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## 439th TAW Returns to Panama for Rotation Tour

"This will be a unique opportunity and a commitment shared by almost all of the squadron's 70 members," explains Lt. Col. Joseph Denegre, 337th TAS flight commander. "Our unit's personnel will spend from one to four weeks in Panama and will take over all the C-130 flying activities for the Air Force in the Southern Command." Besides 337th personnel, maintenance crews from the 905th CAMS and loadmasters of the 905th MAPF will travel to Howard AFB.

The 337th, along with other Air Reserve Force units, periodically rotate to the Panama Canal. This year, the unit joins the 439th's other C-130 squadron, the 328th TAS from the 914th TAG at Niagara, for a seven-week tour, Sept. 28 to Nov. 17. Previously, the unit was in Latin America in Sept. 1975 and in August and Sept. 1978.

On Sept. 28, crews and aircraft from Niagara replaced Air National Guard units. Three weeks later, on Oct. 20, three aircraft and four crews from Westover took their place. A week later, similar complement and administrative support personnel joined their colleagues.

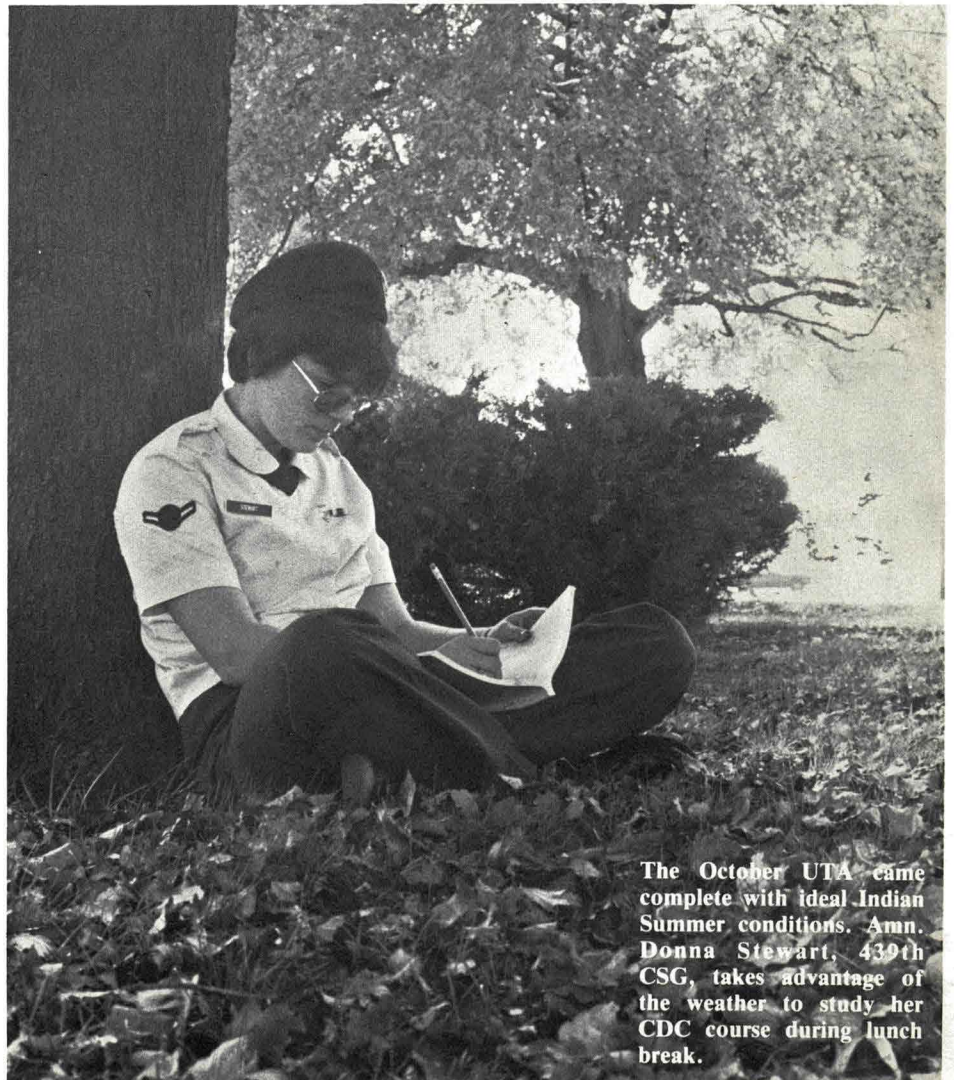
While there, the reservists' missions will be threefold.

