot on women master sergeants inadvertently omitted MSgt. Mary Paradise, chief of CBPO's Personnel Utilization Branch. Our apologies to someone truly representing the crucial importance of women in the 439th.

74 AES Selects New Training Site

Nurses and medical technicians of the 74th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron will train at the Holyoke (Mass.) Hospital beginning with the October UTA.

The program began with an orientation program for all 62 reservists and the hospital staff at the facility during the September UTA.

Two teams of two nurses and eight medical technicians each, will report every UTA weekend while those remaining at Westover will continue with their ground and aeromedical training.

"Using the hospital for patient care experiences will keep the unit's personnel proficient in patient care and will provide

valuable on-the-job training for the enlisted members," says Maj. Sylvia Weber, officer-in-charge of training.

SSgt. Kenneth R. Wheeler, Jr., noncommissioned officer-in-charge of training, will coordinate the training and will help evaluate its progress in January, 1978.

"The hospital administrators emphasized that our reservists will work side-by-side with their staff rather than serving as relief staff. This will maximize our training," says Major Weber. "I've been coordinating aeromedical training for 15 years. Holyoke has been the easiest facility to work with and the most receptive."

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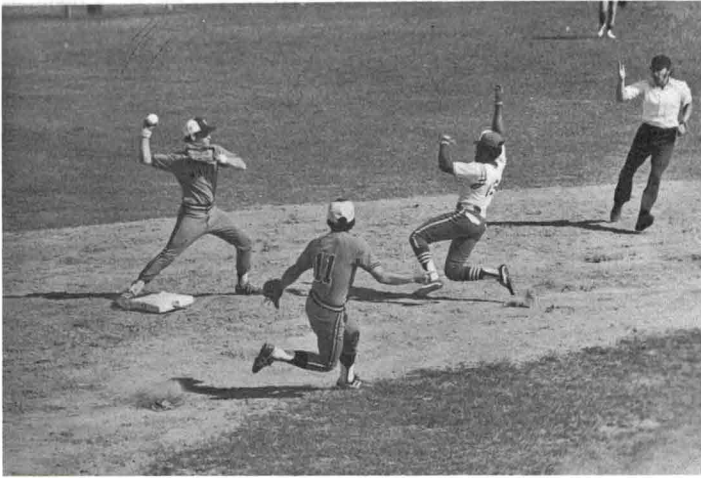
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439 Takes Softball Championship



DOUBLE 'EM UP. With help from Westover's third sacker, Bill Mazzaresse, second baseman Carl Walker converts a double play against the 926 TAG, NAS, New Orleans.



LOU BROCK HE AIN'T. Westover player Mitchel Staszko hustles into second base safely in a game against the New Orleans squad.

By AIC Wanda Wood

The Second Annual AFRES Slowpitch Softball Championship title belongs to the 439th TAW. Seventeen teams, from Reserve Force units across the country played in the August 19 to 21, 1977 tournament. At the request of AFRES officials, Westover again hosted the tournament.

The 915th Airborne Early Warning Control Group (AEWCG) from Homestead AFB, Fla. placed second. The 315th Military Airlift Wing (MAW) (Associate) from Charleston AFB, S. C. won four games before losing two, and finished third in the competition.

The 911th Tactical Airlift Group (TAG) team of greater Pittsburg International Airport (IAP), Penn. placed fourth. The 926th TAG team, Naval Air Station, New Orleans, La. and the 934 TAG team, Minneapolis—St. Paul IAP, Minn., tied for fifth place.

Col. J. Frank Moore, base commander, presented the top three team trophies to Captains Jack Murdock, 439TAW; Mike Davenport, 915AEWCG; and Dick Fuller, 315MAW. Their teammates also received individual trophies.

Westover's team members were Carl Walker, second baseman; Rick Oliver, shortstop; Bill Mazzaresse, third baseman; Bob "Juice" Chisolm, center fielder; Jack Murdock, first baseman; Ron Michon, left fielder; Don Vernon, short fielder; Sam Roberts, pitcher; Ken Lockney, right fielder; Dennis McGrevy and Dick Eaton, catchers; Chris Menard, outfielder; Mike Alexander, outfielder; Tom Nolan, pitcher; Jerry Racine, infielder; Wade Tate, infielder; Paul Benson, infielder; Mitch Staszko, outfielder; and Mike McNicholas, coach.

The other AFRES teams participating were HQ AFRES, Robins AFB, Ga.; 4th

Mobile Maintenance Squadron, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; 439th Tactical Fighter Wing, Grissom AFB, Ind.; 442TAW, Richards-Gebaur AFB, Mo.; 459TAW, Andrews AFB, Md.; 512MAW, Dover AFB, Del.; 910th Tactical Fighter Group (TFG), Youngstown Municipal Airport, Ohio; 914TAG, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; 920th Weather Reconnaissance Group, Keesler AFB, Miss.; and 927TAG, Selfridge ANGB, Mich.

The Air National Guard's 103 Tactical Fighter Group team, Windsor Locks, Conn., was also invited and participated in the tourney.

