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## Peace Through Readiness

# Armed Forces Day Draws Huge Crowds

By MSgt. Larry Lentz

The boy was about ten years old. As those in front of him on the long line inched forward, he tugged at his father's hand. Soon, they no longer stood on the C-123's ramp, but were making their way up the ladder into the cockpit and into the pilot's and co-pilot's seats. For a few minutes, they were soaring at 20,000 feet.

But reality quickly returned. And two teenagers were anxious for their turn to "make believe."

The scene was repeated countless times by people of all ages, of all backgrounds, in many aircraft, as Westover and 38,000 visitors celebrated Armed Forces Day on Sunday, May 22.

The would-be flyers could choose from many types of aircraft. In addition to a 731 TAS C-123K and a 337TAS C-130B, a C-7A Caribou came from Dobbins AFB, Ga. An AC-130A Hercules Gunship flew in from Duke Field, Fla., sporting its unique weaponry and reconnaissance capability.

Another AFRES aircraft was the A-37B Dragonfly from the 434 TFW at Grissom AFB, Ind. The 507 TFG at Tinker AFB, Okla., provided an F-105 Thunderchief. Coming the furthest was a KC-135 Stratotanker from the 940 ARG at Mather AFB, Cal.

The Massachusetts Air National Guard's 104th Tac Fighter Group at Barnes MAP, Mass., contributed an F-100 Super Sabre, while the Air Force active duty units from Columbus AFB, Miss. and Pease AFB, N.H. sent a T-38 Talon and an FB-111.

The biggest attraction was the giant C-5 Galaxy from Dover AFB, Del., flown in by an all-Reserve crew from the 512 MAW (Assoc.) With its nose swung up over the cockpit, its ramp down and front wheels tucked below, the tilted body seemingly was touching the ground. A steady flow of visitors inspected its cavernous inside and

made the steep climb into the cockpit and crews' quarters.

Many of the visitors picnicked on the flight line grass areas and watched an afternoon-long aerial show. 439 TAW C-123s and C-130s demonstrated various takeoff and flyover formations as viewers were able to take advantage of our normal training activities. The planes also dropped cargo delivery system bundles and paratroops from the Army's 10th Special Forces from Fort Devens.