They handle the routinely scheduled activities of the canal. "We serve as couriers for all the embassies throughout Central and South America and fly other assignments as requested by the State Department," reports Colonel Denegre. "Last year, for example, we transported a class of cadets from Panama back to the Dominican Republic."

The Panama trip also gives the fliers

an opportunity to train under conditions not possible in the United States. They practice high altitude-low opening drops of cargo from heights above 10,000 feet. The unit also supports the Army's ongoing paratroops drops.

Finally, the 337th in Panama is on 24-hour alert. They might have to respond to a wide variety of emergencies. In 1978, its members flew search and rescue, medical evacuation and disaster relief missions following a hurricane.



The October UTA came complete with ideal Indian Summer conditions. Ann. Donna Stewart, 439th CSG, takes advantage of the weather to study her CDC course during lunch break.

## Arresting Barrier Installed on Base Runway

A team of 19 Rapid Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineers installed an arresting barrier on Westover's main runway between Oct. 18 and 26.

The barrier is a cable strung across the runway and is used in the event of control or brake problems with an aircraft during landing. The pilot lowers the aircraft's tailhook, and hooks the cable which abruptly stops the plane. It is the same procedure routinely used on aircraft carriers.

The endeavor was part of preparations for the 439th's involvement in EMPIRE GLACIER '80. (See related story.) The RED HORSE members were from the 820th CES, Nellis AFB, Nev., and the 823rd CES, Hurlburt Fld., Fla.

The barrier will be used by eight F-4 Phantom fighters from the 4th Tactical Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., temporarily stationed at Westover.

The installation project erected a motor and braking system and supporting equipment. During the exercise, a special team will operate the equipment. Afterwards, the cable will be removed but the equipment will remain. The barrier does not interfere with normal airfield operations; aircraft simply roll over the cable.

## Chief of Staff Supports Total Force

"Total Force means total commitment and that is what I pledge to you," Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Lew Allen, Jr., told members of the National Guard Association at their general conference.

"We have achieved what I consider to be one of the great Air Force success stories of the 1970s: The welding of the active Air Force, the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve into an integral fighting team.

"During this fiscal year, the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve will possess nearly one-third of our total attack and tactical fighter forces.

"In the future, we expect that these components will have an even larger



SSgt. Larry Schuller, 823rd CES, uses a transit during the construction of an arresting barrier on Westover's main runway. The anchor for the system is buried beneath the trench in the foreground.

share of our fighter-attack, interceptor, reconnaissance, aerial refueling, weather reconnaissance and tactical airlift aircraft.

"Total force has allowed us to benefit from the skills of a vital national resource — quality, prior-service people, many with invaluable combat experience. Full inclusion of Guard and Reserve units is required for total force to be effective. This includes across-the-board participation in mis-

## BRIEFS

SSgt. Ronald Franklin of Det. 5, 1st Aerospace Communications Group, placed first in the People and Scenic categories in a recent photo contest at Hanscom AFB. Sergeant Franklin's photographs were then entered in Air Force wide competition.

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MSgt. Thomas P. Bullock, 1917 CS, was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for outstanding performance as crew chief for Ground Controlled Approach and the Control Tower, from 1975 to 1979.

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Fifteen 901st CEF firefighters were planning a two-week tour, Oct. 27 to Nov. 11, at Eglin AFB, Fla., as part of the training exercise BOLD EAGLE '80. The Westover contingent, led by MSgt. John Diana, Jr., asst. fire chief, would live in tents on base and would respond to any fire emergencies from two fire stations located 40 miles apart.

