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“Entebbe raid” pilot plans Westover visit

An Israeli C-130 squadron commander and pilot who flew on the “Entebbe” raid will be the guest of the 439th TAW during the February UTA.

Lt. Col. Yhezkal Harpaz accepted the invitation of Maj. Jerry Budinoff to visit Westover and discuss flying tactics. The two had met at a tactics conference at Dobbins AFB. Colonel Har-

paz is in the United States attending the Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

“On Saturday, he will fly missions with the 337th TAS,” explained Major Budinoff, a 337th navigator and tactics officer. “The next day, the colonel will meet with members of both flying squadrons and in an informal give-

and-take talk about Israeli tactics, training and their reserve program. We’re also very interested in hearing his comments about our training and procedures.”

“This is the first time the colonel, who is not totally fluent in English, will participate in a program outside of a tactics conference and has not prepared a formal presentation.”

UAE Air Force officers observe 337th TAS air drops

The 439th TAW hosted four Air Force officers from the United Arab Emirates. They were at Westover Dec. 20 for a briefing on tactical airlift operations and to observe equipment drops.

The visitors and their 439th escorts spent most of their half-day stay on the flight line. They examined the wing’s C-130s and the various materials needed to prepare equipment for drops. After viewing the loading of two planes for heavy equipment and container delivery system drops, the officers watched the drops and later inspected bundles on the ground.

Their country flies the Bison, a C-7 turbo-prop aircraft and C-130s. Both are being considered for use in air drops. Their Westover visit gave them a first-hand opportunity to view practices and procedures.

The visitors were escorted by Col. James Thomas, 439th TAW deputy commander for operations; Lt. Col. Jerry Bryant, 337th TAS commander; Lt. Col. Robert Motley, 337th TAS operations officer; and Capt. Kevin Wentworth, 439th TAW public affairs officer.



UAE Air Force team and Col. James P. Thomas, wing DCO, examine airdrop rigging at Nose Dock 36.

Wing Commander's Message



By Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen
"Hey, let's be careful out there!"

If you've ever watched the popular TV program, "Hill Street Blues," you probably recognize the line. I'd like to borrow that admonishment to discuss a matter that deeply concerns me.

During the past two years, several members of the 439th have died in automobile accidents. Most recently, one of our unit members was seriously injured when he was thrown from a vehicle in a accident in Savannah, Ga.

It's a fact of life that mishaps will happen, regardless of how safely we drive, or the precautions we take. But there are steps we all can and should take to minimize danger and maximize our protection.

Wearing seat belts when we drive should be at the top of the list. I'm sure I am not the first person to suggest the importance of wearing seat belts. The Air Force has had a policy about their use for a number of years. The National Highway Safety Council and other organizations have advertised extensively on the subject.

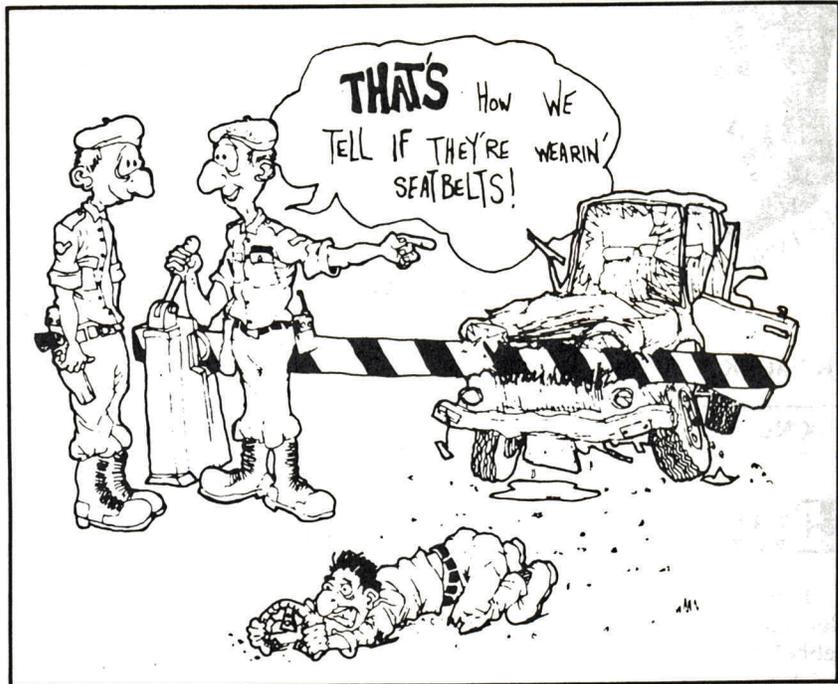
Seat belts and other restraining devices are standard equipment in every make of car and have been so for a number of years. They take only a fraction of a second to fasten and are

