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Conversion countdown commences at base

By Maj. Rick Dyer

The countdown clock for Westover's conversion to a C-5 aircraft inventory starts ticking this month when four 439th TAW Reservists report to Altus AFB, Okla., for flight engineer training.

MSgts. Fred Allard, Tom Durkin and Jim Lynch and TSgt. Ken Gilbert, all members of the 337th TAS, are scheduled to begin training at Altus on Oct. 23.

The four, currently C-130 flight engineers, will receive 16 weeks of training that will qualify them as first engineers aboard the huge Galaxies.

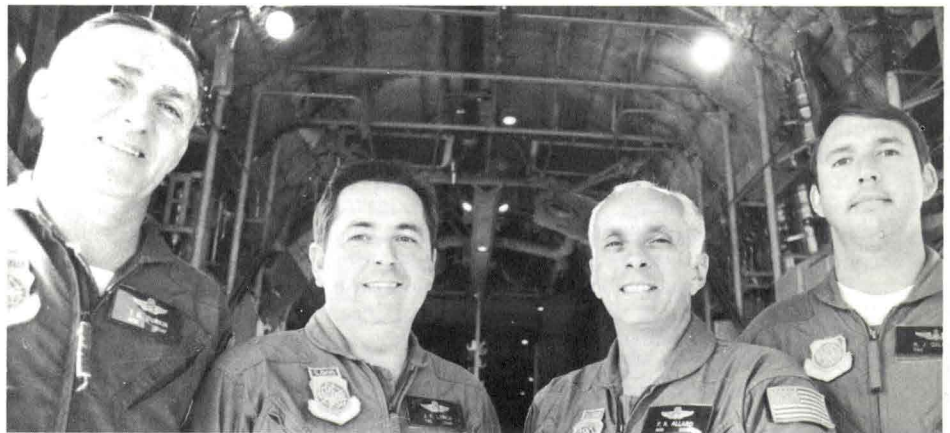
The 439th is slated to receive 14 of the C-5 transports, commencing in October 1987. The four 337th NCOs are the first Westover crewmen to undergo training in anticipation of the conversion.

"It is a very important first step," said Maj. Paul Torpey, 337th operations officer. "These men will be our initial cadre of flight engineers, and they will play key roles in the training of our other engineers."

The training at Altus will include classroom and simulator instruction on the C-5s systems, and participation on many C-5 flights. The Westover airmen are scheduled to complete the flight engineer training course in early February.

"These men are making tremendous personal sacrifices," Major Torpey added. "Once they leave Altus, they will be on the road training with C-5 units at places like Dover AFB, Del. and Kelly AFB, Texas for two weeks each month through next September."

The operations officer explained that this type of "hands-on training" is necessary to ensure that the unit will have experienced C-5 crewmen on hand when the first of the operational Gal-



(l. to r.) MSgts. Tom Durkin, Jim Lynch, Fred Allard and TSgt. Ken Gilbert.
(USAF photo by Frank Faulkner)

axies arrives here next fall.

Major Torpey said the Wing will train 56 flight engineers during the next year. Each will attend the Altus school, and receive follow-up instruction from the training cadre.

He also indicated that the 337th's pilots and loadmasters are slated to begin their C-5 cross-training during the next several months.

"We have more than 30 flight engineers who have indicated they want to train for the C-5s," said Sergeant Allard, the flight engineer resource manager for the 337th, "but we still have to be able to run a C-130 operation here until the conversion is complete."

Sergeant Allard said he has been encouraging other Reservists at Westover to apply for C-5 flight engineer training.

"But it's a long training period and candidates must be available for a year and half or two years of active duty to complete all the necessary training."

He said Reservists qualified in aircraft maintenance, accessory maintenance and propulsion are among the acceptable career fields for selection as C-5 flight engineers. "Possession of a valid FAA FLight Engineer Certificate with jet or turbo prop rating or a valid FAA Aircraft and Power Plant license also qualifies candidates for the training at Altus AFB," he said.

