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THE PATRIOT — Westover's first C-5A, over Springfield

(Union-News photo by Mark Murray)

439th MAW dedicates first C-5, new mission

By Maj. Rick Dyer

The wing got a new name, a new mission and "The Patriot," the first of 16 C-5A Galaxies, during a formal military ceremony Oct. 3 at Westover AFB.

"Today marks the beginning of a new chapter in the life of this facility," said U.S. Rep. Edward P. Boland, D-Mass. to the nearly 2,500 reservists, dignitaries and guests on hand to mark the unit's redesignation as the 439th Military Airlift Wing.

"This is a new chapter," said Con-

gressman Boland, "but not a new story."

Pointing to the hulking, green and gray cargo transport, he noted how Westover has "been linked to the national defense effort for nearly 50 years.

"The C-5A represents a different type of involvement in that effort, but it does not represent a departure from the purpose for which Westover was established and for which it has been maintained," the congressman said.

"The C-5A is a reminder — a strik-

ingly visible reminder — of the means necessary to secure freedom in the late 20th Century."

The ceremony, which was held 971 days after Congressman Boland first announced that C-5s might be stationed at the base, marked the beginning of the 439th MAW's new strategic airlift role.

Brig. Gen. Frederick D. Walker, wing commander, reminded the gathering that the new mission was in keeping with the region's long history of

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EDITORIAL

ESGR needs Reserve input to perform

Since conscription was ended in 1972 and the National Committee for Employer Support of Guard and Reserve was created, more than 350,000 employers — representing more than half the nation's work force — have signed ESGR Statements of Support.

Most of the early signers were executives of large corporations and these Statements of Support were intended to rapidly spread the message of America's increased dependence on Guard and Reserve forces.

In the early days of the post-draft era there were tangible benefits for employers. Their firms, especially the large corporations, were filled with Vietnam-era reservists. Elimination of Selective Service call-up made entry-level hiring more manageable because the employer no longer took the risk of losing the new employee and then having to guaranteeing a job after service.

But all this was 15 years ago. Much has changed.

Today, about 1.5 million men and women are in the Guard and Reserve. The "Total Force" concept is working and reservists are taking on increasingly technical and labor-intensive missions. And across the spectrum of the seven Guard and Reserve services, we see more missions on the horizon and more training commitments.

We, as reservists — and you, as a member of the Air Force Reserve — need to do our part to support the national and state efforts of the Committees for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

If your boss is a "pro" and has made your 439th Military Airlift Wing job a little easier, then please nominate your supervisor for an ESGR award. We need your employer's help, you need the help, and ESGR is more than willing to help. Please fill out a nomination form so we can recognize these other patriots.

— Brig. Gen. Frederick D. Walker
Commander, 439th MAW

AFRES commander's Veterans' Day message

On Veterans' Day we honor the men and women who have worn or who continue to wear the military uniform of the United States.

Whether you are a "bluesuiter" of the Vietnam era, a new recruit or a former service member, you share in the importance of this day. Your sacrifices and the sacrifices of your families

are the cornerstone on which our freedom exists.

Thank you for your commitment to our great nation. I salute you and our compatriots who have worn the uniform of the United States — our nation's veterans.

Roger P. Scheer
Maj. Gen., USAF
Commander

BRIEFS

914th TAG wins award

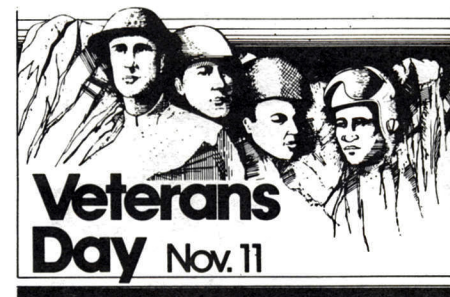
ROBINS AFB, Ga. (AFRNS) — Niagara Falls, N.Y., is noted for catering to visitors, and the Air Force Reserve visitor quarters there are no exception.

The 914th Tactical Airlift Group facility has won the AFRES innkeeper award for 1987 for the second time in a row. The 439th MAW unit received the award based on quality of facilities, customer service, cleanliness, quality of management and attention to detail, officials said.

The 914th TAG will represent AFRES in the Air Force-wide competition early next year.

Mission Increase

SCOTT AFB, Ill. (AFNS) — Military Airlift Command is supporting U.S. efforts in the Persian Gulf by increasing resupply missions from two to five weekly since the July reflagging of Kuwaiti oil tankers and the assignment of U.S. Navy escorts. The missions are providing people and supplies to aid efforts by the Navy and other nations to keep shipping lanes open.



Patriot wins again

The *Patriot* and the Westover public affairs staff has won six out of seven possible 14th Air Force awards, according to Maj. Gen. James McAdoo.

The 14th Air Force commander said the *Patriot*, edited by TSgt. Gordon Newell, won best funded newspaper along with the *Frontiersman* from Niagara's 914th TAG. Maj. Rick Dyer was named print journalist of the year, as well as winning best news articles and best editorials. SSgt. Tom Allocco received the award for best published features articles, and Dr. Frank Faulkner won the award for best single photos.