Crew member injured in auto accident

TSgt. William A. Chapman, a 731st TAS loadmaster, is recuperating at Fort Devens Army Hospital following a serious automobile accident in Savannah, Ga. in early December.

One of the two other reservists also in the car received minor injuries. The three were in Savannah during a cross-country flight overnight stopover.

Sergeant Chapman later transferred from the local Savannah hospital to the Fort Devens facility to be closer to home.



very comfortable.

Still, it astounds and upsets me when I think about the number of people who don't wear seat belts. It upsets me even more when I consider the carnage and loss of life that could be avoided by simply buckling up.

The 914th TAG at Niagara recently loaned us a seat belt sled demonstrator. The device allows a "passenger" to experience the impact of the crash of a motor vehicle traveling at approximately 5 miles per hour.

Once you experience the jolt of this slow-speed collision, you appreciate the force of a crash at higher speeds.

You don't need a degree in physics to understand what happens to a driver or passenger who is not wearing a seat belt when such a collision occurs.

My message is simple: Buckle up before you drive and insist that all your passengers do likewise. Accidents can happen, anywhere so the use of seat belts is as important on the base as on the turnpike.

This is my first column for 1982. It is my fervent wish that the new year will be a safe and accident-free one for all of us.

Let's be careful out there. Let's use our seat belts.



SSgt. Virginia Long of ground safety "crashes" a stop in the crash simulator.

*On-the job training***Vital key to career advancement**

By **TSgt. Ronald Rosiello**
439CSG/Training

Too many Reserve supervisors think-on-the-job training is merely a paperwork transaction created to upgrade personnel from the unqualified to the 3 then 5 then 7 skill levels. Not so! OJT is an all-inclusive term designed to guide and control not only the type and quantity of training an individual receives, but what is equally important, the caliber of that training.

During a reservist's career, 26 to 54 months are involved in training to upgrade skill levels. This training is termed Job Proficiency Training and usually involves both hands-on career knowledge training plus mandatory text book Career Development Courses. If a CDC is not available for a given subject, career knowledge is gained through Specialty Training Standard study references which direct the trainee to appropriate regulations and manuals for specific subject training.

Additional job skills, within a skill level, are attained through Qualification Training. This helps personnel to gain expanded proficiency while per-

forming their assigned job. Supervisors are responsible for complete training in all job and assignment areas, and therefore are ultimately responsible for successful military careers of subordinates.

Some supervisors are concerned largely with how well their section accomplishes its day to day mission while under their personal supervision. The true test of the well-trained unit however, comes when the unit mission is satisfactorily accomplished in the Supervisor's absence.

All too often, when superior airmen are promoted to supervisory positions, they continue to use their technical expertise instead of delegating work responsibilities so that they are available to direct and manage the proper training of their subordinates. The inevitable result of this common supervisory error is a unit staffed by either unqualified or partially qualified personnel. CMSgt. Longfield, chief of wing training noted, "the recent increase in the number of individuals who are overtime in training indicates a re-emphasis of training management by supervisors is in order."