"There are a few different classes starting every month at Altus," he said. "We hope to have people in training at Altus while others who have finished the school are receiving additional mission qualification training at Westover."

UTA dates

1-2 November
6-7 December
10-11 January

7-8 February
7-8 March
4-5 April

2-3 May
6-7 June
27-28 June

EDITORIAL

The Unanswered Questions

For families and friends of 2,434 missing Americans, the Vietnam War has never ended.

Today, more than a decade after United States military involvement ceased in Southeast Asia, that number of our servicemen are still missing or unaccounted for in Indochina.

The tragic and troubling implications of this statistic are not very difficult to understand. Imagine the torment of wondering for all those years if your father, brother, son, husband or close friend were alive or dead. Think about the pain and doubt created for loved ones by the fiction of recent motion pictures and actual media accounts of POW sightings and private attempts at gathering information on missing Americans.

On September 19, the nation observed National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Designated by Congress and proclaimed by President Reagan, the day honored the sacrifices of America's prisoners of war and reaffirmed our commitment to the plight of those still missing.

In his proclamation, the President paid homage to MIA families: "We share both their burden, and their commitment, to secure the release of any U.S. personnel who may still be held against their will, to recover the missing, and to resolve the accounting and to relieve the suffering of our missing servicemen."

President Reagan said, "Until the POW/MIA issue has been resolved, it will continue to be a matter of the highest national priority."

Recognition of the POW/MIA issue should also be a high priority for Air Reservists who serve at Westover, particularly since this base played such an active role in the Vietnam prisoner of war saga.

During the war, several B-52 crewmen from Westover's 99th Bomb Wing were captured, or reported missing, in Vietnam. One of them, Maj. Charlie Brown, is now a pilot with 337th TAS. Westover's hospital treated many returning POWs in 1973 when the base was a major repatriation center.

It is highly fitting, therefore, that everyone associated with the base continue to recognize and remember our missing, and their families.

We should support our governmental and elected officials in their active efforts to obtain an accounting from Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos. We should participate in ceremonies honoring the POWs and MIAs. We should fly the POW/MIA flag as a tribute and statement of concern.

Most importantly, we should vow never to forget the sacrifices of American prisoners of war and missing in action.

There are 2,434 questions which remain unanswered from the Vietnam War. We should not rest until they are resolved.

Maj. Rick Dyer — Public Affairs Officer

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Springfield Police Academy trains drivers at Westover's North Ramp while firefighters spray cruisers to make control difficult.

Patriot report card

A Base Newspaper Readership Survey, recently conducted at Westover, indicates the *Patriot* is regarded positively by its readers.

As expected, more than half of those who participated in the poll indicated that they receive most of their news about Westover happenings from the *Patriot*, however, "We were surprised to find more than two-thirds of our readers also turned to the *Patriot* for news of the extended Air Force," said Larry Lentz, editor of the paper.

Stories and photographs in the paper were generally praised but one respondent stated there was "not enough Air Force-wide news or world news as it pertains to our mission."

Most of those surveyed stated they read all of the *Patriot* and found the amount of coverage of unit mission, AFRES news and the views of the commander to be satisfactory. Others, however, suggested the *Patriot* increase in size so it could carry more information.

Some readers also suggested that the paper increase coverage on the C-5 conversion and begin an open forum for readership response.

"Almost 80 percent of those who participated in the survey have some college background and two-thirds were between the rank of E-4 and E-6," said Sergeant Lentz.

During the past three years, the *Patriot* has been judged best unit newspaper in AFRES three times and best in the Air Force twice.

Q and A

with Lt. Col. Thomas G. Hargis

Q. When you arrived at Westover to become base commander, what was your first impression?

A. My immediate reaction was to the staggering size of the base. I've seen many SAC bases and realize just how busy Westover must have been.

As I drove just outside the gate and past the unused housing area, former chapel and hospital, I thought of a once beautifully pruned garden, now neglected and becoming a weed patch.

