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## Women Take Second

### Westover Men's Team Wins Third Softball Tournery

by Maj. Robert D. Hafner

The fourth annual Air Force Reserve Slow Pitch Softball Tournament was held at Westover from August 3 to 5. This event, from an original group of eight teams to this year's 33 entrants, is one of the largest in the Air Force. The women's team took second place honors.

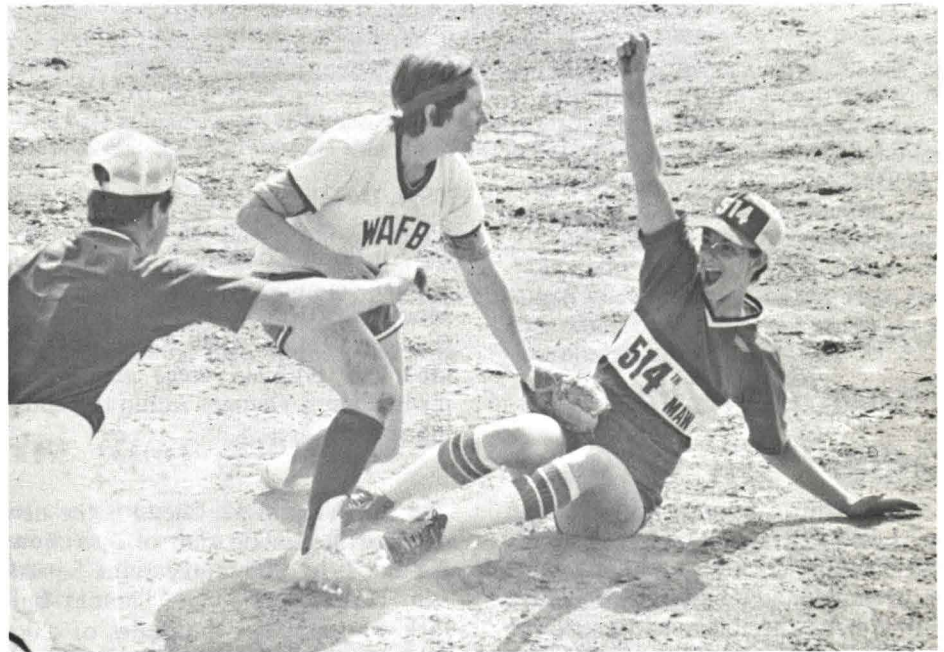
After greetings from Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen, 439 TAW commander, and opening ceremonies, play began and continued for three days. Four diamonds on the base and one in Chicopee accommodated the 60 games.

The men's team had not lost a game for two years. They successfully defended their title for three years in a row. The women's team took second place honors.

Enroute to the championship, the Westover men defeated Grissom, Homestead, Niagara, Dobbins and Pittsburgh. Only Niagara extended the Flyers and almost defeated the locals before losing 6-5 in the last inning. By Saturday evening only two teams remained undefeated—Westover and Dobbins.

Dobbins defeated Richards-Gebaur, Dobbins, Pittsburgh and Kelly before its game with Westover. In that game, home runs by Jack Murdock and Mitch Staszko insured the Westover 11-6 victory over the Georgians.

The final game between Westover and Pittsburgh was played Sunday morning. After a three-run Pittsburgh homer, the Flyers shut down the Pittsburgh bats and added 10 more runs. Jack Karnos homered in the sixth to end the scoring. Ron Michon had two triples



A jubilant member of McGuire's women's team slides in safe before Westover's Pat Byrnes tags her.

and a single, Carl Walker had four hits, Bob Martens had three, and Rick Oliver, Jack Karnos and Sam Roberts had two each. Final score: 20-5, Westover.

Our women's team was not as fortunate. They were defeated 8-5 in their opening game with McGuire. They then proceeded to beat the Kelly team 12-0. Then Westover played Niagara on Saturday. With the score 31-0, Westover, the game was called in the fifth inning.

The women next played Pittsburgh and beat them 8-6. A seven-run fourth inning iced this one for Westover. In the

final game of the loser's bracket, the women led all the way and just missed their third straight shut-out.

On Sunday morning they faced McGuire again. This time, the first five batters for Westover scored and McGuire played catch-up for the rest of the game. Westover won 10-7, getting 16 hits in the process. After a short rest, the teams played each other for the third time. Westover started with two runs in the first. Then McGuire scored 10 runs in the second. Westover fought back, but lost 10-7.

