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AFRES changes enlisted policy for promotions

Robins AFB, GA. (AFRNS) — Starting Jan. 1, Air Force Reserve will no longer promote its people to Technical Sergeant without regard to vacancy. According to AFRES personnel officials.

Unit commanders will be able to promote unit members to Tech Sergeant and one grade over the unit manning document as long as they meet established criteria. Staff Sergeants occupying Staff positions who have completed 12 years satisfactory service can be promoted to Tech, and Techs occupying Tech positions who have completed 20 years or more satisfactory service may still be promoted to Master.

Also, commanders will be able to promote against valid authorized fill list positions in March and September of each year.

Promotion authority for unit vacancy through Master Sergeant will remain with the unit commander. Promotion authority for one grade over the unit manning document promotions to Tech will rest with the unit commander and promotions to Master will remain with Headquarters AFRES.

Additional changes are being considered by AFRES officials.

One change calls for redefining satisfactory participation from a fiscal year basis to a cumulative preceding 12 months. Currently, an individual who has five or more unexcused absences within the current fiscal year is ineligible for promotion.

Another change would alter the minimum satisfactory years eligibility requirements for unit vacancy promotions. Under the proposed change an individual would need six years for promotion to Tech Sergeant, 10 years for Master Sergeant, 13 years for Senior Master Sergeant and 16 years for Chief Master Sergeant.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



HAPPY NEW YEAR



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November UTA changed to coincide with Air Force exercise Proud Saber '82

November UTA for Air Force Reserve units across the nation were changed to the last weekend in October to coincide with the Air Force wide exercise, Proud Saber 82, which began Oct. 25.

The exercise was a 12-day operation designed to test the military service's plans and capabilities to conduct a combined, simultaneous mobilization operation with active, Reserve and ANG components. The UTA weekend was changed to enable maximum participation by all units.

Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen, commander, 439th TAW, in commenting on the exercise, said, "Proud Saber 82

is important because for the first time we were able to check our procedures in conjunction with other Air Force, Reserve and ANG units around the nation. In a time of mobilization, we will not have time to accomplish such a check. Thus exercises such as this one provide us with an excellent double-check of our planning efforts."

Westover's role during the exercise was mainly confined to the wing command post which went on 24-hour, three shift operation for the full 12 days and the communication center which received and sent out the required messages. Personnel from other base units helped out by supplementing the command post staff.

901st and 905th MOBSF Form New Unit

The recent merger of the 901st Mobilization Support Flight into the 905th has put new people in new positions with greater responsibilities.

"The new organization has given us the opportunity to realign some positions and give additional assignments to more people," said Capt. Robert Dutton, the unit's commander. "For example, many of the section NCOICs, rather than the first sergeant, will have more supervisory and training responsibilities.

"We've been planning for the new organization for the past several months. That lead time permitted us to accommodate almost everyone. Ironically, three Reservists who had been considering transferring to active duty did so when the units merged," he added.

Thirty members of the new 905th put the consolidation to the test when they completed their annual training with the 15th Supply Squadron. They worked in base supply at Hickham AFB, Hawaii.

During the October UTA, other members of the unit added an extra twist to their work in Westover's base supply. "When we were in England this past summer we trained with the 48th Tactical Fighter Wing at RAF Lakenheath," said TSgt. Claire Gaudreau, training NCOIC. "They completed their disaster preparedness training wearing chemical warfare ensembles. We duplicated their efforts working in our normally assigned sections. It was difficult, but not impossible, to perform most of our usual chores — that is all but the typing."

BRIEFS

Master Sergeants beware!

Master sergeants beware! Time is running out. Presently, to qualify for your nine-level proficiency you must pass the USAFR Upgrade Examination. After April 1, however, the test will be discontinued. In its place all master sergeants interested in a nine-level rating, will be required to complete the career development courses, ECI, 8A, 8B, and 8C.

"The existing, multiple choice exam gives a composite score for practical supervisory and managerial knowledge," explains CMSgt. Robert Johns, personnel resource manager. "The next and last time we'll administer the test is in March. Anyone interested should check the UTA Training Bulletin.

Lt. Col. Merrill retires

Lt. Col. George L. Merrill, chief navigator with the 731st TAS, recently retired after 31 years of military service.

Colonel Merrill entered the Air Force in 1950 and was stationed at the ACW radar station in Truro, Mass. before entering officer training school. He also saw duty in Bermuda; Charleston, S.C., and Hanscom AFB, Mass., before coming to Westover in 1972.

Colonel Merrill has flown the C-54, C-119, C-124, and the C-123 aircraft, and accumulated over 6,000 hours of flying time.