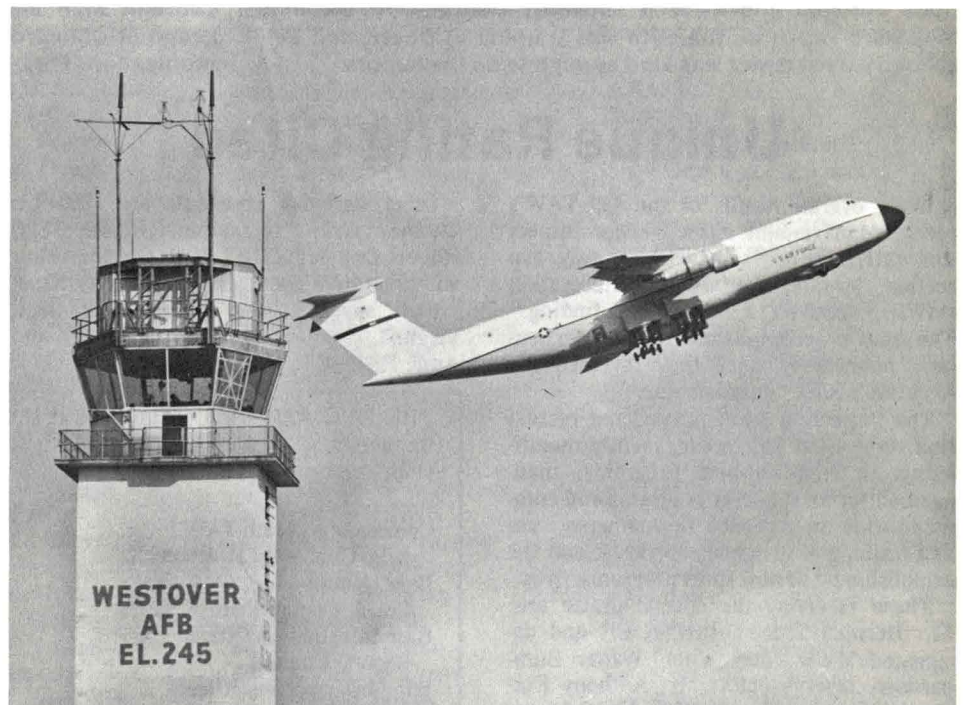
A 302 TAW UC-123K from Rickenbacker

Air Force Base, Ohio, provided a special demonstration of its aerial spray capabilities.

One of Westover's tenants, the 1059 Medical Det. (Hel. Amb.) from the Massachusetts Army National Guard, provided both a UH-1H and an OH-6 helicopter.

Relief from the sun and 90° temperature came two ways. The crowds took advantage of the concessions stands manned by members of the 58th Aerial Port Squadron, 901st Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance

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**UP, UP AND AWAY . . . .** Climaxing Westover's Armed Forces Day open house celebration, a C-5 Galaxy starts "wheels up" as it passes the base's control tower on its way back home to Dover AFB, Del. (Photos by Hathaway)

## Recruiters Find "Two's Company"

Starting an Air Force Reserve career is for the young—those just out of high school with no other responsibilities. Hardly, if two recent 'swearing-in' ceremonies by the 439th recruiters are any example.

During the May UTA, two Springfield school teachers and friends for 20 years signed on the dotted line. Later, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crapo became Technical Sergeant and Senior Airman Crapo.

Neither teacher, Lewis G. Sprague, age 36, or Ricardo T. DeGrace, age 37, has prior military service. Therefore, both left for

Lackland AFB basic training on May 23. Later they'll attend Air Cargo School at Shepard AFB, Texas, for five weeks before joining their unit, the 59 APS for summer encampment.

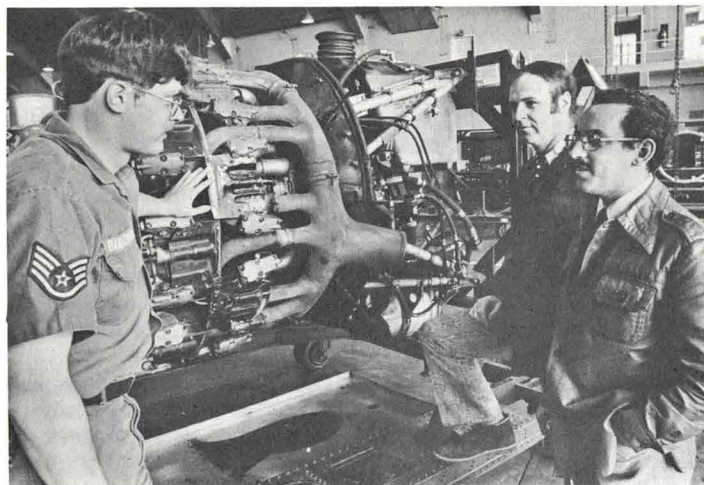
Airman Sprague is married and has a 14 year old son. He teaches fifth grade at the Myrtle Street School, Indian Orchard. Also married is Airman DeGrace whose class is at Springfield's Warner Street School.

Both Sergeant and Airman Crapo have prior service. He's a 14 year Air Force veteran while she has completed three years

of Army active duty. They're both assigned to the 901 CFIt as telecommunications specialists.

In civilian life, Sergeant Crapo is a senior systems analyst for the State of New Hampshire. Airman Crapo is a housewife.

The story of the Crapo enlistment is not over. They have two sons. Eighteen year old Harold recently joined the Air Force. He leaves for basic training on July 1 and then Air Weather Service training at Chantute. His brother, Curt, 16, says he's joining in two years.