Hopefully, that will change soon. Chicopee may revitalize that area and those buildings may be converted into homes for the elderly and the hospital into a geriatric care center. I might add that, contrary to rumor, the Air Force will not be reclaiming that land because of the base's mission change.

Q. What are your feelings now about leaving flying for a base management position?

A. I'm really very excited about my new assignment. My preconceived notions about the job, the people and the base have all been greatly exceeded.

When I was director of operations at the 914th at Niagara, AP, I had a good relationship with the wing's operations people. Here the job is much broader and everyone at Westover has been helpful and cordial. It's been a joy working with Colonel Walker.

My appointment has come at a truly challenging and exciting time at Westover. As we convert to C-5s, we're inventing the wheel as an Air Reserve base. We are designing and implementing policies and procedures which will serve as models for other AFRES units. I'm very optimistic that the conversion — if it doesn't go perfectly — will still go very, very well.

It will be interesting to return to Westover five or 10 years from now and see the changes we're implementing today.

Q. What are you expecting from your top NCOs and civilian managers?

A. I believe in the team concept of management. There isn't enough of me to do everything that needs to be done. If I'm to be successful — if we are to be

the best in AFRES — I need a dedicated team to make it possible.

By dedication, I mean 'giving' up a part of yourself, a commitment and sacrifice to something you strongly believe in. As members of a military unit, we're not individual gladiators fighting in an arena by ourselves. We're a precision team, with individual jobs, but we work together. That sense of teamwork is what I hope to instill.

I also hope people will devise innovative ways of looking at existing problems and come up with new solutions. The weight control program is a good example. I've challenged the officers to develop new methods to convince Reservists that weight control is a positive, healthy program rather than a punishment. Westover has the resources, both in facilities, such as the weight room at the gym and its personnel with their expertise, to create an attitude that gets people motivated to maintain their weight at the proper levels. We have to be able to lead people — not beat people.

Q. What should your people expect from you?

A. I hope people will challenge me to help solve their problems. I sincerely believe that's what my job is all about — to hear problems, get the facts and then come to a consensus and a solution. As a catalyst, I would like to help others fulfill their dreams. Members should know that I have an open-door policy — and I really mean an open door — and I encourage them to stop by. I want to be accessible to everyone.

Q. What's your crystal ball reading for Westover?

A. I see a lot of good things happening after a three- to four-year transition. Westover will have a very big, important mission. I'm sure Westover was chosen for the C-5s because of the abundant space. But it also was selected because of the people on this base who have the capability to make things happen.

But there will be lots of changes to cope with and overcome as we gain the



C-5s next year.

The unit will go to a multiple-UTA schedule each month as the number of Reservists goes from 1,900 to 3,000. Added to that burden will be an increase in the flying activities. That means around-the-clock maintenance coverage as well as staffing the base tower, operations and command post. That will lead to other possible changes, such as increased nighttime security staffing and dining hall hours.

The C-5 conversion will create some new names and unit changes as well. The wing becomes the 439th Military Airlift Wing and combat support will be designated the 439th Air Base Group.

The 439th TAC Hospital will become a clinic, increasing staffing from 56 to 96 members. A new security police squadron will be formed consisting of 94 full-time air reserve technicians. Their commander also will be responsible for the present Department of Defense civilian guards and the existing Reserve law enforcement section.

In the long term, after the C-5s are in place, we'll turn our attention to the day-to-day operations and continue to make Westover a better place to work and live. A new security police station will replace the current inadequate building. I would like to see the chaplains have a better facility. It might not be a new building but at least a place they could call home.

There are plans for the other side of the flightline as well.

The Army National Guard would like to use 200 acres of Westover's Dogpatch area and move its expanding helicopter operations from their present location into new facilities.

We also will be developing a 22-acre recreational area we recently leased from Ludlow. That park-like setting on the base's northeast corner will feature facilities for camping and sports.



Maj. Lawrence Mercker

(USAF photo by SSgt. Sandi Michon)

Mercker new operations assistant director

The 439th's recently appointed Assistant Deputy Commander for Operations, Maj. Lawrence Mercker, is no stranger to the base or to C-5 aircraft.