How The Winner Won

Westover's team won all eight games they played. However, the 915AEWCC questioned one player's eligibility. Their protest was upheld and Westover's victory was erased.

The Westover team later defeated the 315MAW team 11-1 and played two more against the 915th team. They won both: the semi-final game was . . . 13-7, and the final triumph was . . . 15-0.

Title Game Highlights

In the bottom of the first inning of the championship game against the 915AEWCC, Westover got off to a four run start. With one out and bases loaded, Jack Murdock delivered a single to left field bringing in Carl Walker. Ron Michon brought in Rick Oliver with a base hit. Don Vernon followed with the same for Bill Mazzaresse. Sam Roberts' sacrifice fly brought in Murdock for the last run of the inning.

The bottom of the third was highlighted by back to back homers. Michon delivered the first one. His three run blast over the center field fence pushed in Mazzaresse and Murdock. Don Vernon's solo shot also cleared the centerfield fence. That ended

the inning . . . 8-0.

In the bottom of the fourth, Westover again hit back to back homers. These were off the bats of Dennis McGrevy and Carl Walker. Later, with bases loaded, a single from Vernon brought Oliver home and a double from Roberts brought Murdock and Michon home. Finally, Ken Lockney singled to bring Sam Roberts home for the last run.

The Host Was Busy

"Everyone on the recreation staff and many reservists volunteered many extra hours. Their help made the tournament possible," said Capt. Walter H. Bumgardner, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Division chief.

439th Combat Support Group Civil Engineers and the MWR staff prepared the two fields. A 12-foot extension to the existing 6-foot high outfield fence was erected. Bulbs and lighting fixtures were replaced at diamond one. Clay and sand were mixed and rolled into the hardpacked playing field of diamond one.

"During the tournament, the two diamonds were repacked and chalked by MWR staff and volunteers between all 33 games. Other volunteers kept score and manned the concession stand," said Sergeant Lester, "Maj. Robert Hafner and TSgt. John Gamble were especially helpful. They kept score and announced the teams' lineups."

Housing of the 300 visiting ball players also meant extra work for the billeting and transportation people.

Food Services also planned well in advance for base guests. Besides the scheduled meals at the dining hall, the base wing picnic provided a casual get together on Saturday evening. Some of the feast was thoughtfully brought to those playing in the tournament during the picnic.

Commander's Calls Cite 439th Excellence

The "number one" wing in the Air Force Reserve has the "number one" personnel. This was evidenced by the many awards presented at the Sunday, Sept. 18th Commanders' Calls by Brig. Gen. Billy M. Knowles, wing commander.

The members of the 901st and 905th Consolidated Maintenance Squadrons collectively received the 14 Air Force (Reserve) (14 AF(R)) Outstanding Maintenance Award. Lt. Col. Delman Wolf accepted the recognition for them.

SMSgt. Paul Babin, 905 Communications Flight, was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his efforts between 1968 and 1972 as a Telecommunications Operations Superintendent and the resolution of many complex problems facing his unit.

For his 10,000 hours of accident free flying, Col. Jack Newell received his due recognition and pin.

Many individuals earned 14 AF(R) Certificate of Achievement Runner-Up Awards for 1976: the Pneudralic Shop as Maintenance Shop of the Year; (the award was accepted by MSgt. Henry Lapa); SMSgt. Leland B. Spencer, 905 CAMS, for the Maintenance Man of the Year; and Sgt. Emery F. Filarski, 901 CAMS, as the Crew Chief.

On the unit level, SrA Michael C. Albert, of the Avionics Shop, is the Maintenance Person of the Year; TSgt. William Toomey, 901 CMAS, is the C-123 Crew Chief while

TSgt. Allen Sanders, 905 CAMS, is the C-130 Crew Chief.

The Supply Person of the Year is SSgt. Wayne Carter, 905 MOBSF. The Recruiter of the Year isn't a recruiter by profession.

He's MSgt. Richard Tegtmeyer, a member of the 439TAW/RMX.

The combined 901st/905th CAMS Jet Engine Shop was named the Maintenance Shop of the Year.



RECRUITER OF THE YEAR, MSgt. Richard Tegtmeyer, 439TAW/RMX, is congratulated by Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Billy Knowles, during last month's commander's call. Waiting his turn to accept the award for the AFRES Shop of the Year is MSgt. Thomas Smith.