**RECRUITS TOUR . . . .** SSgt. Donald Budzynkiewicz, 58 APS, gives the cooks' tour to an unusual pair of recruits, Lewis Good Sprague and Ricardo Theodore DeGrace. At the time they were sworn in, the 59th was training at Dover, and Sergeant Budzynkiewicz was kind enough to do the honors.



**WELCOME ABOARD . . . .** 1st. Lt. Charlotte Thompson, officer in charge of the 901 Comm. Flight operations, greets a newly sworn-in man and wife team, TSgt. Harold and SrA Elaine Crapo of Concord, N.H. Both are assigned to the 901st Communications Flight as telecommunications specialists.

## Unique Rating Cited

While overall results of the 439 TAW's recent Management Effectiveness Inspection (MEI) were "satisfactory," only one section, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR), received a "laudatory finding." The staff's accomplishments are particularly noteworthy since they reversed the May 1975's MEI "unsatisfactory."

The inspection team praised the recreation services in four areas: facility modification through self-help programs; management of local sports programs and command-wide invitational tournaments; use and training of assigned reservists; and the establishment of new sport programs.

Those receiving the special praise are: Mr. Herman Tracey, 439CSG/CE and designated MWR chief; Capt. Walter Bumgardner, reserve chief; Mr. Anthony Fortunato, Open Mess manager; Mr. Anthony Queern, nonappropriated funds management officer; and Mr. Mike McNicholas, recreation supervisor.

Other assigned reservists are: 2nd. Lt. Thomas Gray, recreation officer; TSgt. Robert Lester, NCOIC; SSgt. Gordon Hunt, administrative specialist; SSgt. Peter King, athletic specialist; and staff members SSgt. Virginia Thomas, Amn. Kent Ranney and Amn. Richard Rouse.

**BX GROCERY is now open on Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

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## Bon Voyage Via The 58APS

Two C-141s from the 438 MAW at McGuire AFB, N.J. rolled down Westover's runway May 14th providing mission support for a Massachusetts National Guard Yankee Division Unit. Three and a half tons of cargo and 75 troops were loaded aboard each aircraft at the base. The loading in itself was not unusual and is normally accomplished by a MAC active duty Airlift Control Element (ALCE) team. However, in conjunction with May's UTA, the operation was planned and executed by ten members of the 58APS and coordinated by TSgt. Louis Nagel, MAC Advisor.

58th members participating in the mission were crew chiefs TSgt. Herbert Feder, TSgt. Gilbert Anderson, TSgt. Roger Brogis, SSgt. Frank Kaniecki, SSgt. Richard Alix, Sgt. Steven Pratte, Sgt. Lawrence Gelinis, Sgt. Phillip Russ, A1C Vincent Lupo and SrA Howard Cormier.

Battalion Commander Major Laurino approached the Westover team upon completion of the loading, and according to Sergeant Feder, expressed a high degree of satisfaction for a job well done, declaring that it was a "real professional job."

The deployed troops, members of Company C, 1st Battalion, 181st Infantry Division, stationed at Ware, were on their way to Upper Heyford, England. From there they conveyed to Wales to engage in their two week training with the 7th Volunteer



**STARLIFTER AIRLIFTERS . . . .** Members of the 58 APS supervise the loading of National Guard troops and supplies aboard a C-141. The guardsmen left from Westover for their summer encampment on Saturday, May 14.

Battalion, Royal Anglian Regiment.

Maj. Gen. James Galloway, Commander of Army Readiness, Region 1, flew from Fort Devens by helicopter to Westover to send off the troops and to observe various

operations of the 439th. According to Brig. Gen. Billy Knowles, General Galloway was highly impressed with the base and is looking forward to a return visit so that he may further observe our methods.



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# ARMED FORCES DAY — W



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Squadron, and the Westover Squadron, Civil Air Patrol.