He was a C-123 pilot with the 731st TAW at Westover before the squadron was transferred to Colorado. Major Mercker also served with the 326th Military Airlift Squadron at Dover AFB, Del., flying the Galaxy from 1982 until being assigned to Westover. At the 326th, he became a C-5 flight examiner and earned his air refueling qualifications.

While a Reservist with the 731st, Major Mercker flew for Braniff Airlines before that company went out of business.

The Indiana native was graduated from Indiana University with a degree in commercial art. "I guess I'm the only ART with an art degree," he said.

"Actually, I am very happy to be back at Westover and take part in the wing's conversion. It's going to be a very interesting challenge for all of us as the 439th gets into the C-5 business — especially with AFRES running the show."

Westover widens commuting distance

Two dozen additional towns classified as within commuting distance of Westover will significantly decrease the per diem allowance for Reservists on active duty or on manday orders.

Unit members in 15 Massachusetts towns and nine Connecticut communities will no longer be reimbursed for base billeting or receive per diem expenses. They will receive the round trip mileage between their homes and Westover computed at \$.205 per mile.

"Improving road conditions are decreasing the time it takes Reservists to get to the base, such as the completed construction project on Interstate 91 south of Springfield," explains Marlene Roberts, disbursing agent.

"Thus, we periodically determine if travel times have decreased enough to consider the town within the com-

muting area," she said. "There is no specific criteria such as the number of miles from Westover. Rather, both mileage and travel time are analyzed."

Those towns assessed to the "within commuting" distance list are:

MASSACHUSETTS

Hatfield	Woronoco
Haydenville	Leverett
North Amherst	Pelham
Warren	Russell
West Warren	Shutesbury
Westhampton	South Deerfield
Whately	Sunderland
Williamsburg	

CONNECTICUT

Broadbrook	North Granby
East Granby	Poquonock
East Windsor	Warehouse Point
Ellington	Windemere
Granby	

Briefs

C-5 Update

(AFNS) — The 436th Military Airlift Wing at Dover AFB, Del. has received its first C-5B Galaxy Transport, the sixth delivered to the Air Force and the second at an operational airlift unit. Four of the big jets are at Altus AFB, Okla., for crew training and another is at Travis AFB, Calif. The Air Force has contracted to purchase up to 50 C-5Bs.

WSSF MSgt. off to Spain

MSgt. Gerald Farrell Jr., a security technician at the 439th Weapons System Security Flight, accepted a three-year tour at Torrejon, AB, Spain. No replacement for Sergeant Farrell has been named.

Westover assessment team

An intensive study of Westover land use begins this month with the arrival of an Air Force Planning Assistance Team which will study base facilities and make recommendations for a comprehensive long-range plan.

The seven-member team will be here Oct. 2-8 to study the potential of Westover's facilities and the inter-relation of functions.

The team will meet with representatives of Westover Municipal Development Corp. to assess future planning at this joint-use base. The team's engineers, architects and community planners, will also meet with base supervisors and technicians to discuss present and anticipated Westover operations.

Recommendations from Westover personnel will be considered along with observations of traffic patterns, land use and facilities to determine growth potential and future improvements.

Similar studies have been performed by the team at other bases. After studying Pope AFB, N.C., the team recommended improvements in base access, the street network, airfield operations, industrial and support facilities, and a program to improve the appearance of the air base.

Families frolic at festivities

Westover paid homage to some "unsung heroes" Sept. 13 when the 439th hosted a picnic for the families of its Reservists.

"It was our small way of showing appreciation for the many sacrifices which spouses and children make in order to allow our Reservists to participate in the program," said Col. Frederick D. Walker, 439th TAW commander. "This was our attempt to involve them and let them know just how much their support means to us."

Hundreds of Reservists and their guests filled the picnic area near the base's athletic fields. They played softball and volleyball, flew kites, danced and ate more than 2000 hot dogs and hamburgers.