Top recruiter leaves Westover

The 439th TAW lost its top recruiter January 31 when MSgt. Roger Perrault became Senior Recruiter at Youngstown, Ohio. He assumed the duty of supervising recruiting for the 910th TAG there and will become eligible for promotion to senior master sergeant.

Since December of 1976, he earned many kudos while a member of the 439th Recruiting Service, now a branch of the 2614th Recruiting Squadron. He made the Century Club three times for recruiting 100 or more people in a year. That honor won him the right to wear a Master Recruiter badge. In addition, he earned the Two-Per-Week Club twelve times for two or more enlistments per week. Within 14th Air Force, he was top prior service recruiter three times and twice top non-prior service awardee.

Briefs**Base Closure Announcement**

If foul weather forces the base to close, the radio announcement will be made by 7:00 A.M. on the following stations:

WMAS FM 95 — Massachusetts
WHYN AM 560 — Massachusetts
WSPR AM 1240 — Massachusetts
WTIC AM 1080 — Connecticut

Reservists at Panama

When the 914th TAG lacked enough people in December to fill Volant Oak maintenance slots in Panama, five of Westover's people filled in. It was the second appearance of the 439th TAW last year at Howard AFB because the wing served its normal Volant Oak rotation in June. Representing aircraft maintenance were **MSgts. Chester Ciuba**, 905th CAMS flight line and **Carlo Torre**, 901st CAMS hydraulic shop; **SSgt. Dale Singletary**, 905th CAMS avionics; **Sgt. Paul Charbonneau**, 901st CAMS electric shop and **AMN. Jean Beadle**, 901st CAMS avionics.

Parrott picked for star

Col. Charles R. Parrott, former 439th TAW vice commander and 731st TAS commander, was one of 17 Air Force reservists approved by President Reagan to be promoted to brigadier general. Their nominations have been forwarded to the Senate for ratification. Colonel Parrott is now 14th AF vice commander.

Thieves take toys from tots

Christmas is a time for giving. Unfortunately, a thief or thieves gave themselves an early Christmas present by stealing \$30,000 worth of toys from Westover's hangar 9 sometime between Dec. 4 and 9.

The toys were part of the Marine Corps' annual Toys for Tots Program which gives Christmas toys to needy children. The theft of 200 cartons, each with four games, included electronic and board games. Some had a retail value of \$42.50. Another 600 cartons of less expensive gifts were left behind.

The Springfield, Mass. office of the FBI took over the investigation from the Hanscom Field, Mass. Air Force Office of Special Investigation.

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A Patriot Profile

From Green Bay to the Green Berets, Lombardi's lessons influenced Murdock

By Capt. Rick Dyer

He never really got to know him that well, but there's a lot of Vince Lombardi in Jack Murdock.

CMSgt. Jack Murdock, the 439th's senior enlisted advisor, played on Lombardi's taxi squad with the Green Bay Packers for three years. You won't find his name in any of the NFL record books, but he did rub shoulders in the locker room with such football immortals as Paul Hornung and Bart Starr. More importantly, he learned about football, and about life, from Lombardi.

The sergeant now coaches football at Holyoke High School. He's also been a coach in both the professional and college ranks and his style of coaching is simple. Like his Green Bay mentor, he believes very strongly in discipline.

Like Lombardi, he believes that success and achievement only come through hard work.

Jack Murdock teaches his high school athletes the philosophies that he learned under Lombardi and he lives those philosophies in his personal life.

No one would ever accuse Jack Murdock of being an under-achiever. He's played professional football, and he competed in the Pan American Games. He holds a master's degree in education and black belts in karate and judo. He's one of the top scholastic coaches in Greater Springfield, and he's the top enlisted man at Westover.

"There's no question about it, I'm a disciplinarian," the chief said. "I stress the safety of my athletes, and I enforce strict discipline to insure it."