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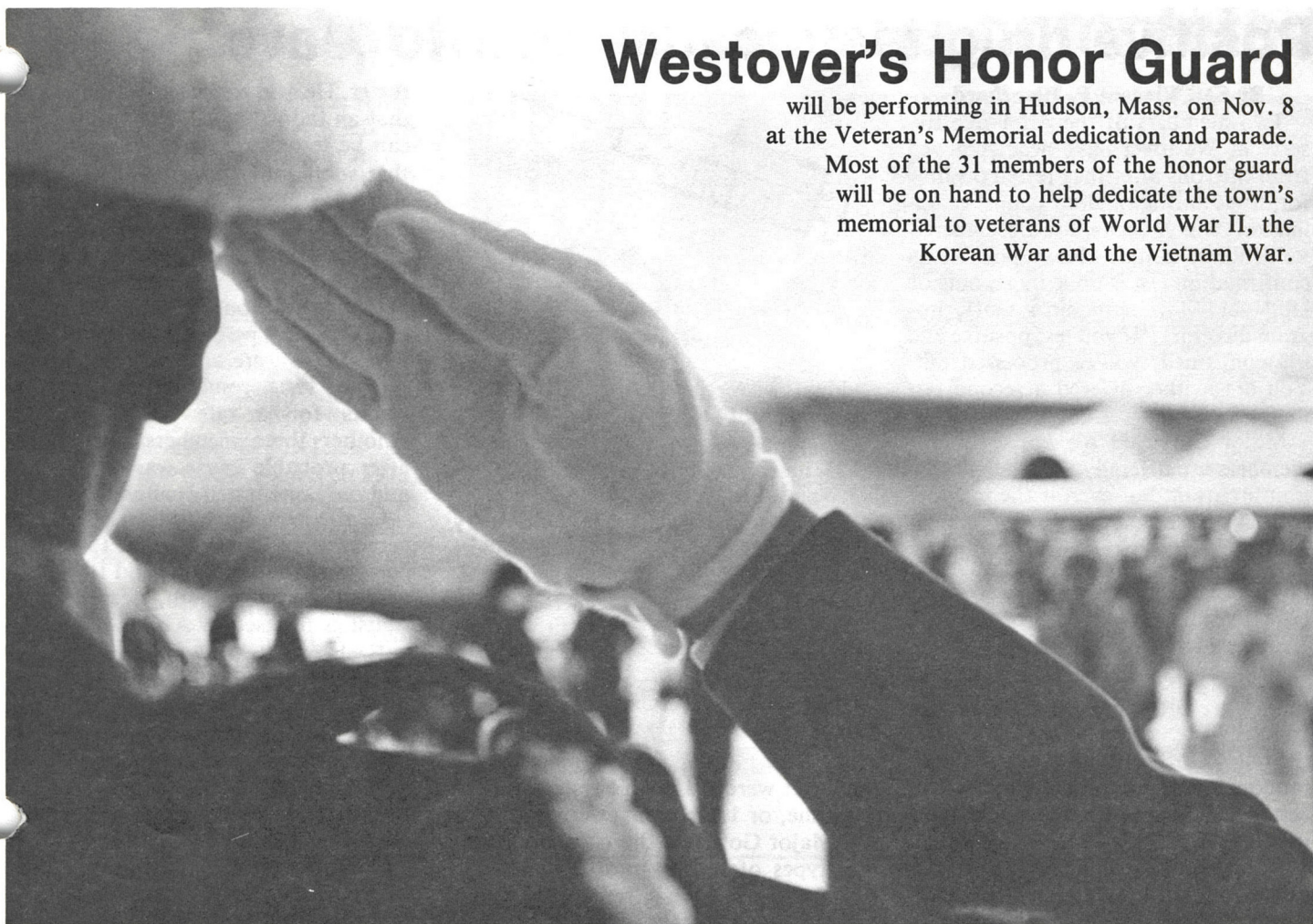
Sgt. Vincent Blanchard

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Westover's Honor Guard

will be performing in Hudson, Mass. on Nov. 8 at the Veteran's Memorial dedication and parade. Most of the 31 members of the honor guard will be on hand to help dedicate the town's memorial to veterans of World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.



(USAF photo by TSgt. Sandi Michon)

TACAN due for Westover

SCOTT AFB, Ill., is the first of 11 Military Airlift Command installations and two Air Force Reserve bases to receive a new tactical air navigation system.

The AFRES installations — Westover AFB and Dobbins AFB in Georgia — are also scheduled to receive the system.

The system, commonly referred to as a TACAN, became operational at Scott on Aug. 14. Travis AFB, Calif., the only other MAC installation with a TACAN on-line, received its system in August.

MAC bases receiving the TACAN include McChord AFB, Wash.; McGuire AFB, N.J.; Altus AFB, Okla.; Norton AFB, Calif.; Hurlburt Field, Fla.; Pope AFB, N.C.; Lajes Field, the Azores, Little Rock AFB, Ark.; and Dover AFB, Del.

TACAN gives distance and direction

information to as many as 100 aircraft at once. Officials said the new solid-state system — designated FRN-45 — offers higher accuracy and reliability than the old TACAN and is much easier to maintain.

“An aircraft's TACAN equipment is a lot like the speedometer in your car. You use it all the time and hardly notice it,” said MSgt. Richard L. Rogers, Airlift Communications Division, Scott AFB. “But if it breaks, you notice right away.”

A navigator sets an aircraft's TACAN transponder to the frequency of the TACAN of his destination. The destination TACAN responds to the aircraft's radio signals by sending back data. Each requesting aircraft within about 200 miles is given the distance and direction to the TACAN several times a minute.

“The new TACAN represents the most exciting and dramatic advance in technology I have witnessed in my 35 years as a technician,” said David L. Young, Airlift Communications Division navigational aids functional manager. “It (and new VHF omni range equipment at other bases) is designed to provide accuracy and reliability that was not possible before.”

Cardion Electronics designed and built the system which features a computer display in the TACAN building and a second remote display in a maintenance shop.

“A remote terminal enables maintenance personnel to monitor the TACAN's performance and do preventive maintenance routines without visiting the TACAN itself,” said Daniel Reid, Cardion Electronics senior field representative.

Positive drug tests cause pair to leave

By Sgt. Vincent P. Blanchard

Two members of the Air Force Reserve at Westover have been removed from the rolls after they tested positive for drugs during random sample examinations which began last December.

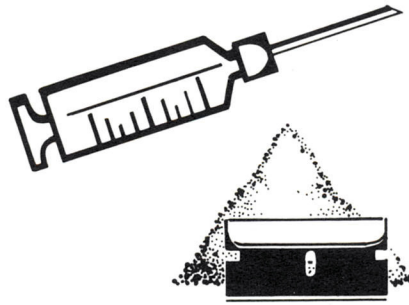
"Once a sample shows positive, a confirmation test is done by an outside lab," said Maj. Benjamin J. Goff, program director. "If you test positive and it's confirmed, you're processed out. You are neither offered a second test nor can you request one."

Major Goff said Air Force Reserve members are offered a drug rehabilitation program, but even if the member enrolls they are still processed out of the unit.

He said individuals ousted may have their cases reviewed at AFRES headquarters, but so far none has been reinstated. "Individuals processed out are labeled in such a manner that they cannot get into another Reserve unit," he said.

Major Goff said statistics indicate random sampling from the unit alpha roster has caused a decrease in drug usage, especially in the 14th Air Force.

During the first three months of Air Force Reserve testing, some 597 indi-



viduals were screened throughout the system and 14 tested positive, for a rate of 2.3 percent. In the 14th Air Force, 223 members were tested and six, or 2.7 percent, were positive.

The second quarter, January through March, saw 1,105 members tested and 33, or 3 percent, were positive. The 14th statistics for the period were 358 tested with nine positive, for a rate of 2.5 percent.

The third statistical period, April through June, saw 1,566 members tested and 42, or 2.7 percent were positive. The 14th Air Force results for the quarter were 521 people tested and only nine, or 1.7 percent, were positive.

Major Goff said there are three other types of testing in addition to the random selection from the alpha

roster. He said commanders may direct that an individual be tested, or people can be tested for probable cause, and that some individuals could be identified through routine medical tests for physicals.

Since drug testing began in October 1986, a total of 3,219 members have been tested through random sampling and 71, or 2.2 percent have tested positive. There were also 46 commander-directed tests, resulting in 17 positive results for a rate of 37 percent. Another three members were tested after probable cause was determined and only one tested positive.

Of the 89 positive results, 64 or 71.9 percent were for marijuana, 15 or 16.9 percent were for cocaine and 10 or 11.2 percent were for both, according to statistics released by AFRES.