"It's the best time I've ever had at Westover," said Lillian Smith, wife of MSgt. Eugene Smith of the 42nd MAPS. "It's been beautiful."

CMSgts. Robert P. Johns and Michael Sicuranza, and MSgt. Donald Proctor, all with the 439th CSG, served as picnic coordinators.

Lt. Col. Thomas G. Hargis, base commander, said that the picnic was one of several family-oriented events scheduled at Westover during the coming year.

"We believe that our families are terrific, and we want them to know that we feel that way," Colonel Hargis said.



Fitness...

(USAF photos by SSgt. Sandi Michon)



Fun...



Food...

New G.I. bill available for Reservists enlisting or re-enlisting

There is now a GI bill available for Reservists who enlist, re-enlist, or extend for a period of six years during the time period of July 1, 1985 through June 30, 1988 in the select Reserve.

The Reservists accepted under this program will receive \$140 each month for a maximum benefit period of 36 months as a full-time student, and \$70 for 72 months for a part-time student.

People just entering the Reserves must complete 180 days of service before becoming eligible.

SSgt. Terry Harmon, wing career advisor, said, "Reservists have several options to obtain the six-year requirement. A member can extend up to 23 months to have a total six-year requirement. If a member needs more than 23 months to have six years, he or she will

be discharged and immediately reenlisted for six years to qualify for the G.I. bill."

The program is for first bachelor degree students only and not available for those wanting to obtain a master's degree.

For more information on the GI bill, contact your unit career advisor.

AWARDS

Natural Resources Conservation Award (see August *Patriot* 1986) is awarded to:

Capt. Mallory N. Gilbert

The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award to the 439th Weapons System Security Flight.

The award of the Air Force Commendation Medal was presented to:

MSgt. James I. Faye

MSgt. Claire L. Gaudreau

MSgt. Patricia J. Lougher

TSgt. James E. Stone

The Air Force Achievement Medals have been presented to six members of the 439th Civil Engineering Squadron:

MSgt. Theodore H. Erhardt, Jr.

MSgt. Roger J. Ferretti

MSgt. Vincent G. Lingley

TSgt. Michael A. Spano

TSgt. Michael G. Ingham

SSgt. Stephen D. Starvos, Jr.

The Air Force Achievement Medal has been awarded to:

SSgt. Michael D. Hurley

The Community College of the Air Force degree has been awarded to:

SSgt. David W. King, 439 ISS

SSgt. Nikhil Mody, 439 CSG

The Command Noncommissioned Officer Academy Correspondence Program has awarded the diploma to:

MSgt. Timothy P. Murphy

TSgt. Laberta D. Malone

TSgt. David C. Pierrepont

Westover hosts Special Olympic camp

The Massachusetts delegation to the 1987 International Special Olympics Summer Games began their year-long training program with a weekend sports camp hosted by Westover, Sept. 6-7.

Approximately 65 mentally retarded adults, who have been selected represent the state, are training to compete in swimming, weight lifting, gymnastics, equestrian, softball, volleyball, bowling and track and field events.

The base provided most of the neces-

sary training facilities from playing fields, swimming pool, weightroom and bowling alley as well as dining hall, billeting and movie theatre.

The two day event was coordinated by Capt. Jack Sanocki 438th CSG ground safety officer. He also is the Special Olympics weight lifting coach. "These athletes are the nicest bunch of people I've dealt with in a long time," he said.

"To me — they're all winners."

