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Wing Commander selected to receive stars

Col. Jack P. Ferguson, commander of the 439th Tactical Airlift Wing at Westover Air Force Base has been selected by President Reagan to be promoted to brigadier general in the Air Force Reserve.

It marks the first time that a navigator has been selected to become a general officer of a major Air Force Reserve flying unit. Colonel Ferguson will be pinning on his stars on March 7.

On hearing of his pending promotion, Colonel Ferguson said that he was "elated" after 31 years of military service and found it hard to express his feelings. "It's something one shoots for, and I did. I'm just delighted," he said.

"You always think about going to the top, but until the mid-seventies navigators could not be selected to head a flying unit," Colonel Ferguson recalled. "But they did change the law, and I fortunately came along after the change."

A career navigator with more than 7,000 hours of flying time, Colonel Ferguson is in his second assignment at Westover AFB. He served as base commander from 1974 to 1976 and returned to Westover last year to become the Wing Commander on April 1.

Prior to his return to Westover, Colonel Ferguson served as commander of the 512th Military Airlift Wing, the C-5 associate unit at Dover AFB, Del.

As head of the 439th TAW, Colonel Ferguson commands more than 4,000 Air Force Reservists assigned to the units at Westover, Pittsburgh International Airport and Niagara International Airport and the 32 C-130 Hercules transport aircraft assigned to the three locations.

Aside from Colonel Ferguson's promotion, the Air Force also announced



Col. Jack P. Ferguson

that Lt. Col. Walter C. Holiday, commander 337th TAS, had been selected for promotion to colonel. A former Westover Reservist Brig. Gen. Charles Parrott has been selected for promotion to Major General. General Parrott is currently an military augmentee (M.A.) to the Commander 21st Air Force.

Other two star promotions included Brig. Gen. James Wahleitner, Commander 10th Air Force, and Brig. Gen. Robert Mortenson, Commander 4th Air Force. Among those receiving their first star included Col. Eugene Galley, Commander 514th MAW at McGuire AFB, and Col. Dale Baumler, Commander 349th MAW at Travis AFB.

The last general officer to command the 439th was Colonel Ferguson's predecessor, Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen. General Haugen retired in August, 1983.

WSSF best in 14thAF – on to AFRES

Westover's 439th Weapons Systems Security Flight has been named the best weapons flight in 14th Air Force for the third consecutive year, and will be evaluated for the AFRES competition in February. After topping the 13 flying units in 14th AF, the 439th WSSF is now competing against the 403rd at Keesler AFB, Miss. and the 413th at Hill AFB, Utah. The evaluators look at per-

formance of duty, management, training records, attendance, and conformance with grooming regulations.

"We were selected the best weapons flight in AFRES in 1982," said MSgt. Gerard Farrell, Jr., operations superintendent. "We hope to win at the AFRES level again this year. We're the best unit. We have a super group of dedicated people."



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EDITORIAL

Recruiting: It's Everyone's Business

The Reserve Recruiters assigned to Westover do a fantastic job of keeping our unit manpower strengths close to the 100 percent mark. They've won many awards from AFRES for their diligent and effective work. But they're not the best recruiters we have on base. We are. Yes, all eighteen hundred plus of us, as a whole, can provide the leads to our full-time recruiters that will bring more patriotic men and women into our ranks.

How often have you run into a potential candidate who you know would do a fantastic job for us here at Westover?

Right now we have openings in civil engineering, aerial port, aircraft maintenance and personnel. The flying unit is also looking for pilots and navigators. You can see we have a wide variety of jobs and fields that we're actively recruiting for right now.

In your civilian job, you may be working alongside someone who would be an excellent addition to your own unit or one of the other unit's on base. Tell them about what you do during a UTA or on annual tour. If they have an interest in our program give them the telephone number of the reserve recruiter in your area. We've got full time recruiters at Westover AFB (413) 557-3923, Griffis AFB, N.Y. (315) 330-2715, Milford, Conn. (302) 874-9071 and Hanscom AFB, Mass. (617) 861-2804.

