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## Wing gains eight C-130s; loses 731st TAS

First the good news, then the bad. The 439th TAW's 337th Tactical Airlift Squadron will exchange its eight C-130B models for 16 newer C-130E models in late 1982. However, the wing's 731st TAS will be deactivated and its 16 C-123K Providers transferred to a storage facility at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. The squadron will later be reactivated with eight C-130Bs at Peterson AFB, Colo.

"The conversion is part of an Air Force-wide modernization program. Air Reserve Forces are receiving newer equipment as called for in the Total Force policy," explains Brig. Gen. Donald W. Haugen, wing commander. "The 439th soon will have the newest C-130 in the Air Force Reserve inventory.

"It is unfortunate that we're losing the 731st flag. But the expanded 337th and other wing units should be able to accommodate everyone through cross training and normal attrition," he continued.

The E models were built in the 1960s and have a longer range and improved flight instrumentation over the present B models.

The Air Force Reserve also announced the inactivation of the 442nd TAW at Richards-Gebaur AFB, Mo. with its C-130Es. A tactical fighter group will be formed with 18 A-10 Thunderbolt fighters. Elsewhere, the 926th Tactical Fighter Group, NAS New Orleans, La., will convert from 18 A-37 Dragonfly fighter-bombers to 18 A-10s.

The transfer of the 731st continues

a unit history begun in 1942 when the squadron was formed as the 331st Bombardment Squadron (Heavy). During World War II, its B-17 bombers flew from England and earned two Distinguished Unit Citations.

After the war, as a Reserve unit, it evolved through different names reflecting different missions in New Jersey, Georgia and Illinois.

In 1957, it became the 731st Troop Carrier Wing at Hanscom Field. In response to the Cuban missile crisis, the squadron was recalled to active duty flying C-119s. In 1966, the 731st converted to C-124s and in 1972 they received the C-123 Providers.

The 731st relocated to Westover in Sept. 1973 with the 901st Tactical Airlift Group. They joined with the 905th TAG and its 337th TAS to form the 439th TAW.

The squadron's C-123s have been an integral part of Air Force tactical airlift since 1955. From its original design as a post World War II, all metal assault glider, the plane was modified to include reciprocating engines and later J-85 jet engines for short takeoff and landing operations. The Providers saw extensive action in Vietnam.

Presently, only Westover and Rick- enbacker ARB, Ohio are flying these aircraft.



Members of the 58th MAPS palletize cargo during the February UTA, garbed in chemical warfare gear.

## Protestor arrested following runway incident

A lone demonstrator, protesting American aid to El Salvador's government, was arrested on the Westover runway on Thursday, Jan. 15. Gary Beaulieu, 28, of Chicopee, allegedly chipped a 9" x 14" hole in the 05 run-

way with a hammer and chisel.

Frank Leaf, of the base civil engineers, spotted the trespasser and notified tower personnel. Base Security Police made the arrest.

In district court, Beaulieu claimed

innocence of malicious damage of government property over \$100. His case was continued.

No flights were affected. Civil engineers were able to repair the minor damage.

## Improvements in reserve pay being implemented by AFAFC

DENVER (AFRNS) — ARPAS, JUMPS, EFTS, LESs and SURE-PAY are all part of a streamlined pay system for Air Force Reservists. In addition to insuring accurate, prompt pay during peacetime, the Air Force Reserve Pay and Allowance System will convert swiftly to pay Reservists mobilized anywhere in the world.

Paid Redoubt '80, AFRES' largest mobility test last summer, and a survey done by the Air Force Accounting and Finance Center, proved the impossibility of properly transferring all Reservists from ARPAS over to the active-duty Joint Uniform Military Pay System during a full mobilization.

The solution was to have the capability to switch Reservists from the

ARPAS to JUMPS by computer with no mobilization processing line. Information needed to properly pay Reservists when mobilized is now being gathered from field payroll offices for loading into the finance center computer.

By the time AFRES conducts Concor Redoubt 81 in August 1981, the center expects to produce Leave and Earning Statements showing what each Reservist would be paid per month if called to active duty. Reservists will be encouraged to review the form and make necessary changes through their ARPAS payroll office.