At the end of play, General Haugen  
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# BRIEFS

"America's Commitment to Freedom" is this year's theme for military participants in the **Freedoms Foundations awards program**. Oct. 1 is the deadline for entries. Entrants should send a 100-500 word letter, statement, essay or poem about the topic to the Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, PA 19481 with the submitter's name, grade, social security account number, branch of service, unit address and complete home address. Awards include \$100 and \$50 savings bonds, George Washington Honor Medals and Valley Forge Honor Certificates. More information can be obtained from the foundation.

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The McMillan gate on Perimeter Road, near the "antenna farm," is now open from 7 to 7:45 a.m. and from 4:15 to 5 p.m. except Saturday, Sundays and holidays, compliments of **Det. 5, IACOMMG**. Unit personnel will however, allow only vehicles with base decals to pass.

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## New Enlisted Promotion Plan Announced

Feeling down because you can't go up? Locked in a position in the wing's unit manning document and you can't be promoted any higher? Cheer up! Now you may be able to add a stripe or two. A new Air Force Reserve policy permits enlisted personnel to be promoted up to TSgt. regardless of the grade of the UMD position to which they are assigned.

Candidates for promotion must fulfill certain criteria: time-in-grade; time-in-service; have been awarded a seven-level AFSC, have no more than five unexcused absences; and as always, and probably the most important, have the recommendation of the unit commander.

"The new policy is the result of many years of hard work by people through AFRES," says Brig. Gen. Donald Haugen, wing commander. "I'm very proud that more members of the 439th now have greater opportunity for promotion."

(AFNS) The Air Force has temporarily halted action to reduce **Loring AFB, Maine**, to a forward operating base. The decision to postpone reducing the base came after the Senate Armed Services Committee included an amendment to the fiscal year 1980 Military Construction Bill that would stop the action.

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"Westover is one of the last places the Air Force would want to close. There are valuable resources here. Activity is very close to when SAC was at Westover," stated **Lt. Gen. Thomas M. Ryan, Jr.**, Military Airlift Command vice commander, during his visit to the base on July 12. His Westover stop was part of a familiarization tour of six Air Reserve Force locations. In the event of mobilization, the 439 TAW would come under the jurisdiction of MAC. The general went on to state these forces are 50 percent of MAC's war-time capability.

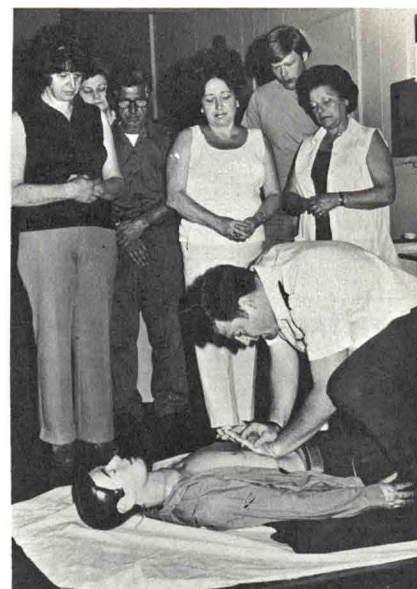
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**TSgt. Donald R. Inglis**, 439 CSG housing services section NCOIC, received the Air Force Commendation Medal in special ceremonies in Col. J. Frank Moore's office on Sunday, June 29. Between 1974 and 1979, Sergeant Inglis identified problem areas and implemented many changes within the housing services area.

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**2nd Lt. William M. Shedd** is the new chief of air traffic control operations for the 1917 Communications Squadron. He replaces MSgt. Thomas Bullock who assumes the duties of chief tower controller.

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**1st Lt. Clifford Turcotte, 74 AES assistant standardization/evaluation officer, demonstrates proper hand position of the Heimlich maneuver to a class of 439th civilian employees on June 20. He and 1st Lt. Marlene Segall, assistant stan/eval officer, instructed reservists, ARTs, civilians and dependents during two days of classes.**

Condolences of all the Westover family are extended to the family of **Col. William Wolfendon** who died on July 7. A former base commander, it was he who assured there were always gifts for our airmen and NCO honorees at the annual Chicopee Chamber of Commerce Salute to Westover. He had remained a good friend of the base after his retirement, involving himself with the chamber, the United Way, the American Red Cross and the Combined Federal Campaign.