Recruiting, it's everyone's business if we are to maintain our units fully manned with patriotic Americans such as yourself.

Capt. Philip Weber
Public Affairs Officer

CBPO undergoes facelift

There are some familiar faces in some unfamiliar places in the CBPO due to a recent reorganization of the personnel services by CMSgt. Robert Johns, personnel resource manager.

In the Personnel Utilization Branch, TSgt. Marquerite Schoonover has been named chief. Her section is responsible for all assignment actions such as enlistments, transfers to stand-by reserve, Palace Chase and transfers from other military components. She will be assisted by a staff of three, including Jane Alexander and Cynthia Reardon who were transferred from the customer service branch.

TSgt. Sophie Bartosik will remain chief of that branch. There, Sharon Gill assumes the duties of a military personnel clerk; and newly hired Gina Budleski replaces Ms. Alexander. A third clerk will be hired. They maintain all field personnel records.

In addition, the Quality Force Branch has a new chief. SSgt. Pamela Nelson replaced Sergeant Schoonover and will

supervise Shelia Fitzell, Virginia Geary and Brenda Mizadga, all military personnel clerks. Quality Force handles airman performance ratings, promotions, discharges, NCO appointments and other special actions.

Finally, a military personnel clerk will be hired to assist MSgt. Mary Paradise, the chief of Personnel Systems. Operating the base's computer terminals, they maintain the data base of the military personnel system.

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BRIEFS

Commander selected

Col. Samuel Woodrow has been selected as the new Commander of the 911th TAG at Pittsburgh IAP. He assumed command of the 439th TAW's Pittsburgh unit from Col. William McQuade in ceremonies conducted on Sunday, Jan. 13.

Col. Woodrow comes into his new position from the 94th TAW at Dobbins AFB, Ga. where he served as the Deputy Director of Operations. Col. McQuade is retiring from the Air Force Reserve and has taken a job in the management of the Pittsburgh International Airport.

Safety Reps recognized

Robert Chaisson, unit safety representative for base civil engineering, has been named "Safety Representative of the Year" for 1984. Also honored as "Safety NCO of the Year" was TSgt. Donald E. Braman of the 58th APS.

The awards are given each year by the base combined safety council to recognize exceptional dedication in promoting safe working conditions and practices. Each recipient received a letter of congratulation from 439th CSG commander, Col. Roy E. Ayers, Jr.

Chaisson, who has been a safety representative for ten years, was cited for his effective coordination of the safety program in a range of operations where there is a high potential for mishaps. Sergeant Braman, a five-year veteran in the 58th safety post, was lauded for conducting an exceptional safety training program in his unit.

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Westover plays role in Reforger 85

by SSgt. Gordon A. Newell

The Military Airlift Command airlifted more than 1,000 members of the U.S. Army, Army Reserve and Massachusetts National Guard from Westover to Europe as part of the annual Reforger strategic deployment exercise in January.

On Jan. 5, the first MAC C-141 Starlifter departed Westover with 120 members of the 39th Engineer Battalion from Fort Devens. Their European destination was Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

Overall, MAC was involved in the transport of more than 18,000 soldiers and 300,000 tons of equipment from the United States to Europe during January and February as part of the exercise.

Reforger (Return Forces to Germany) demonstrates U.S. capabilities and intentions to reinforce Europe with NATO-committed ground troops in a crisis situation.

According to Robert Motley, Westover's assistant airfield manager, three more flights left Westover later in January.

"On the 11th, a DC-8 left here for Amsterdam. Then on the 13th, a DC-10 departed for Luxembourg and on the 16th, a 747 took off for Luxembourg with 450 members of the Massachusetts National Guard" he said.

