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## 439th TAW begins staff college program

Approximately 60 of the wing's officers are enrolled in a new Air Command and Staff College program. The program, a series of seminars, will be conducted at Westover and is scheduled for a mid-January start. It will be one of the first times the program is offered at a Reserve Forces Base. Previously, Air Reserve Force members attended seminars structured around active force personnel.

"The ACSC is one part of an officer's Professional Military Education and can be completed in one of three ways," explains Lt. Col. Edward Lincoln, chief of the wing's Aircrew Training Branch. "Some attended the Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., while on active duty tour. Others complete correspondence courses. The third is the program Westover will offer — the associate seminar program."

The officers participate in 50 two-hour sessions which include videotape replays and class discussion on topics ranging from the world's geopolitical systems to Air Force command and staff functions.

A unique aspect of these seminars is the method of instruction. The students rotate responsibility for preparing and conducting the lessons in addition to completing homework assignments. They, in turn, are supervised by a faculty instructor from ACSC who periodically visits each site. Everyone is responsible also for the successful



**Braving temperatures hovering at 2 degrees and a wind-chill factor of minus 20, TSgt. Richard King and SSgt. Raymond Dupuis come to the aid of a cargo truck's dead battery on Sunday of the January UTA. (Photo by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway)**

completion of terms papers and examinations.

There may be some vacancies in the program. Interested officers should contact Lt. Col. Louis Siroy, the seminar's project manager, at Ext. 3006 during the UTA, or Lt. Col. Arthur Sorenson, assistant deputy commander for operations and the full-time contact person between the Westover program and the ACSC faculty, at Ext.

3973. Application arrangements should be completed through CMSgt. Eugene Longfield, wing training officer.

"These seminars are not 'snap' courses," says Colonel Sorenson. "Rather, it is a program designed around the 'cooperate and graduate' principle, because command and staff work is largely based on the same idea."



## Wing Commander's Message

by Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen

You need look no further than the front page of this edition of the Patriot to get a feel for the increasing value which the Air Force places on professional military education.

The welcome news that Westover officers will soon be able to participate in Air Command and Staff College seminars here underscores the importance of ongoing education for Reservists. It also emphasizes the fact that the Air Force Reserve is committed to providing for its members the same type of educational opportunities which are enjoyed by our active duty counterparts.

It is an understatement to say that ongoing training and education is crucial in our roles as reservists. As our technology expands and becomes more complex, and as the Air Force continues to grow and change, we face the challenge of mastering new skills and concepts. This is true regardless of the rank we hold, or job we perform.

Reservists are afforded numerous opportunities to take advantage of Air Force educational opportunities. They go by various initials — PME, CDC, SOS, etc. — but they all spell career advancement, enhanced job performance and the satisfaction that comes from discovering new vistas and conquering new horizons.

Our education and training personnel stand ready to assist each member of the 439th in taking maximum advantage of every available educational program.

The opportunities are definitely there. It is my sincere hope for 1981 that we will take advantage of them.

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# Actions prove AFRES readiness

ROBINS AFB, GA. (AFRNS) — “The first year of the Eighties was highly successful for the Air Force Reserve team,” said AFRES Commander Maj. Gen. Richard Bodycombe. “Despite tight budget and civilian personnel constraints we managed to prove once again that the Air Force Reserve is ready.”

The Air Force Reserve proved its combat readiness with a 100 percent pass rate for Air Force Operational Readiness Inspections.

Part of that readiness was demonstrated by rescue units which were credited with 105 saves.

Most notable was assistance during the Mount St. Helens disaster in Washington State, the MGM Grand Hotel fire in Las Vegas, Nev., and the home and land fires in San Bernardino, Calif. Flying HH-1H Huey helicopters, crews from the 304th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, Portland IAP, Ore., rescued 61 people from the Mount St. Helens area after the volcano blew its top in May. Members of the 302nd Special Operations Squadron, Luke AFB, Ariz., used their CH-3E helicopter equipped with hoists to pluck 17 people from the balconies of the burning Las Vegas hotel in November.

While others were observing Thanksgiving Day, crews from the 433rd Tactical Airlift Wing, Kelly AFB, Texas, flew two C-130s with Modular Airborne Firefighting Equipment for the U.S. Forest Service, dropping 18,000 gallons of fire retardant over raging fires around San Bernardino.