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Our heartfelt condolences to the family of **Sgt. Mark P. Hardy, 59 APS**, who died on June 25.

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# SAC Global Shield Exercise Held at Westover

by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway

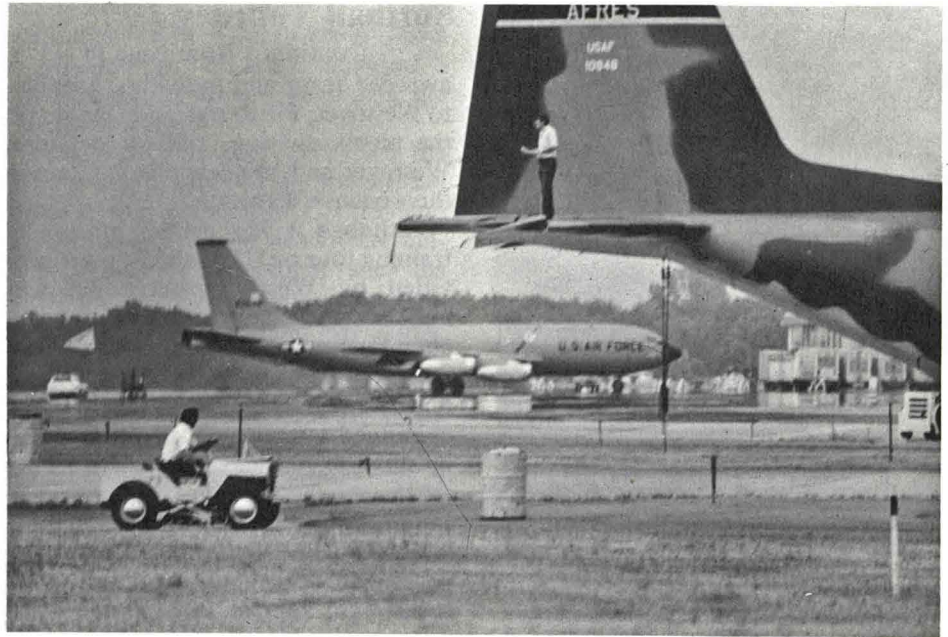
For the first time since April 1974, when the 99th Bomb Wing was deactivated at Westover, an element of the Strategic Air Command performed a portion of an Air Force exercise at the base.

Six KC-135 tanker aircraft and support personnel from the 380th Bomb Wing, Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y. were temporarily based at Westover July 9-11 as part of SAC's world-wide readiness exercise Global Shield '79.

Global Shield was the first actual test of SAC's disbursal plan. By disbursing its forces, SAC gains additional runways for its aircraft, which allows a greater number of aircraft to launch in a shorter period of time. The net result of this is enhanced survivability for SAC forces during periods of increased world tension. It also decentralizes target areas.

Westover was one of four disbursal bases used by the Plattsburgh unit, the 910th Aerial Refueling Squadron. Approximately 60 members of the unit, commanded by Lt. Col. Todd Crawford, used the Westover facilities.

Their tankers scrambled from Westover and rendezvoused with FB-111



As a base groundskeeper and a member of 439th's aircraft maintenance team watch, one of six SAC KC-135 Stratotankers rolls down Westover's main runway during Global Shield '79.

fighter-bombers. The giant flying gas stations took off at 12-second intervals, and used 11,000 feet of Westover's 11,600 foot main runway.

Colonel Crawford termed the sup-

port provided by Westover's personnel "outstanding. He stated, "I can't speak highly enough of the base people. They bent over backwards to accommodate us."

## Base Services Net Rex Riley Award

For the first time since the inception of the honor in the early 1950s, Westover has won the Rex Riley Transient Services Award. The award certificate was presented to Arthur Murphy, base airfield manager, by Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen, wing commander, on behalf of Brig. Gen. Willard A. Garry, director of aerospace safety, Safety Education Division of the Air Force inspection and Safety Center.

General Garry's accompanying letter termed the findings "excellent."

The award is given for outstanding transient maintenance and services, which have contributed materially to Air Force aircraft safety and combat potential.

A Rex Riley Evaluation Team visited the base on June 5 and 6 and evaluated transient maintenance, billeting, the open mess, transportation, maintenance, base operations and other base services.