Each month at Westover, a dozen members are selected at random and unit commanders are notified, said Major Goff. But he reminded members that commanders can also order testing if there is reasonable suspicion or unusual circumstances of bizarre or unlawful behavior.

"This program is a deterrent," said Major Goff, "and it's working."

New clinic proposed for Westover

Westover has received initial approval to construct a new \$3 million Air Force clinic.

"The facility will be much larger and will greatly improve patient flow," said Lt. Col. Ellsworth Hart, director of medical logistics for the 439th Clinic.

"Our current building was originally designed as a dental clinic," he said, "so it creates problems for our current mission. With the proposed clinic, we will have more space, more personnel, better lab facilities and new equipment."

The new clinic will be twice as large, will be authorized 12 doctors (actual current staff is three), and its manning will grow from 56 to 96, according to Colonel Hart. They recently received new eye exam equipment and are ordering new X-ray and video training equipment, he said.

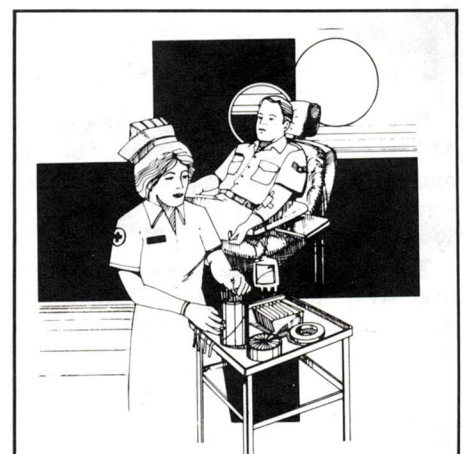
"The timing of the clinic is perfect," said Lt. Col. Allan Davidson, 439th clinic commander. "Our manning is

scheduled to increase by 1000 reservists for the C-5 mission. In addition to the added personnel to process, we are continually tasked with more testing requirements. The new clinic and additional personnel will help accomplish our mission more smoothly.

"The C-5 mission eliminates our transport aspect and mobility requirements," he continued. "These two things free time to concentrate on completing good quality physicals in less time."

"We expect the clinic to be in place in three to five years," said Colonel Hart. "The plans are drawn up and approved, so now we are waiting for funding and then the bidding and subsequent building can begin."

"We're excited about the new clinic," said Colonel Hart. He explained that it is designed specifically as a reserve base clinic, so it will be custom-made for our purposes. The exact location of the clinic is not yet known.



Blood Drive

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Sat., Nov. 7

in the Base Hangar
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All C-5A wing modifications completed

MARIETTA, Ga. — The seventy-sixth and final modified C-5A left the Lockheed-Georgia facility on July 7 and was returned to the Military Airlift Command after undergoing wing modification.

Known as "H-mod," the project involved the installation of new inner, center and outer wing boxes, which make up most of the wing of the C-5A. Cost of the program was \$1.5 billion, approximately \$200 million below original estimates.

The Department of Defense approved the four-phase project in 1975, but actual modification, designed to add 30,000 flying hours to the service life of the Galaxy, didn't begin until 1982.

Maj. Gen. Lewis Curtis, commander of the Air Logistics Center at Kelly AFB, Texas said, "The C-5A fleet is now structurally healthy and for the first time in 17 years, we can proudly say the fleet is operating without flight or load restrictions. We can now carry loads approaching 250,000 pounds on each of our C-5As."



All female crew takes tattoo trophy

An all-female aircrew from Charleston AFB, S.C., flew away recently with the top trophy at the International Air Tattoo air show at RAF Fairford, England.

This was the first time an all-female crew has participated in the air show, according to Maj. Harry C. Burgoyne, the 76th Military Airlift Squadron's British exchange pilot and the project officer for Charleston's involvement in the event.

At Westover, the newly redesignated 439th Military Airlift Wing expects to have female aircrew members now that women will be eligible for C-5 flight crews.

In England, the "Spirit of the Meet" Trophy was awarded to the 437th Military Airlift Wing crew for the most outstanding contribution to the aims and spirit of the meet by a crew. The crew also participated in ground competition, including a test of skills in air-duct, aircraft recognition, small arms

range firing and endurance on an assault-type obstacle course.

"I knew we had a shot at winning the trophy but with so many aircrews competing I was still surprised," said Capt. Teresa M. Sullivan, aircraft commander. "The judging started from the minute we landed. Our crew was very enthusiastic; we got involved in everything," she said.

The Charleston fliers, representing all three of their base's flying squadrons, competed against 73 crews from 42 nations. The British press called Air Tattoo the largest air show in the free world.

"We did a lot of interviews for the BBC (British Broadcast Company) and for many different newspapers," said Captain Sullivan. "Everyone was really impressed with the size of the C-141 Starlifter and the fact that we were flying it with no men on board. It was uncommon over there because some countries participating didn't even

have women in the military, while some that did had none on flying status.

"What struck me the most about the event, was the positive interaction of crew members from all the different countries. Everybody got along and worked really well together," Captain Sullivan said. The event's organizers hailed Air Tattoo the world's first truly international military air transportation meet.

The Charleston crew was part of a flying display which was watched by approximately 300,000 and several crowned heads of Europe. On static display were 380 aircraft, and the flying demonstration included 480 aircraft.

The 437th MAW will house the trophy, handcrafted of solid silver and worth \$15,000, until May 1, 1989 when it will be returned for that year's competition.

Westover recruiters take lion's share of awards

By SSgt. Tom Allocco

Westover recruiters were named best in 14th Air Force and made a nearly clean sweep of other awards when honors were announced for top recruiting units and individuals in October. They earned all but one of the awards available to recruiters.

The 12 recruiters of the 439th MAW earned Top Recruiting Wing honors for the three fiscal year quarters from January through September.

They were recognized for surpassing their quota of recruits throughout the period. The recruiters, who have been working long hours as the wing has been expanded with the conversion to the Galaxy, recruited 176 people, or 193 percent of their quota, during the last quarter.

The recruiters have offices at Westover, Hanscom AFB, Mass., Griffiss AFB, NY., Worcester, Mass. and Milford, Conn.

MSgt. Casimir Noecker of the Griffiss office led recruiters who earned a variety of individual honors. He won the highest individual recruiting award when he was named to the Century Club for recruiting more than 100 members during the fiscal year.

MSgt. Robert Lougher, Westover senior recruiter, was the only 14th Air Force recruiter, and one of only five across the nation who won a "10-10-10" challenge from AFRES Headquarters to recruit 10 people in 10 days during the period of Sept. 1 to 10.

A letter from Col. Charles Ramsdale, commander of Air Force Reserve recruiting, applauded Sergeant Lougher's special effort as achievement of "a monumental task."

He was also recognized with the "Top Prior Service Award" for recruiting 25 prior service members during the last quarter.