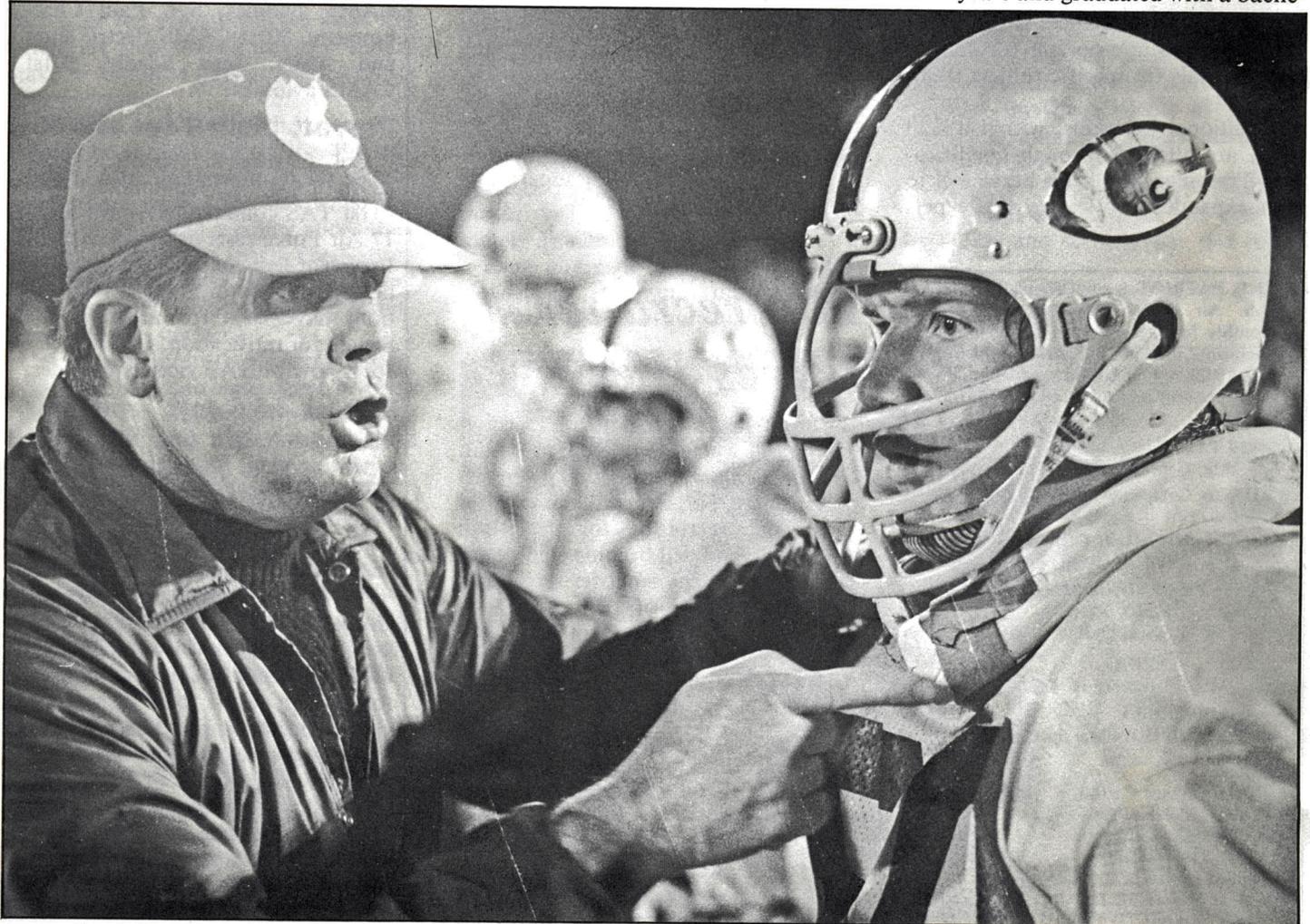
His teams seem to thrive under his

tutelage. Chief Murdock has been head coach at Holyoke High for two years, and an assistant there for four seasons before that. Over the last two seasons, his charges have won 12 games, lost two and tied one.