A by-product of the realignment of the ARPAS was to switch to the same pay cycles as JUMPS, i.e., mid-month and end-of-month only. This switch

was effective Nov. 15, 1980. This change also permits availability of SURE-PAY, a program to permit Reserve pay to be sent directly to banks, with LESs mailed to the Reservist's regular address.

This system uses the Federal Reserve's Electronic Funds Transfer System to get Reservists' money to their financial institution, avoiding loss or delay. Reservists have the option of selecting SURE-PAY on a continuous basis, or for periods of mobilization only.

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**How to get  
a new nose**

**Don't wear  
seat belts**



"STOP" is what it means when SAC's B52s are on Westover's flight line during Global Shield exercise.

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# ASK THE IRMAN

During the February UTA, SrA. Donna Stewart of the Public Affairs Office asked several Reservists: "What is the most exciting or rewarding event in your Reserve career?"

**SMSgt. Henry J. Scott, 439th CSG** — "The most rewarding experience in my Reserve career was having the opportunity to attend the Senior NCO Academy — being accepted as a Reservist in a predominantly active duty school."

**SSgt. Fred Fleming, Jr., 905th CEF** — "The most exciting event for me was going to Hawaii last year for my annual tour. My unit went there to renovate an air terminal."

**TSgt. David Lapa, 905th CAMS** — "There have been more than a few — I think visiting the children at the Shriner's Hospital was my most rewarding experience because it gave me a chance to bring a little happiness to incapacitated children; I found it very rewarding."

**SSgt. Denise Nash, 439th Tac. Hosp.** — "Being a part of the Reserve has been very rewarding for me. I feel like I'm doing something worthwhile for my country, and that's a good feeling."

**SSgt. Robert A Patzelt, Sr., 731st TAS** — "The opportunity to fly, has been the most rewarding and exciting for me."

**TSgt. David Vandal, 439th TAW** — "Giving of myself — any organization is only as good or bad as the people that comprise it. I'm proud to be a part of a good unit."

## Westover active in large exercises

Westover Reservists participated in two exercises including the largest-ever strategic exercise recently and will be part of a third later this month.

Westover personnel provided host and support services for the huge SAC exercise, Global Shield 81 in February. The base was designated a "dispersal base" during the exercise.

Global Shield 81 included SAC units in the United States, selected Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard units, components of the Navy and Marine Corps and elements of the Canadian forces. The exercise involved more than 100,000 people and 800 aircraft at more than 70 locations in the U.S. and Guam.

At Westover, seven KC-135 aircraft and 70 SAC personnel arrived to await the order for simultaneous deployment with nearly 400 other aircraft at various locations.

Col. James P. Thomas, deputy commander for operations, said Westover provided airfield support as well as fueling, messing and vehicle transpor-

tation services for the SAC members during their stay.

Colonel Thomas noted Westover was designated as a dispersal base for purposes of the exercise only.

Another exercise, Condor Pegasus, a self-generated unit exercise, involved all the wing's C-130 units and was held Feb. 27 to March 1 at Duke Field and the Elgin Range Complex in Florida.

Approximately 19 C-130s launched from six bases, proceeded via a low-level route to an actual personnel air-drop south of Montgomery, Ala.

Two C-130s from Niagara carried 110 members of the Canadian forces on the same day and airlanded the forces at Duke Field.

Border Star is the third exercise. It is scheduled for late March with Westover providing support and airfield facilities for deployment and redeployment of the 101st Tactical Fighter Squadron to an exercise site in the western United States. Twenty C-141s will be used in the exercise.

## Officers' dining out scheduled for April

The Knights of Columbus Hall on Memorial Drive in Chicopee will be the scene of this year's Officers' Dining Out, Saturday evening, April 4th, during the April UTA.

The formal dinner function is open to officers of the 439th TAW, members of the Reserve Officers Association and their guests.

According to 2nd Lt. Wesley T. Carter, arrangements have been made with area motels to offer special military rates for persons expecting to be in the area for the ceremony.

Lieutenant Carter advises everyone to make reservations early, by contacting the following members of the Dining Out Committee: Lt. Col. Edward Kosakoski, Lt. Col. Robert Motley, Lt. Col. Joseph Hellauer, Lt. Col. James Swindell, Maj. George Caldwell and Capt. Glenn Martin.

A guest speaker will be selected soon.