General Haugen noted the attitude

of the people involved is a major part of such an award, which serves as a mark of distinction for Air Force airfields throughout the world.

## Med Tech Goes to OTS

SrA. Jane A. Dooley, 74AES medical technician, will soon become 2nd Lt. Jane A. Dooley. She is the first female reservist from Westover to attend Officer Training School.

Airman Dooley left July 16 and will be commissioned on Oct. 15, 1980. She will be assigned to the 336th Air Refueling Squadron at March AFB.

After 10 weeks at OTS, she will participate in undergraduate navigator training for 24 weeks. Survival and further navigational training will follow. Airman Dooley has a bachelor's degree in psychology and she is working toward her master's degree.

## Prior Service Vietnam Vets May Lose GI Benefits

Many prior service Vietnam Era veterans will lose their GI Bill education benefits this year. To prevent this, the VA is notifying all eligible veterans to use benefits before they lapse.

Most veterans are no longer entitled to use their education benefits ten years after they leave active military service, and many of them are already past or fast approaching the ten-year mark.

You can use your education benefits for on-the-job training, apprenticeship training, college, tutoring, flight training and correspondence programs. Also available is free vocational and educational counseling and testing, educational loans and work-study programs.

For more information, contact your local VA office before it is too late.





SMSgt. Paul Joachim proves super sergeants worked too.

### Softball Tourney . . .

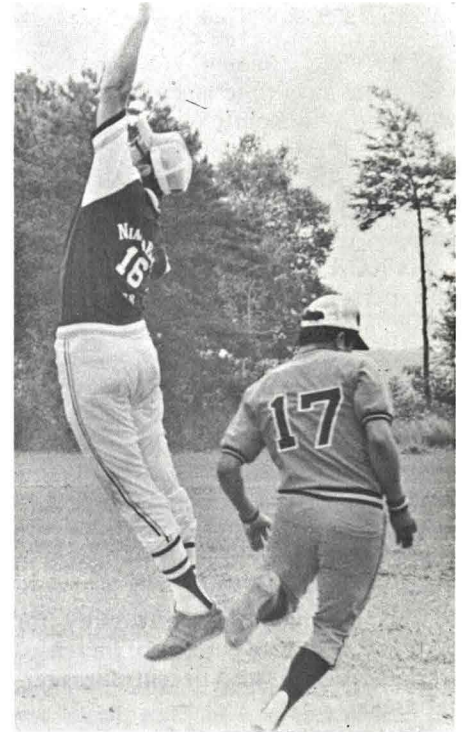
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awarded team and individual trophies to Westover, Pittsburgh and Dobbins in the men's division, and to McGuire, Westover and Minneapolis-St. Paul in the women's division.

Although it was neither an annual training tour or UTA, the support provided by Westover personnel was magnificent. All of the teams were very complimentary of all support phases. The people who planned, cooked, housed, transported and coordinated continued to set a standard that is envied by all who participate in this tournament.

The civil engineers worked extremely hard to get the diamond on Industrial Road into excellent condition. The fields were kept in fine shape by the never-ending efforts of the MWR staff.

Because of their collective efforts, Westover has been asked to host all four AFRES tournaments.



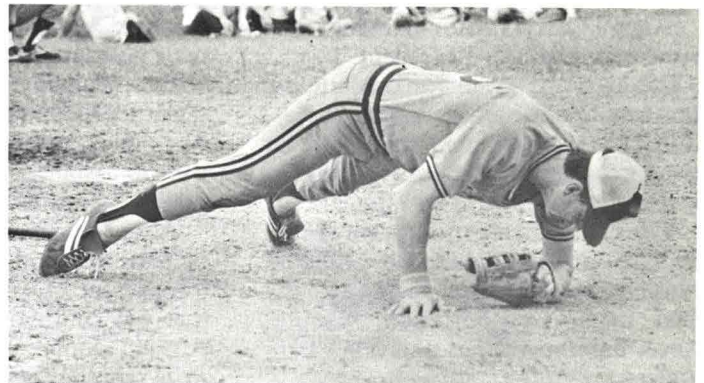
Jim Jiminez sneaks in behind Niagara's Ray Struski.



Gussie Weldon, right, toes the mark. At left, Umpire Donna Coombs watches Minneapolis catcher.



Carl Walker stops a Dobbins player.