Throughout his life, athletics and the military have been intertwined, and have occupied much of his time.

After graduation from high school in Shamokin, Pa. in 1948, he joined the army as a paratrooper. While in the Army, he played football for the 11th and 82nd Airborne teams. It was during a service ball scrimmage at Fort Carson, Col. that he was seen by Colorado University coaches, who offered him an athletic scholarship.

Chief Murdock played linebacker and defensive tackle at Colorado for four years and graduated with a bache-



Coach Murdock instills a Lombardi lesson in one of his charges. The Chief is head football coach at Holyoke High School.

lor's degree in psychology. He says he was an "average" college football player, but there were several professional football scouts who felt otherwise.

After college, the chief served a two-year stint in the Air Force as a pararescueman in Guam. Upon his discharge, he signed a contract with the Packers.

"I was on the taxi squad at Green Bay for three years during the early 1950s," he said. "We used to call ourselves the 'meat squad.'"

Murdock said the taxi squad was used heavily in practices against the regulars. "Lombardi would direct the practices from a high tower above the field. He would call a play and then have us repeat it and repeat it until it was executed perfectly. Since the taxi squad members didn't get to play in many regular season games, we only saw the coach at practice."

"There's no question about it, I'm a disciplinarian," the chief said.

In addition to playing with the Packers, the chief played with the Cleveland Bulldogs and with the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian football league.

When he left pro football, he rejoined the Air Force and served at several bases, including Westover. He also took up another sport.

Chief Murdock began studying the martial arts, and the Air Force sent him to Japan where he acquired black belts in both judo and karate from the Kodo Kan, the Japanese national martial arts university. He started competing with the Air Force in service and international martial arts competitions.

He won the 8th Air Force, 2nd Air Force and Off-Shore Islands karate championships and finished second in the nation-wide Strategic Air Command karate meet. He was selected to tour with an Air Force team, and won a berth on the United States karate team at the 1958 Pan American Games in Mexico.

"That had to be the biggest thrill of my entire athletic career," he said.

He subsequently left the Air Force, but not the military. When President Kennedy authorized the Army to train Special Forces troops, chief Murdock enlisted in the Army and joined the

Green Berets. He graduated from the third special forces class trained at Ft. Bragg and served as a heavy and light weapons instructor with the Green Berets from 1961 to 1964.

In 1965, he left active duty and relocated to Holyoke. He joined the Air Force Reserve with the 905th TAG at Westover and also resumed his football career.

Chief Murdock played minor league football and also served as a player-coach for a number of New England professional teams including the Hartford Knights, Hartford Charter Oaks and the Springfield Acorns of the now defunct Continental Football League. The teams were affiliated with major league franchises, and one of his teammates at Hartford was Marv Hubbard, who went on to star with the Oakland Raiders.

At age 36, he was given a tryout with the New England Patriots. "I made it all through training camp and the pre-season, and I was the last guy cut from the squad," he said. "I knew it was my last chance to make it to the big leagues."

Murdock continued to play minor league semi-pro football into his 40s, often doubling as an assistant coach. "Most of us were playing because we truly loved the game," he explained.

After he hung up his spikes, Chief Murdock concentrated on coaching. He was an assistant coach at American International College in Springfield and also coached at two other high

schools before coming to his present position.

In addition to compiling impressive records, his high school players often follow in their coach's footsteps by winning athletic scholarships to college. "Many of my kids have gone on to play college ball with schools like Holy Cross, Boston College and Boston University," he said.

Chief Murdock has a paternal interest in two of his star players. His son Tommy, 16, is center on the Holyoke team and son Chuckie, 15, is the quarterback.

Although the sergeant is now 52 and no longer sacks quarterbacks for a living, his life is far from sedentary. He has trimmed down from a playing weight of 250 pounds to 206 pounds by lifting weights, and he can bench press more than 300 pounds.