Promotions - Reenlistments - Enlistments

Enlistments

SSgt. Christopher L. Taylor
SSgt. Frederick E. Wissman
AB Robin R. Bouthiller
AB Simone Arnee Matlock
AB Martin J. Revens

Re-enlistments

SMSgt. Joseph E. Kusiak
SMSgt. Salvatore D. Palumbo
TSgt. Ann Baranauckas
TSgt. George F. Gadbois
TSgt. William E. Grabowski
TSgt. Lawrence J. Hoffman
TSgt. Francis J. Komloski
TSgt. Francis R. Langone
TSgt. Lee B. Pearsall
TSgt. Karen S. Robbins
TSgt. Steven S. Szloch
SSgt. Thomas E. Bandanza
SSgt. James L. Barnes
SSgt. Dennis R. Bromery
SSgt. Daniel J. Carr

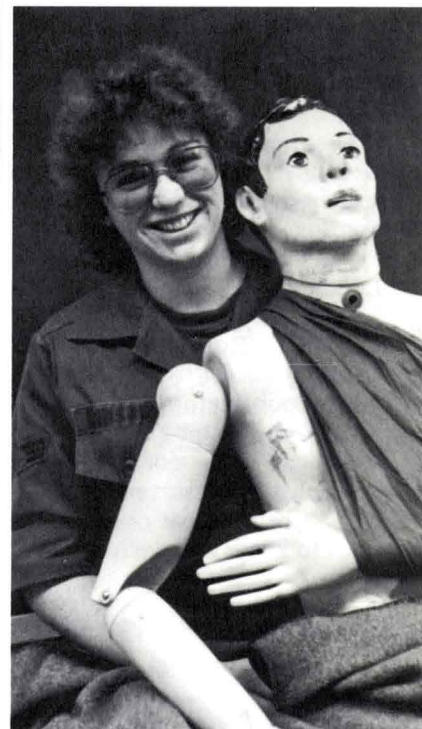
SSgt. Louella J. Gallin
SSgt. Stephen J. Gold
SSgt. James A. Gordon
SSgt. Theodore W. Hixson
SSgt. Thomas F. Joyce
SSgt. Jerry L. Kaulback
SSgt. Walter B. Kelley
SSgt. Cheryl A. McCormick
SSgt. Robert V. Majewski, Jr.
SSgt. Jack W. Middleton
SSgt. Nikhil Mody
SSgt. Thomas E. O'Brien
SSgt. William F. Sacharko
SSgt. Helmut Schmuck
SSgt. Stephen J. Smith
Sgt. Luis F. Carvalho
Sgt. Derrick V. David
Sgt. Robert A. Hoskey, Jr.
SrA. Byron L. Sarahina
SrA. Stephen A. Trychon

Promotions

TSgt. Lana L. Lue

TSgt. Paul M. Soja
TSgt. James T. Tucker
SSgt. Cynthia L. Day
SSgt. Earl E. Dyer
SSgt. Jeff M. Ferros
SSgt. Robert A. Hoskey, Jr.
SSgt. Richard A. Jedrey
SSgt. Richard M. Meikle
SSgt. Scott E. Reed
SSgt. James W. Rose
SSgt. Paul F. Rowen
SSgt. Paul E. Sodergren
SSgt. Mark W. Sutton
SrA. Tina M. Blackett
SrA. Timothy S. Donnelly
SrA. Gary T. Duarte
SrA. Jane M. Dumont
SrA. Susan M. Kolifraith
SrA. Michael R. Palermo
A1C. Karen R. Barnes
A1C. Robert E. Driscoll
A1C. Tami A. Estabrook
A1C. Steven E. O'Neil

"Patriot People"



SrA. Adele Ainsburg

Name: Adele Ainsburg

Rank: SrA.

Age: 18

Address: Chicopee, Mass.

Unit: 74th AES

Position: Aero medical evacuation technician

Civilian Occupation: Student

Favorite Food: Hamburg

Favorite Beverage: Water

Favorite Sport: All sports

Favorite Hobby: String art

Ideal Vacation: Europe

Best Way to Relax: Soft music

Preferred Entertainment: Friends

Favorite Celebrity: Kenny Rogers

Favorite Music: Easy listening

Favorite Book: Human Anatomy & Physiology

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Car: Nova hatchback

Pet Peeve: People not doing this job

Best Thing About Westover: People

74th AES field training stresses realism

By SSgt Tom Allocco

Wearing fatigues and operating out of camouflaged tents, a hundred nurses and medical technicians simulated combat conditions Sept. 6 during a field training exercise in Dogpatch.