In other humanitarian efforts, the 920th Weather Reconnaissance Group at Keesler AFB, Miss., logged more than 600 flying hours while tracking six hurricanes.

AFRES also proved its worth by winning the prestigious Maj. Gen. Benjamin D. Foulois Memorial Award for flying safety for the second time in three years. Formerly known as the Daedalian Flight Safety Award, the trophy is given by the Order of the Daedalians to the Air Force major command which has demonstrated the most effective aircraft accident prevention program during the past year.

For the first time in its history, the command also captured the coveted General Carl A. Spaatz Air Refueling

Trophy. The 452nd Air Refueling Wing, March AFB, Calif., won the award for its contribution to Strategic Air Command's worldwide air refueling efforts in support of Tactical Air Command's requirements.

The 917th Tactical Fighter Group at Barksdale AFB, La., received the command's first A-10 attack aircraft in June from the production line. This marked the first time a frontline aircraft has been turned over to Reservists right out of the factory. The 917th TFG will get more A-10s and other units will make aircraft conversions during 1981.

Reservists set another command milestone when a C-141B Starlifter, the new stretched version of the veteran Air Force strategic airlifter, was refueled on a coast-to-coast flight by a KC-135 aerial tanker. In this “all Reserve show,” the C-141B, manned by an all-Reserve aircrew from the 315th Military Airlift Wing, Charleston AFB, S.C., took on fuel from the Stratotanker flown by Reservists from the 452nd AREFW.

Military Airlift Command-gained units continued their worldwide airlift missions by logging more than 145,000 hours, transporting more than 114,000

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passengers and paratroopers and moving 5,200 tons of cargo during the year. Aeromedical evacuation crew members participated with MAC crews in almost 2,000 live missions airlifting more than 60,000 patients.

Other transport aircraft with special equipment sprayed more than 105,000 acres to help eradicate harmful insects.

In October, AFRES placed all MAC-gained aerial port units under 4th and 14th Air Forces and all Air Force Logistics Command-gained combat logistics support squadrons under 10th Air Force to standardize control of these units.

Reserve Prime BEEF and Red Horse units provided 15 percent of the Air Force's total engineering capability, and communications flights spent their annual active duty training tours assisting active duty units at 17 overseas and continental U.S. locations.

In addition to everyday real life missions, the Air Force Reserve participated in its comprehensive exercise, Paid Redoubt, the largest ever held by AFRES. Training in various areas of the world, Reservists also took part in 30 exercises conducted by other commands, including Bold Eagle, Gallant Eagle, Red Flag, Reforger and Coronet Mil. Simulated environments tested the capabilities, tactics, techniques and procedures of Air Force Reservists and multiservice units.

AFRES rescue units vied for honors with representatives from the active duty force, National Guard and other nations in the SAREX '80 international competition. The 303rd ARRS from March AFB, Calif., was the team jumping winner and had the best American jumper.

For the third consecutive year, Air Force Reserve recruiting met and surpassed its congressionally funded manning level. More than 59,000 citizen-airmen were members of the Air Force Reserve during the year.

## How to meet a plastic surgeon

**Don't wear seat belts**

## He's a recruit(h)er Dad



Theresa Perrault "follows in her father's finger prints." He is MSgt. Roger Perrault. (Photo by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway)

by SSgt. John Wallace Spencer

Theresa M. Perrault was a senior at South Hadley High School when she decided to join the Air Force Reserve. Obtaining the facts was simple since her father, MSgt. Roger Perrault, is a 439th TAW recruiter. Sergeant Perrault explained the Bona Fide High School Program which allows high school seniors to enlist in the Air Force Reserve as early as six months prior to graduation. Theresa passed the Armed Forces Vocation Aptitude test and the physical in February and was enlisted by her father.

Beginning in April, Theresa participated in every UTA under the Air Force Reserve Pre-Basic Flight program at Westover. During UTAs as a Pre-Basic or "Pre-B" at full E-1 pay, she attended indoctrination classes,

drills and orientation flights, and became familiar with the Air Force Reserve.

Two months after high school graduation, she left for basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas and then completed seven weeks of Personnel School at Keesler AFB, Miss. Theresa said she was chosen student leader of her class thanks to her Pre-B training.