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(AAFES) Authorized customers are now allowed to cash personal checks of up to \$100 at *Army and Air Force Exchange Service* facilities. There will be no change in the acceptance of checks for amount of purchase nor in check-cashing identification procedures.

sions and realistic training through deployments and exercises.

"The active force stands 100 percent behind the total force partnership. I intend to keep that partnership strong in maintaining the nation's defense."

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## Civilians Share in Cash Awards and Commendations

Base Commander Col. J. Frank Moore conducted the commander's call for civilians in the base theatre on Sept. 26. The gathering served as the kickoff for the annual Combined Federal Campaign, for which Colonel Moore serves as chairman for the Chicopee area.

Several awards and commendations were presented to civilian employees.

Heading the list was Ronald A. Ploof, 901st MAPF, whose outstanding act of courage and demonstration of concern for his fellowman resulted in his receiving a cash award of \$400. This special achievement citation told of his applying the Heimlich method to save a human life. (See story in August *Patriot*.)

Wilfred N. Mathieu, Base Supply and Lloyd E. Hess, Civil Engineering, shared a cash award of \$775 as a result of their suggestion for a better means of defueling JP-4 tanks and still retaining desired quality standards. Through their ingenuity, 78,600 gallons of useable fuel, valued at \$34,348, was preserved.

Albert J. Friguglietti, Field Maintenance, was the recipient of two cash awards totalling \$70 for two suggestions. The first, resulting in a first year's net savings of \$3,089, was a special tool he devised for enhancing the safety of job performance, saving in manpower, improvement of existing procedures and also prevents pinching the aircraft tire tube.

For his second suggestion, with a first year's net saving of \$637.50, he devised a tool for a safer and more efficient way to remove and install the C-123K aircraft main landing gear down-lock mechanism.

John A. Montagna, Civil Engineering, received a \$25 cash award for his suggestion for installation of a lighter cover and hinge on flat roof access doors to the hangars to significantly improve safety of these hatchways.

A Sustained Superior Performance Award for Robert B. Fetherston, Field Maintenance, for the period Nov. 1, 1977 to Feb. 15, 1979, was accompanied by a cash award of \$200.

Frederick W. Piechota, Jr., Fire Protection and Crash Rescue Branch, was given an Outstanding performance rating for the period Jan. 28 to May 15, 1979.

William Hennessey accepted the plaque and citation earned by the 439th Combat Support Group's Fire Protection Branch for its Outstanding Fire Protection Program within the Air Force Reserve for 1978. The accompanying paperwork noted that their fire protection program "is considered one of the best in the United States Air Force."

For the best spring cleanup program during the 1979 Spring Cleanup Week, David Michaud, 439th CSG, accepted the first place plaque for the Billeting Office. Luis Merced, Base Exchange manager, received the award for his section's runnerup program.

Pins and certificates attesting to their periods of faithful federal service were awarded as follows:

For 30 years: Frank J. Blajda, Civil Engineering.

For 20 years: Chester J. Cuiba, Maintenance; Gladys M. Gaouette, Base Administration; Robert G. Hull and Omer P. Martin, Base Supply; Leland B. Spencer, Maintenance Quality Control; Donald S. Provost, and Wilfred J. Remillard, Civil Engineering and John R. Wilson, Jr., Disaster Preparedness.

For 10 years: Joseph H. Bledsoe and Mary H. Major, Base Supply; Donald

J. Budzynkiewicz, Robert J. Rock and Joseph Szczepanek, Maintenance; Barbara G. Curtis, Base Administration; John J. Diffley, Jr., Nonappropriated Funds Office; Maurice S. Jiggetts, Fire Protection; Victor C. Park, Civil Engineering.

After the presentation of awards, Mrs. Rhea Strepka, executive director of Chicopee's United Way, addressed the audience on the benefits derived from the various United Way agencies, dependent on the Combined Federal Campaign. John Wilson, Westover's campaign project officer, urged participation by all of the base's civilian employees. The CFC is the only recognized charitable campaign which is fully supported by Westover. "This year's campaign goal of \$12,000 can be exceeded," said Wilson, "if each of us makes a commitment to contribute at least the minimum per pay period. Let's all help to take Westover AFB over the top and support the very worthy needs of the CFC."