PROMOTED

Lt. Col. Joseph F. Hellauer, Jr.
Maj. David L. Fitzgerald
Maj. Richard T. Iannacone
Maj. Derle M. Snyder
MSgt. Howard M. Nolan
SrA Dean M. Mauro

ENLISTED

TSgt. Benjamin S. Riley, Jr.
SSgt. Robert L. Goudreau
SSgt. Donald G. Hughes
SSgt. Richard J. Kirkham, Sr.
SSgt. William S. MaGee
Sgt. Kevin Heath
Sgt. Juan L. Navarro-Rodriguez
SrA Michael E. Cavallo
SrA Bruce W. Trewin
SrA Edward J. Vail
A1C Neal A. Jason

A1C John Mitaras
A1C Richard Woods, Jr.
Amn. Ronald F. McCloud
AB Joseph R. Bianco
AB Michael E. Byrne
AB Clarissa J. Carter
AB Jo Marie Casinghino
AB Debra A. Dease
AB Richard H. Howard, Jr.
AB Mark C. Kupiec
AB Arthur J. Ladue, Jr.
AB Maureen Katherine Love
AB Carolyn M. Pietrewicz
AB Steven M. Renzulli
AB Thomas J. Roe
AB Raymond S. Turner
AB Terri A. West
AB Sandra L. Williams

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MSgt. Richard F. Eaton
MSgt. Fred J. Lavertue
MSgt. Beverly E. Parham, Jr.
MSgt. Joseph A. Robitaille
MSgt. Thomas A. Smith
TSgt. Laverne Cholewa
TSgt. Stewart E. Degray
TSgt. Robert P. Drake
TSgt. David W. Garnett
TSgt. Andrew P. Hoffman

TSgt. Wayne A. Hout
TSgt. John P. Kennedy
TSgt. Patricia J. Lougher
SSgt. Steven Q. Bethke
SSgt. Bruce L. Bornstein
SSgt. William A. Bowles, Sr.
SSgt. Robert Byron
SSgt. Martin T. Condon
SSgt. Francis A. Favara
SSgt. Frank S. Kaniecki
SSgt. David C. Mee
SSgt. George E. Morton
SSgt. James L. Pickener
SSgt. Michael E. Smith
SSgt. Gregory K. Swanson
SSgt. Francis J. Trigo, Jr.
SSgt. Thomas M. Troy
SSgt. James T. Tucker
Sgt. Henri M. Drentha
Sgt. Kevin Heath
Sgt. Stella L. Nine
SrA Roxann J. Henry

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SSgt. Russell A. Mellor
SSgt. William D. Merchant
SSgt. Arthur N. Moreau
SSgt. Brian A. Prefontaine
SSgt. David R. Terrell
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Sgt. Robert J. Dubois
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Sgt. Alexander Marchacos
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Lt. Col. Howard E. Mangin
Capt. Gerard K. Holtorp
SSgt. John W. Jackson
Sgt. Wayne R. Sanborn
Amn. James F. Dupuis

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Lt. Col. Angelo J. Perciballi
Capt. Martha A. McCluskey
MSgt. John M. Clark
TSgt. William F. Kusmik
SSgt. Philip R. Bourget
SSgt. George J. Higgins
SSgt. Paul J. St. Pierre
Sgt. Craig F. Branagan
Sgt. Norman P. Emond
Sgt. Richard C. Hardy
Sgt. David P. Hartman

A Place for Richie

By MSgt. Larry Lentz

The members of the 439th Tactical Airlift Wing and all the people at Westover Air Force Base have heard about the fighting spirit of Richard J. Leighton, who is recovering from an illness which has temporarily forced him to stay in bed.

For his pluckiness, we are making him an honorary member of the Air Force Reserve's 439th Tactical Airlift Wing. When he's up and around again, he is to have all the benefits of any other member of the Air Force Reserve, and the gates to the base are open to him. He'll have a place of honor for our next Open House celebration.

Richie Leighton was sick, very sick. He was a victim of cancer which left him paralyzed from the waist down and bedridden.

Richie's illness also partially stunted his growth. This gave him an appearance even younger than his young sixteen years. But the disease hadn't diminished his spirit, engaging personality and inquisitive mind. Because of his undaunted attitude and avid in-

terest in the Air Force, Barbara Hurst of Base Supply asked members of the 439th to visit Richie.

On May 25, Col. J. Frank Moore, base commander, MSgt. Samuel M. Roberts, Miss Betty O'Connell and Mrs. Hurst spent the first of many hours with the young boy. They presented him with posters of Air Force planes, unit patches, pictures and a specially prepared plaque inducting Richie into the 439th as an honorary member.

Richie also received a very personal and meaningful gift. Colonel Moore took an eagle insignia from his uniform and presented it to the grateful patient.

Westover's gifts and concern became Richie's prized possessions. A friend of the 439th, he became its number one supporter.