Reforger '85, the 17th in the series, was designed to test and evaluate plans and support agreements between military and civilian agencies on both sides of the Atlantic, and to test host-country capabilities.

The exercise was conducted in January and February to assess the impact of winter weather on deployments in central Europe. Reforger was last conducted as a winter deployment in 1979.

The 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) from Fort Carson, Colo. and the 197th Infantry Brigade from Fort Benning, Ga. were the primary deploying units. In addition, combat, combat support and combat service support units, ranging in size from detachments to battalions, and 35 Reserve and National Guard units took part in the exercise.

After arriving in Europe, Reforger units participated in corps-level field exercises in West Germany.

Other military commands involved in the movement of men and equipment were the Military Traffic Management Command and the Military Sealift Command.



A "Cochran loader" from McGuire AFB is used to load a military truck aboard a KC-10 aircraft at Westover during the Reforger 85 exercise in January.

(USAF photo by TSgt. Howard Garbarsky)

PEP brings more stripes

They represent the 'creme de la creme' of the 439th TAW's staff and technical sergeants, and now, thanks to the Air Force Reserve's Promotion Enhancement Program, 36 sergeants from Westover, Pittsburgh and Niagara are wearing a new stripe.

"We're quite pleased that we filled our assigned quota for these two grades," said CMSgt. Robert Johns, Personnel Resource manager. Obviously, the competition was extremely fierce for the spots allocated by AFRES. The application of each candidate was carefully scrutinized by selection boards first at the wing level and then at the numbered Air Forces.

Candidates were evaluated for their professional military education; Airman Proficiency Ratings; time in grade, time in service; and their unit commander's written evaluation. Since only the most deserving sergeants are considered, just a few discrepancies would eliminate a candidate.

Unfortunately, our unit's master sergeants and senior master sergeants

didn't fare as well. No one received the good news this time.

The next promotion cycle for the PEP begins in April. "I urge all supervisors to take the time and the initiative and carefully consider their personnel. They should submit the necessary paperwork to the CBPO's Quality Force Branch no later than the May UTA," continued Chief Johns.

The new master sergeants from Westover are Donald Cherry, 74th AES; Roy Brosseau, 439th WSSF; and Vernel Creveling, Michael Major and Gerald Podkowda, all from the 439th CAMS.

New technical sergeants are Shirley Anderson, Leslie Howe, Patricia Peterson, and Marie Vautour of the 74th AES; Joseph Demers, Roland Gouin, Richard Hirschler, Zigmund Skawski, John Szewc and Robert Whittemore of the 42nd MAPS; Clarence Lomax, Brian Picard and Elizabeth Weinhold of the 58th APS; Theodore Durand, 439th CES; Jill Himelick, 439th WSSF; Steven Skowron, 439th CAMS and Peter Snell, 439th CSG.

AFRES attorney offers timely income tax tips

Like most other adult Americans, Westover Reservists are currently wrestling with their 1040 forms and looking for loopholes as they prepare their federal income tax returns.

Capt. Ronnie D. James, an attorney with the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at Headquarters, AFRES, says that there are several tax-saving provisions which apply specifically to Reservists.

According to the captain, they include travel and transportation expense deductions, plus certain expenses for uniforms.

Travel expenses incurred by Reservists to attend training in which they must be away from their principal place of business overnight are deductible.

These expenses include meals and lodging. The Reservists must be under competent orders, with or without compensation.

Reservists temporarily called to active duty may deduct meals and lodging while on active duty if they retained their regular civilian job, returned to it after release and were stationed away from the general area of that job or business.

Such expenses are deductible only if the Reservists pay for meals and lodging at their official military post, and only to the extent that the expenses exceed basic allowances for quarters and subsistence.

Whether or not a Westover Reservist can deduct the cost of travel to and from the base for a unit training assembly (UTA) is determined by where he or she lives.

If Reservists with a normal Monday through Friday workweek attend one weekend UTA a month in the general area of their tax home and return home

on Saturday night, the cost of transportation is considered a commuting expense. This cannot be deducted.