Five were cited for recruiting at least two people a week during the quarter. Honored were Sergeant Lougher, Sergeant Noecker, TSgt. Stephen Moniak, TSgt. William Neal and TSgt. Bennie Occhino.

Sergeant Moniak of the Hanscom office received the Top Officer Award for recruiting 10 officers during the quarter.

Westover's recruiters received their awards at a 14th Air Force recruiting workshop in Orlando, Fla. in October.

"Our recruiters took every recruiting award except one, the non-prior service award," Sergeant Lougher said.

"I'm very proud of the effort that it took from every member, but it's not something we are going to sit on. We still have a big job ahead," he said.

The recruiters are particularly looking for aeromedical technicians for the 74th AES. Those with maintenance, security and other skills are also in demand to meet the expanded Westover mission.

The Westover recruiting team expanded in September with the arrival of TSgt. Tami Zeigler, TSgt. George Fillgrove and TSgt. Susan Metro.

Sergeant Zeigler, from Scott AFB,

Ill. is a Century Club member who was top Air Force Reserve recruiter last year.

Sergeant Fillgrove, from the 910th TAG, Youngstown, Ohio, served on President Carter's Military Public Affairs team and was an official photographer at President Reagan's 1985 inauguration.

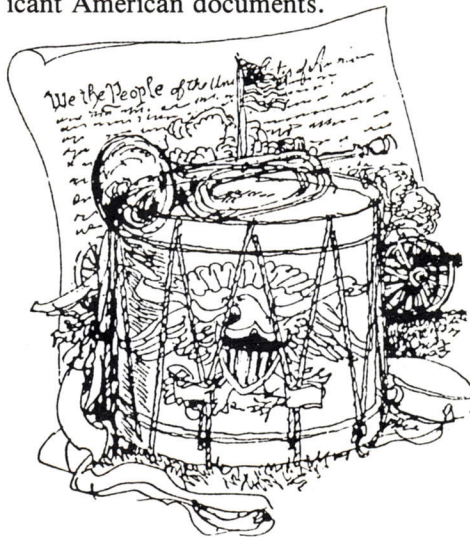
Sergeant Metro, also from the 910th TAG, was to march in the President's inauguration parade before it was cancelled due to cold weather. She was among those selected for the honor of marching in the parade during interment ceremonies for the Unknown Vietnam Soldier in Arlington Cemetery.



"Freedom Shrine" donated by Springfield Exchange Club

Dr. Robert Robinson, president of the Springfield Exchange Club, presented the 439th Military Airlift Wing with a "Freedom Shrine" of significant American documents.

To mark the dedication of the wing's first C-5A, "The Patriot," and commemorate the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution, the civic organization donated the set of documents.



Included on the 30-foot long display, constructed by student carpenters at Westover Job Corps, are the Declaration of Independence, the Mayflower Compact, the U.S. Constitution, the famous "Nuts" reply of the American paratroopers surrounded at Bastogne, and two dozen other significant documents and articles that marked key points in American history.

The large display is portable and can be assembled in many free-standing configurations. The "Freedom Shrine" will be used by the 439th MAW for public display.



"Peace with freedom" contest announced

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (AFNS) — Freedoms Foundation is sponsoring a military essay contest with the theme "Peace With Freedom." Air Force members are encouraged to submit their thoughts on freedom in 100-

500-word essay, which must be post-marked by May 1. For more details contact the Awards Department, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, P.O. Box 706, Valley Forge, Pa. 19481-0706.

NATIONAL HISPANIC WEEK

By Nora MacKay

Hispanic Americans are growing in numbers five times faster than any other group in America and need to be better prepared for their greater role in society, according to a presidential appointee who spoke at Hispanic Heritage Week.

Ms. Stella Guerra, deputy for equal opportunity and director of equal employment at the office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, told the audience of about 40 that Hispanic high school students have the highest dropout rate in the country — as high as 70 percent in Los Angeles. As a consequence, they are not prepared to assume a role of significant contribution in our increasingly technological society, she said.

"We need to work towards building interest once again in American schools in science and technology," Ms. Guerra said.

"We need to make sure that those making our future are prepared," she said, adding that teaching Hispanic students English as a second is an important factor in that preparation.

In addition, Ms. Guerra stressed the need for Hispanics to take part in the American political system and make their voice heard.

"Just being more doesn't necessarily translate into political power. You have to get out and vote to make a difference," she said.

Ms. Guerra pointed out Hispanics have achieved many "first" in the last



HISPANIC SPEAKER — Mary Griffin-Bales greets Ms. Stella Guerra and her aide with Lt. Col. Thomas Hargis prior to her speech on Sept. 17.

(USAF photo by Nora MacKay)

decades: the first Hispanic governor (in New Mexico); the first Hispanic mayor of a large city; the first Hispanic Nobel Prize winner; and the first Hispanic Rhodes Scholar, to name a few.

"It will be a great day when 'first Hispanic' anything is part of everyday life," she said.

The reason for the Hispanic Heritage Program is "to recognize Hispanic contribution to the history and culture of this country," according to Brig. Gen. Frederick Walker in his opening comments.

"Hispanics have played a very important role in our society and con-

tinue to do so today," he said.

"We'll never be any better than the quality of the people we have," he said, stressing the need for equal opportunity and affirmative action goals at Westover.

Lt. Col. Thomas Hargis, base commander, also emphasized Westover management's firm commitment to these goals.

"We can't afford any less than to let each person realize his or her fullest potential," he said.

"We've made positive strides, but we've only just begun to remove all barriers," he said.

New Unit Designations

OLD

439th Tactical Airlift Wing (439th TAW)
 439th Combat Support Group (439th CSG)
 439th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (439th CAMS)
 439th Tactical Hospital
 439th Weapons Systems Security Flight (439th WSSF)
 337th Tactical Airlift Squadron (337th TAS)
 42nd Mobile Aerial Port Squadron (42nd APS)

Not Changing

439th Civil Engineering Squadron (439th CES)
 439th Mobility Support Flight (439th MSF)
 439th Communications Squadron (439th CS)
 74th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron (74th AES)

★ NEW ★

439th Military Airlift Wing (439th MAW)
 439th Air Base Group (439th ABG)
 439th Field Maintenance Squadron (439th FMS)
 439th USAF Clinic
 439th Security Police Squadron (439th SPS) and
 639th Weapons System Security Flight (639th WSSF)
 337th Military Airlift Squadron (337th MAS)
 42nd Aerial Port Squadron (42nd APS)

58th Aerial Port Squadron (58th APS)
 59th Aerial Port Squadron (59th APS)

Re-activated (new) units

439th Avionics Maintenance Squadron (439th AMS)
 439th Organizational Maintenance Squadron (439th OMS)

C-5 dedication

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voluntary military service.

"Our dedicated members of the 439th Military Airlift Wing — we term the "Patriot Wing" — serve in the 350-year-old tradition of the Massachusetts militia," the general said.