Chief Murdock still practices the martial arts and plays on the base softball and basketball teams. He's a player-coach with the Westover basketball team which has copped three of the last four AFRES championships.

The burly, six-foot chief is a guidance counselor at Dean Vocational High School in Holyoke. His wife, Louise, is a language teacher at Holyoke Community College.

When he is not playing or coaching sports, the chief has been known to sneak a peek at televised professional football teams.

Which team is his favorite? Take a guess.



Coach Murdock accepts the Westover team trophy from Colonel Moore. Murdock coached the Westover men to second place in the 1981 AFRES basketball tournament and first place in the 1980 tournament.

Insurance plan changes benefit survivors

By TSgt. John Wallace Spencer

Recently the maximum coverage offered under Servicemen's Group Life Insurance and Veteran's Group Life Insurance was increased from \$20,000 to \$35,000. However, both insurance plans provide financial protection only to age 60. Therefore, what other federal financial assistance plan is available to loved ones in the event of death after completion of twenty years military service? The answer is the Uniform Services Survivors Benefit Plan.

It is a complicated plan which offers continuous financial assistance to survivors of deceased retired members of the armed forces including Air Force reservists. Basically, military personnel completing 20 good years of service can designate a beneficiary. Those eligible are widows, widowers, dependent children, mothers, fathers, brothers, sister, unmarried children to age 18 or 22 while a full-time student, and for the lifetime of incapacitated unmarried children. Designated beneficiaries can receive up to 55 percent of deceased member's retirement pay.

Three options are open to retired reservists: 1. Designated survivor to receive financial benefits beginning with the death of a retired reservist. 2. Designated survivor to receive financial benefits beginning at the time the de-

ceased reservist would have attained age 60 or upon death of a reservist after age 60. 3. No designation; all survivor benefits rejected.

A few words of caution: After a survivor has been designated, with certain exceptions, the decision cannot be withdrawn. Also, since the Survivor Benefit Plan is a federal program, the amount assigned to the beneficiary can be affected by other federal programs such as social security.

There is a cost for the plan. No monthly charge will be made until reservists receive retirement pay after 60. Upon the death of a reservist, monthly costs are automatically deducted from survivor payments.

As an example of the monthly cost to retirees after age 60 or to the beneficiary — Spouse-only — is as follows:

Retirement Pay	Spouse's Monthly Payment	Monthly Cost Deduction
\$ 200.00	\$110.00	\$ 5.00
\$ 400.00	\$220.00	\$ 17.00
\$ 600.00	\$330.00	\$ 37.00
\$ 800.00	\$440.00	\$ 57.00
\$1,000.00	\$550.00	\$ 77.00
\$1,500.00	\$825.00	\$127.00

If you have any specific questions about the Survivor Benefit Plan, telephone ARPC, toll free 1-800-525-1391 or 525-1395. The Autovon is 926-4724.

Commander's call

A Meritorious Service Medal and three Air Force Commendation Medals were presented to 439th members during the January UTA by Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen, wing commander.

Col. Louis Paskevicz, 439th vice-commander, received his first oak leave cluster to the MSA for his services as 731st commander, Oct. 1978 through Oct. 1981.

Receiving Air Force Commendation Medals were:

Maj. Leona G. Sorenson, flight nurse, 74 AES, was recognized for her outstanding professional skill and job knowledge.

MSgt. Thomas A. Smith, 905th CAMS jet engine shop supervisor received his medal as a result of superior technical knowledge and complete dedication to the Reserve program.

TSgt. David E. Hawkins, 74th AES, medical service technician, for his outstanding professional skill and leadership.

New physical exam regulation published

A new Air Force regulation redefines physical examination requirements for Reserve personnel.

"Previously, pilots and navigators were required to have a complete physical each year," said Lt. Col. Edward J. Seilius, director of personnel. "Other flying personnel, such as flight engineers and loadmasters, had exams every other year."