However, if the UTA is held outside the general area of the Reservist's tax home, the cost of getting to and from the base may be deducted.

Deductions for travel and transportation expenses are taken on Form 2106. In order to use this form, the Reservist must be filing his or her tax return on Form 1040.

Usually Reservists would file form 2106 only if their travel and transportation expenses were more than their reimbursements and allowances for the year.

When computing car expenses, Reservists can use either actual expenses or the standard mileage rate of 20½

cents per mile for the first 15,000 miles, and 11 cents for each additional mile.

The AFRES attorney also says that certain uniform expenses may be deducted. The Reservist must reduce any uniform expenses claimed by the amount of any nontaxable uniform allowance or reimbursement received. The cost of military uniforms and related items, such as rank insignia, epaulets, etc., may be deducted.

Deductions for uniforms and uniform items are claimed as miscellaneous deductions by taxpayers who are filing form 1040.

Captain James also notes that further information about taxes can be obtained in a publication entitled "Your Federal Income Tax," which is available at local offices of the Internal Revenue Service.

Brothers have reunion at U.T.A.



Captain named ROA officer

Capt. Natalie C. Iryshe of the 74th AES was recently selected junior vice president (air) of the Massachusetts Department of the Reserve Officers Association.

A resident of Castleton, NY, Captain Iryshe serves as a nurse with the 74th and has been active in ROA activities both at Westover and on the state-wide level for several years.

After being apart for more than four years, two brothers were reunited during the December UTA. Capt. Benjamin J. Pagoni, left, 59th APS air transportation officer, explains his unit's mission to Capt. Robert P. Pagoni, newly assigned to the 104th Tactical Fighter Group at nearby Barnes Airport. (USAF photo by Capt. Phillip Weber)

Former student is now the prof

Dr. Jones brings battlefield medicine to the classroom at Brooks Air Force Base, Texas

By MSgt. Larry Lentz

When the Air Force asked, "Is there a doctor in the house?", Col. (Dr.) Warner E. Jones, 439th Tactical Hospital commander, was ready, willing and more than able.

Since 1980, in addition to his active participation at Westover, Colonel Jones has been a part-time instructor at the Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine at Brooks AFB, Texas. Four times a year, he helps teach a week-long class, "Battlefield Medicine," to 40 non-surgical physicians.

"After attending as a student, I was asked back to every subsequent course. But this time to teach them," he explains. "Most of the students are Air Force active duty, Guardsmen and Reservists from all over the world. Occasionally, some are from the other military branches."

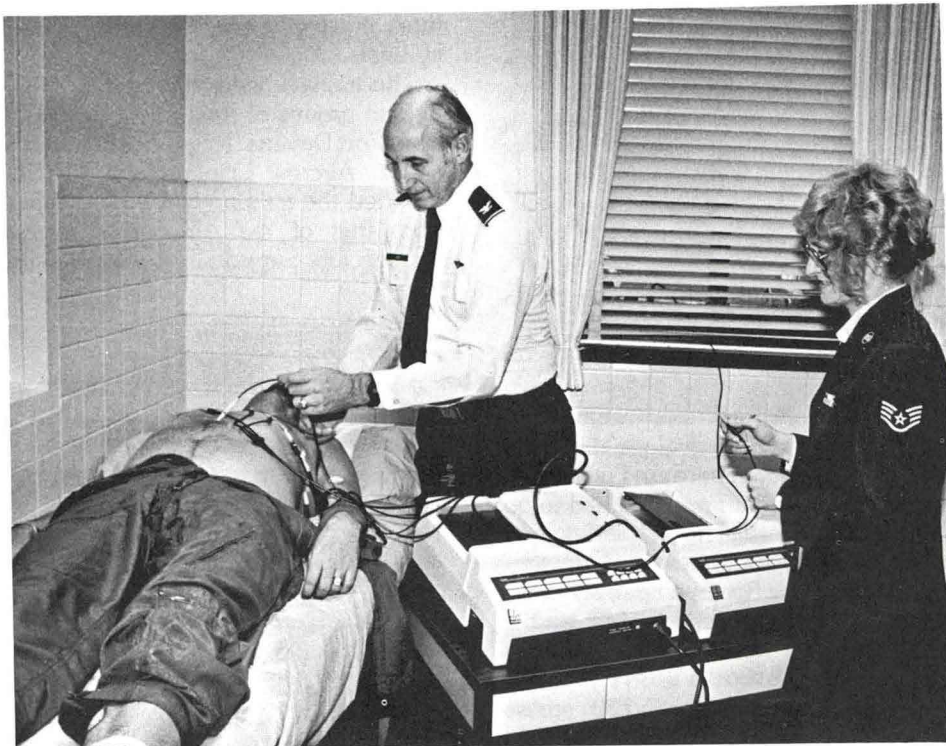
They are selected because of their potential wartime assignments in 'second echelon' medical units. These units are the first place battlefield casualties would receive professional medical attention.