A graceful Dan Owens saves one.



## Reservists Show Off Mobility Ability

(AFNS) The largest Air Force Reserve readiness test ever conducted, Operation Redoubt—Phase III, began on June 21 at 11 a.m., EST. Within 24 hours, 90 percent of the 40,046 reservists available for duty had received telephone notification of the mock mobility orders, or were on-site. Along with 433 other units, the 439th received notification from 14AF(R), one of the command's three numbered Air Force headquarters.

Within the same period, of the 2,374 possible reservists that could be mobilized at Westover, 96.5 percent were reached or present. For most reservists, the exercise ended at that point.

But for others, the activities of Redoubt were just beginning. More than 70 aircraft of different types converged at Volk Field, an Air National Guard base near LaCrosse, Wisc. KC-135 tankers flown by reserve crews from units in California and Indiana refueled the giant C-5 and fighter aircraft enroute to Volk. F-4C fighter bombers in Florida flew simulated wartime strike missions in that state.

A Reserve HC-130HN aerial tanker air-refueled an HH-3 helicopter headed for operations training in Arizona.

A-37s and C-130s, deploying from Louisiana and Texas, respectively, flew to Mississippi. The A-37s attacked a mythical enemy force threatening the Hattiesburg area.

Volk Field, however, remained the focal point for most flying activity. On Sunday, four C-7s, four C-123s, and six C-130s airdropped nearly one million pounds of equipment and 168 Army personnel on a base drop zone. Twenty-four A-37s flew 89 attack missions and 14 F-105s flew 39 missions from Volk.

Operation Redoubt gets its name from the term "redoubt" which is defined as a temporary stronghold or "a small, usually enclosed defense work," thus, a protective barrier. In the past, fortifications containing redoubts gave an enemy second thoughts about attacking.

The Air Force Reserve, through Operation Redoubt, demonstrates the capabilities of the reserve forces as an integral part of the Total Force to defend and protect the United States. Is the best offense an impenetrable defense?

The objective of this year's Redoubt is reflected in the slogan "R-cubed"



**A1C. Brendan Finn, 901 WSSF security specialist, maintains flight line security during an exercise on Sunday, June 29.**

—Reserve Realistic Readiness (R<sup>3</sup>), and although primarily a reserve exercise, it is a demonstration of joint readiness with ANG, USAR and active USAF units involved, and clearly is the Total Force in concept.

## Reservists Cash in on Enlistment, "Re-up" Plan

SSgt. Francis DiCorleto, 901 CAMS flight line chief, is the proud owner of a new Buick Regal. The new car's purchase was due, in part, to the Air Force's new Enlisted Incentive Program. Sergeant DiCorleto was the first member of the 439th to re-enlist under the program's cash bonus plan and receive \$900.

The new program also gives certain airmen in critical AFSCs an initial enlistment bonus. They can select one of two plans—\$1,500 in cash or up to \$2,000 of their educational expenses paid by the Air Force. Both plans attempt to eliminate the shortage of reservists in critical military specialties where other recruiting methods have not provided sufficient reserve numbers.

If the new airmen opt for the first option, they receive \$750 after initial active duty for training and completion of their 3-level skill training in certain

Air Force Specialty Codes. At the end of their second and third year of their six year commitment, the airmen get \$200. One year later, the Air Force sends a check for \$350.

Airmen selecting the educational plan receive up to 50 percent of their educational expenses, including tuition, books and other fees, for any accredited institution. Members are eligible after completion of certain 3-level AFSCs. They'll receive up to \$500 a year for four years.

The cash re-enlistment bonus is offered to reservists meeting the program's criteria. Those with less than six years of service will receive \$900 when they "re-up" and \$150 at the end of each year for a total of \$1800.

Those airmen with six to eight years of service also are included. They'll get \$900 for another three-year contract. Reservists signing for twice as many years will get twice the cash.

Finally, a \$900 check goes to airmen remaining in the Air Force Reserve for three years after eight or nine years of service. Initially, they get \$450 and then \$150 at the end of each year.

For more information about the program, contact TSgt. Barbara Bender (ext. 3953) at the 439th CBPO. She'll tell you about the enlistment/reenlistment criteria, which AFSCs qualify, and how to apply.

Sergeant DiCorleto also can give you some information about the bonus plan. He'll tell you about his new car.