Realistic training is being emphasized in the 74th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, which has the wartime mission of rapid and efficient treatment and transportation of casualties.

The combined exercise included cadre from the 439th WSSF and about 25 members of the 70th Aeromedical Evacuation Flight from the 914th TAG at Niagara Falls, N.Y.

The day-long exercise was designed to be an authentic dry run for operations in a forward combat area. A pair of Mobile Aeromedical Staging Facilities were set up with everything needed to treat casualties in the field, including tents, radios, generators, latrines and medical equipment.

Squadron members bandaged about two dozen simulated wounded, prepared them for evacuation and loaded their patients aboard a C-130. The evacuation simulated emergency conditions, with the loading of the aircraft while engines were running for a "hot" take-off.

The exercise started with lectures on small arms, perimeter security and



2nd Lt. Elaine D'Aprile

(USAF photo by MSgt. Ann Dougherty)

camouflage by TSgt. George Hoagland of the 439th WSSF. One of the more grueling tasks was escape and evasion training in which squadron members went through refresher training in moving through the woods with a compass and surviving.

Several members wore chemical warfare ensemble while setting up tents.

"The wartime mission of the 74th AES will be to give intermediate nursing care to casualties shortly after the Army has removed them from the battlefield. We must also move them to

major military hospitals," said Lt. Col. Joan Hartnett, 74th AES chief nurse.

"Because we will be working along flightlines in the field, more field training exercises have been scheduled in recent years. We want our medical people to have hands-on experience under realistic conditions," she said.

The program has been divided into "block training," with an entire day devoted to classroom, hospital or field work.

Westover Reservists are being tested for AIDS

By TSgt. Gordon A. Newell

Testing of Westover Reservists for AIDS got underway during the September UTA.

Blood tests for the disease were administered to 96 Reservists according to MSgt. Martha Shea, NCOIC of the clinical laboratory at the 439th Tactical Hospital.

"The samples will be sent to the Endocrine Metabolic Institute in Richmond, Va. for analysis. It will be four weeks before results are determined," she said.

Each month approximately 95 Reservists will be tested, she said. Members having Social Security numbers ending in odd numbers will be tested in their birth month during the first 12 months. Even numbers will be tested in their birth month

beginning September 1987.

"Everyone involved in the initial tested was extremely cooperative," said Sergeant Shea. "I suppose they all realize just how serious this matter is."

Wing Commander Frederick D. Walker said that for the past several months, the test has become part of the routine procedure for new enlistments but that during the next two years, the Air Force hopes to test all members, both active duty and Reserve personnel.

According to Defense Department statistics compiled from Oct. 15, 1985 to June 30, 1986, approximately 1.5 recruit applicants per 1,000 tested for the antibody HTLV III had positive results.

Applicants testing positive are not

allowed to enter the services. Officials emphasized that a positive test does not mean the person will come down with the disease.

DoD officials said that of the 689 positive confirmations to the antibody, 649 were men and 40 were women. The blood test has been administered to 466, 629 recruit applicants during the period.

By age, 17 to 20-year-olds had a positive rate of 0.5 per 1,000; 21 to 24-year-olds, 2.4 per 1,000 and 26 and older, 4.2 per 1,000.

Differences in testing results by region also were noted with the highest incidence coming in the U.S. Territories and Middle and South Atlantic states. The lowest figures came from New England and the West North Central states.

MSgt. Marshall Hathaway makes history at 439th TAW

by Capt. David Hart
SAC IMA Historian

When the results of the 439th TAW's most recent Management Effectiveness Inspection were in, the Wing History and History Development Program emerged as the only unit or staff agency in the entire 439th with a perfect score.

For some, that was no surprise. MSgt. Marshall Hathaway, wing historian, has been toiling long and hard since 1978 to produce an effective program.

Setting the pace . . .

His inspector said, "I'm really impressed. The highest rating isn't sufficient." At the inspection outbriefing, Col. Frederick Walker, wing commander, told the audience, "Sergeant Hathaway has set the pace for the command."