Periodically, a dentist attends as well. In a forward battlefield location, these dentists would work in the triage area and help sort the wounded, or serve as anesthesiologists.

The course combines lecture and laboratory training and includes biological warfare; triage; assessment and management of head and neck trauma; nuclear casualties; chemical warfare; psychiatry; infectious disease; assessment and stabilization of the multiply injured patient; and aeromedical evacuation techniques.

The specialized training already is paying off for the students. A few months after attending the course, one physician participated in the Grenada exercise. There, he treated a soldier with a collapsed lung by inserting a chest tube — a surgical procedure taught by Colonel Jones.

The colonel also shares his medical knowledge in his hometown of Springfield, Vt. He maintains a private practice in internal medicine and aviation medicine. He gives pilots physical examina-



Col. (Dr.) Warner Jones points out some of the intricacies of the new three channel EKG machines to SSgt. Merilynne Barney as TSgt. Robert Nugent, 337th TAS, undergoes the heart examination portion of his physical.

(USAF photo by MSgt. Larry Lentz)

tions for their license eligibility and serves on aircraft accident investigation teams. "As a pilot and physician, I can match the medical and mechanical aspects of the crash, and help determine the cause," he said.

Colonel Jones hopes to maintain his dual Air Force commitments. "I like

teaching and very strongly believe in the course. Our students are much more prepared for the field conditions under which they'll be working. More importantly, they'll feel more confident and be competent to handle any emergency. I'll keep going back to Brooks as long as they keep inviting me."

C-130 crashes off Honduran coast

A C-130 from the 440th Tactical Air-lift Wing at Billy Mitchell Field in Milwaukee crashed in the Caribbean Sea off the coast of Honduras on Jan. 22.

Twenty one persons, including the five-member crew from the reserve unit, were aboard the plane and are reported missing.

The Navy frigate USS McCloy made sonar contact with the aircraft's wreckage on the day following the mishap. It

was located in 43 feet of water near Puerto Castilla, a town on Honduras' northern coast.

As of the *Patriot's* press time, search parties had been unable to locate any sign of the persons who were aboard the plane.

The C-130 was on a mission from Howard AFB in Panama, where it was participating in the Volant Oak Exercise.

Wing members undergo survival training

**By MSgt. Marshall Hathaway,
Wing Historian**

Ten Wing members from the 337th TAS, Life Support Section and the 42nd MAPS participated in Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape Training recently at Westover's Dogpatch area. They joined 60 members of the 11th Special Forces Group from Fort Devens, Mass. Instructors for the field course were from the 11th SFG, the Springfield, Mass. Police K9 Unit, a 10th SFG veterinarian and 337th Life Support.