### ENERGY CONSERVATION

Water during the hours of 0500—1000 and 1800—2400. Eliminate irrigation of lawns and shrubbery areas during high evaporation periods.



# New Air Force Secretary Named and Sworn In

(AFNS)—Dr. Hans M. Mark was sworn in as Secretary of the Air Force July 26, by Secretary of Defense, Harold Brown. Dr. Mark had been acting secretary of the Air Force since May 18, after resignation of Mr. John C. Stetson.

Also sworn in during the Pentagon ceremonies were Ms. Antonia Handler Chayes as under secretary of the Air Force and Dr. Robert J. Hermann as assistant secretary for research, development and logistics.

Ms. Chayes, who was formerly assistant secretary for manpower, reserve affairs and installations, had been acting under secretary since May 18. She is the first woman to serve as under secretary of any of the U.S. armed forces. Ms. Chayes visited Westover in August 1977 when she was the guest speaker at the NCO/Airman Dining Out, and

again in October 1978, when she landed at Westover on her way to a speaking engagement at the University of Massachusetts.

Dr. Hermann replaces Mr. John J. Martin who resigned May 31. Dr. Hermann was formerly deputy under secretary of defense for communications, command control and intelligence.

From 1969 until his appointment as Air Force under secretary in 1977, Dr. Mark, 50, was director of the Ames Research Center of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Palo Alto, Calif. A native of Mannheim, West Germany, he came to the United States in 1940 and became an American citizen in 1945. Dr. Mark also served as a lecturer in applied science at the University of California at Davis from 1969 until 1973. Additionally, he was consulting professor of engineering at Stanford University from

1973 to 1977.

Dr. Mark is a 1951 graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and earned a doctorate in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1954.

Ms. Chayes directed education and urban development for the Model Cities Administration's Action for Boston Community Development Program from 1966 to 1968. Then, until 1972, she was successively, dean of Tuft University's Jackson College and an associate professor of political science at that school.

She worked as a law clerk to Judge Charles E. Wyzanski, Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts from 1972 to 1973 and was a partner in the Boston firm of Csaplak and Bok from 1974 until appointment as assistant secretary of the Air Force in 1977.



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MSgt. Charles R. Walker  
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SSgt. Gary J. Brougham  
SSgt. Kevin P. Cahill  
SSgt. Walter R. Dixon  
SSgt. Daniel F. McDonnell  
SSgt. Robert H. O'Dell  
SSgt. John F. Thomas  
Sgt. Warren M. Coughlin  
Sgt. Lynne M. Desmarais  
Sgt. Lawrence L. Edwards  
Sgt. Rene R. LaFrance  
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Sgt. Daniel F. McDonald  
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SrA. Garth Saucier

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A1C. Erin T. Egan  
A1C. Judith A. Young

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SSgt. Michael S. Spinato  
SSgt. Benjamin P. Tomlin  
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Sgt. Cheryl M. Mathieu  
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SrA. Gary W. Watson  
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AB Timothy J. Donnelly  
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AB Frances C. Miller  
AB Joanna M. Moore

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AB Michael L. Moscone  
AB Kathleen Emily Silva  
AB Mitchell E. Staszko  
AB William P. Wood

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SMSgt. Henry J. Scott  
MSgt. Ralph H. Branyen, Jr.  
MSgt. George B. Copeland  
TSgt. Barbara A. Bender  
TSgt. George F. Berz  
TSgt. Paul H. Crespo  
TSgt. Gerald J. Racicot  
TSgt. Kenneth W. Seymour  
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SSgt. Michael J. Rondeau  
SSgt. Charles W. Walker  
Sgt. Arnold L. Martin, Jr.  
SrA. Maureen E. McCauley  
SrA. Marilu DePalo  
SrA. Mona St. Pierre

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MSgt. Howard J. Leonard  
MSgt. William E. Mahoney  
TSgt. Thomas L. Lotherington  
SrA. Gary C. Osgood  
SrA. Sherlene Phillips  
A1C. Fawn L. Brooks  
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Sgt. Gordon L. Spousta  
Sgt. Stanley R. Young  
SrA. Jane-Alexis Dooley  
SrA. Gary C. Osgood  
A1C. Thomas R. Britt, Jr.