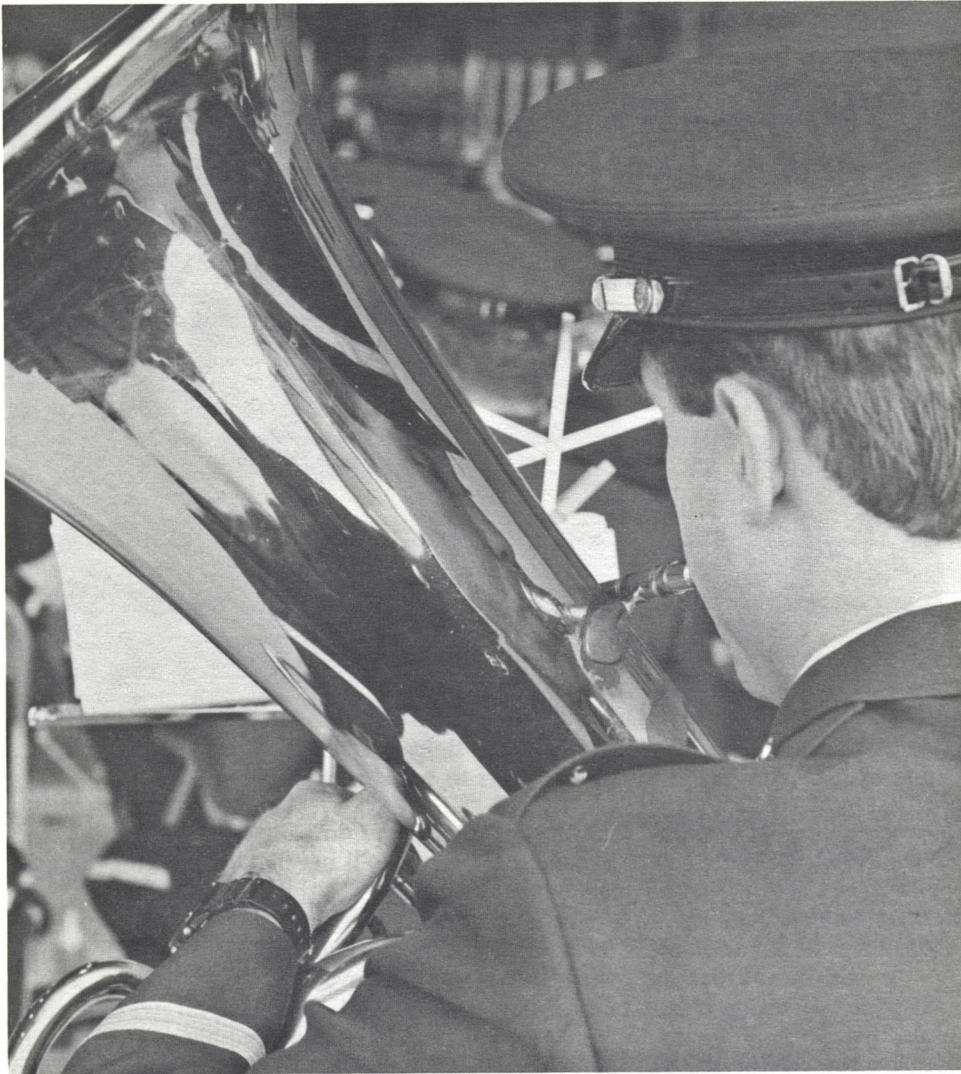
"These modern-day patriots, who live in the cities, suburbs and quaint hamlets of New England, muster here today in the same spirit as those early Massachusetts militia regiments did way back in 1637," said General Walker.

Maj. Gen. Roger Scheer, commander of the Air Force Reserve, noted that the unit's selection for the C-5 mission was a "tribute to the outstanding track record which the 439th has compiled over the years.

"You've come a long way to get to where you are today," General Scheer said, "and I have no doubt but that you will continue to perform in an absolutely superior manner."

Other dignitaries on hand for the dedication included John McElwee, the new national chairman of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve program, Maj. Gen. Donald Logeais, commander of 21st Air Force; Maj. Gen. James McAdoo, commander of 14th Air Force; Maj. Charles Parrott, individual mobilization augmentee to the commander of the Military Airlift Command; Chicopee Mayor Richard S. Lak and Robert Christopher, director of C-5 programs for the Lockheed Aeronautical systems Corporation of Georgia.

(USAF photo by Nora MacKay)



(USAF photo by TSgt. Sandi Michon)

REFLECTIVE NOTE—A1C Jack Irvin, of USAF Band of New England, Pease AFB, N.H., contributes to the band music in the base hangar. Below, 439th MAW reservists stand formation on awaiting arrival of dignitaries for the C-5 ceremony.



General Parrott, who formerly served as a reservist with the 439th, said Westover's first C-5A had amassed during its short life a long history to match its 247-foot fuselage.

The aircraft, which bears tail number 90017 and now displays Air Force Reserve markings, entered service in 1973, General Parrott said. The Galaxy dubbed "The Patriot," evacuated American personnel after the Shah of Iran was toppled, airlifted the remains of people who died in the Jim Jones tragedy at Jonestown, Guyana, removed the bodies of the Marines who died in the terrorist truck bombing near the Beirut airport in Lebanon, and participated in the rescue mission at Grenada.

Following the formal presentations, the "Patriot's" front cargo ramp was opened and Representative Boland, General Scheer and General Walker cut a star-spangled blue ribbon stretched across the opening of the mammoth cargo hold.

Hundreds of invited guests streamed through the Galaxy while music was played by the Air Force Band of New England from Pease AFB, N.H.



(USAF photo by TSgt. Sandi Michon)

C-5 TOUR—Sgt. Christopher Maile, 337th MAS loadmaster gives a rundown on C-5 statistics to U.S. Rep. Edward P. Boland as the congressman's children explore the passenger compartment.

Chaplain (Capt.) Richard Miesel delivered the invocation, and MSgt. John W. Spencer served as master of ceremonies for the dedication, which was

characterized by the local news media as "a royal welcome" for the first C-5A at America's largest Air Force Reserve base.

Protocol calls for more than luck of "Iryshe"

By Maj. Rick Dyer

The happiest Air Force Reserve member at Westover following Oct. 3 dedication ceremonies was Capt. Natalie Iryshe, a nurse with the 74th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

Captain Iryshe spent the last month handling all the protocol details for the visit to the base by nearly 200 civilian and military VIPs, plus hundreds of invited guests and elected officials.

"Natalie did an absolutely super job," said Dr. Frank Faulkner, Westover public affairs officer. "Her facility for detail was amazing."

Prior to the start of the ceremony, Captain Iryshe spent most of the day in a staff car, scurrying to greet arrivals and listening for her call sign, "Escort One" on the radio.

"She did yeoman service," said Brig. Gen. Frederick D. Walker, wing commander. "Captain Iryshe did so much to make the day the success it is."