Or the visitors strolled in the shade of the Base Hangar, past many booths, including those sponsored by the recruiters from the various services. Many a young pilot now has posters and other mementos, thanks to the recruiters' generosity.

While the Air Force was showing off its new C-5A, MSgt. William Davidson, Jeffrey Teixeira and Ted Witowski from the Hampshire Regiment of Ludlow, and Ed Marhefka and Dick Sheehan from the 2nd Hampshire Regiment of Northampton, were displaying Revolutionary and Civil War muskets, uniforms and memorabilia.

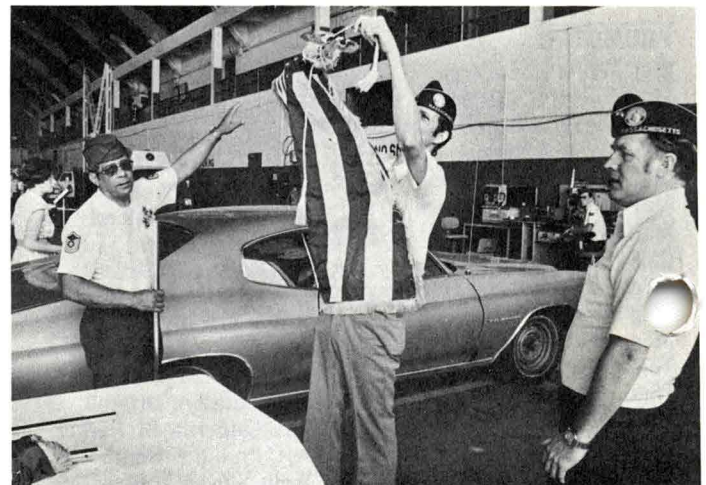
Our brown-suited friends made a large contribution to the success of the day. Elements of Hq & Hq Co., 3rd Brigade, Westover AFB; 1st Battalion, 104th Infantry from Westfield; and the 2nd Battalion, 104th Infantry from Chicopee, manned displays of their equipment and machinery.

Not to be outdone by their brothers from the MARNG, 1SG. Peter Targonski and

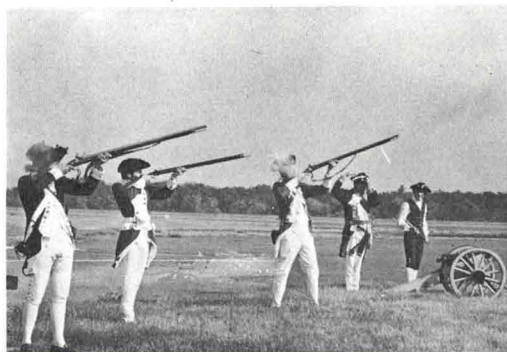


Sgt. John Brandenhoff from the Conn. Army National Guard's "A" Battery, 2nd Battalion, 192nd Field Artillery—affectionately known as "Hartford Fire," displayed cannon and other artillery pieces.

Westover was well represented too. 901 and 905 CAMS members answered questions about their engine displays, while Life Support Section personnel were doing likewise at their exhibit.



# ESTOVER AFB — MAY 1977



While there were sights and snacks, there were also sounds. The afternoon's featured performers, the Air Force's "Tops in Blue," provided a musical cornucopia of combo, songs, dance and comedy. The twenty talented performers were chosen for a six-month temporary duty tour from a series of bases through command-wide competitions. That selection process pro-

duced an hour and a half show which had the crowd enthusiastically clapping to the beat and in appreciation.

The day's festivities concluded with a multi-organization retreat ceremony featuring uniformed members from the Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Air Force, Army National Guard and the Air Force Reserve. The largest contingent was from Springfield Technical High School's Junior ROTC. Joining their compatriots were members of Chapter 11, Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and American Legion (AL) Post 353.

Leading this impressive group of military members were the ROTC unit's color guard and the color guards from the DAV, AL and Westover's own 439th.