Lt. Col. Davidson at Det. 5

Lt. Col. Ronald L. Davidson, deputy commander, 1st Aerospace Communications Group, Offutt, AFB, Neb. recently toured Westover's Detachment 5. He presented TSgt. TSgt. Daniel M. Perry with the Meritorious Service Medal and to A1C Leslie C. Callan and SSgt. Maurice J. Bragdon their awards as the unit's Airman and NCO of the Quarter.

'Back to nostalgia'

Over 30 members of the New England Wing of the Flying Tiger Association and their wives took a trip "back to nostalgia" at Westover, Oct. 30.

The veteran Army Air Corps aircrewmen, who served in China during World War II under the 14th Air Force, were guests of the 439th TAW on a half day tour of the base.

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Wing Awards Presented

Col. Day speaks on Patriotism at NCO Dining Out

"The eighth annual NCO/Airman Dining Out is hailed as another great success," said Committee Co-chairman, SMSgt. Raymond J. Gosnell. Over 200 members and guests from the 439th TAW attended the gala event at Westover Open Mess on Nov. 6.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of the annual wing awards. MSgt. Alen B. Misner, 905th WSSF, won outstanding Senior N.C.O. of the Year; TSgt. William E. Grabowski, 905th CAMS, took N.C.O. of the Year honors and A1C John F. Rowan-Stern, 905th CAMS, Airman of the Year. The award for the work center of the year went to the 901st CAMS Reciprocating Engine Shop. MSgt. William Bowker accepted the award on behalf of the shop.

This year's keynote guest speaker was Col. George "Bud" Day, the nation's most highly decorated officer as well as the most decorated military man since Gen. Douglas MacArthur. A former P.O.W. in Vietnam, Col. Day holds nearly 70 decorations and awards of which more than 50 are for combat.

Speaking on "Patriotism Today", Col. Day's comments were well received by those gathered at the club. He praised what he sees as a renewed interest and emphasis on patriotism by our youth and society today.

With Col. Day at the head table were: Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Donald E. Haugen; Col. and Mrs. James P. Thomas; MSgt. Mary Paradise, President of the Mess; CMSgt. and Mrs. Henry Scott; CMSgt. and Mrs. Jack Murdock and Chaplain Bill Hamilton.

The duties of Mr. Vice were handled by TSgt. Charles Lexius, 337th TAS. The colors were posted by the 439th TAW honor guard.

After a prime rib dinner and all the traditional formalities, it was dance time with music provided by The Inner Light.

Committee Co-chairman, MSgt. Peter P. McCavick said, "It was a memorable evening and everybody had a great time and were most impressed and moved by Col. Day's speech."


Among the units well represented at this year's dining out were the 42nd MAPS, 58 MAPS, 74 AES, and 439th CSG.



Col. Day accepts Bunker Hill flag to remember his visit to Westover. (USAF photo by MSgt. Marshall Hathaway)



TSgt. Brian M. Vesper of the 42nd MAPS pins corsage on Kathleen Dunn. (USAF photo by MSgt. Marshall Hathaway)



Promotions Enlistments & Re-enlistments Congratulations

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SMSgt. L.H. Schwechheimer
MSgt. James F. Freer
MSgt. Michael Gallagher
MSgt. James J. Marrone
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TSgt. James A. Beachell
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TSgt. John J. Duffy
TSgt. Lester H. Eldridge
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TSgt. Douglas L. Smith
TSgt. Peter A. Stone
TSgt. Eugene C. Waskiewicz

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SSgt. David M. Clegg
SSgt. Paul E. Cote
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SrA. Paul J. Beauregard
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A1C. Thomas Aurelio

SSgt. Paul Avalos, Jr.
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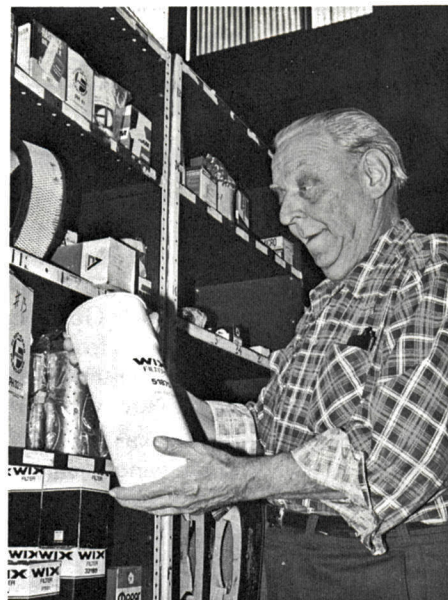
"ALTMAN'S ARMY"

keeps Westover wheels SPINNING

Story by Capt. Rick Dyer
Photos by Maj. Bob Carroll



Amn. Dino Panetta replaces the tail pipe of one of the 439th's fire trucks.