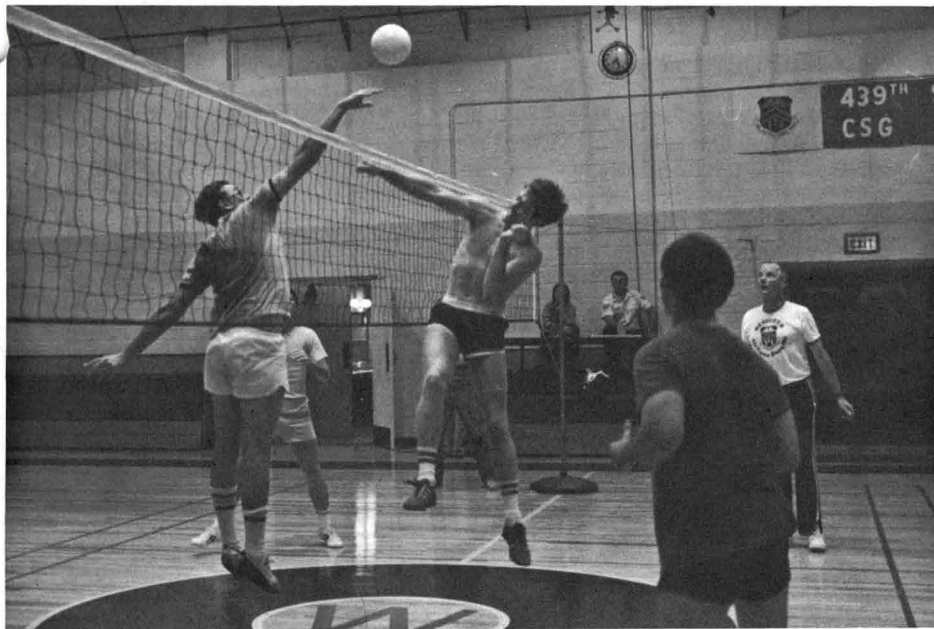
The trips to Richie's home by other Westover personnel continued until a few days before Richie died.

At the request of the boy's mother, Colonel Moore, at Richie's wake, once again pinned the colonel wings on the Air Force fatigues Richie was wearing—the fatigues in which he was to be buried.



Members of the wing and the base's Air Force Advisor's Office were also asked to serve as honorary escorts at the funeral on Aug. 1 in Richie's hometown of Palmer, MA.

Now, those who knew Richie, and those who wished they knew him, hold another place of honor for Richie—not at the next Open House—but in their hearts.



**The Group took the crown for year two
Every man on the Wing team they slew.
The battle was fought
On the volleyball court
And dozens of fans saw it too.**

**While proclaiming the victor with cheer
The Wing must wait for a year.
"At the next three game set,
You should certainly bet,
That next time Group buys all the beer."**

MSgt. Deane E. Wallwork, assistant chief, 439CSG/CE(FF) marks his last UTA in October with his retirement on October 29. He has worked three years for the 439th fire department and previously worked 19 years in supply. As a civilian, Sergeant Wallwork worked 29 years as a fire engine operator for the Athol (Mass.) Fire Department. The fire fighters honored Sergeant Wallwork with the presentation of a plaque and a party held during the September UTA weekend.

Paskevicz commands 337th

Lt. Col. Louis Paskevicz has been named the new 337th Tactical Airlift Squadron (TAS) commander by Air Force Reserve Headquarters. He replaces Col. Richard Stevens who transferred to the inactive reserve.

Colonel Paskevicz has been in the reserves since 1970. Before that he was a member of the 104th Tactical Fighter Squadron with the Air National Guard. While on active duty, he has been a pilot in

Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y., Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz., McChord AFB, Wash., Thailand and Turkey.

He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with 13 clusters, and several Vietnamese and Thai governments awards for his services during the Viet Nam campaign.

Colonel Paskevicz is a graduate of the University of Iowa and presently is employed as a pilot by Pan American Airlines.

439th FEASTS ON FOOD



By SSgt. Marshall Hathaway

To describe a dining out in encyclopedic terms, with sterile language, might be quite accurate, but would not measure up to reporting an account of the Third Annual NCO/Airman Dining Out at Westover.

It was an elegant night. It was a proud night. It was an unqualified success.

For those who have never attended a dining out—a very condensed explanation. Half the night is dedicated to a formal program steeped in military tradition, including the trumpeting of fanfares, posting of the colors, the playing of the National Anthem, the offering of many toasts, the serving of a formal dinner, and the awarding of citations. Also there are introductions of the head table and words by a guest speaker. The second half of the evening is reserved for relaxing and dancing. Dance music for this past dining out was provided by The Inner Light.

This year's guest speaker was Ms. Antonia Handler Chayes, assistant secretary of

the Air Force for manpower, reserve affairs and installations. She purposely scheduled her Westover appearance to be her first public speaking engagement since becoming assistant secretary. Ms. Chayes' remarks included glowing praise for the 439th, and she expressed pleasure that her first speech in her new office was at Westover because Massachusetts is her place of residence.

Military music for the event was provided by the Fort Devens Army Band. The heralders and drummer set the tone for the formal portion of the evening.

Esprit de Corps was the order of the day as everyone displayed their pride in the unit with toasts, including salutes to "The Number One Wing in the Air Force."

Wing Commander, Brig. Gen. Billy M. Knowles presented five awards in the form of trophies.

The Outstanding Work Center of the Year honor went to the 58APS Air Freight Services Section and was received by CMSgt. Walter J. Hareld. The unit was



D, FUN AT DINING OUT



cited for production at their off-base training location, excellent recruiting program and manning posture, their outstanding rating on the MEI, and for exceptional performance.