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Four television crews plus reporters and photographers from a half dozen newspapers were on hand to cover the

439th MAW's dedication of "The Patriot."

One television reporter, Amy Lansman of WWLP-TV Channel 22 in Springfield, Mass., said she was awed by the sight of 1,500 reservists standing formation in their Class A uniforms.

"I wish I had invested in the stock of a company that makes blue dye," she quipped.

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The job of getting the six squadrons through their close-order drill fell to Lt. Col. Andrew Kasznay, commander of the 58th Aerial Port Squadron.

The "sea of blue" which he commanded performed flawlessly.

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Seventeen adult protestors demonstrated quietly with signs outside of Westover's main gate prior to the afternoon ceremony.

"This ability of Americans to freely debate the issues of our time is why we wear this uniform," General Walker said during his speech. "We protect that freedom of expression and free speech."

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John McElwee, the newly appointed national chairman of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve program, believes that he knows "both sides of the issue."

He was invited to Westover by Stanley Zucker of Longmeadow, Mass., the state chairman of the very active Massachusetts Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

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There was heightened security at Westover for the dedication. Several OSI agents, a contingent of reservists from the 439th MAW's law enforcement units, and "Asta" protected the base hangar and the visitors who came to honor and tour the first of 16 C-5As.

"Asta" is an explosive sniffing dog attached to the 436th Security Police Squadron at Dover AFB, Del. Along with his handler, Sgt. Harry Mullinix, he searched the Base Hangar prior to the arrival of the guests.

Reservists take part in Reforger exercise

ROBINS AFB, Ga. (AFRNS) — Air Force Reservists from Westover's 74th AES and more than 20 other units took part in Reforger, the annual return of forces to Germany exercise, in September.

This year the Air Force Reserve participated primarily in a tactical and strategic aeromedical evacuation exercise, supported by Military Airlift Command C-130 Hercules, C-141B Starlifter and C-9 Nightingale aircraft.

Some 200 medical unit reservists from throughout the United States

were deployed to the United Kingdom, set up an aeromedical staging unit and redeploy to the United States. The ASU was collocated with an active-duty contingency hospital, set up in a ready-to-function medical facility.

Initially, about 70 AFRES medical people deployed to West Germany to simulate being battle casualties. They were cared for as patients, transported to the United Kingdom and treated as if returning to a U.S. hospital. After arriving at the ASU, they resumed their medical duties. Later, deployed U.S.

Army troops were processed as casualties.

The medical exercise stressed realism, officials said. Simulated wounds were created with moulage and make-up, and patient-care props, such as intravenous kits and splints, were used.

Participating AFRES aeromedical units included the 31st Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Charleston AFB, S.C.; 32nd Aeromedical Evacuation Group and 34th AES, Kelly AFB, Texas; 33rd AES, Greater Pittsburgh IAP, Pa.; 37th AEG, MacDill AFB, Fla.; 40th AES, McChord AFB, Wash.; 60th AES, Andrews AFB, Md.; 64th AEF, Dobbins AFB, Ga.; 67th AEF, Rickenbacker ANGB, Ohio; 68th AES, Norton AFB, Calif.; 69th and 72nd AESs, McGuire AFB, N.J.; 70th AEF, Niagara Falls IAP, N.Y.; and the 74th AES, Westover AFB, Mass. Participating medical services squadrons included the 22nd MSES, Andrews AFB; 33rd MSES, McGuire AFB; and the 34th MSES, Governors Island, N.Y.

Reservists in the 932nd Aeromedical Airlift Group, an associate unit at Scott AFB, Ill., flew C-9A missions during the medical exercise.

The exercise is the largest overseas deployment of U.S. Army forces ever to occur in peacetime. The U.S. European Command sponsors Reforger, which involves the movement of troops from stateside units and dual-based units — those that rotate between the United States and Europe. The exercise demonstrates U.S. resolve and capability to honor NATO commitments in a crisis situation.

The 19th in the series, this year's Reforger exercise was designed to test and evaluate plans and support agreements between military and civilian agencies on both sides of the Atlantic and to exercise the host nations' abilities to support deployed forces. Reforger also tests the ability of European-based units to quickly link up reinforcing units with their deployed or pre-positioned equipment.

The mass deployment was conducted in conjunction with Autumn Forge, an exercise series to promote NATO's unity, cohesion and resolve to carry out its deterrence mission and defensive strategy.

Man-Day, Travel Fund changes

ROBINS AFB, Ga. (AFRNS) — Air Force Reserve members may benefit from change in how their units handle reserve personnel man-days and related travel in the coming fiscal year, according to AFRES comptroller officials.

Starting Oct. 1, AFRES unit commanders became involved in new programs to further decentralize management of the Reserve Personnel Appropriation, said Pete Jones, chief of AFRES budget operations.

Some of these changes will come about through a program called the Personnel Budgeting and Accounting System. PBAS will give commanders a checkbook approach to management of the reserve man-day program, Mr. Jones said. Reserve man-days account for some 20 percent of the costs in this appropriation.

"Unit commanders will have maximum authority to redistribute resources — man-day dollars rather than man-day tours — to match continually changing mission needs regardless of the type of man-day required," Mr. Jones said. "This will give commanders added authority to go with the responsibility and accountability they already have.

"With a more direct say in how reserve man-day dollars will be used, unit commanders, managers and reservists will be able to forecast and schedule school and special tour training with greater confidence. This means improved training opportunities for reservists and the Air Force Reserve."

A key policy change will affect man-day support between units. Starting in October, a reservist's unit of assignment will pay the cost of mission-driven man-days in support of another unit or activity.

Another new program, Travel Budgeting and Accounting System, will give commanders better control of unit travel funds.

"With the current travel system, commanders don't always know how much travel money they have because it takes about six months for the average reserve travel voucher to flow through the accounting system after it's been paid," Mr. Jones said. "That time will be reduced to within a month at the most under the new system.

"TBAS will allow commanders to identify and use travel money on closer to a real-time basis. Under the current system, we know some training opportunities are missed because commanders don't know how much money is left toward the end of the fiscal year.

"The new travel system won't ensure reservists get the training they want," he said.

Eight bases have been testing TBAS, and officials report travel expenditures are being processed nine times faster than under the current system. The test bases are Bergstrom AFB, Texas; Dobbins AFB, Ga.; Gen. Mitchell IAP, Wis.; Hill AFB, Utah; Maxwell AFB, Ala.; Portland IAP, Ore.; Scott AFB, Ill.; Travis AFB, Calif.; and Westover AFB, Mass.