Supply manager Myron Borowski does a rendition of the "Fram" oil filter man.

Their realm extends from lumbering, 27-ton bulldozers to three-wheel bicycles and one-cylinder lawnmowers.

Their arsenal consists of grease guns and socket wrenches, and they command an armada of 286 assorted vehicles.

They are the civilians and Reservists of the 439th CSG Transportation Office and, on the ground at least, they keep Westover moving.

Headed by Dale Altman, a civilian employee, the transportation personnel handle the mammoth task of overseeing all motor vehicle operations at Westover.

More than a motor pool

"We're much, much more than a motor pool," said Altman, and the organizational chart in his Hangar 5 office confirms the statement.

The transportation office is responsible for all driver training and licensing at Westover. Its personnel maintain and repair a potpourri of motor vehicles on base, and operate a fleet of buses, autos and trucks that ferry troops and materials all over Westover.

"If it has an engine and travels exclusively on the ground, then we're involved," said Altman.

Jacks-of-all-trades

The work requires that Altman's mechanics be jacks-of-all-trades. A recent UTA weekend found SSgt. Mike Spinato checking the oil of a forklift, while TSgt. Ray Dupuis repaired the brake drums on an Air Force station wagon.

"We have to fix and maintain everything from cranes and bulldozers to lawnmowers," said MSgt. Leroy Johnson, NCOIC of vehicle operations and maintenance.

His charges do their job well. For the past two years in a row, in fact, Sergeant Johnson's crew has been named the best vehicle operations and maintenance unit in the Air Force Reserve.

Wheels only one aspect

Keeping the wheels spinning is just one aspect of the job. Coordinating when and where they go is another task, and that is handled by the transportation office's Traffic Management section.

"We transport and manifest passengers and cargo," said TSgt. Gerald Vesper, NCOIC of traffic management. "It's the Air Force equivalent of a taxi and trucking service," he added.

... then there's snow ...

Altman, an Air Force master sergeant before assuming a civilian position said that winter is generally his busiest season. "I put on a night crew in the colder months because we have to service snow plows around the clock," he said.

Dealing with snow plows is somewhat of a change of pace for Altman, who previously served as the civilian transportation officer at Andersen AFB, Guam. While employed there in 1979,



A1C Scott Rindfleisch, left, and Amn. Eunice Langlois repair the alternator of an Air Force truck.



"Safety First" is the message that TSgt. Robert Durand stresses when he teaches driver safety courses at Westover.

he was named the Strategic Air Command's Civilian Transportation Officer of the Year.

The transportation personnel met their biggest challenge in August 1981, when Westover hosted the Condor Redoubt exercise.

Condor Redoubt

"We were all working 18 hours a day," Altman recalled. "We were meeting planes around the clock and we were servicing more than 400 vehicles," he said.

Altman and his crew will find their tasks made somewhat easier in December. That's when a new automotive service area, with several new lifts, is scheduled to be opened in Hangar 5.

A PROUD MOMENT

2nd Lt. Thomas B. Schwechheimer will probably never forget his first official act as an Air Force officer.

The young Lieutenant, who reports for pilot training in several months, recently presided at the re-enlistment ceremony of his father, SMSgt. Ludwig H. Schwechheimer, who is superintendent of the 905th WSSF at Westover.

Sergeant Schwechheimer, the 905th's "top cop", is a 26-year veteran of military service. His son, a 1982 graduate of Norwich University, will follow in his footsteps in January when he reports to active duty at Laughlin AFB, Texas.

Looking on while the oath was administered, was Marion Schwechheimer, the proud wife and mother.



(USAF photo by TSgt. Howard Garbarski)

AFRES saves big in energy and money

Out with the old . . .



Roland Ohsborne (left) and Ken Doucette pull out old, drafty windows at the Reserve Recruiting building. (USAF photo by Capt. Philip Weber)

The Air Force Reserve had special reason to observe the Department of Defense's fourth annual Energy Conservation Awareness Week, Oct. 25-30.

"AFRES led all Air Force commands for fiscal 1981 in the percentage of energy reduced from 1975 usage," said

Col. Matthew Cafiso, AFRES deputy chief of staff for engineering and services. "In fact, due to energy conservation efforts, we saved \$12.3 million from fiscal 1976 through 1981. In fiscal 1981 alone, AFRES saved the equivalent of 90,261 barrels of oil."