Capt. Thomas C. Zabel and SMSgt. Richard E. Jedrey of the 901APF accepted the Outstanding Unit of the Year award. The 901st was lauded for their exceptional support and number of loads dropped without incident. Further, for excelling in the areas of the job and ancillary training, and recruiting.

For displaying a positive and professional attitude, A1C Richard J. Mayette took the trophy for Airman of the Year. He was praised for his outstanding performance in making the 905th Mobility Support Flight a better unit.

NCO of the Year kudos were received by SSgt. Hubert Jaundoo, of the 901MOBSF for demonstrating outstanding leadership ability. Since Sergeant Jaundoo assumed the duties of the unit's retention counsellor, the 901st has enjoyed a 100% reenlistment

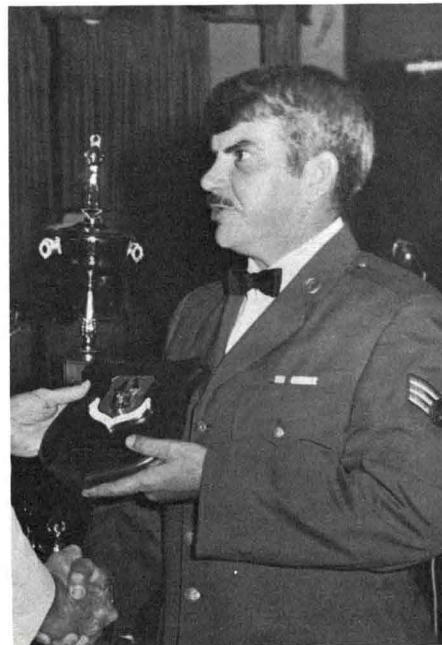
rate, and he has personally recruited new members.

Accepting the honor for Senior NCO of the year was CMSgt. Jack Murdock. As chief of the construction branch of the 439CSG Civil Engineers, his unit was completely error free during the recent MEI. The performance of his duties and the production of his personnel was heralded as "unparalleled in the history of the Air Force Reserve."

Those responsible for the success of the dining out were CMSgt. Leland Spencer, chairman; SMSgt. William Mahoney, president; TSgt. William Rose, Mr. Vice; and the committee, CMSgt. Sidney Wells, SMSgt. Francis Babin, SMSgt. Clayton Gallant, MSgt. Joseph Gaudet, MSgt. Henry Lapa, MSgt. Leon Nicolliello, MSgt. Thomas Templeman, TSgt. Laverne Cholewa, TSgt. Michael Gallagher, TSgt. Andrew Hoffman, TSgt. Richard Stula, TSgt. Alfred Wood and SSgt. Timothy McCoy.



(Photos by MSgt. Larry Lentz)



Sergeants Association seeks Westover Reservists

By SrA Dean Mauro

The Westover chapter of the Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA), in conjunction with its parent organization, is conducting a membership drive.

The AFSA as a whole hopes to up its membership from 85,000 to 100,000. The Westover branch wants to gain a true "total force" mix by attracting more reservists. Most members of the Westover AFSA are now retirees.

The AFSA, a private non-governmental organization, is open to all Air Force enlisted personnel, active duty, guard, reserve, retirees, former airmen and spouses of deceased airmen.

The objective of the AFSA, according to SSgt. William Batchelder, 901st MOBSFlt., who is spearheading the drive at Westover, is to provide, "A strong and effective voice for enlisted people to the President, the Congress, Department of Defense and other governmental agencies. Our complaints can reach decision makers, the AFSA fights for the right of enlisted people and is involved in trying to stop Congress from eliminating military benefits."

Westover airmen interested in joining the AFSA should contact Sergeant Batchelder at extension #3553 or at (413) 782-3703.

The AFSA was first chartered in 1961 in the District of Columbia by three Air Force Sergeants, on the premise that enlisted members, their families and survivors could benefit by having their own representatives "speaking" for them with government agencies. The AFSA has grown since then and hopes to grow still more.

In addition to lobbyists working for them in Washington, members also receive **Sergeants Magazine** each month. The organization supports an Air Force Enlisted Men's Widows' Home financially and administratively.

The AFSA offers a low cost automobile insurance, low cost health insurance-hospital income, CHAMPUS and Medicare and dental insurance. A group term life insurance policy is offered for a low monthly premium. Rental car and hotel discounts are also available to members.

A lifetime membership in AFSA costs \$125, annual membership is \$12, two years is \$22 and three years, \$33.

Sergeant Batchelder says, "The reasons for joining are wide ranging. Your rights and desires are represented in Washington, and I even got \$60 off on my car insurance."



LENDING A HELPING HAND Westover's personnel donated 71 pints of blood to the Red Cross' Chicopee Chapter on Aug. 22, during the base's annual blood drive. TSgt. William H. Lane, Civil Engineering heating systems supervisor offers his hand for a blood pressure check prior to his donation.

Tournament Champs Crowned

Summer encampment sports tournament action included tennis and doubles, racketball, volleyball and ping pong, as well as challenge matches in softball between several units.