By late afternoon, the crowds had disappeared, the visiting aircraft were on their way home and the many booths were dismantled. The base was returning to normal after a very successful day.

Perhaps that night there were a few of those visitors, young and not-so-young, tucked into bed after a busy day at Westover, dreaming they were back at 20,000 feet.



## Hats On for Alcohol Deglamorization

By A1C Wanda Wood

Ever lose a day's pay because you wore a hat in a cocktail lounge? Not any more. Buying a "round for the house" because you inadvertently left your hat on is now a custom of the past at all Air Force bases.

According to new AF Regulation 215-1, "enticing people to drink through peer pressure or outmoded customs is not appropriate." It's part of a total program on alcohol deglamorization.

The newly specified policies encourage alternatives to alcohol consumption. These include:

Offering reduced prices on non-alcoholic drinks when offering reduced prices for alcoholic ones at "on base" establishments.

During reduced price periods, drinks will not be offered without snacks or food and for less than 50 per cent of normal prices. Also, "two-for-one" drinks will be discouraged.

"Last Call" or other countdown techniques designed to promote last-minute alcoholic sales are no longer appropriate.

Under no circumstances should non-drinkers be forced to share in the costs of alcoholic beverages. When included in a package price for a meal, party or other function, non-alcoholic options will be made available.

Alcoholic beverages by the glass or bottle will not be offered free. However, when a free bottle of wine is given, for example during a club member's birthday, the member may instead select a non-alcoholic drink of comparable value.

Advertisements that glamorize alcoholic beverages sales will not be used. However, reduced price period advertising is permitted.

When possible, family-oriented open mess activities such as dinner-theatre nights or parent-child dinners, will be provided that are not centered around the cocktail lounge.

Alternatives will encourage the availability of amusement machines or other diversions at the open mess or at other base locations.

Because inappropriate consumption of alcoholic beverages is detrimental to maximum productivity, Air Force members are encouraged to refrain from these drinks prior to, or during working hours. Prudent consumption during a meal is accepted.

The new program combines responsible self-discipline and the encouragement and assistance of others to decrease drinking too many alcoholic beverages. While its goal does not advocate the abstinence from all such drinks, it does follow the old rule of thumb, "moderation in all things."



**THE BEST OF THE BEST . . .** Chicopee Chamber of Commerce's Ben Mathis, left, presents a gift to SMSgt. Leland Spencer, as the 439th's other outstanding airmen, TSgt. Andrew Hoffman and SrA Sarah White, await their gift and scroll.

## Chamber Honors the 439th

Continuing a long running custom, the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce concluded its current breakfast series with a Salute to the Air Force Reserve, held at the base's Consolidated Open Mess with 210 persons in attendance.

Chief Greeter for the occasion was Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Billy M. Knowles, who presented the chamber's salutes to several local businessmen. Ben Mathis (Lt. Col. Retd.), chairman of the chamber's military affairs committee, in turn presented the salutes to Westover's 1976-77 top air-

men. Receiving the recognition as well as banks filled with pennies, were SMSgt. Leland Spencer, Outstanding Senior Non-commissioned Officer; TSgt. Andrew Hoffman, Outstanding Noncommissioned Officer; and SrA Sarah White, Outstanding Airman of the Year.

For his yeoman's service at the affair, General Knowles was presented a framed scroll attesting to his membership in the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce's exclusive Chief Greeters Association.

## BRIEFS

WING EXECUTIVE OFFICER Roy A. McCord has announced that a recent change to AFR 123-11 eliminates the need for each unit to assign a complaints officer. We therefore now have only one Wing Complaints Officer, Col. Donald A. Carlson, deputy commander for maintenance. All wing and base personnel, military or civilian, making official complaints, will present them to Colonel Carlson during UTAs or the summer encampment when he is here. He can be available at other times when more immediate action is needed, if an appointment is requested through the wing executive office at ext. 3978.