According to this new regulation, however, all flying personnel must have complete physicals only on their even birth years. Thus, a 28-year-old reservist on flying status will have a complete physical this year, and two years thereafter. On odd-birth years, mini physicals will be conducted.

Nonflying personnel, under the old regulation, were required to have more frequent exams as their age increased. Depending on age group, the interval between required exams was either four, three, two or one year(s).

Under the new physical examination regulation, nonflying personnel are required to have a complete physical once every five years when they reach age 25.

Base gets new airline autoticketer

A new airline Autoticketing System is scheduled to be operational in Westover's Traffic Management Office by mid-February.

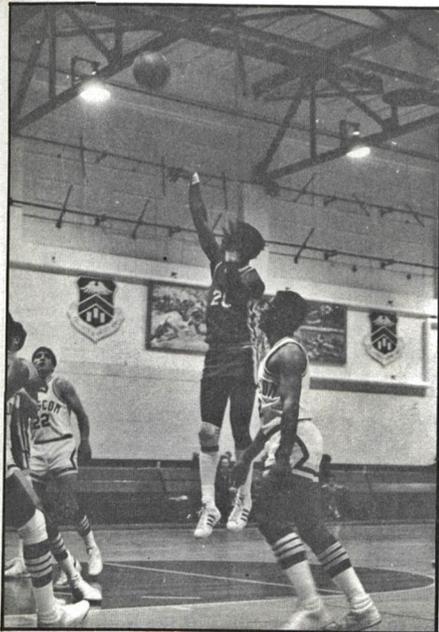
"The automatic ticket machine will be a satellite station of a similar system located at Hanscom Field's Scheduled Airline Ticket Office," reports Juanita Jennings, traffic management officer. "The Westover office processes some 200 travel requests each month. Most of these will be handled by the new system."

There are two advantages to the system. First it will make traveling easier because tickets will be issued at Westover. Previously, they would have to be picked up at the airport. In addition, there will be a financial savings to the Government. The system's advance ticketing takes advantage of the money-saving fares now offered by the airlines.



Juanita Jennings, a traffic management officer and MSgt. Stuart DeGray, review operating instructions for the new Airline Autoticketing System.

Practice makes perfect—hopefully



Westover's Bill Dotson secures two points in a practice scrimmage basketball game against Hanscom Field.

By A1C Sandra M. Bartosz

It's basketball season and Westover players are honing their skills for the AFRES-wide basketball tournament to be held at Pittsburgh International Airport Feb. 27-28.

The double elimination tournament will include approximately ten men's teams and five women's teams. Last year's tournament was held at Westover. Westover's men and women took second place, losing to the men from Mather AFB, Cal. and the women from Pittsburgh.

Westover men practice twice weekly under the coaching of CMSgt. Jack Murdock. The women's practices are held each Saturday UTA at 6 p.m. According to Hazel Perry, coach/player, more female participation is necessary to sustain a women's team. She encourages any interested females to attend the February UTA practice to ensure Westover's participation in the February tournament.

1981

A year of changes for the Air Force Reserve

ROBINS AFB, Ga. (AFRNS) — New aircraft and new missions highlighted activity in the Air Force Reserve during 1981.

Perhaps the most notable changes were the 924th TAG's conversion from C-130 Hercules transports to F-4 Phantom fighters at Bergstrom AFB, Texas. The 910th TFG converted from A-37 Dragonfly attack aircraft to C-130s at Youngstown MAP, Ohio. Unit designations switched from the 924th TAG to the 924 TFG and from the 910th to the 901th TAG.

Another big event was the Reserve's new partnership with SAC, begun in November. The Reserve's 78th Air Refueling Squadron (Associate) and SAC's 32nd ARS are the first units to fly the Air Force's new KC-10 Extender tanker/cargo aircraft.