A1C Tony Jimenez, Det. 5, 1st Aerospace Comm. Group, edged out Billy Knowles, Jr., dependent, in the tennis finals of singles competition.

Bryon Lawins and Bob Moore, dependents, overcame Derek Delisle and Steven Monroe, dependents, in the doubles semifinals and finals.

Racketball competition saw SSgt. John Cook, 1917 Communications Squadron, come out on top against Capt. Allen Clune, 905th CAMS, in a best two of three runoff.

SSgt. Howard G. Rae, 901st CAMS, won the ping pong tourney by defeating SSgt. John Budenas, 901st CAMS, and SSgt. Donald Hamel, 905th CAMS.

The combined 901st and 905th CAMS volleyball team defeated the 905th APFlt with scores of 15-3 and 15-4. Six base teams accepted the challenge.

Other volleyball action saw the 4th Mobile Maintenance Squadron, from Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio defeat the 439th TAW team.

Northeast MAs Gather at Westover

An estimated 150 mobilization augmentees (MAs) from a 300-mile radius including some who train with the 439th TAW, will meet at Westover on October 15 and 16. The meeting will inform MAs of the Air Force developments affecting them and their careers, and will review personnel and other records.

Mobilization augmentees are reservists whose wartime mission is to build up or augment units expected to need more personnel in the time of emergency. These reservists train with but do not belong to established reserve units.

Three representatives of the Air Force Reserve Personnel Center, Denver, Colo., the agency charged with supporting mobilization augmentees, will speak on such subjects as career management, retirement and separation, point credit accounting, promotion board operations, and statistics, and the Mobilization Augmentee Revitalization Plan. They are Col. Edward D. Reyes, director of personnel resources, Maj. James R. Sloan, chief of the documentation management branch, and TSgt. Richard Allan, chief of the classification and survey division.

Maj. Gen. Stephen T. Keefe, Jr., mobilization assistant to the 21st Air Force commander, will make opening remarks.

CFC FLASH
337th TAS—100%

Reservists Return To Shrine Hospital

By MSgt. Larry Lentz

The twisted bodies, covered by heavy plaster casts, were the same. The strange looking carts they slowly pushed themselves in down the hallway were also the same as last year. So were their smiles, laughter and unbroken spirit. Only their faces and names were different.

Like last year, and 7 years before that, members of the 439th returned to Springfield's Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children on August 24th and spent a few hours with the world's bravest, most beautiful patients.

Like previous years, the festivities included a picnic of hamburgers, hot dogs, watermelon, and ice cream, donated by the

439th and prepared by MSgt. Robert Moriarty, SSgt. Vincent Lingley and Sgt. Frank Komoloski, and huge cakes created by TSgt. Frank Duval, TSgt. Charles Walker, and SSgt. Robert Connors. There's always enough food for all the hospital staff as well, giving their cooks a mini-holiday.

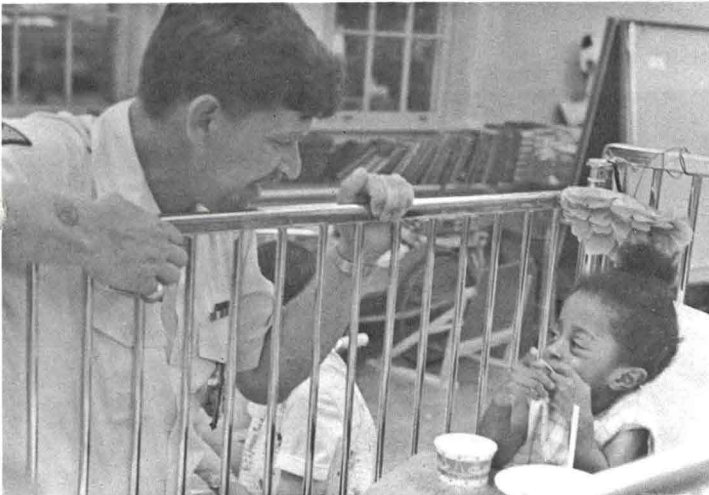
As in the past, reservists and patients quickly became enbroiled in table tennis, air hockey, comic books and conversation between the bed's protective railings.

The 439th members found the afternoon's visit a truly memorable experience. The love they offered was returned many times over.

Like previous years, they vowed to return next year.



Maj. Alfred Abbatiello, 439CSG/DPM



TSgt. Klaus P. Fecke, 439CSG/DEF



TSgt. Martha A. Daugherty, 439CSG/DPM



SSgt. Vincent G. Lingley, 439CSG/SVF



TSgt. Herbert Humpriss, 439TAW/DO



Amn. Nancy Peters, 439TAW/CC

Picnic Produces Pleased Palates



TOO MANY COOKS Sgt. Frank Fazi, right, watches the chicken in the basket in the barbecue pit during the wing's annual picnic on Saturday, Aug. 20, while other dining hall personnel, from left, Sgt. Wayne Martin, TSgt. Marty Infante, SMSgt. Frank Babin and Amn. Teresa Rice watch him and make suggestions.