The origins of the ceremony began in the Air Corps when Gen. Henry "Hap" Arnold held his famous "wing-dings." The association of U.S. Army Air Corps personnel with the British and their "dining 'ins'" during World War II gave additional impetus for the ceremony's growth in the U.S. Air Force.

## Kumor addresses

### ROA meeting

Mayor Robert F. Kumor, Jr., of Chicopee, addressed the Westover Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association at its monthly meeting during the February UTA.

Kumor stressed the spirit of cooperation which has developed over the years between the base and the local community. "You are important to us," the mayor said.

ROA chapter president Maj. Joy Garland presented an honorary ROA membership card and certificate of appreciation to Mayor Kumor, who is a former captain in the Marine Corps.

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**All photos in this edition of  
The Patriot  
by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway.**

## Social Actions efforts take on added role

by MSgt. Larry Lentz

Social Actions, long associated with classroom training in alcohol and drug abuse and interpersonal skills, is taking on a new role. Capt. Charles Curci has joined the staff with new goals and new impetus. The new drug and alcohol officer's expertise is based on eight years working with similar programs in the Air Force and as a civilian.

"Our primary role is of education — describing the hazards associated with alcohol and drugs," explains Captain Curci. "We'll continue the scheduled three classes every UTA in our Hangar 3 classroom. We're also going to be as flexible as possible. If 15 or 20 Reservists require Phase I training, we'll go to their unit for a Sunday afternoon session."

The social actions area will be more than a classroom, however. The office is well stocked with pamphlets and other materials available to anyone interested in learning more.

"We also can offer information, one-to-one," Captain Curci continues. "We'll advise anyone seeking help and there will be no obligation."

Captain Curci has been providing information on alcohol for the past four years at Fort Devens. As alcohol and drug control officer, he and the 13



The new social actions officer, Capt. Charles Curci, introduces some of the new social actions programs to Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen.

others on his staff carry out the alcohol counselling programs and the employee assistance program for the base's 7,500 military members, 1,400 civilians and the thousands of their dependents.

The Shrewsbury resident earned a Northeastern University (Boston) degree in sociology and anthropology. Later, during his six years of Air Force active duty at Grand Forks, AFB,

N.D., he completed a master's in counselling from the University of North Dakota. Captain Curci also finished six years in the Navy Reserve and previously was executive director of a halfway house for women alcoholics.

"We are most anxious to help in any way possible. I hope the members of the 439th stop by our office and let us show them how."

## Briefs

(AFNS) Verne Orr has been nominated as Secretary of the Air Force by President Ronald Reagan. Mr. Orr's appointment is pending confirmation by the Senate. Mr. Orr is an adjunct professor at the University of Southern California Graduate School of Public Administration. He is also director of Huntington Memorial Hospital and Huntington Institute of Medical Research, Calif. and a regent at the University of California.

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The President has imposed an emergency building temperature restriction on temperatures for heating, cooling and domestic hot water for government buildings. The restriction re-

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quires that thermostats be set, at AFRES bases, 80°F for cooling; no higher than 65°F for heating; no higher than 105°F for domestic hot water, except where exemptions have been made due to health reasons or special equipment operations requirements.

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The Air Force "Tops in Blue" performed their four-hour show to a standing room only crowd at the Westover Consolidated Open Mess ballroom Jan. 27. The cabaret-style show at Westover was part of the group's winter tour throughout the United States. The production, "81 Music Express" includes Heavy Blue, an eight-piece band that provides backup for two vocal groups — Brighter Shades of Blue and Ebony Blue Express.

## MWR sponsors magic, major movie

A magic and illusion show and a current, critically-acclaimed motion picture are scheduled for the Westover base theater Saturday night of the May UTA, May 2.

The four-person magic show will begin at 6 p.m. and be followed by the movie, Raging Bull, starring Robert DiNiro.

The three-man, one-woman presentation features Bob Fellows, who has performed on television and at various theaters around the country. He is billed as a slight-of-hand artist, comedian, illusionist, escape artist, mimic and mentalist.

Advance tickets, at \$1.75 each, buys admission to both events. The show and movie are sponsored by the Morale, Welfare and Recreation section on base.

## Reserve yearly training requirements are important

DENVER (AFRNS) — Can an Air Force Reservist meet requirements for a "good year" and still have a "bad year?" The answer depends on whether the year is a calendar, a retirement/retention or a fiscal year, according to Air Reserve Personnel Center officials.