Not only was it an astounding accomplishment for Westover, it seems to be a feat quite rare in the Air Force.

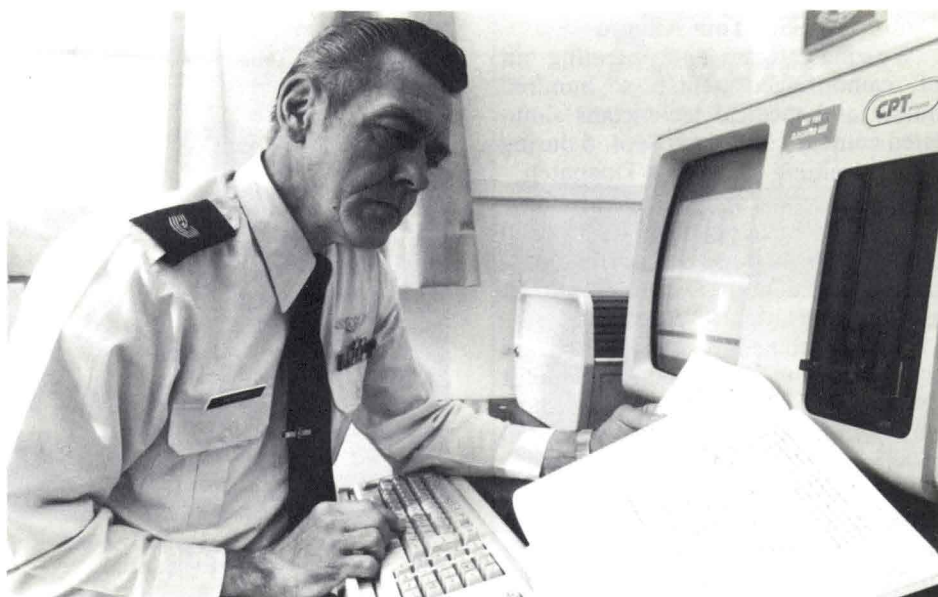
According to the command historian, only twice before in the 40-year history of AFRES, has a unit history earned MEI's top score. Further, staff members of the Chief of Air Force History Office at Bolling AFB, D.C. said they weren't aware of any USAF history attaining a perfect MEI score.

A unit history development program is a large inspection consideration. As for the history of the 439th TAW itself, every installment since the second calendar quarter of 1982 has been rated "Excellent" by the AFRES historian.

How did you do it?

About a month after the inspection report was circulated, Sergeant Hathaway began receiving calls from ANG and AFRES historians nationwide asking, "How did you do it?"

Hathaway's accomplishment becomes even more amazing considering the myriad of duties accomplished by a one-man operation. Compiling and writing a history which averages 225 pages an installment is just a part of the whole. That same man must do a considerable amount of research, pry undocumented information from units or individuals, interview, attend briefings, review more than 100 documents per issue, edit and rewrite about 30 unit



MSgt. Marshall Hathaway

(USAF photo by Maria Bull)

histories, and all this while providing his own administrative functions.

At the same time, he must administer a development program not only for all units and staff agencies of the 439th, but also for the Wing's 911th and 914th Tactical Airlift Groups at Pittsburgh and Niagara Falls.

The Office of Air Force History admits Hathaway's performance has

earned recognition rarely enjoyed by active duty historians who have the luxury of full-time duty. A Reservist earning the highest rating is truly outstanding.

Achievements of excellence are not new to Hathaway. In only his first year as a 439th Reservist, he was selected AFRES Information Specialist of the Year for 1976, and in 1980, was named AFRES Photojournalist of the Year.

General elections to be held Nov. 4

General elections will be held Nov. 4. One-third of the U.S. Senate and every seat in the House of Representatives is up for election. Are you registered to vote?

Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger recently remarked that "the right to vote is one of our most important rights as citizens." Don't take it for granted. Exercise your right. Register to vote . . . and vote.

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