When Westover Air Force Reservists gathered for their December UTA, Amn. Theresa M. Perrault was a member of the 439th CSG Records Section.

What does Theresa think about all that has happened to her during the past eight months was best summed up on the back of a picture she gave her father. "Dad, I am very proud of myself and of you for helping me into something I am really going to love."

## *A Patriot Profile*

# Chief Harold "Red" Voelker: A Top Cop Who's Tops With Kids

by Capt. Rick Dyer

He has arrested car thieves and drug peddlers in Germany, and dodged rockets and mortars in Vietnam, but some of Harold Voelker's most exciting (and happiest) moments have taken place at the playgrounds and gymnasiums of Chicopee.

Voelker, who is known to his friends as "Red", is the chief of Westover's security police force. A retired Air Force technical sergeant, he has been the base's top law enforcement officer since June of 1978.

He is known as a cop's cop. During his twenty years of active duty, he earned three Air Force Commendation Medals for his work in law enforcement. More recently, he has been cited for his innovations and leadership as the civilian head of the base's security force.

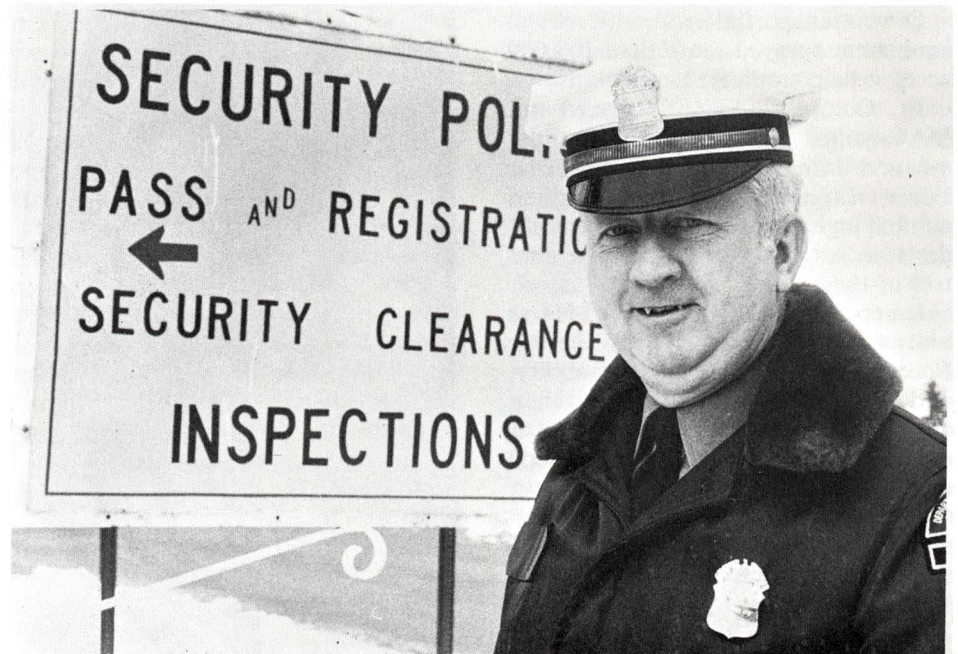
But when you talk with "Red" Voelker about his career and the accomplishments that make him proudest, the conversation invariably gets around to his love for sports and his work with young people.

"Maybe it stems from my job and the fact that I've seen plenty of youngsters in trouble, but I've always loved sports and working with kids," he said. "I believe that athletics can offer something constructive to a kid, and possibly keep him out of trouble."

Because he believes that, Chief Voelker spends much of his spare time involved with young athletic programs in the Chicopee area. A standout baseball and basketball player while in high school in Blackstone, Mass., he now shares some of those skills with fledgling Fred Lynns and Julius Irvings.

For a number of years, Voelker has coached a team of 5th and 6th graders in a local youth basketball league. He's also been involved with little league baseball, and is on the youth committee of the Tiger Athletic Club.

Voelker's youth teams have accounted for seven league or conference championships. While that may not exactly qualify him as a Red Auerbach or Casey Stengel, his charges do have fun.



Security Police Chief Harold W. Voelker stands in front of sign depicting his section's functions.

They also benefit, in more ways than one, from his patient tutelage.

"I stress sportsmanship and the fundamentals of the sport," he said. "I also talk to the kids. If they're interested, I'll tell them about the Air Force and about my experiences." Voelker also lets the kids know that he's available to them if they have a problem, or if they just want to rap.