PICNIC POTPOURRI The feast for wing members, their guests and softball tournament participants ranged from chicken prepared by TSgt. Ronald Perreault, center, to clams, hamburgers, hot dogs and corn at the Stonybrook picnic grounds.



Parker Named Deputy Commander for Operations

The 439th TAW has a new Deputy Commander for Operations. Lt. Col. Billie H. Parker, former commander of the 908th Tactical Airlift Group, Maxwell AFB, Ala., took over the key position on Aug. 11.

He came to the wing after attending the Air War College from August 1976 to May 1977.

The colonel has 235 combat hours in South Vietnam as a C-130 pilot.

After receiving his wings and commission in 1955, Colonel Parker became a C-119 pilot with the Airways and Air Communications Service, Tinker AFB, Okla. Before departing for a three year tour in Japan in 1960,

the colonel had become a flight examiner and base instrument school instructor at Tinker AFB.

During his active duty career, Colonel Parker also was an inspector of navigational aids and radar facilities throughout the Far East. He helped establish flight check schools for the Japanese and South Korean Air Forces.

After leaving active duty, Colonel Parker went to Ellington AFB, Tex., as an air reserve technician. He helped plan the first Combat Crew Training School operated by the Air Force Reserve there. Between 1968

and 1971 he was an instructor pilot and flight commander for the 705th Tactical Airlift Training Squadron (AFRES), under then Lt. Col. Billy M. Knowles, the squadron chief of flight operations.

Colonel Parker has been very busy in his new position. "I'm trying to get up to speed on operating procedures for a tactical airlift wing in the face of our forthcoming O.R.I."

The colonel sees his objectives at Westover clearly: "It will be business as usual—keeping this wing as the most outstanding in the Air Force Reserve."

They gave us help: 106 people

By TSgt. Tom Brucia

The 4th Mobile Maintenance Squadron has a unique motto: "Have toolbox: will travel." Travel they did this year—from Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, to Westover.

Some 102 enlisted people and four officers of the 4th, commanded by Lt. Col. William J. Turner, pulled their annual tour here Aug. 13-27. They did what they do best: help lend a hand with maintenance work.

The reservists of the 4th, invited here by Brig. Gen. Billy M. Knowles, 439th TAW commander, worked under 439th TAW supervisors, fully integrated in wing work groups. They pitched in in every area of maintenance, putting in more than 5,000 manhours. The additional hours they contributed allowed the 439th to keep its aircraft up and flying—and training—even more.

The 4th is an experienced group, qualified to work on such aircraft as the C-141, U-6, F-15, and C-7, as well as the C-130 and C-123. Some two-thirds of the 4th's members are prior service people.

This was their first year at Westover. Normally they do their two weeks at Robins Air Logistics Center, Robins AFB, Ga., with a small group assigned to Maxwell AFB, Ala.

Many of the members of the 4th had never been "up east."

About 30 drove the interstates from the Mid-West to Massachusetts, some with their families. Others knew this area well. One example is SMSgt. Henry C. Sikora, assigned to Westover AFB during 1942 and 1943 with the 352nd Fighter Group.

Combined Federal Campaign

Base Commander Col. J. Frank Moore kicked off the area 1978 Combined Federal Campaign on Sept. 28. As chairman, Colonel Moore explained this is a one-time solicitation for voluntary health and welfare agencies, and the only fund-raising drive for voluntary agencies this year.

Project officer for Westover is Juanita Jennings, base traffic management officer. Each unit has appointed a key worker who is contacting all base personnel.

Colonel Moore said, "I am confident the willingness of all Federal employees, military and civilian, to contribute to this worthwhile cause will be reflected in a most successful Combined Federal Campaign this year." The campaign continues through Nov. 11.

The reservists of the 4th left as unobtrusively as they came. "When we get orders to go, we're ready," says Capt. Kenneth T. Clifford, organizational maintenance officer. "We just throw our bags in baggage, get our toolboxes, get on the plane—and go."

Air drop conference meets here

Some 25 representatives of Army airborne and Air Force transport units met at Westover AFB Sept. 28-30 to meet Army air drop requirements and Air Force aircraft support.

The monthly Joint Forces Air Allocation and Coordination Conference was co-hosted by the 439th TAW and 10th Special Forces Group, Ft. Devens, Mass. This is the first time the event has been hosted by an Air Force Reserve unit.

Representatives of units flying C-123, C-130, C-141, and C-7 aircraft attended. The conferees included persons from Air Guard, Air Force Reserve, active duty Air Force and Army units. They included Hq AFRES, Hq 21st Air Force, Hq 22nd AF, Air National Guard Bureau (Washington, D.C.), the Army Readiness Command, and the Army Forces Command.

2nd ALC Performs Summer Training at Westover

One of the newer members of the 439th TAW family, the 2nd Air Logistics Center Augmentation Squadron (2ALC), trained at Westover Sept. 11-18. Eleven officers and 17 enlisted people from the unit worked in base supply, personnel, administration, aircraft, fuels management and communications jobs.