2nd Lt. Paula E. Johnson

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Rank: 2nd Lt.
Age: 35
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Unit: 74th AES
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Civilian Occupation: Registered nurse
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Favorite Sport: Racquetball
Favorite Hobby: Sailing
Ideal Vacation: Anywhere near the water
Best Way to Relax: Reading
Preferred Entertainment: Dinner and a show
Favorite Celebrity: Katherine Hepburn
Favorite Music: Classical
Favorite Book: Jonathan Livingston Seagull
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Car: Mercedes 450SL
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Best Thing About Westover: The wonderful people
Worst Thing About Westover: Too few cross-country flights

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 TSgt. Michael M. Coccovia
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58th APS takes first in rodeo

By SSgt. Tom Allocco

The seven-member 58th APS team took first place in aerial port squadron rodeo competition with teams from the 59th APS, 42 APS, and Pittsburgh and Niagara Falls. The competition was held at Westover, September 17-20.

The teams were judged on loading and unloading skills in academic and hands-on tests.

The 42nd APS took third place and the 59th APS came in fourth out of the five teams.

Those in the first-place 58th APS team were TSgt. David Lacasse, TSgt.

Charles Lexius, TSgt. Richard Roberts, SSgt. Vincent Algozino, SSgt. Paul Viola, SSgt. Ronald Viens and SSgt. Jack Bouchard.

Representing the 42nd APS were TSgt. Joseph Demers, TSgt. Edwin Holtz, TSgt. Roland Gouin, TSgt. Bruce Bretschneider, SSgt. Edward Greenwood and A1C Jeffrey Green.

Those on the 59th APS team were MSgt. Thomas Brown, TSgt. Paul Petersante, TSgt. John Speidel, SSgt. Walter Southard, SSgt. Joan Maclure and SSgt. Thomas Sullivan.

C-5 delivery room

A C-5 Galaxy from Dover AFB, Del., became a delivery room 35,000 feet above sea level Sept. 19 for a pregnant Army private returning from Germany on leave.

The woman was seven months pregnant when she gave premature birth to a 2-pound, 8-ounce boy aboard the giant Military Airlift Command cargo plane. The aircraft diverted to Loring AFB, Maine, the closest military installation.

The mother, and the baby's father, another Army private, were returning from West Germany.

"She was riding in the troop compartment of the aircraft when she went into labor," said Sgt. John Muncey, a loadmaster with the 709th Military Airlift Squadron, a Reserve associate unit at Dover.

Army Spec. 4 Marvin K. Stillwagon, a former medic, and three other passengers rushed to the woman to aid in the delivery.

Once on the ground at Loring, mother and baby were transferred to the base hospital. Later in the day, they were flown to the neonatal intensive care unit at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor. A doctor, nurse and medical technician from Loring's hospital went to the center Sept. 20 and reported that both mother and son were doing fine. (MAC News Service)

ESGR committees operate in two-way street

AGAWAM — Activities in the executive offices of Stanley Handling Corp. seem more fitting for a military facility than a commercial enterprise.

The firm's president, Stanley Zucker of Longmeadow, is often busy on the telephone explaining to some employer or personnel manager how the law is on the side of an Air Force Reserve member assigned to Westover's 439th MAW.

Mr. Zucker is chairman of the Massachusetts Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, a group of about 35 executives and military representatives who intercede on behalf of both employers and reservists to make the "total force" system work.

"We do a lot of missionary work," said Mr. Zucker. "We fight what Adali Stevenson once termed 'the never-ending battle against ignorance' as we try to mediate problems arising from Reserve or Guard members taking time off for training."

Since the national ESGR effort began in 1972 as conscription was ending, some 350,000 employers — representing more than half the nation's workforce — have signed Statements of Support.

Most of the early signatures came from representatives of the country's largest corporations. But Mr. Zucker's day-to-day role on behalf of citizen-soldiers is to contact and convince middle managers and line supervisors of both the provisions of Title 10 U.S. Code and the need for a reservist to train.

As more complicated missions are assigned from the active duty forces to the reserve components — and as more modern and highly technical equipment enters the reserve inventory — more training time is needed throughout the seven-component system.

In the early days of ESGR, many employers embraced the Reserve/Guard concept as a better system than the pitfalls of Selective Service. Under the old draft system, an entry-level employee might receive official "greetings" and be out of the workforce for up to two years with a guarantee of a job upon discharge.

The post-draft system offers many job guarantees and prevents discrimination against members of the Reserve



and Guard, but the system still needs refining and daily monitoring by volunteers such as Mr. Zucker.

"We're like the old World War II dollar-a-year men, but we don't get the dollar," said Mr. Zucker. What the state committee volunteers do get, he said, is an opportunity to view the military up close and to invite employers on "boss lifts" to see their employees performing missions or training.

"There are 54 state and territorial committees," said Mr. Zucker, "and

we try to each have at least one major long-distance 'boss lift' a year and a number of in-state tours to allow employers to see their people in action."

Each state committee also has at least one volunteer designated as an ombudsman to mediate problems between reservists and employers.

"We try to resolve conflicts at the lowest level possible," said Mr. Zucker. "If we can't do this easily, then we pass the problem on to the U.S. Department of Labor as an official case."

Studies conducted by the RAND Corp. indicate that nearly a third of the people leaving the Guard and Reserve say they are doing so because of conflicts with their employers. The most common reason for leaving, according to the exit surveys, is due to conflict with family or leisure activities.

"But we think much of that family conflict is also job related," said Mr. Zucker. "Most people enter the reserves between age 18 and 24, and by the time they complete their first term their lives have changed. They are often married and moving ahead in their careers."

"We must make sure that their employers — and their spouses — understand the law is on the side of the reservist. We must make certain the employer does nothing which could hinder career advancement and cause that Reserve member to stop serving his or her country," he said.

Another study by LaBrie Associates asked Army Reserve and National Guard members to rate their employers and then the retention of the individuals was tracked. Nearly 70 percent of those who said their employer "discouraged" military membership left the service. Some 43 percent of those with "neutral" employers left and only 36 percent of "supportive" employers left the service.

"The attitude of the member's employer is a definite and significant factor in retention," said Mr. Zucker. "But Reserve and Guard members must remember we are operating on a two-way street. We need to recognize those employers who do support and encourage membership in the reserves. That's why we have the 'My Boss is a Pro' and other awards."



Stanley Zucker

“My Boss is a Pro” Awards Nomination Form
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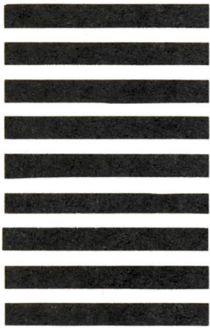
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NCO academy conducts non-UTA classes

By TSgt. Gordon A. Newell

The 439th Military Airlift Wing will begin a Non-Commissioned Officer's Academy associate correspondent program in December with a new twist.

Classes will not be held during normal UTA training hours but rather on a weekday evening. Those enrolled in the program will pick an evening for these classes and will be allowed to sign an AF form 40A for points only.

TSgt. Sharon Benoit said, "The majority of those who sign up for the academy will vote to pick a night they wish to hold classes."