The students were indoctrinated in the first phase of SERE training. TSgt. Karen Martin, 337th TAS flight operations supervisor, was the only woman in the course. Although she would probably never be in a survival situation, she said, "I volunteered because I wanted to experience what our aircrews had to go through. As a result I felt closer. I gained a real respect for, and was very impressed with the Reserve Special Forces people. I also gained sore feet and a cold body. I'd never again do that in cold weather."

Training began with C-130 egress procedures and Air Force survival items. They were taught silent kills using weapons with suppressors and with cross-bows. They also learned how to use a knife or finger to silence someone, such as an enemy sentry.

Training continued in the rain and cold on how to use animal traps and snares. The veterinarian taught them how to determine if an animal was healthy enough to eat. They then prepared a goat, rabbit and chicken for dinner.

While those items were cooking, the K9 Unit proved to the group that no one could escape a tracking dog. By that time, conditions were primitive — all were cold and wet and the soggy ground was the only "dinner table."

The group then learned how to negotiate man-made obstacles. They crawled on the ground under barbed wire and electric fences, through tangled razor wire and over trip wires while artillery simulators exploded around them. That had to be done with a minimum of clothing, despite the cold, to avoid becoming snagged on the wire.

The "escape" accomplished, it was time to evade, which was not any easy task. They were tracked by dogs and

captured, then released to climb a mountain and descend to the Connecticut River to spend the night on its banks. They were scheduled to swim the river, but low air and water temperatures precluded that and they crossed by boats.

The trainees were returned to Westover in groups of seven by a helicopter from Fort Devens. MSgt. Paul N. LaRochelle, Aircrew Life Support NCOIC, reported the training was very different from that of the Air Force Survival School. Life Support instructors will use

much of that training in its own combat survival training program.

SSgt. Paul Benson, 42nd MAPS loadmaster, said, "The training was rigorous. I was surprised at the Reserve Special Forces brand of drill weekends. They started at 7 p.m. Friday and continued non-stop until 4 p.m. Sunday. They kept you going and their course was well-scheduled. I discovered how physically fit I am. I think appropriate AFRES people should have SERE instruction at least once every two or three years."

Commander's Call

Various awards were presented by Maj. Alan B. Clune, commander, 439th CAMS at the squadron Commander's Call during the January UTA.

Six of the awards were connected with the 439th Tactical Airlift Wing's Volant Oak Exercise in Panama in the summer of 1983.

During their South American assignment, Westover personnel were asked by the President of Peru to fly emergency food and supplies to flood stricken Piura, a city located about 500 miles north of Lima.

Two C-130's of the 337th Tactical Airlift Squadron took on the assignment, but during the week-long flood relief mission (June 26-July 1), one of the aircraft developed an oil leak. It was imperative that the engine be replaced and in a hurry.

Personnel of the maintenance squadron went into action and

worked around the clock. Thanks to their excellent team effort, the next day the C-130 was back in the air ferrying supplies to the flood victims.

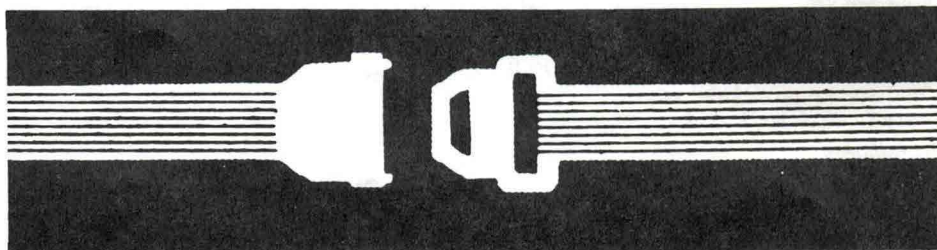
Five of the members directly involved in that action were presented the following awards:

TSgt. Raymond S. Gehm and **TSgt. Daniel A Cheney** received Humanitarian Service Medals for their rescue effort during the flood relief.