For Air Force Reserve purposes, the calendar year simply doesn't compute. It should be erased.

The retirement/retention year (anniversary year), on the other hand, is very important to a Reservist.

For almost all Reservists, the retirement/retention year begins on the date they attained active Reserve status or on the date they most recently returned to active Reserve status. Rarely is this period the same as the fiscal year. Just as the dates of these "years" differ, so do their Reserve requirements differ.

During the retirement/retention year, Reservists must earn a minimum of 35 points, which added to 15 membership points for active reserve participation, gives them a minimum of 50 points and a "good year" credited for retirement. Less than 35 earned points does not qualify as a good year toward reserve retirement.

Too many of these less-than-35-earned-point "bad years" and members may run out of sufficient eligible time to complete 20 good years for retirement.

The fiscal year, on the other hand, carries special requirements of its own for Category A, B and D Reservists. These requirements are quite different from those of the retirement/retention year. If Reservists earn a "good" retirement/retention year, but miss a "good" fiscal year, they may be blue — as well as no longer being in blue. To stay active in Category A, B and D, Reservists must meet requirements of both types of years.

Category A fiscal year requirements for Reservists include 48 four-hour unit training assembly periods (usually served as a 4-UTA weekend per month) plus a 15-day active tour duty.

For a "good" fiscal year, Category B Reservists must attend 24 training periods, as well as serve a 12-14 day tour — all during the fiscal year period.

## Tour dates vary for Westover Reservists

439th CSG members will serve their annual 1981 tours between now and Sept. 30, with Reservists from some group sections being on hand at Westover for exercise CONDOR REDOUBT 81, Aug. 15 to 29.

Workers at the dining hall, base operations and fuels sections along with certain other AFSCs will provide support services during the largest-ever AFRES exercise planned, according to Lt. Col. Joseph F. Hellauer, Jr., base executive officer.

"Other group members will join

with airmen from other AFRES units to support the exercise," Colonel Hellauer said. "All others may pull their tour any time from now until Sept. 30, after coordinating it with their supervisors."

The 439th wing headquarters section, the 731st TAS, most of the 901st CAMS and selected individuals from other units will also participate in the REDOUBT exercise. Most of the other Westover-based units will hold their annual tours away from Westover.

Category D Reservists must serve a 12-14 day annual tour during the fiscal year.

In short, during retirement/retention year, Reservists must earn 35 points. During the fiscal year, Reservists must serve their annual tour and the required training periods or UTAs.

Finally, if Reservists think they may be headed for fiscal year or retirement/retention year trouble, they should check with Consolidated Base Personnel Office, Records Section, at ext. 3874.

## 337th TAS to take on MIGs

The 337th Tactical Airlift Squadron will be dodging "MIGs" this March, flying combat missions 50 feet over hostile enemy territory.

Fortunately, these MIGs will be American jets, shooting cameras instead of guns.

It will all take place in the skies of Nevada, as the unit deploys to Nellis AFB to take part in this year's Red Flag exercises.

According to Maj. Richard H. Orpheus, the Red Flag exercises use known Soviet air-to-air tactics to simulate a realistic combat environment.

## AAFES expands services at BX Foodland

Luis A. Merced, Westover AFB exchange manager has announced the availability of fresh meat, packaged cold cuts and "deli" service at the BX Foodland, Tuesday through Saturday.

A meat cutter will be on the premises daily for special cuts, bulk orders and party platters.

Eligible patrons should watch for grand opening specials.

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In some refrigerators the switch is located inside and may be called a "power miser" or "energy saver" switch. If you have this model, turn the switch *on* to turn the heater *off*.

# Turn Off -Turn On Savings

Saving energy and money is a matter of discipline.

If you think about energy conservation every day, the actions will become automatic.

Lightbulbs are the easiest thing to turn off.

But there are other items which can be turned off on a regular basis and which will add up to hundreds of dollars of savings each year.

Other good turns-offs are—

- the pilot light on your gas furnaces during the non-winter months; this will put about \$10 a year in your pocket,

# New decal date set for April

by SSgt. John Wallace Spencer

New automobile decals are currently being issued by squadron orderly rooms. The new Department of Defense decal, DD Form 2220, replaces the familiar AF Form 66. Automobiles must display new decals before the April 4th UTA.