Westover AFRES leader

Westover can be especially proud of the fact that the base was the AFRES leader in energy conservation with more than 41 percent savings over fiscal 1975 usage.

"With the bad weather we have in the Northeast, we all are very conscious of our personal use of energy," said George Hunter, Westover's base engineer. "We've brought some of the practices we use in our daily private lives to bear in the conservative use of energy on base."

One of the projects at Westover, the insulation of a hangar roof, is projected to save \$16,000 per year and pay for itself in six years.

a different look

But Maj. Gen. Sloan R. Gill, AFRES commander, cautioned that though AFRES energy savings are commendable, a marked increase in energy usage at several bases and a marginal increase at others have taken place.

"Our fiscal 1982 utility funding expenditures have increased by 27.6 per-

cent, from \$5.73 million to \$7.31 million, despite our 30 percent overall reduction in energy usage," General Gill said. "It is readily apparent we must renew our efforts to conserve energy to prevent an even larger portion of our budget being spent on utilities."

. . . In with the new



Joe Petrone (left) and Ken Doucette install new energy efficient windows. (USAF photo by Capt. Philip Weber)

If you drink don't drive

Mass. adopts a tough, new drunk driving law

By SSgt. Gordon A. Newell

Harold W. Voelker, chief of Westover's security police, has some valuable advice for Reservists, "If you drink, don't drive."

With the holiday season fast approaching, Chief Voelker is attempting to make all Reservists aware of a new and much tougher drunk driving law adopted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on Sept. 1.

"We have many Reservists who come here on UTA weekends from out-of-state. They may not be aware of the new law but should know they can get into serious trouble if they are arrested here for drunk driving," he said.

James T. Manning, an official with the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, warns that out-of-state drivers too, will be prosecuted.

"Although we have not yet come up with a reciprocity agreement with other states, we will suspend the right to drive of those individuals convicted under this law."

The new law, (Chapter 90, Section 24) calls for possible imprisonment, fines and suspension of license. In addition, two new offenses, vehicular homicide while driving under the influence of



alcohol and driving while drinking, have been included in the law with tough penalties.

Under the law, first offenders may:

- be imprisoned for up to two years.
- be fined between \$100 and \$1,000.
- have their license suspended for one year (mandatory). A defendant may be placed on probation, a special condition of which will require him to attend an alcohol education program, pay a fee of \$400 and have his license suspended for 30 days. The suspension condition is not available to one who

causes serious personal injury or death to another.

Second offenders may:

- be imprisoned for up to two years, seven days of which is mandatory. Defendants may be placed on probation, a special condition of which will require the defendant to be confined for no less than 14 days in a residential alcohol treatment program.

- be fined \$300 to \$1,000.
- have their license suspended for two years (mandatory).

Third and subsequent offenders may:

- be imprisoned for up to two years.
- be fined between \$500 and \$1,000.
- have their license suspended for five years (mandatory).

In addition, anyone convicted of vehicular homicide while under the influence of alcohol will receive a one-year mandatory sentence and the judge can sentence a defendant up to ten years.

Operating a motor vehicle while drinking alcoholic beverages carries a fine of between \$100 and \$500.

Anyone driving in Massachusetts would do well to take Chief Voelker's advice, seriously.

TSgt. Hoagland Completes NCO Leadership School

TSgt. George Hoagland of the 905th WSSF recently graduated from the NCO Leadership School at Bolling AFB.

The Sergeant was the first Air Force Reservist ever to complete the course in residence.

The Leadership School curriculum included courses in management communications, human resources management, world affairs and military studies. For completing the course, Sergeant Hoagland received four credits towards an associate's degree in criminal justice from the Community College of the Air Force.

In civilian life, Sergeant Hoagland is a special agent with the enforcement section of the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services.

Commander's Call

Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen presented a number of awards during the Wing Commander's Call on Oct. 31.

TSgt. John Madden, 905th CAMS, was presented the Air Force Commendation Medal for his professionalism, technical knowledge and devotion to duty. As a close circuit television technician his expertise in the Weather Briefing System resulted in increased performance and reliability.

Lt. Col. Leon Furr, Jr., 439th TAW, received the Meritorious Service Medal for his outstanding service as Flight Commander and Squadron Pilot. He contributed greatly to the highly successful performance of the 731st TAS.

TSgt. Diane Wise, 42nd MAPS, was recognized as a finalist for the award of Outstanding NCO of the Year 1981 by the Wing Awards Selection

Committee. Her outstanding achievement clearly illustrated her superior knowledge, leadership, professionalism and dedication.