SMSgt. Robert K. Williams, **TSgt. Henri M. Drenthe**, **TSgt. Raymond S. Gehm** and **TSgt. Robert R. Turcotte** received the Air Force Achievement Medal for their outstanding achievement efforts.

Community College of the Air Force degrees were presented to: **MSgt. William E. Bowker**, **MSgt. James B. Rothwell** and **TSgt. Gilbert D. Currier, Jr.**

Are you putting me on?



59th members on the march

A local VFW post expressed its gratitude to five NCOs of the 59th APS during the January UTA. The post trustee of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2577, Ware, Mass., State Representative William E. Moriarty (D-Ware), presented certificates of appreciation to the Reservists for their assistance in organizing the group's marching unit. The five have been involved with the VFW unit for nine years.

The Reservists honored were: MSgt. Paul W. Adkins, TSgts. Richard W. Chenevert, Lewis Kalesnik, David J. Frankiewicz, and Steven S. Szloch.

Rep. Moriarty, who is a retired Army lieutenant colonel, and retired Army Sgt. 1st Class Roland Gratton, VFW post service officer, represented the post in the ceremony, held in the office of 59th APS commander Lt. Col. Kenneth C. Stevens. The Ware legislator and Sergeant Gratton later visited with Col. Jack P. Ferguson, 439th TAW commander, at wing headquarters.

Sergeant Adkins said that in addition to assisting the VFW with organizing their unit, volunteers from the 59th APS have marched in five parades in Western Massachusetts during the past year.

"Patriot People"

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Rank: MSgt.

Age: 39

Address: 327 East St. Chicopee, Mass.

Unit: 439th TAW

Position: legal office

Civilian Occupation: attorney, animal raiser and banana plantation owner

Favorite Food: dollar pancakes

Favorite Beverage: pina colada

Favorite Sport: swimming

Favorite Hobby: collecting

Ideal Vacation: Puerto Rico

Best Way to Relax: making money

Preferred Entertainment: lunch at Anthony's

Favorite Celebrity: Daddy Warbucks

Favorite Music: "I'm a million dollar baby"

Favorite Book: "How to Make Money in Real Estate"



MSgt. Joseph Kusiak

Favorite Color: blue

Favorite Car: Mercedes Benz

Pet Peeve: missing lunch

Best Thing About Westover: nice people

Worst Thing About Westover: slow promotions



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Speaker cites communist propaganda threat

By Capt. Rick Dyer

Calling the Soviet Union "masters" in the art of waging psychological warfare, a retired Army intelligence officer addressed the Westover chapter of the Reserve Officers Association, Jan. 6.

Lt. Col. Gary Hartel of Harvard, Mass., a 22-year veteran of the Army and a widely published author on communism, warned the gathering that psychological warfare is a crucial — and often unrecognized — element of Soviet strategy.

"They have turned psychological warfare into an all-embracing revolutionary science," the former officer said. "Fifty five countries in the world are now under communism, and that is due in large measure to the fact that the Soviets are winning the propaganda war."

Colonel Hartel, who served as a psychological warfare adviser in Vietnam, believes that the communists are engaged "in an international conspiracy of thought control designed to destroy the free enterprise system."

"If we don't recognize and counter the Soviet propaganda threat, we will lose the war," Colonel Hartel said.

During his address, he cited several examples of what he identified as communist propaganda that had been distributed in the United States, and in other democratic nations. He said that some of the materials are available in American schools.