FIRE PROTECTION CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION for this year's Spring Cleanup Campaign were awarded to Michael A. McNicholas, recreational supervisor, for outstanding achievement; and to Luis A. Merced, base exchange manager, for the best improvement in their work areas. Fire Chief Haskel Jenkins, Base Commander Col. J. Frank Moore and Joe Longworth, chief of technical services, presented the certificates.

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STILL IN THE RUNNING . . . . TSg James Boudreau, 439CSG, successfully finished the Boston Athletic Association's Boston Marathon on April 18. He completed the 26-plus miles in less than four hours. Not bad for a 55 year old! Sergeant Boudreau's running companion at the Hopkinton starting line was actress Joanne Woodward.

## No Exceptions Accepted for Social Actions

Social Action Phase III classes started at the top—at the very top of the 439 TAW. Air Force Regulation 30-2 dictates that all supervisors complete the class which concentrates on standards, discipline and human relations training.

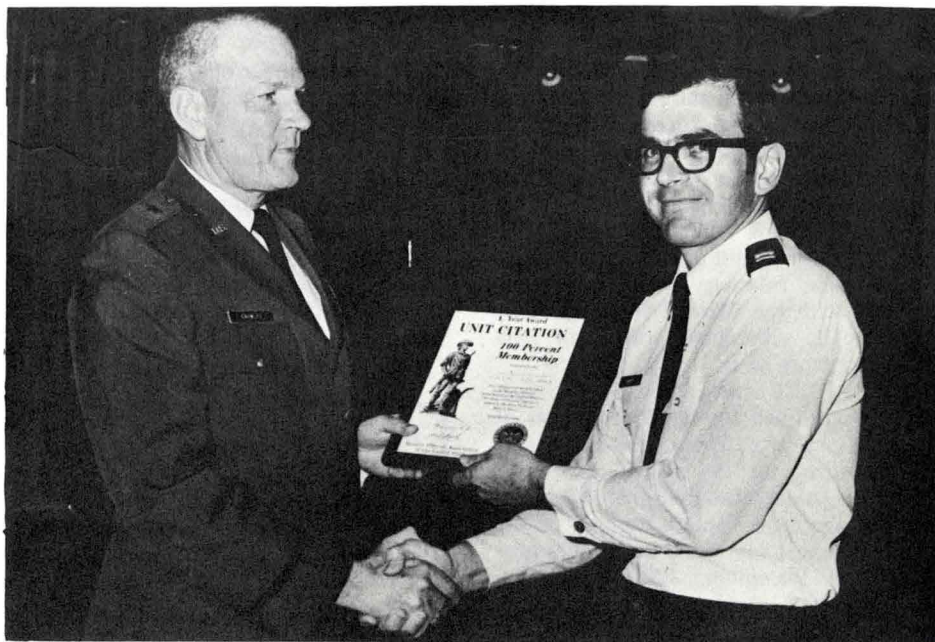
On Friday, May 13, eighteen 439 TAW commanders and their assistants assembled for a specially convened class led by Instructor 1st, Lt. Frank Mauro. Future classes for all 439th officers, E-4 personnel and above and designated civilians will follow similar formats.

In addition to meeting their own obligation to attend, the commanders' involvement also allowed for their input of suggestions about the program. "We are pleased that everyone's comments about the course's contents and the manner of instruction were very favorable," reports Capt. Benjamin Goff, social actions chief. "General Knowles' comments about Air Force standards were also well taken. He explained why these classes are so important. Because behavior varies from person to person, these standards are vital to maintain uniform performance by everyone within the Air Force. These standards, from specified rules to implied suggestions, are necessary to establish acceptable levels of conduct—levels which are understood and followed by everyone."