Other noteworthy actions included the activation of the 482nd TFW at Homestead AFB, Fla., as parent unit for F-4 aircraft assigned to the inactivated 915th Tactical Fighter Group there. At Rickenbacker ANG Base, Ohio, the 906th and 907th TAGs were activated and the 302nd TAW as inactivated. The 907th TAG began its conversion from C-123 Provider transports to C-130As and the 457th TFS at Carswell AFB, Texas, began its conversion from F-105 Thunderchief fighters to F-4s in December.

More changes, announced in 1981, will take effect later. The 439th's conversion from 9 C-130Bs and 18 C-123Ks to 16 C-130Es will be complete in late 1982. The 731st TAS will move to Peterson AFB, Colo. and will fly C-130Bs.

The 442nd TAW, Richards-Gebaur AFB, Mo., equipped with C-130s, will be inactivated in late 1982 and replaced by the 442nd TFG, equipped with 18 A-10 Thunderbolt II close air support aircraft.

The 926th TFG, New Orleans NAS, will convert from 18 A-37s to 18 A-10s in early 1982, and the 700th TAS, part of the 94th TAW at Dobbins AFB, Ga., will replace its 16 C-7 Caribou transports with six brand-new C-130Hs in late 1982.

Other actions take effect in

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Westover presents Christmas — Westover style

As the red fire truck pulled up to the Base Gym, in the early morning of Dec. 19, a large figure in an equally red suit jumped from the rear. Grabbing a sack overflowing with brightly wrapped boxes, he bounded into the building. He was immediately greeted by the calls and cheers of more than 600 youngsters, their parents and guests. Westover's Third Annual Christmas Party had begun.

The gym was completely decorated for the occasion — from a fully trimmed tree at one end to the huge sleigh used by Santa at the other. The arrangements were completed by Mike McNicholas, his recreation staff and many Westover volunteers.

The children, while waiting for their private audience with Santa, feasted on soft drinks and cake — 25 gallons of soft drinks and six cakes each measuring eight square feet. But the best part was the gifts distributed by Santa to each child.

After three hours, Santa had given out more than 500 gifts. It was time for him to continue on his appointed rounds. It was time for the children of Westover's personnel to return home.

But the party wasn't over. While one team of volunteers returned the facility to its former condition, other groups were visiting five area hospitals. Christmas for the children in those hospitals weren't forgotten either. More than 120 toys and games were given to those not returning home for the holidays.



Kimberly Ann Pothoff, 3, the daughter of Jo-Ann Pothoff, 439th public affairs clerk, with Santa at the base gym.



Children of all ages line up for their turn with Santa in this graphic view of the huge turnout.

1981: A year of changes —

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mid-1982. The 906th TAG, flying C-123s, will move from Rickenbacker to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, and be designated the 906th TFG flying F-4s.

Maj. Gen. Richard Bodycombe, chief of the AFR commented on the announced changes. He said, "These basing actions and their related missions and aircraft are another important step in modernizing and improving the effectiveness of the Air Force Reserve, consonant with Total Force priorities.

In another first, a collocated operating base team from the Reserve's 315th CF at Charleston AFB, S.C., deployed to a non-U.S. base in Europe to support the active force's 355th TFS, Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C.

AFRES' four aerospace rescue and

recovery squadrons continued to provide life-saving aid to stranded victims. On one notable mission, three helicopters and aircrews from the 304th ARRS, Portland IAP, Ore., saved eight people injured on Mount Hood, Ore.

In other humanitarian efforts, the 920th Weather Reconnaissance Group from Keesler AFB, Miss., logged more than 800 flying hours while tracking eight storms. Elsewhere, transport aircraft with special equipment sprayed some 400,000 acres to help eradicate harmful insects.

In addition to everyday real life missions, AFRES unit participate in Conductor Redoubt, the largest and most comprehensive exercise ever held by the command. Training in various parts of the world, reservists also took part in 34 exercises conducted by other commands, including Reforger, Red Flag and Bright Star.

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