Colonel Moore then brought the audience up to date on current plans, such as the base's participation in Volant Oak, information on the seven percent pay raise, and future plans, including Westover's hosting EMPIRE GLACIER '80 in January.



Members of the 901st CES make "light" work of the installation of new street light standards on the base ellipse on Oct 21. MSgt. Frank Notturmo supervises TSgt. Albert Drenthe, SSgt. Randy Malek and SrA. Robert Foley while SrA. James Dupuis controls the front end loader.

## 439th Reservists Sing Wedding Bell 'Blues'

by Ann. Donna Stewart

In the pre-dawn darkness of his home, Capt. David J. Keefe, 439th TAW assistant executive support officer, silently tiptoes around the bedroom. He quietly bends over and kisses his sleeping wife goodbye as he prepares to leave for his monthly UTA.

Meanwhile, at their home, TSgt. Frederick A. Flood, 439 CSG contracting supervisor, busily makes breakfast while his wife, MSgt. Carol A. Flood, 439CSG training NCOIC tidies up the bedroom. As they sit down to their morning coffee, they discuss what else has to be done before they leave together for Westover.

Like most reservists, Captain Keefe reports to duty alone, while the Floods are one of the several married couples serving in the 439th.

TSgt. Flood recalls, "When I first came to Westover (before I was married) I was an administrative clerk in the base commander's office and Carol was the 439 CSG orderly room NCOIC, and that's how we met. It doesn't bother me at all that she out-ranks me."

The "better" half of another couple, TSgt. Patricia J. Lougher, chief administrative specialist in CBPO, says, "I think it's a definite asset that both of us are in the Reserve. There is a feeling of being part of something together." Pat is married to MSgt. Robert G. Lougher, a recruiter on base. The Loughers met and married 15 years ago at Lindsay Air Station in Germany and they now have three children.

Being married in the Reserve isn't always so easy — especially if both spouses are airmen or sergeants. On occasion, there is some confusion because the couples have the same last name. SSgt. Faith E. Longfield, chief of customer assistance at CBPO says, "Sometimes someone will come in and ask for Sgt. Longfield, and when they see me, they say, 'Oh, I thought Sgt. Longfield was a man.' Then I know they are looking for Gene, and I send them down the hall. Her husband, CMSgt. Eugene M. Longfield, Jr., is the wing training officer. The Longfields are both ARTs and they regularly commute to Westover. "I think it helps a lot that both of us are in



Base Exchange privileges are enjoyed by MSgt. Paul and SSgt. Kathleen Wood as they comparison shop in the photo department.

the Reserve. Gene is in training and he is aware of what is happening on base. I get a lot of insight as to exactly what is going on this way, which makes my job that much easier," continued Faith Longfield.

SSgt. Susan L. Adamchak, 439th CSG airfield management specialist, is married to Maj. Thomas C. Adamchak, a 337th TAS pilot. She says, "I think it's a great idea being married to another Reservist. It's extra money for us and there are good benefits, such as military hops. When Tom flies to places like Florida, I go along if it is permitted and we have a great time."

None of the couples have problems maintaining their Reserve commitments, even those with children. "We just call a sitter," said Pat Lougher. "We live in Holyoke, so one of us is always home by 5 p.m."

Some other married couples currently serving in the 439th include Maj. Dorothy E. Gates, 439th Tactical Hospital anesthetist, and TSgt. Stephen M. Gates, 337th TAS loadmaster; SSgt. Mary A. Rosen, 439th CSG airfield management specialist, and 1st Lt. Michael J. Rosen, 439th TAW ground safety officer; Lt. Col.

Arthur J. Sorenson, 439th TAW assistant deputy commander for operations, and Maj. Leona G. Sorenson, 74th AES inflight medical care officer; MSgt. Edward Morris, 59th MAPS air transportation supervisor of cargo processing, and SSgt. Barbara Morris, 59th MAPS air cargo specialist; MSgt. Harold B. Crapo, Jr., 901st CF telecommunications center supervisor, and SSgt. Elaine J. Crapo, 901st CF telecommunications center specialist; SSgt. Kathleen M. Wood, 905th CAMS administration specialist, and MSgt. Paul D. Wood, 905th CAMS training technician; Maj. John D. Harris, 731st TAS aircraft commander, and Capt. Ethel F. Harris, 74th AES flight nurse.

Col. J. Frank Moore, 439th CSG commander, has recently recognized the increasing number of married couples. A section in the VOQ has been set aside for their use during UTAs and annual tours.

Being married to a Reservist has another advantage. As another UTA ends, Captain Keefe makes the ride home alone then tells his wife about his Reserve activities, while the Loughers ride home together talking about their weekend.



1st Lt. Michael and SSgt. Mary Rosen share a few minutes outside wing headquarters building.

## Twelve Honored at October Commander's Call

Twelve Reservists were recognized for their accomplishments by Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen, wing commander, at the October commander's call.

**CMSgt. Eugene M. Longfield, Jr.**, 439th CSG, personnel resources manager, received his first oak leaf cluster to the Air Force Commendation Medal for "exceptional job knowledge, outstanding professionalism and loyalty in accomplishing his duties."

Air Force Commendation Medals were also presented to nine other airmen.

The 905th WSSF saw two members, **TSgt. William E. MacLaughlin, Jr.**, security supervisor and **TSgt. Leslie D. Mesecher**, security police superintendent, receive medals for their professional skill, leadership and knowledge in identifying and solving problem areas in the security police field.

**MSgt. Philip W. Johnson**, intelligence operations technician, received his medal for a major contribution to the intelligence field, and **MSgt. James F. Freer**, career advisory technician, was cited for his outstanding job in the field of retention and motivation from January 1975 to June 1979.

**TSgt. Arthur E. Baer, Jr.**, served as a programs and work control technician from October 1975 to November 1978.

**TSgt. Frank A. Brown** meritoriously served as an entomology specialist from June 1975 to November 1978, and **TSgt. Robert C. Harmon** contributed to the mission as a protective coating technician, from July 1975 to November 1978.

**TSgt. William H. Lane** earned his medal as a heating system technician and **SrA. Kenneth M. Ware** distinguished himself as a refrigeration and air conditioning specialist.

**Lt. Col. Joseph F. Hellauer, Jr.**, 439th CSG executive officer, received a diploma from the Air War College. And last, but not least, **A1C. Martin J. Dumont**, special vehicle mechanic, was cited for his diligent efforts in attaining honor graduate status from technical school.



Honored by their fellow Reservists during the October Commander's Call are, from right, **CMSgt. Eugene M. Longfield, Jr.**, **MSgt. Philip W. Johnson**, **MSgt. James F. Freer**, **TSgt. Arthur E. Baer, Jr.**, **TSgt. William E. MacLaughlin, Jr.**, **TSgt. Leslie D. Mesecher**, **Lt. Col. Joseph F. Hellauer, Jr.**, and **A1C. Martin J. Dumont**.

## ASK THE IRMAN

**SSgt. Paul Lemay** from the Public Affairs Office asked this question of several Reservists on the base: "Suppose **General Haugen** were promoted to a position in HQ. AFRES. If you were named commander, what is the first thing you would do?"

**MSgt. Thomas Templeman**, 901st CAMS. "The general has covered most of everything — I wouldn't know where else to begin."

**Sgt. Cheryl Mathieu**, 439th CSG. "As an avid jogger, I would install a shower in the girls' locker room at the gym, as there is a lack of facilities for women."

**Capt. Edward Custer**, 337th TAS, wants to keep the back gate open later at night.

**Lt. Col. Joseph F. Hellauer, Jr.**, 439th CSG. "I would continue to push for additional billeting and a day care center for children of Reserve members."

**TSgt. Thomas Stigliano**, 439th TAW. "I would attempt to hire a full-time drug and alcohol abuse officer for the active duty and civilian personnel on base."

**SrA. John Clarke**, 901st CF. "If I could, I would expand the recreational activities."

**SSgt. Duane Nelson**, 901st CAMS wants more organized sports, such as basketball, etc.

**SSgt. Mark Baker**, 901st CAMS. "I'd reopen the bowling alley and establish a service club where one could participate in various activities, or just go to read and relax. I am a nondrinker so I don't use the club. Just sitting in the billets gets boring."

**A1C. James Rhodes**, 439th CSG. "I would select a staff to let me know what's going on, because I don't."

## Fighting FOD "Litter-ally" — Full Time Function

by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway

Who are those maintenance and transportation people bending over, stooping, scooping and bagging trash on the flightlines every UTA? Why, they're FOD walkers.

Several months ago, Maj. Nino S. F. Nistri, aircraft maintenance officer, instituted the FOD walk as part of the Air Force FOD prevention program. This walk is conducted on Sunday morning of every UTA by more than 400 personnel who walk every square inch of the eight aircraft parking zones.

FOD is the acronym for Foreign Object Damage and defined as damage to, or malfunction of an aircraft, missile or drone caused by an object that is alien to an area or system, being ingested by or lodged in a mechanism.

FOD cost the Air Force nearly \$7.5 million in 1978 and that figure depicts only jet engine damage. It also represents two and one half percent of dollar loss for all Air Force aircraft mishaps.

C-130 aircraft experienced 41 FOD related incidents in 1978, the highest rate for cargo aircraft. Those mishaps cost \$697,897.

It is incredible to note that many millions of dollars lost to FOD over the years, are normally caused by a small bolt, screw, stone or tool on the ground or carelessly left loose or not properly secured in an aircraft.

The FOD walk is a cog in the wheel of prevention. Base Operations personnel are responsible for clearing aircraft movement areas of FOD. They perform runway, taxiway and parking area checks at least once a day. In addition, the transient alert section performs daily checks of the north ramp and taxi areas.

Three Civil Engineering sweeper vehicles also patrol movement areas — two vacuum types which literally suck small objects away from doing harm, and one magnetic sweeper which picks up ferrous metal objects. The sweeping is done several times each week and on an on-call basis.

Additional FOD fighters are the FOD shakers positioned at entrances to aircraft parking areas. These are designed to jar loose objects from vehicles rather than the possibility of a vehicle part being dropped on the flight



Amid the clutter of only a part of one day's FOD walk, Maj. Nino S. F. Nistri displays the accumulation of potentially dangerous trash.

line. Vehicles should always be driven over — never around FOD shakers.

A FOD committee, chaired by Major Nistri, meets monthly to eliminate FOD.

The major urges everyone to make

FOD your business. If you see it, pick it up. Check your vehicles for small loose objects—and don't litter.

FOD prevention is everyone's job—each of us should be a FOD walker.

## Welcome Mat Goes Out for EMPIRE GLACIER

Westover will provide support host services to participating forces in the joint services exercise EMPIRE GLACIER '80 in January.

The exercise, principally staged at Ft. Drum, N.Y., will train and evaluate joint forces in a northern region winter environment. Deployment is slated to begin Jan. 7, with wrapup scheduled for Feb. 1.

Base services offered include administrative, billeting, messing, fueling and base supply.

The exercise calls for deployment of a joint force with mechanized and armor battalions, and air forces for

operations in a fictitious location. On "D-Day," set for Jan. 19, 1980, friendly forces will conduct actions to expel invading forces for a nation requesting U.S. aid and to stabilize the military situation. The air-ground operations will continue for four days.

439th TAW C-130s and C-123s will be used if required. At Westover, numerous C-141 operations are planned in addition to eight F-104s and special mission C-130s.

Westover previously provided support services to Empire Glacier '78 in January, 1978.

## Reservists Not Affected by Retirement Changes

(AFNS) Air Force Reservists won't be affected by President Carter's proposed changes to the \$10 billion military retirement system.

Under the President's plan, active duty military personnel would have retirement rights after 10 years of service. The plan would offer early withdrawal payments, severance pay for both enlisted and officer members, and impose reduced retirement benefits (37.5 percent of pay rather than the

current 50 percent for 20 years of service.)

Persons leaving active military service before completing 20 years would have the choice of taking their accrued financial benefits in an early withdrawal or receiving their DOD old-age benefits beginning at age 60.

Reservists are not eligible for retirement pay until their 60th birthday.

The proposal will reduce long term military retirement costs by 35 percent.



### ENLISTMENTS

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 SSgt. Neil A. De Lisle  
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 SSgt. Leonel W. Lindsey  
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 Sgt. Roland R. Lepine, Sr.  
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 Sgt. Alonzo Pettway  
 SrA. George E. Gillette  
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 A1C. Richard J. Wages, Jr.  
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 AB Kathleen R. Faubert  
 AB Joanne M. Legere  
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 TSgt. Donald E. Braman, Sr.  
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 TSgt. John A. Cruz, Jr.  
 TSgt. Mark F. Dastoli  
 TSgt. Bruce E. Evans  
 TSgt. David H. Gundersen  
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 TSgt. Kenneth G. Lane  
 TSgt. John P. Lenotte  
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 SSgt. Virginia J. Gubich  
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# 901st CF Communicates Well in Germany

Story and Photo by SSgt. Mary Rose Michaud

Welcome to the Gateway of Europe. Such was the case when the 901st Communications Flight performed its annual training at Rhein Main Air Base, Germany, alias the "Gateway to Europe."

The 1945th Communications Group hosted the reservists from Aug. 5 to 18. Made up of more than 600 people, it mans communications sites throughout Germany and Belgium.

Maj. Alan M. Salus, 901st CF commander, and Capt. Charlotte Thompson, communications/operations officer, visited Defense Communication System Schoenfeld at Preum Air Station, near the Belgian border. The station has been cited as the best DCS facility in its class in world-wide competition.

The flight's three radio maintenance technicians, under the supervision of TSgt. Art Needham, worked on a special project in the central repair activity. This facility is the depot for much of the radio relay equipment throughout Europe. The special project restores radio equipment for eventual installation in Turkey. The reserve technicians were specially requested because of the demanding deadline and manning shortage.

For A1C. Patti-Jo Stallworth and Amn. Stacia Hicks, both telecommunications specialists, the trip meant the opportunity to work on a modern, cordless switchboard of German design. A sudden need for additional switchboard operators was satisfied by their presence. The two were recognized for the performance at a luncheon given in their honor. The base communications officer presented each a certificate of proficiency.

In addition to their training duties, MSgt. Harold Crapo, telecommunications superintendent, and SSgt. Elaine Crapo, telecommunications specialist, took advantage of a weekend opportunity to tour the local countryside given by their son, Harold. He is an airman first class assigned to the 7th Weather Squadron in Manheim, Germany, as a weather specialist.

The hands-on training received at Rhein Main was extremely valuable to everyone. There existed a complete exchange of ideas, experiences and work efforts between the reserve and active duty units.



MSgt. Harold Crapo, A1C. Stacia Hicks and Amn. Patti-Jo Stallworth work the Rhein-Main base administrative switchboard.

## Volunteers Sought for Pre-Basic Assistance

If you are interested in helping new enlistees at Westover adjust to military life, the new base pre-basic training officer is looking for you.

2nd Lt. Armand Tourangeau, recently appointed to that position, is seeking three or four NCO volunteers to work with the pre-basic training flight. They will work four to eight hours every three months and escort the new reservists about the base,

accompany them on orientation flights and provide training in military drill, courtesy and bearing.

The pre-basics attend approximately three UTAs at Westover before basic training at Lackland AFB.



For more information, contact Lieutenant Tourangeau at the Wing Training Office in Building 1850, or ext. 3315 or 2094.



MSgt. Lyman Frain rides to the flight line in a step van on the first leg of his trip to Panama, where he is NCOIC of the operations center.

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