Those receiving certificates for the course's completion are: Brig. Gen. Billy Knowles, wing commander; Col. Donald Carlson, deputy commander for maintenance; Col. Alan Fleckner, 439 Tac Hospital commander; Lt. Col. Larry Bryant, reserve supplement officer; Lt. Col. Frank Heyner, 731 TAS commander; Lt. Col. Howard Mangin, deputy commander for operations; Lt. Col. Charles Parrott, wing vice commander; Lt. Col. Delman Wolf, 901 CAMS commander; Maj. Joseph Hellauer, base executive officer; Maj. Edward Kosakoski, 74AES commander; Maj. Martin Markey, 901 MOBSF/lt commander; Maj. Wayne Markison, 905 MOBSF/lt commander; Maj. Alan Salus, 901 CF/lt commander; Maj. Don Williams, 58 APS commander; Capt. Ronald Frederickson, 901 CAMS commander; Capt. Barry Monahan, wing executive officer; Capt. Thomas Zabel, 901 APF/lt commander; and Capt. John Shelby, 905 APF commander.



**A TRULY GOOD SCOUT . . .** Timothy L. Ross, 11, center, of 40 Middle Street, Springfield, receives the "Medal of Merit," before 2,000 fellow Pioneer Valley Boy Scouts during their Horizons '77 jamboree at Westover. Timmy recently rescued his two-year-old brother from drowning. Joining in the congratulations are, from left, Mitchell Ogulewicz, Jamboree chairman; Brig. Gen. Billy M. Knowles, 439th TAW commander; Mrs. Knowles (partially obscured); U.S. Rep. Edward P. Boland of Springfield; Joseph Wright, council chairman; and Harris M. Tanner, ceremonies chairman.



**DOUBLE DISTINCTION . . .** Brig. Gen. Billy Knowles, 439 TAW commander, presents a certificate of recognition to Capt. Michael Choffel, 1917 Communications Squadron commander, during the May officers' call. He and Capt. Leo Cobb, operations officer, are the unit's two officers. With their enrollment in the Reserve Officers Association, their unit achieved 100 percent participation. And both are active duty officers!





**HOT TIME TONIGHT . . . . .** Two Westover "smoke eaters" attack an evening training fire—the first in two years—staged May 14 to train reserve fire fighters.

**COMING OUT PARTY . . . . .** Reserve fire fighters rush into a C-123 cockpit during a rescue and fire fighting training exercise. It was one of many held May 14 for 439CSG, 901CEF and 905CEF fire fighters.



## Air Reserves, 439th Plan Panama Tours

Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve C-130 units will start rotational tours to the Panama Canal Zone in September, 1977. They'll handle all flying activities now conducted by the Military Airlift Command's active duty forces.

The 439th TAW will participate during June, July and August of 1978 as part of the C-130B model rotation. It will share flying missions with the 433rd TAW from Kelly AFB and its subordinate, the 924th TAG from Bergstrom AFB.

Other AFRES units, flying C-130E models, are scheduled for the first quarter of the 1978 fiscal year. Then Air Guard flights are delegated for the second and third quarters—January through June, 1978.

The assignments resume Reserve participation in the Canal Zone which was suspended in December, 1975. Previously, Air Reserve C-123 Hercules were supplementing active duty C-130 units flying for the U.S. Southern Command.

Each rotation will consist of a mission commander; six C-130 aircraft; seven crews plus four extra loadmasters; support personnel and equipment; and a permanent operations crew. They are expected to remain for a two week minimum.

The exact number of 439th air crews and maintenance personnel will be determined later.

While in Panama, the crews will fly for a variety of reasons besides maintaining their own training readiness. Their efforts include: community relations and civic action projects; logistical support for the Command; joint training exercises with Army paratroopers; disaster relief; search

and rescue flights; and medical and humanitarian evacuation missions.

"This transfer, from MAC to Reserve forces, is just one more extension of the 'total force policy,'" reports Lt. Col. Howard Mangin, 439 TAW deputy commander for operations. "Our participation in this program, called 'Cold Oak', points out how we are being given more and more responsibility as we carry more of the load."

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