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SSgt. Carol E. Cole  
SSgt. Francis J. Fazi  
SSgt. Arthur F. Flynn, Jr.  
SSgt. William Magee  
SSgt. Bruce D. Peterson  
SSgt. Richard J. Rouse  
SSgt. Edward Stachowiak  
SSgt. Michael C. Wright  
Sgt. John Devincintis, Jr.  
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SrA. Paul M. Breyette  
SrA. Joseph F. Monahan  
SrA. John R. Schmuck  
SrA. Thomas K. Seymour  
A1C. Christine A. Banasik  
A1C. Roger A. Laverdiere  
A1C. Debre L. Saucier



## Reserve Policy Council Seeks Your Ideas

Have you ever heard the gripe, "That's the Air Force regulation and there's nothing you can do about it?" Well, there is something you can do to change policies and regulations or create a new one. By the August UTA, submit your suggestion to Col. Charles Parrott, vice wing commander. He is a member of the Air Reserve Personnel Center/AFRES Policy and Advisory Council. That council considers the ideas and suggestions of all Air Reserve Force members. Their suggestions have ranged from changes in BAQ allotments to new uniform possibilities.

"For example, General Haugen recently sent the council a suggestion to change an existing regulation, Colonel Parrott explains. "He agreed with wing members that the monthly unit training bulletin should be mailed to all reservists rather than only to selected individuals such as section chiefs.

"Like other suggestions, the council will consider the general's request after it has been researched and evaluated by our full time staff at the Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver, and at AFRES Headquarters at Robins AFB, Ga. If the suggestion receives our recommendations and affects only the Air Force Reserve, it is forwarded to AFRES Headquarters for implementation. (A favorable suggestion which affects all active and reserve forces is sent to the Air Force Policy Council. General Haugen and 14 other active, national guard and reserve generals sit on that board and also must concur with our endorsement.")

The Policy and Advisory Council meets in May and November and is composed of 15 officers from Category A, Mobilization Augmentee/Reserve Supplement Officer positions and those on "265" active duty tours. Colonel Parrott was appointed in Sept. 1978 for a three-year term by Gen. William Lyon, then AFRES commander.

"One of the council's officers has two responsibilities. He serves as the recording secretary and also serves on

the Air National Guard/Air Force Reserve NCO and Airman Advisory Panel. His presence on both groups eliminates duplication and yet insures that key areas receive both groups' viewpoints," Colonel Parrott continues.

"But we first must know your views. Everyone is encouraged to fill out an ARPC Form 2, available in the wing headquarters office. The council is an excellent mechanism to voice your opinion. And we'll listen."

## Commendations Given at Commander's Call



Recipients of commendations during the July Commander's Call are, from left, MSgt. Virginia Upham, SMSgt. Joseph Malinguaggio, MSgt. Donald Brewster, MSgt. Peter Colerico, MSgt. Michael Guiliani, MSgt. Roger Perrault and Lt. Col. Kermit Pruyn.

A Joint Service Commendation Medal, four Air Force Commendation Medals, a recruiting award and a letter of appreciation were awarded by Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Donald Haugen, during the July UTA Commander's Call.

As the result of her outstanding support of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and Allied Command Europe during the period from March 1977 to March 1979, MSgt. Virginia M. Upham, 3245 ABG, received the Department of Defense's Joint Service Commendation Medal.

MSgt. Peter P. Colerico received the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Force Commendation Medal for his meritorious service as NCOIC of the 901 MOBSF between 1974 and 1979.

SMSgt. Joseph S. Malinguaggio received the medal because of his ability as site development superintendent of the 439 CSG Civil Engineering Section

from 1975 to 1979.

The 901 CES' site development technician, MSgt. Donald A. Brewster, also earned the award for his accomplishments in that position between 1974 and 1979.

The final AFCM presentation was to MSgt. Michael J. Guiliani. His devotion and expertise as pavements maintenance technician of the 439 CSG Civil Engineering Section justified his medal.

The 14AF(R) Two-Per-Week Award for MSgt. Roger Perrault was earned when he performed the significant achievement as a member of the 439th's recruiting team.

Lt. Col. Kermit K. Pruyn, senior MAC advisor to the wing, was singled out in a letter from Brig. Gen. Richard T. Drury, commander of the MAC Airlift Forces at Shaw AFB, S.C. for his dedicated and professional support during exercise SOLID SHIELD 79.

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**Don't Light Up My Life!** As part of the base's energy conservation program, please shut off all lights when not in use.