They spent the second week of their summer tour at Camp Drum Sept. 19-26.

The 2nd ALC, one of five such units in the entire United States, trains to be ready to augment or replace air logistics in a national emergency. Specifically, the unit would be acquired by the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center, Tinker AFB, Okla., upon mobilization.

"The 2nd's wartime mission is to find and distribute Air Force Logistics Command resources for B-52s, A-7s, KC-135s and some missiles. The squadron's area of responsibility is New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio," according to Maj. H. Bradford Arthur, who commanded the 2nd ALC group at Westover. "Our time here gave us a chance to do some solid training, the kind it's not easy to obtain."



58APS MEMBERS march to retreat ceremony to the beat of drummers—very different drummers—and to bagpipes as well. Twenty-five members of the Melha Highlanders, a Melha Shrine troupe from Springfield, gave the Saturday, Sept. 17th event an international flair with their music and full Highlanders' uniforms. MSgt. Howard Nolan, 58 APS training monitor, met the group at a recent St. Patrick's Day parade and invited them to participate in the unit's retreat.

Parade Held, Units March, Personnel Praised

The 439th Annual Parade, ending the Wing's two week active duty tour, was held on the base Ellipse on Aug. 27. The event featured a flyover of nine C-123s, the music of the Fort Devens New England Army Band and the presentation of Meritorious Service and Commendation medals and retirement certificates by Brig. Gen. Billy Knowles, wing commander.

Lt. Col. Harry Judd, now retired, received the Meritorious Service Medal for his efforts as assistant deputy commander for resource management.

Col. Richard P. Stevens, former 337th

Tactical Airlift Squadron commander, also received the Meritorious Service Medal due to his unit's smooth transition from C-124 to C-130 aircraft and consequent quick combat rating upgrade.

Commendation medals were awarded to Lt. Col. Edward D. Sullivan, base staff judge advocate and to MSgt. William D. Bridge, Jr., former 59th Aerial Port Squadron First Sergeant.

SMSgt. Hugh J. Fraleigh, Jr., representing recent 439th retirees, now has his certificate and the appreciation of the unit.

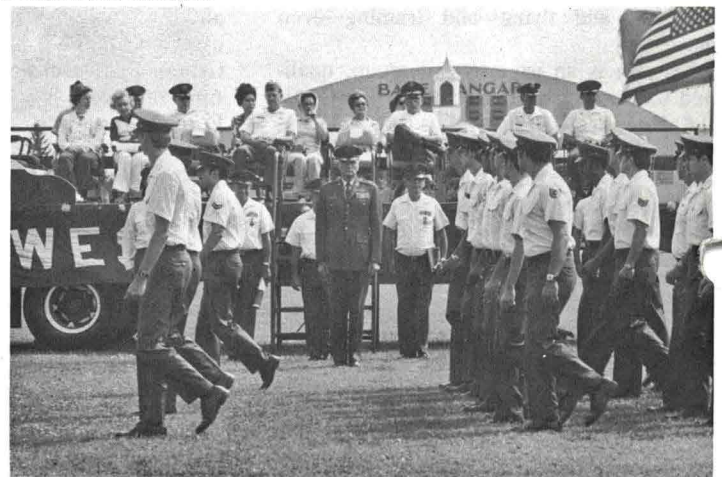
SSgt. Marshall R. Hathaway, 439 CSG, received the Air Force Reserve's Informa-

tion Specialist of the Year plaque. He was recognized for his assistance in the base's community relations programs and information support during 1976's Brave Shield activities.

Besides the many families and friends of the 439th watching the parade and "pass-in-review" were distinguished guests: Maj. Gen. Richard Bodycombe, Air Force Reserve (AFRES) vice commander; Brig. Gen. Cecil Jenkins, 94 MAW commander; Col. Allan Andreason, AFRES chief of staff; and Col. Augustine Verrengia, AFRES chief of staff mobilization augmentee.



HONOREES stand at attention, with the unit's color guard, as the troops prepare to pass in review. Waiting to be cited, are from left, Col. Richard Stevens, Lt. Col. Harry Judd, Lt. Col. Edward Sullivan, MSgt. William Bridge, SMSgt. Hugh Fraleigh and SSgt. Marshall Hathaway.



PASSING IN REVIEW is a portion of the large contingent of 439th reservists who marched by the reviewing stand. Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Billy M. Knowles, center, watches as dignitaries and friends and families of the wing's awards and decorations winners observe the military maneuvers.

**OCTOBER UTA-FRI NIGHT, SAT & SUN
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The time for Christmas giving has come for Westover's reservists. Beginning with the October UTA, Westover's first sergeants will collect money to buy toys for the children at Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children in Springfield, and for the Newington (Conn.) Hospital for Crippled Children. The patients will receive the gifts during Westover's annual December visits. If you wish to donate toys, either new or used in good condition, for the children, please bring them to the Wing Information Office in Hangar 3.

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