Personnel residing in states such as Connecticut, not requiring annual automobile inspections, will not be issued the new stickers until their automobiles are inspected. For inspection information, you are advised to contact your Registry of Motor Vehicles.

The new DOD decals are blue; how-

ever, the Westover AFB tabs are color coded: enlisted personnel, red; NCOs, gold; officers, blue; civilians working on base, green. Others entitled to the new DOD decals are: retired military personnel, Reserve or ANG personnel assigned to units on base, survivors of deceased active duty and retired military personnel and bona fide dependents whose military sponsors are assigned elsewhere.



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## *A Patriot Profile*

# Paul's plane passion prompts publication

by Capt. Rick Dyer

When he was six years old, Lionel Paul's love for airplanes led him to his local library, where he spent hour after hour stalking the stacks for magazines and publications on aviation.

Today, thirty one years later, his affinity for the flying machine remains undiminished. Instead of just reading the aviation periodicals, however, he publishes one.

A Navy veteran who now serves with the 901st MAPF, Sergeant Paul has taken and collected over 40,000 photographs of military aircraft. Two years ago, that hobby led him to publish "Aero 'N' Photo," a periodical which highlights photos and features on military aviation.

"It's just a hobby," said Sergeant Paul, who in civilian life is a licensed electrician and a fireman at the Bay State Medical Center in Springfield.

"I've always loved airplanes and photography, and I would read every aviation magazine I could get my hands on," he said. "Finally, I just decided to start my own magazine."

Sergeant Paul said that "Aero 'N' Photos" published "irregularly" and is basically "a labor of love." "I'm fascinated with the history of military aviation, and we try to do stories and photo features that will tell our readers something unique about various types of planes and the men who fly them," he said.

Not surprisingly, the 901st MAPF uses some of the skills which he displays in his avocation. Among other duties, he serves as his unit's historian and public affairs representative.

The sergeant's personal portfolio includes thousands of photographs which he has taken, and many of those appear in his magazine.

He served on active duty in the Navy from 1964 to 1968. He sailed two cruises aboard the USS Kitty Hawk, and during one the ship was involved in recovery operations for a Gemini space mission. Some of his most dramatic shots were taken at sea aboard the mammoth carrier's flight deck.

In his search to photograph vintage military aircraft, Sergeant Paul travels in his spare time to air shows and mili-



Sgt. Lionel Paul, 901st MAPF, plans his next edition of "Aero 'N Photos."

tary bases throughout the country. He said that he had a "field day" last summer when more than 35 planes were displayed at Westover during the base's open house.

He also augments his collection by swapping prints with other aviation "shutter bugs."

Despite his extensive collection of

photos taken all over the world, Sergeant Paul doesn't have to travel very far to photograph his favorite plane.

"I love all airplanes — if it flies I'll photograph it," he said. "But the C-123K is my favorite. Its durability, and the combination of the propellers and jet engines, make it a classic as far as I'm concerned."

## Wing receives safety awards

The National Safety Council presented 1979 Ground Safety Awards recently, recognizing units for successful Ground Mishap Prevention Programs.

Coming out on top was the 439th TAW's 914th Tactical Airlift Group from Niagara Falls International Airport in New York. The 914th won the NSC's Ground Safety Award of Honor, the highest award presented by the council.

Additionally, the 439th TAW was

also recognized for its achievements, and was awarded the council's Award of Merit.

According to Henry Winter, Westover's ground safety manager, the NSC helps set the standards for ground safety nationwide. Federal Government agencies, civilians and military, compete against their own previous year's safety record. A 10- to 20-percent increase can entitle a unit to one of the previously mentioned awards.

## B-52 operates from Westover on experimental flights

by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway

Members of Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Flight Testing Co. and their "retired" B-52 Stratofortress, have been operating out of Westover since November. Their former test facility at Bradley International Airport was destroyed by a tornado in October 1979. The flight and ground crew includes four Air National Guardsmen and three members associated with the 439th TAW. They are using two nose docks adjacent to Air Kaman Corp. at the Westover Industrial Park.

The three Reservists are Lt. Col. Edward Slattery, a retired 337th TAS pilot, and Capt. