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## Base Begins 40th Anniversary Celebrations

On a 7.4 square mile field, where farmers had once grown tobacco, War Department and City of Chicopee officials raised an American flag to mark the dedication of the new Northeast Air Base. They renamed the base after the late Maj. Gen. Oscar Westover, the Army Air Corps' first chief of staff. Approximately \$3.6 million in initial construction funds had transformed the fallow fields into an air facility which would eventually change missions five times with the changing times and changing demands.

Exactly forty years later, on Monday, April 7, 1980, a new generation of Department of Defense and City of Chicopee officials again met at the base ellipse flag pole to commemorate that auspicious start and mark the first of Westover's 40th anniversary activities.

They were joined by another 200 Westover military and civilians, their friends and representatives from twelve military organizations.

Ben Mathis, Greater Chicopee Chamber of Commerce military affairs committee chairman, presented an American flag to Col. J. Frank Moore, base commander. Mathis, a former Air Force officer stationed at Westover, is the son-in-law of the late Anthony J. Stonina, the mayor of Chicopee from 1932 to 1946, and a chief promoter of the air base concept.

The flag was raised by patrolman Henry Wielgosz, Jr., Lt. Eugene DeGrandpre and patrolman David Lavallie. (Later, it was permanently placed in the base trophy case in the Consolidated Open Mess.)

Earlier, Chicopee Mayor Robert F. Kumor, Jr., told the gathering of Westover's four decades of accom-

plishments and its continued significance to the city. The Rev. Monsignor Rosario U. Montcalm, a former Air Force chaplain, gave the invocation.

The flag ceremony is the first of other anniversary celebrations. The Air

Force's Thunderbirds and the Army's Golden Knights parachute team will highlight two days of Open House activities, June 18 and 19.

*(Ed. note: A detailed history of Westover will be published in a special edition of the Patriot.)*



The new flag is seen through the staffs of the American and 439th TAW flags held by Westover's recruiters, serving as the color guard. (Photo by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway)



## 337th Integrates Into NATO Mission

by Capt. Rick Dyer

A C-130B crew from the 337th TAS returned to Westover on March 30 after a 13-day mission with the Military Airlift Command in Europe (MACE), that included participation in a NATO Arctic training exercise.

The crew was one of four Air Force Reserve units which augmented active-duty airlift units assigned to MACE. Capt. Robert P. Cole Jr., was aircraft commander of the 337th's C-130B. Other crew members included 1st Lt. Kent E. Berwick, co-pilot; Capt. Robert S. MacDonald and Capt. Thomas J. Grenham, navigators; TSgts. Donald M. Beaulieu and Robert A. Whitman, flight engineers; and TSgt. Larry C. Muniec and SSgt. Richard W. Esselen, loadmasters.

Maj. Theodore Murray, 337th operations officer, and SSgt. Karen Martin, an administration specialist with the 337th, also participated in the European mission.

As part of their mission, the 337th TAS crew took part in ANORAK EXPRESS, a NATO cold-weather training operation. The Westover fliers airlifted NATO troops and equipment to a site above the Arctic Circle near Bodo, Norway.

"It was a highly successful and significant mission," said Col. Paul Huffman, 337th TAS commander. "The exercise marked the first time reserve units had been integrated into the day-to-day operations of the MACE system, doing the jobs normally assigned to active duty airlift crews," he said.

In addition to the 337th, crews from the 433rd TAW at Kelly AFB, Texas, the 914th TAG at Niagara Falls and the 440th TAW from Gen. Billy Mitchell AFB, Wisc. joined in the exercise.

Colonel Huffman noted the use of the four Guard/Reserve crews was a successful example of how the Air Force's "Total Force" policy is intended to work. "The four crews were plugged into MACE active duty missions and did extremely well," he added.

The 337th crew departed from Westover on March 18. After a stop in the Azores, it landed at Rhein-Main AB in Frankfurt, Germany on March 19. The crew then flew from Frankfurt to Norway for the ANORAK EXPRESS exercise.

After participating in the Arctic mission, the crew spent three days redeploying Army troops from Aviano AB in Italy to the Kitzigen Army Base in Germany.

Prior to their return, the 337th also airlifted Air Force maintenance personnel and equipment from the Soesterberg AB in Holland to Decimomannu AB in Italy.

Maintenance support during the mission was provided by members of the 905th CAMS, including CMSgt. Joseph DiMartino, chief of the crew; TSgts. Rudolph Benard, Claude Drouin, Joseph Norton, John Surrette and Joseph Szczepanek.

The 337th logged 70 flying hours and airlifted 62 tons of equipment and 62 personnel.

## 439th TAW Prepares for Goose Bay Training

Low-level flight, the critical aspect of tactical flying, enables aircraft to avoid detection by flying below enemy radar and thereby escape hostile fire.

Because of nearby population centers surrounding Westover, the crews of the 337th and 731st TAS are limited to certain prescribed routes. However, during their annual tour, they'll have the opportunity to fly at 500 feet, not over New England, but over new terrain in Canada.

The crews will be part of a 200-person contingent from Westover and Niagara which will train at Goose Bay, Labrador. The airfield is owned by the Canadian government and is operated by its Ministry of Transportation.

The exercise starts on June 11 and involves three C-123s from the 731st and six C-130s from the 337th. They'll be joined by another six C-130s from the 439th's 328th TAS at Niagara. The crews will be supported by approximately 100 maintenance personnel and 25 support specialists.

For five days the reservists will practice assault landings and airdrops at Twin Falls and Churchill Falls in Newfoundland.

"The deployment is code-named

Paid Rampart and is part of the Air Force Reserve's annual readiness exercise Paid Redoubt 80," explains Lt. Col. Arthur J. Sorenson, asst. deputy commander for operations. "We also wish to look into the chances of returning to Goose for more of the same on a regular basis, and will rely heavily on our after-action reports to tell if the chances are good."

The exercise will be ended on Wednesday, June 18. The arrival of some of the returning planes at Westover will be incorporated into the base's Open House activities.

## Subdued Patches Wear Date Nears

The mixing of brightly-colored organizational emblems with the subdued utility uniform is not authorized. Either the subdued MAC emblem or no emblem is worn on the right breast pocket of the subdued utility uniform. The mandatory wear date for the subdued MAC emblem by MAC and MAC-gained AFRES and ANG personnel, remains July 1, 1980.

Since the subdued unit patches are now available locally, General Haugen has directed they be worn on the left breast pocket of utility uniforms as soon as practical. All personnel deploying on PAID RAMPART in June must have the subdued unit patches worn on the left breast. MAC patches will be worn on the right breast pocket if available, or no patches.

## Carpool Coordination Begins

Wondering how to cut expenses and conserve valuable fuel when commuting to UTAs?

Try Carpooling!

In future editions of the Patriot, we'll run the names of drivers seeking riders and potential passengers looking for rides. Reservists wishing to match up with a driver or passenger from a certain area should contact the Public Affairs Office at extension 2072 during the next UTA. Callers should indicate their names, addresses and duty and home telephone numbers.

Don't be fuelish — carpool.



## READY...OR NOT? ? ? CCE Results Reveal Answer

The Combat Capability Evaluation conducted at Westover by the 914th Tactical Airlift Group, Niagara Falls, N.Y., resulted in an overall satisfactory performance by the 439th TAW, just short of being considered excellent. The April 26 inspection was held by 44 members of the 439th-attached unit headed by Lt. Col. Edwin Mench, 914th TAG deputy commander for operations and team chief for the CCE.

Many units made excellent and outstanding showings, topped by the 337th TAS airdrops, followed by Wing Operations, the 731st TAS and Disaster Preparedness.

One of the most difficult tests was the loading of a C-130 propeller by Westover aerial port personnel. The inspectors admitted the task was tough but praised the base cargo handlers for a job well done. Loading a prop onto an aircraft had never been done during an inspection.

Whether or not the 439th is fully mission capable depends on a myriad of determining factors. Constant training prepares the wing for that ultimate test — the Operational Readiness Inspection.

One of the measuring devices units use to gauge their operational proficiency is the CCE. At the CCE



Lt. Col. Louis Siroy, Lt. Col. Louis Paskevicz and Maj. Jay Johnson, 731st TAS and Maj. David Krebs, 328th TAS/DO who was the CCE/DO team chief, discuss the launch phase of the C-123 mission. (Photos by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway.)

outbriefing, Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen, wing commander, stated, "A CCE provides the opportunity to do your thing without the pressures of an ORI, but with enough pressure to want to do it well."

All phases of operation, flying and

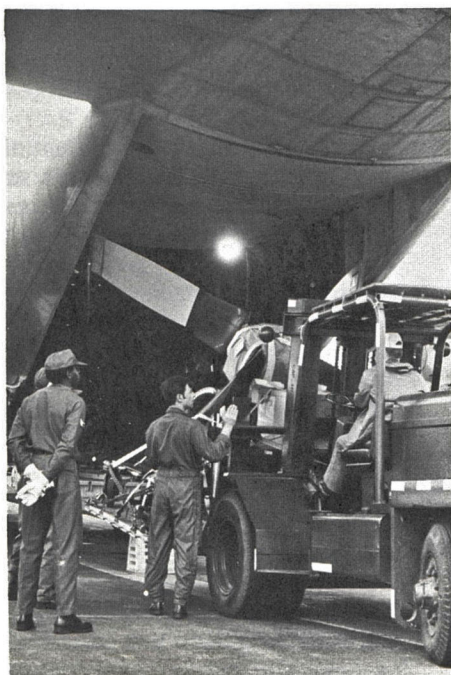
maintenance are tested during this type of an inspection with emphasis on operations, intelligence, maintenance, security, mobility, disaster preparedness and support functions.

## Briefs

Sgt. George L. Hoagland, 901st WSSF communications plotter, recently attended a Hostage Negotiation and Terrorism seminar conducted by the New York City Police Department Hostage Negotiation squad. The seminar was sponsored by the Tri-State organized crime council. In civilian life, Sergeant Hoagland is an agent in the Connecticut Department of Revenue Service Special Investigation section.

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Sgt. Al Moreland, 901 WSSF training NCO, attended a program on airport security sponsored by the Federal Aviation Administration on Feb. 4 and 5 at Bradley Airport. The class gave instruction in passenger screening, bomb threat and airport terminal security. As a civilian, Sergeant Moreland is a lieutenant with the New Haven Police Department and a member of their bomb squad.



905th MAPF personnel load 337th TAS mission support equipment on a Niagara 928th TAS C-130A during the mobility portion of the CCE.

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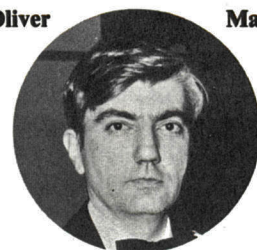




General Oliver



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## TRADITION

# Officers Enjoy A

Story and Photos by  
TSgt. Marshall Hathaway

"The 439th Wing has excelled." That phrase was part of the praise bestowed upon Westover people by Maj. Gen. Dalton S. Oliver, guest speaker for the Sixth Annual Officers Dining Out March 29, as 200 guests enjoyed an evening of military tradition fellowship and relaxation.

Sharing the head table with General and Mrs. Oliver were Maj. Gen. Stephen Keefe, Chicopee Mayor Robert F. Kumor and guest, Miss Katherine Spring, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Donald E. Haugen, Col. and Mrs. J. Frank Moore, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Edward F. Lincoln and Chaplain (Capt.) William R. Charbonneau.

Colonel Lincoln was president of the mess and Capt. Coby Johnson served at Mr. Vice. The evening's events were coordinated by Lt. Col Robert J. Motley, chairman.

Enlisted personnel of the 905th WSSF greeted guests at the door of the Consolidated Open Mess. The color guard was provided by the 439th Recruiting Service. Music was provided by the 590th Air Force Band from McGuire AFB, N.J.

The highlight of the formal portion of the program was the presentation of annual awards.

The Outstanding Junior Officer of the Year award went to Capt. Arthur J. King. The captain was cited for having been the only company grade servist to attend the senior grade judge advocate course. In competition with senior officers, he placed in the top ten percent of his class.





General Keefe



Captain Pitasi



Major Nistri

## Annual Dining Out

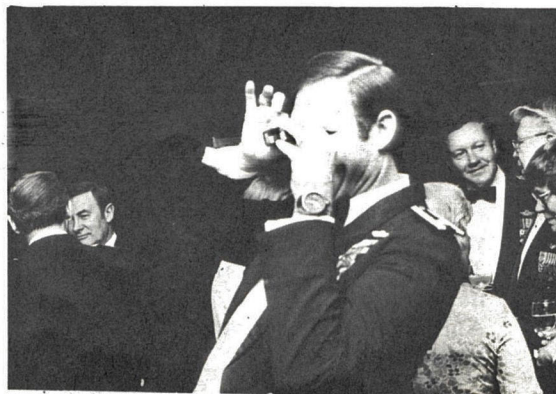
Captain King freely gave his time to represent the Air Force in civil grievance hearings, military disciplinary matters, use and license of Air Force property and facilities and contract claims. He is a practicing attorney in Northampton, Mass.

Capt. Joseph A. Pitasi was named the Outstanding Officer Aircrew member for having demonstrated exceptional abilities in both navigational skills and additional duty assignments. During 1979, he was navigator three times on the "crew of the quarter" for combat personnel drop-training missions at Fort Benning, Ga. Capt. Pitasi's crew was named the Fort Benning ALCE "Crew of the Year." The 731st TAS crew attained an incredible 11.2 circular error average for troop drops. While squadron ground training officer, his squadron earned an outstanding rating on all higher headquarters directed inspections.

For significant contributions to aircraft maintenance, Maj. Nino S. F. Nistri was presented the Outstanding Officer of the Year award. As the organizational maintenance officer, Major Nistri implemented his suggestions for improvements in isochronal inspections and pre-flight and postflight work card systems. He also directed the 14th AF(R) scheduled maintenance enhancement program to decrease aircraft downtime. Further, he organized the "recip get well" program and was project officer for the "landing gear get well program." The major was lauded for his contributions to the unit's superior rating on the last ORI.



## FELLOWSHIP





# Westover Recognizes Its Own

March 30

A diploma, a trophy and three certificates of recognition were given to the group's top achievers at the March 30 Commander's Call held in the base theater.

Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen, wing commander, congratulated SMSgt. Henry J. Scott, base first sergeant, on his completion of the Senior NCO academy. Sergeant Scott attended the academy at Gunter AFS, Ala. The nine-week course included effective management techniques, speed writing psychology and personnel management.

MSgt. Roger F. Perrault, 439th CSG recruiter, received a trophy for his outstanding accomplishments as top non-prior service recruiter from October to December 1979. He recruited 12 enlistees.

TSgt. Sherman Williams, another recruiter, received a congratulatory letter for both his selection to OTS and his outstanding contribution to Westover's recruiting program.

A certificate of recognition was awarded to AB Mitchell Staszko, the newest member of the 905th CEF, for graduating with honors from electronics technical school.

Lastly, for supporting the liaison officer program in administering the USAFA physical aptitude exam, the Morale, Welfare and Recreation section received a certificate of appreciation from the Air Force Academy.

April 16

Nearly 500 civilian employees attended the wing commander's call on Wednesday, April 16. The occasion was highlighted with a variety of awards, including 40-year service awards for two long-time employees.

Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen, in addition to personally giving out the individual awards, presented an update on "what's new" at Westover AFB. Following his informative impromptu talk, Eric Person, development director for the Westover Metropolitan Development Corporation, presented a concise picture of the progress made in the surplus portion of the base, now under the jurisdiction of the WMDC, and named the Westover Industrial Airpark.

Accepting accolades were Dale Altman, selected as Outstanding SAC Transportation Civilian for 1979 while stationed at Anderson AFB, Guam and Mike McNicholas, on behalf of the civilian staff of the Recreation Center, for the outstanding contribution to the Air Force Academy's Liaison Officer Program.

General Haugen was presented a United States Readiness Command Certificate for the wing and the many Combat Support Group sections which contributed to the success of the recent Empire Glacier '80.

Michael Kuchta and George C. Rauh, both from Civil Engineering, were recognized for their Sustained Superior Performance from Oct. 1, 1978 to Sept. 30, 1979.

For designing a strut link for C-123 aircraft which eliminates the need to bleed down and reinflate strut when a tire or brake change is required, John J. Leclair of Aircraft Maintenance received a cash suggestion award.

Also receiving a cash award for his suggestion was Bill Lucia of Civilian Personnel, who while assigned to Aircraft Maintenance, designed a special Base Level Inquiry System for computer use.

Receiving \$140 for his suggestion was Paul M. Mersincavage of Aircraft Maintenance who had the foresight to effect replacement of parts of torque tools rather than condemning and discarding the complete tool and maintaining a supply of commonly used replacement parts, reducing the waiting time for availability of needed tools.

Receiving congratulations for 10 years of faithful federal service were William Cichaski of the 1917th Communications Squadron; Normand Duquette, Detachment 5, 1st Aerospace Communications Group; Richard C. King, Transportation; William J. McGuirk, Base Operations; Michael K. Doyle, Normand R. Fioroni, Stacy H. Guin, Stephen D. Howe, John J. Leclair and Dennis M. Wallace, all from Aircraft Maintenance.

Presented certificates attesting to 20 years of faithful federal service were Joseph E. Giuca, Aircraft Maintenance; Thomas Kubacki, Data Automation and Edward J. Suchenicz, Base Supply.

Leland T. Bates, Chester J. Borys

and Alvah L. Brown, Civil Engineering; and Stanley J. Gula and Mary S. Sullivan, Base Supply were recognized with certificates and pins for 30 years of faithful federal service.

The civilian with the longest history of employment at Westover is Edward T. ("Gus") Kennedy, who started to work in the base's first building, erected on what was then tobacco fields, in 1939. Gus is well-known and respected throughout the Air Force as Westover's contracting officer. His certificate for 40 years of faithful federal service was issued by the Chief of the Staff, United States Air Force, and included a lapel pin with a small ruby.

For 40 years of combined military and civil service, Joseph S. Bak, disbursing officer for the base, also received a certificate and lapel pin with a ruby. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1939, serving more than 23-1/2 years before he retired as a chief master sergeant at Westover in 1963. He has been employed as a civilian since that time. During his military service, Joe served in the Pacific Theatre, where he was a Prisoner of War in both the Philippines and in Honshu, Japan, for 3-1/2 years.

April 26

The first Community College of the Air Force diploma earned by a Westover reservist, 11 Air Force Commendation Medals and a certificate of achievement were presented to reservists during the April UTA.

MSgt. Joseph A. Robitaille, 901st CAMS, received an Associate in Applied Science degree in Aircraft Maintenance Technology. Sergeant Robitaille used 30 of the total 61 technical credits he had earned through a variety of Air Force technical schools. He collected his remaining credits at the University of Massachusetts and Springfield Technical Community College. He already holds an associate degree in liberal arts from STCC.

Receiving Air Force Commendation Medals were:

— Maj. Carla L. Decker, 439th Tactical Hospital, received her medal for her work as nurse administrator from 1974 to 1979.

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## Navy Reservists Dish it Out to Hungry Airmen

If you thought your eyes were playing tricks on you when you went through the dining hall line recently, don't worry.

Those were Navy cooks and food service specialists staffing the chow lines.

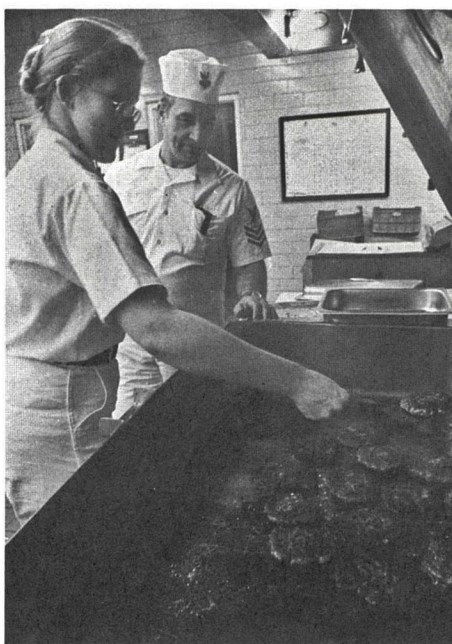
Twelve Navy reservists, in a move intended to provide them with more realistic training, joined the Westover dining hall crew for the first time during the March 28-29 UTA.

The Navy personnel, assigned to the Naval Reserve Center on base, are scheduling their weekend duty and annual tours to correspond with the 439th TAW's UTAs and two week active duty tour in the summer.

"We'll work side by side with the Air Force," Lt. Perry Taylor said.

Lieutenant Taylor said his food specialists have been assigned to work in the Westover dining facility in order to provide them with experience in feeding a larger number of personnel.

"In the event our unit is mobilized, our job would be to support a base galley at Little Creek, Va.," the Navy officer added. "The work we will do here will give us invaluable experience that will augment our regular classroom training."



SrA. Linda Scollin, 439th CAG/SV, flips (hamburgs) for PO1 Norman Burt, Naval Reserve. (Photo by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway.)

SMSGt. Francis Babin, MSgt. Ronald Perrault and TSgt. Vincent Lingley of the 439th CSG/SVF are assisting with the training and supervision of the Navy personnel.

## Commander's Call . . .

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— Maj. Rudolph G. DiLuzio, 439th TAW, distinguished himself as chief of public affairs from 1974 to 1979.

— Maj. George J. Harrington earned his Commendation Medal for service as general duty nurse and officer-in-charge of training at the 439th Tactical Hospital.

— Maj. Jay A. Johnson, as squadron operations officer for the 731st TAS from 1977 to 1979, contributed to his squadron's mission capability.

— SMSGt. Thomas E. Crameri, air transportation superintendent with the 59th MAPS, was commended for his work from 1972 to 1979 which significantly upgraded the capability of his unit by developing and managing a quality control self-evaluation program.

— SMSGt. James W. McHugh, Jr., as air transportation superintendent for the 59th MAPS greatly added to the training mission of the squadron.

— SMSGt. Charles W. Simmons, as

quality control manager of the 901st CAMS from 1974 to 1979, was cited for "superior maintenance knowledge, dedication to minute details and sense of awareness of a quality product."

— MSgt. Herve J. Couture earned his medal for service as aircraft machine shop supervisor with the 905th CAMS.

— MSgt. Acquillino Lucia contributed directly to many maintenance accomplishments of the 901st CAMS as a maintenance analysis technician.

— TSgt. Thomas Brown received his first oak leaf cluster to the Air Force Commendation Medal as air transportation supervisor, cargo processing and warehousing, with the 59th MAPS from 1973 to 1979.

— TSgt. James R. Gauthier earned his medal for contributions and service to the 349th OMS, Travis AFB, Calif., from 1976 to 1979.

— TSgt. Edward R. Guenther, 439th TAW, received a certificate of achievement during the recent competition for AFRES administration technician of the year.

## ARPC Team Visits Westover

by A1C. Donna M. Stewart

The Air Reserve Personnel Center Briefing Team visited Westover during the March 29-30 UTA as part of their Project Awareness.

Project Awareness was started in 1978 because of the lack of information readily available to reservists about their individual personnel records. "We have spoken to some 40,000 guard and reserve members during the past two years," stated Capt. Sallie Savage of ARPC. "We tell all Air Force reservists and guardsmen about ARPC services and their availability. The project is about 95 percent complete, with only about five units left to be visited," she added.

There were three briefing sessions held, two on Saturday for enlisted members and one on Sunday morning for officers.