"I hope it does some good," he said. "If anything I say or do rubs off or helps a kid, then that in itself is a tremendous reward."

The chief has also served for the past two years as president of the Chicopee Comprehensive High School booster club. He works hard at the job, attempting to raise funds for the school's various sports programs. "Some people kid me that I spend more time at the school than some of the teachers do," Voelker quipped.

For most of his adult life, when "Red" Voelker hasn't been carrying a coach's whistle, he's been carrying a policeman's whistle.

He joined the Air Force in 1953 as a security policeman. After assignments

at Parks AFB in California, Hunter AFB in Georgia and the Royal Air Force Station at West Drayton (where he met and married his wife, Audrey), Voelker came to Westover. He served here from 1957 until 1966 in a variety of security capacities, including as a flight chief at the 8th Air Force's "Notch" command post.

From December of 1966 until December of 1967, the chief was an NCO with the 366th Security Police Squadron at DaNang Air Base in Vietnam. His flight was assigned the "Tiger Shift," protecting the base's perimeter at night. He said that while he and his men seldom saw the enemy, they were frequently the recipients of night-time mortar and rocket shelling.

After his Vietnam tour, Voelker served in law enforcement positions at Rhein Main AB in Germany and at Holloman AFB in New Mexico. While in Germany, he helped to break up a car-theft ring, and worked with military and German authorities on several narcotics investigations.

When he retired from active duty in  
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1973, Voelker decided to return to Chicopee. “We loved the area, because it had been my wife’s first home in America, and because all of our kids were born here,” he said.

He joined Westover’s security force as a patrolman in May of 1974, shortly after the Air Force Reserve took over the base. He subsequently earned promotions to sergeant, lieutenant and deputy chief, before assuming his current role.

As chief, Voelker heads a 30-member civilian force charged with the day-to-day security of the base. He also works closely with Westover’s reserve law enforcement and weapons security personnel.

The chief has been cited for his efforts in implementing the base’s “Stop Loss”, “Crime Stop” and traffic safety programs. He has also earned the praise of Col. J. Frank Moore, base commander, for his work to promote cooperation between base officials and

the law enforcement agencies in surrounding communities.

Because there is concurrent Federal and local jurisdiction for violations on the base, Westover’s police officers have been made special officers of the towns of Ludlow and Chicopee. To foster communication and good relations between base police and their local counterparts, Voelker is an active member of the Western Massachusetts Police Chiefs’ Association.

Chief Voelker said that he wants to expand the base’s crime prevention and property programs in the near future. He’s also hopeful that a new fence around the base’s perimeter, slated for construction in 1982, will help to reduce unauthorized entry and vandalism.

“My biggest wish is that people who live or work on base would call us at once if they note anything which seems suspicious or dangerous,” Voelker said.

Since joining the force at Westover, the 47-year old law enforcement veteran has also pursued his higher educa-

tion. He earned his associate’s degree in police science from Springfield Technical Community College several years ago, and is presently taking additional college courses in security management.

Chief Voelker lives a “stone’s throw” from the base at 25 Fletcher Circle in Chicopee. His interests in young people, and the type of example he sets for them, are also apparent there. In fact, all of his three children, in one way or other, are following in his footsteps.

His 23-year old daughter, Darlene, studied sociology at Brigham Young University and is currently taking pre-law courses there. His son Gary, 21, is an Air Force sergeant stationed in England. And his youngest child, John, 16, is a star athlete at Chicopee Comprehensive, where he plays soccer, basketball and baseball. “He’s a better athlete than I was at his age,” the chief admits.

That may be true. But anyone who knows Red Voelker would tell you that John’s had an excellent coach.

## *Air Force Reserve units will support shuttle launch*

McCLELLAN AFB, Calif. (AFNS) — When National Aeronautics and Space Administration space shuttle flights begin, the Air Force Reserve will play a key role. Reservists will recover the booster, provide backup astronaut recovery at the launch and landing sites and stand by for recovery at an alternate touchdown point.

The 305th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, Selfridge, ANGB, Mich., will help recover the booster. HH-3 helicopters from the 301st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, Homestead AFB, Fla., will provide backup recovery support at the launch site. Touchdown and recovery will be supported by the 303rd Aerospace Res-

cue and Recovery Squadron, March AFB, Calif. All three units are assigned to the 403rd Rescue and Weather Reconnaissance Wing at Selfridge ANGB.