TSgt. Stephen Pothier, 905th CAMS, was awarded an Associate degree in Applied Science in the field of Aircraft Maintenance Technology from the Community College of the Air Force.

Maj. Joseph Butler, **Maj. Walter Cienaski**, **Maj. Valentine Riordan** and **Maj. James Sheridan** were presented diplomas for the Air Staff and Command Non-resident Seminar Program.

TSgt. John Budenas, 905th CAM received his Associate in Applied Science from the Community College of the Air Force in the area of Aircraft Powerplant Technology.

Hernandez runs away with Turkey Trot Race



Competitor's in the men's division get off the mark in the fifth annual Turkey Trot road race. (USAF photo by Maj. Robert Carroll)

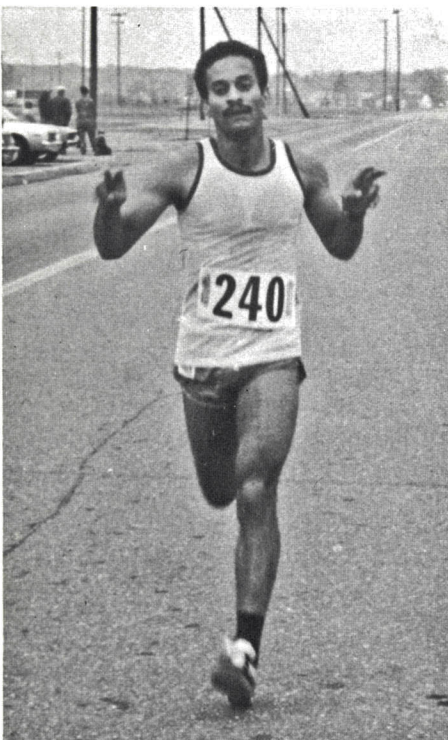
By Capt. Rick Dyer

Celio Hernandez, a stringy, 140-pound running machine from the 905th CAMS, was in a class all by himself Oct. 31 as he demoralized a field of 40 other runners and won his second straight Westover Turkey Trot road race.

Hernandez led the race from the opening gun and finished the five-mile course nearly 700 yards ahead of runner-up Ben Delmonico, of the 74th AES. The 29-year old winner was timed in 26:49, while Delmonico was clocked in 29:07.

"It was a pretty easy race," said Hernandez, who is a technical sergeant with the 905th. "I knew that I had it won after the first half-mile."

Finishing third overall was Dick Hoyt, a major with the Massachusetts Air Na-



Celio Hernandez crosses the finish line in 26:49 to win his second straight five-mile Turkey Trot road race.

tional Guard at Westfield. He covered the distance in 29:45, and won the men's 42-over competition.

What made his feat even more remarkable, however, was the fact that he competed while pushing his son, Ricky, in a wheel chair.

"the Hoyt duo"

The younger Hoyt is a cerebral palsy patient, and the two have competed together in a number of races, including the Boston and Marine Corps Marathons.

The Hoyts won two prizes in the competition, since their joint time of 29:45 earned Ricky first place in the 18-25 age group category.

Judy Haugen was the overall winner in the three-mile women's race, finishing several minutes ahead of her nearest challenger. Mrs. Haugen, the wife of Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen, toured the course in 24:02.

Winner of the girls one mile race was nine year old Tricia Valenzuela who covered the distance in the time of 8:26.

Other Winners

Lance Ayers, a quarter-miler with the Chicopee Comprehensive High School track team, made his first attempt at a longer race a successful one as he won the boys 11-17 age group competition. Lance, the son of Col. and Mrs. Roy

Ayers, set a brisk pace over the three-mile course and broke the tape in 17:52.

Winners by category included: Dean Nalesnik (boy's 6-10); Lance Ayers (boy's 11-17); Tricia Valenzuela (girl's 6-10); Debbie Hackett (women's 18-25); Pauline Leurow (women's 26-35); Judy Haugen (women's 36-42); Faith Longfield (women's 43-over); Ricky Hoyt (men's 18-25); Celio Hernandez (men's 26-35); Ed Gaulrapp



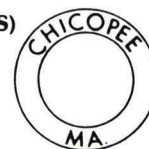
Dean Nalesnik, son of TSgt. George J. Nalesnik wins the boy's 6-10 category.

(men's 36-42) and Dick Hoyt (men's 43-over).

The top finishers in each division won a turkey. The event was sponsored by the Morale, Welfare and Recreation division, with Mike McNicholas serving as race director.

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