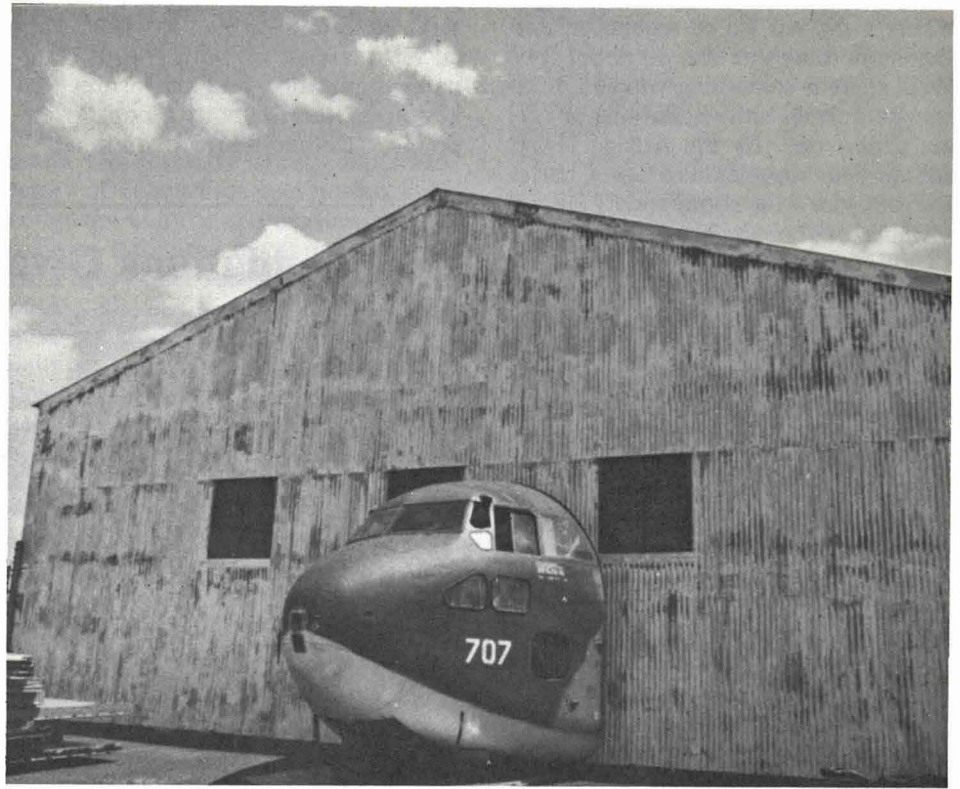
# Westover Gets New Type Air Force Warehouse— Cargo Plane

by Betty O'Connell

This sixty feet by one hundred and fifty feet fuselage plane will carry more cargo than any plane now in use or on the drawing board by the Air Force for the next 100 years. Westover AFB has the only runway in the world capable of handling this aircraft. (USAFR photo by Sgt. Gary Vickers.)

That's the tongue-in-cheek version. The truth is that this is the fuselage of the C-123K Provider, Tail #707, which caught fire on Oct. 11, 1977, when approaching the base. Maj. Gale French subsequently received the DFC and the Kolligian Trophy for his airmanship in bringing the stricken aircraft in with no loss of life or damage to any other equipment or property.

Actually, the fuselage was mounted on a pallet and placed against the building so it wouldn't create a wind tunnel, pending its sale as "wrecked aircraft parts" by the Defense Property Disposal Office at Westover.



The largest variety of aircraft parked on the North ramp during a normal day since the 439th took command of Westover includes this array seen during the July UTA. From left are an AV-8 Harrier, hidden behind an A-3 Sky Warrior, a C-123 Provider, an F-4 Phantom, T-2C Buckeye, two T-38 Talons and a T-34C Mentor. The tiniest aircraft before the Navy plane is a Beach-36.

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WASHINGTON (AFNS) — CMSgt. James M. McCoy became the sixth chief master sergeant of the Air Force on Aug. 1, succeeding CMSAF Robert D. Gaylor. He has been the senior enlisted advisor for SAC at Offutt AFB, Neb., since March 1975. In his new duties he will be responsible to the chief of staff and the secretary of the Air Force, keeping them informed of matters affecting the duties, health, welfare and morale of Air Force enlisted people.

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