Shuttle-support reservists began training in December for the planned March 14 shuttle launch.

## Tax tips for Reservists

by SrA. Donna Stewart

It’s that time of the year again — we rang out the old and rang in the new, and now it’s time to fill out the tax forms. For Reservists, that also means certain special considerations. There are several tax deductions available to Reservists if itemized deductions are used, according to Capt. Arthur King, 439th TAW assistant staff judge advocate.

Usually, travel to and from the UTAs is the largest expense incurred by Reservists. All members residing outside of the accepted commuting distance are allowed to deduct travel expenses at the rate of 20 cents per mile, as well as toll costs.

Captain King pointed out it is not

necessary to keep toll receipts in order to itemize this as a deduction. The IRS requires “reasonable records” be kept to document expenses in the event of an audit.

By “reasonable records” it is meant you would have to produce pay cards or a UTA training schedule upon request as proof of some deductions. For example, if you claimed travel deductions for 12 months, you would have to produce 12 pay cards as proof for that deduction.

All travel deductions must be filed on Form 2106. Employee Business Expense Report, which is available at local IRS offices and at some banks.

Other deductions, uniform maintenance and the cost of replacing military

clothing, can be itemized under Schedule A of Form 1040. Costs incurred from membership in professional military organizations such as ROA or the Air Force Sergeants’ Association and subscriptions to Air Force Times and other military-oriented publications are also deductible.

The cost of educational courses which are directly related to your AFSC and the travel to and from the place of the course are deductible items. The courses MUST enhance your military career field in order to qualify for deductions.

If you have any question regarding military-related deductions, consult the local IRS office or a tax accountant. Captain King is available to answer any questions, in the Base Photo Lab building 1502, or at Ext. 3160 during UTAs.



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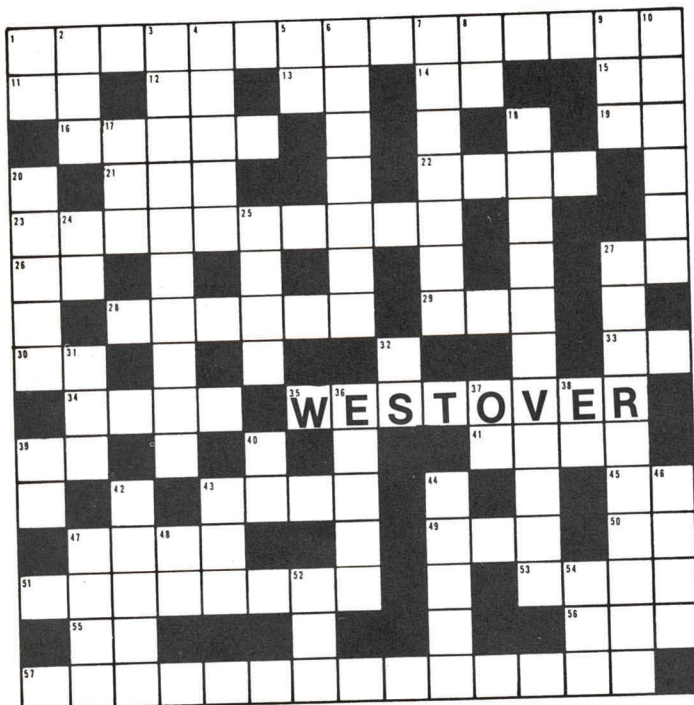
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**Air Force Crosswords**



**ACROSS**

1. Ohio base
11. Abbrev. for each
12. Egyptian sun god
13. Registered nurse
14. Right guard
15. Compass direction
16. N.H. base
19. Elevated train
21. Former Colo. base
22. \_\_\_ Bend AFS, Ariz.
23. Calif. base
36. Former
27. Chief of staff
28. Ga. base
29. A cheer
30. Archaic form of you
33. Active duty
34. Ariz. base
35. Mass. base
39. Whether
41. Plug a tooth
43. Utah base
45. Unit of measure for Column width
47. Golf cry
49. Leather-working tool
50. The "basic" city
51. Wyoming base
53. Consumes
55. Transportation request
56. Received
57. N.C. base