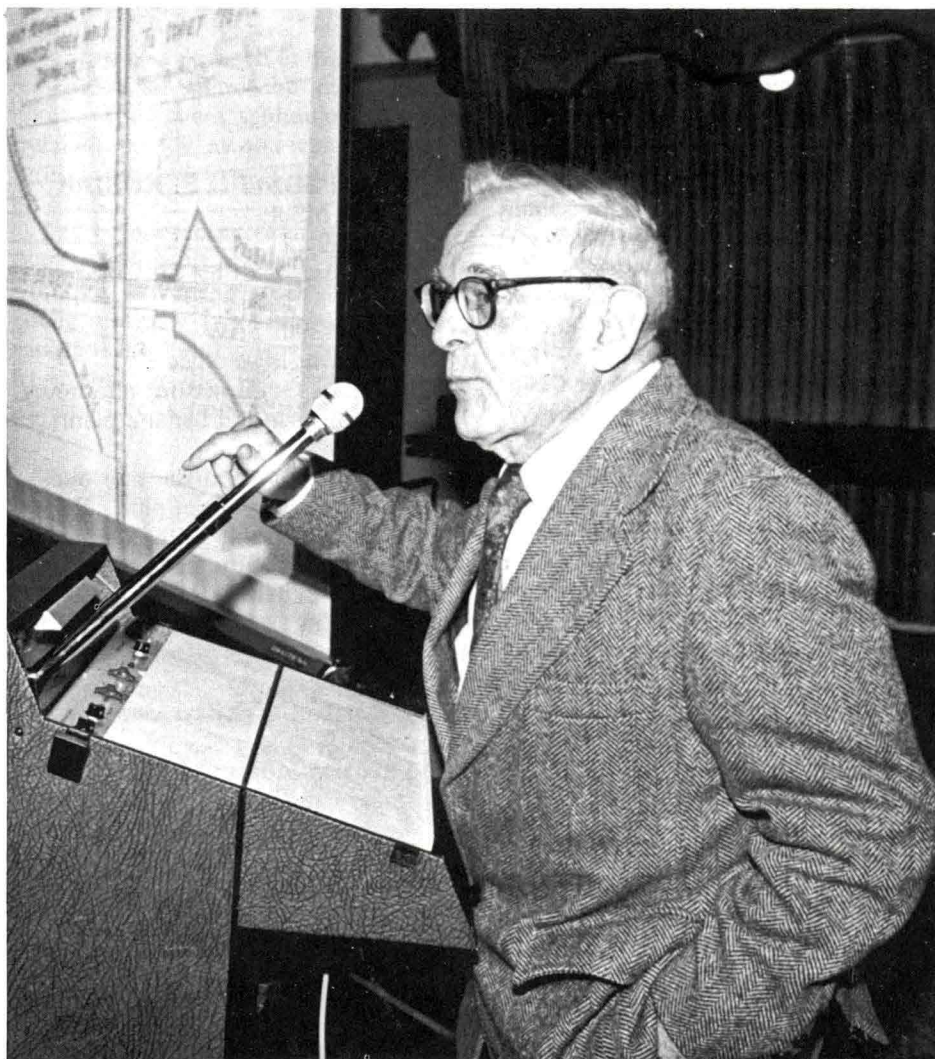
The colonel, who taught high school in Boston following his retirement from the military, believes that education, and not censorship, is the answer to the "propaganda threat."

"The communists are using subterfuge to influence well-meaning Americans," he stated. "It must be exposed and recognized as such, and we must promote anti-communist ideals," he added.

Colonel Hartel has had first-hand experience with a totalitarian government. He was born in Silesia, East Germany in 1917, and in 1934 refused to join the Hitler youth movement. He subsequently fled the country to avoid induction into the Nazi army.

The author of the "Red Herring," a book about communist propaganda techniques, the colonel said that he sees little difference between the Nazis and the Communist Party.

"Both employed propaganda to pro-



Author Gary Hartel, a retired Army intelligence officer, addresses the Westover chapter of the Reserve Officers Association during the January UTA.

(USAF photo by Capt. Phil Weber)

mote fear, and both were dedicated to world domination," he said.

The colonel also believes that the nation's news media should be doing more to counter the communists' efforts.

"Our media hasn't done enough," he stated. "They (the media) should be doing much, much more to expose propaganda and publicize anti-communist activity."

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