Subjects covered during the 2-1/2 hour sessions included the ARPC command briefing, point credit and accounting reporting system, separation, retirement, survivor benefits plan, airman career management, officer career management, officer promotions and officer effectiveness reports.

Approximately 150 airmen and 160 officers attended the briefings. "I thought it was very informative and it is a good program, especially for new reservists who don't really understand things like the point system or career management," said Amn. Robin Florio of the 439th CSG.

"This is an ideal type of briefing for career reservists," added SMSGt. Henry J. Scott, base first sergeant.

The importance of AF Form 526 was stressed during the briefing. According to Maj. Robert Lambert, team chief, this form should be checked thoroughly by each reservist. "This is most important," explained Major Lambert. "It is with this form that your retirement pay is figured," he added.

There are roughly 53,000 active reservists and 92,000 active guardsmen in the United States, and there are 900 employees at the ARPC to handle all of their records. "With the amount of records we handle, it is impossible to catch every mistake. You are your own best personnel advisor," he said.



## 905th CEF Deploys to Little Rock

by A1C Josephine Mitchell  
905th CEF

Once again, the 905th Civil Engineering Flight completed their annual training away from Westover. The unit went to Little Rock AFB for another construction project, Feb. 23 to Mar. 7.

They constructed a warehouse to be used by the 314th CES PRIME BEEF team. Those with refrigeration and heating AFSCs, electricians and others gained experience in and out of their career fields.

The 54 unit members also worked in the base civil engineering shops such as site development, air conditioning, sheet metal and carpentry. They also surveyed the building site and paved grounds at a missile site.

The unit returned to Westover with a certificate of recognition for their efforts and accomplishments.



SSgt. Steve Dutilly and other members of the 905 CEF greet Vice President Walter Mondale at the Little Rock AFB. The reservists were on their annual tour while the vice president was attending a conference in that city. (Photo by Det. 9, 1365 AVS)

## Westover Sweeps AFRES Disaster Preparedness Awards

Four of the six AFRES awards for which they were eligible were bestowed on Westover's Disaster Preparedness Division during March.

Capt. Charles T. Hannaford was named the AFRES Outstanding Disaster Preparedness Officer. John R. Wilson, Jr., is AFRES' Outstanding Disaster Preparedness Manager.

Captain Hannaford's citation which accompanied an AFRES plaque, read in part, "He applied his considerable talents to devise training aids for Chemical Warfare training; wrote lesson plans for CWD training and for specialized teams."

Mr. Wilson "distinguished himself by his continued outstanding service and support to the Disaster Preparedness Program during 1979. He provided many innovative ideas in the chemical defense training program."

In addition to the individual awards, the base was named for having the Best AFRES Base Disaster Preparedness Program during 1979. Their citation said the Westover personnel provided many ideas which were instrumental in the resolution of training problems for the other AFRES units. In addition to Mr. Wilson, George Copeland and Paul Gilman are assigned as full-time disaster preparedness technicians.

Composed of personnel from diverse sections of the base population, people who provide support for the base's efforts were named the Outstanding Disaster Preparedness Support Team in AFRES. The team, evaluated during the year by experts from 14AF(R), HQ AFRES and an active duty unit at Seymour Johnson AFB, includes: Dave Echols, William Lane and William MacRae, Transportation; Richard Halla, Kenneth Hackett, Anthony Manuel and Stanley Svec, Aircraft Maintenance; Barbara Hurst and Janet Lemieux, Base Supply; Dennis Bessette, Defense Disposal Agency; Robert Horrigan and Peter Kastarakis, Civil Engineering; Ron Turmelle, Recreation Services; and from Detachment

5, 1st Aerospace Communications Group, SSgts. Michael A. Hassard, Anibal Rivera and Boydan Fedolak, now stationed in Turkey.

## Westoverites Perform Community Service

Carrying on a tradition of the 439th TAW, started in 1974, 20 Reservists and four civilians served as volunteer telephone operators during the recent annual television auction conducted by Channel 57, WGBY-TV, Springfield, Mass. public broadcasting station. These volunteers were seen by area viewers on four different nights, providing exposure for the base and the Air Force Reserve.

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