**DOWN**

1. You and I
2. Talk (modern slang)
3. N.D. base
4. This makes waste
5. Public relations
6. Md. base
7. Small lever in firearms
8. For example (Latin)
9. Singular
10. Nev. base
17. Evening (poet.)
18. Ark. base
20. Each and all
24. Hatchet
25. Small metal peg
27. S.C. base
31. Fairy
32. Exists
36. Fla. base
37. Preposition
38. Addition to home
39. Intelligence Quotient
40. Training Instructor
42. Colo. base
43. Belonging to the woman
44. Calif. base
46. Married Airman Survival Training
47. Party
48. Symobl for radium
52. Hearing organ
54. Past

## Briefs

The 731st TAS reaped the rewards of professional teamwork this January. The Fort Benning Airlift Command Element named members from the unit, "Crew of the Year." The men, **Maj. Charles S. Joslin**, **Capt. David J. St. Hilaire**, **Capt. Joseph A. Pitasi**, **TSgt. Paul G. Benson** and **TSgt. Roy C. Menard**, achieved the best overall Circular Error Average in competition against approximately 135 aircrews flying drop missions for the Basic Airborne School at Fort Benning, Ga.

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**Capt. Jack Sanocki**, 905th CF communications operations officer, was the first to join the base gym's "300 Club" when he bench-pressed more than 300 pounds on Sunday, Jan. 11.

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## Traffic violators ante up for big fines

Drivers charged with violating traffic laws at Westover were fined \$3,760 in 1980.

The fines, payable to the federal magistrate in Boston, are the result of 228 tickets handed out by police on base.

The largest number — 86 — were speeding and carried a \$25 fine. Fifty-seven tickets were issued for parking in the fire lanes, and 31 for passing a stop sign.

Destruction of government property and failure to obey the order of a police official carry \$50 fines.

Those who don't answer their tickets promptly face additional action, according to George Halbardier, DOD police captain.

"If there's no response within seven days, a summons ordering them to appear before the U.S. Magistrate is issued," he explained. "If they fail to show up, a warrant for their arrest is issued."

**Col. Gabriel A. Pons**, commander of the 1st Aerospace Communications Group, AFCC, Offutt AFB, Neb., visited Westover's Detachment 5, IACOMMG in December. During his tour, he presented **CMSgt. Ronald F. Feitel**, detachment chief, with the Meritorious Service Medal for his service while stationed at Incirlik CDI, Turkey.

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**Maj. Joy Garland**, 439th Tactical Hospital, is the new president of the Westover chapter of the Reserve Officers Association. She'll be assisted by **Maj. Alan Clune**, 905th CAMS, vice president; **Lt. Col. Walter Holliday**, 337th TAS, secretary and **Capt. Glenn Martin**, 439th TAW, treasurer. The newly-elected officers-at-large are **Lt. Col. Haven Gorman**, 901st CAMS and **Capt. Robert Martens**, 731st TAS.

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Westover will host the AFRES-wide basketball tournament on Feb. 14 and 15. Competing will be 14 men's and eight women's teams. Games will be played at the base gym and at two courts provided by the Chicopee School System. The AFRES tour director is **MSgt. Frank Buchanan**.

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(AFNS) The Secretary of the Air Force has approved a new medal and three new ribbons. **The Air Force Achievement Medal** recognizes service members for their achievements. It ranks below the Air Force Commendation Medal in precedence, and may be delegated for award by wing commanders or equivalent levels. The three new ribbons are: **The Air Force Training Ribbon** awarded for completion of initial training; **The Air Force Recognition Ribbon** awarded to recipients of special trophies and awards as described in AFR 900-29. **The Overseas Ribbon** will be given for completion of an overseas tour.



410 years of military experience are collectively shared by 13 active members of the 439th. Gathered in the Consolidated Open Mess for the commemorative photo are: (front row) **SMSgt. Gaetano Iannuzzo** (36); **TSgt. Vincent Depillo** (33); **MSgt. Donald Chase** (32); **MSgt. Maurice Lafortune** (32); (back row) **MSgt. Arthur Mackintire** (31); **MSgt. Yvon Doyon** (32); **MSgt. Richard Tegtmeyer** (32); **SMSgt. Robert Rose** (31); **Lt. Col. Edward Seilius** (30); **CMSgt. Anthony Palmieri** (30); and **TSgt. Charles Maio** (30). Not available for the photo were **MSgt. Francis Langone** (30) and **MSgt. Merle Smith** (31). (Photo by **TSgt. Marshall Hathaway**)

# Wing commander's call results in variety of awards

Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen presented a variety of awards and decorations at the January UTA Commander's Call, where Reservists of the 439th TAW were recognized for their distinguished achievements.