CMSgt. Eugene M. Longfield said all other phases of the program will remain unchanged.

Candidates must be either E-5, E-6 or E-7 and cannot be on OJT, upgrade or lateral training. They must also be

enrolled in CDC, 6A, 6B and 6C.

The program will consist of 24 lessons and individuals will not be allowed to miss more than five of these classes. Chief Longfield said. Anyone who misses more than five classes will be dropped from the program.

The program is a voluntary one and will be run entirely by the students themselves. A class leader will be elected who will then assume control of the program.

The Unit Commander and First Sergeant will select and nominate individuals for the program and nominations will be forwarded top OJT managers. A list of proposed candidates will then be sent to Chief Longfield's office by Nov. 7, 1987.

Contact person in Chief Longfield's office is TSgt. Benoit, extension 2587.

Westover gate hours, policy to change

Westover's Security Police has new hours of operation at the base's Ludlow gate and a new policy concerning visitor passes.

The Ludlow gate will be open during UTA weekends for the convenience of employees and reservists on base. The gate will be open on UTA Saturdays from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

to 5:15 p.m., and on UTA Sundays from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

In addition, effective December 1, the Industrial Avenue gate will no longer issue any visitor passes. All visitor passes will be issued from the

main gate only. Security Police plans to have a two-man detail there in order to issue the passes and control traffic.

Security Police also would like to remind all base employees to make sure their vehicle is registered and has a base decal to facilitate access to the base.

Camouflage uniforms to replace Air Force greens

The Air Force green fatigues will be replaced by the camouflage uniform, but Westover reservists will not be issued the new version before 1989, according to the Air Force Clothing and Textile Depot.

In the meantime, the camouflage uniform, officially designated the battle dress uniform (BDU), may be purchased and worn as an optional item. Hot weather camouflage fatigues will be available in limited numbers in the fall at some Army and Air Force Exchange Service military clothing sales stores. Greater quantities are expected

to be available in the late summer of 1988.

The Air Force has notified the Westover Clothing Issue that camouflage fatigues may be delivered to the base in fiscal year 1989 or 1990, said Joan Homon of the facility. Westover members will then be able to trade their green fatigues for an issue of two sets of woodland pattern (temperate weather) and two sets of desert pattern (hot weather) fatigues, she said.

No Air Force policy has been an-

nounced on issue of camouflage fatigue jackets and other items.

The Air Force will begin issuing camouflage fatigues in October, 1988 to basic trainees at Lackland AFB, Texas.

The first shipment of hot weather camouflage fatigues to be sold through AAFES stores will come from the Army's surplus stockpile. The current AAFES prices for hot weather camouflage fatigues are \$14.80 for trousers and \$14.25 for shirt.

John Hancock executive with U.S.S. Hancock time heads national ESGR committee

Former John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance chairman and chief executive officer John G. McElwee became national chairman of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve on Sept. 23.

Brig. Gen. Frederick D. Walker, 439th MAW commander, and Massachusetts ESGR Committee Chairman Stanley Zucker of Longmeadow were on hand in Washington, D.C., when Mr. McElwee was sworn in by Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger.

Three days later, Mr. McElwee met the 54 chairmen of the state and territorial committees which aid Guard and Reserve members by educating employers and mediating employment problems.

The chairmen, along with their staff officers and ombudsmen, were in Washington for the National Capitol Conference of ESGR.

A week later, Mr. McElwee was at Westover to address 439th MAW members during the dedication of "The Patriot."

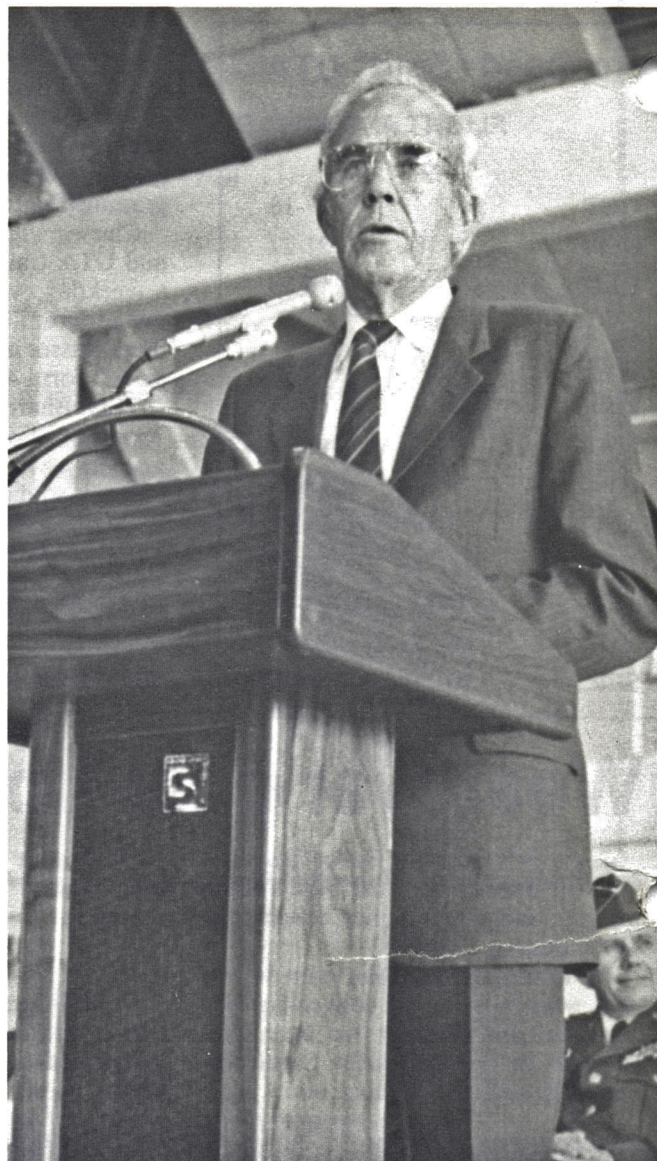
The retired Naval Reserve commander is no stranger to Westover or the Air Force Reserve mission. As a member of the April 1987 "Boss Lift" to Fort Benning, Ga., Mr. McElwee flew with a 337th TAS crew to Westover and was briefed on the C-5A bed-down and mission change to strategic airlift.

The Winchester, Mass., resident is an alumnus of Boston College Law School and completed studies at Harvard Business School.

During World War II, he was a fighter pilot aboard the U.S.S. Hancock and served in five Pacific campaigns.

Following the war, Mr. McElwee entered the John Hancock administrative training program and continued devoting his time as a pilot and commander in the Naval Reserve while he and his wife, Barbara, raised four children.

"Jack is a great guy," said Mr. Zucker. "He's an ideal national chairman because he knows both sides — he's lived both sides — of the employer/Reserve issue. I felt very honored that he came to Westover to be part of the dedication ceremony."



John G. McElwee

(USAF photo by TSgt. Sandi Michon)

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