General Haugen began the ceremony by presenting three Meritorious Service Medals.

Lt. Col. Robert Motley received the medal for his performance as chief standardization evaluation navigator, 337th TAS, and as primary planning officer for coordinating squadron resources.

Lt. Col. J. James R. Swindell, 731st TAS, was cited as navigator instructor and flight examiner.

Maj. Harold L. Lawrence, Jr., now with the 901st CAMS, accepted his medal for outstanding achievement as Commander, 915th Combat Support Squadron, Homestead AFB, Fla.

General Haugen also presented four Air Force Commendation Medals.

Lt. Col. Robert H. Yanney of the 337th TAS was honored for his skill, leadership and knowledge as controller and then chief of the command post, and for his service as assistant chief, 439th TAW Command and Control.

2nd Lt. Wesley T. Carter of the 439th TAW acquired the First Oak Left Cluster for his service as medical technician and flight examiner in the Standardization and Evaluation Section of the 74th AES.

TSgt. Donna M. Schroder accepted the medal for her service as NCOIC, Dental Service, 439th Tactical Hospital.

Another member of the 439th Tactical Hospital, TSgt. Martha C. Shea, acquired the medal for her service as NCOIC, Laboratory Services.

General Haugen recognized the educational achievements of wing members with the presentation of diplomas from the Air Command and Staff College to Lt. Col. Edward F. Lincoln, Lt. Col. Rudolph G. DiLuzio and Lt. Col. Haven D. Gorman. The diplomas are awarded upon recommendation of the faculty, citing the officers' successful completion of the college's Nonresident Seminar Program.

2nd Lt. Jane-Alexis Dooley accepted a Letter of Commendation for her performance at the Armed Forces Air Intelligence Training Center. Lieutenant Dooley was cited for achieving results superior to even those of former pilots and navigators.

As part of the AFRES Awards Program, two members of the 901st CAMS received Certificates for Outstanding Performance from 14th Air Force.

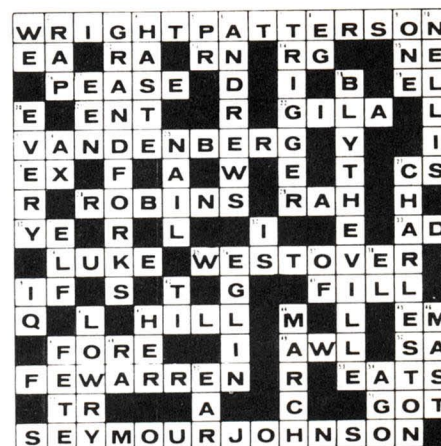
General Haugen presented the certificates to CMSgt. Charles C. Fusco, who was named "14th AF Senior NCO for 1980," and to TSgt. Richard E. Stuka, who was named "14th AF Crew Chief for 1980."

Both sergeants were recognized for their significant contributions to the maintenance of Westover's C-123s.

MSgt. Roger F. Perrault was honored with a letter of recognition from Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Donald F. Haugen, who cited Sergeant Perrault for his outstanding recruiting results during the past fiscal year, earning him the privilege of being named "Wing Recruiter of the Year."

The tables were turned in the final award, as General Haugen accepted for the wing, a Certificate of Recognition from Detachment 1, 1998th Communications Squadron, Niagara Falls IAP, N.Y. Capt. Stephen P. Gross, 1917th Communications Squadron commander at Westover, presented the award to the wing for its sponsoring the installation of a flag at Niagara Falls commemorating the American hostages in Iran.

## Crossword Puzzle Answers



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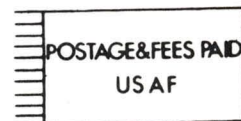
### FY 1981 UTA Schedule

Jan. 10-11	May 30-31
Feb. 7-8	June 27-28
Mar. 7-8	July - None
Apr. 4-5	*Aug. 8-9
May 2-3	Sept. 12-13

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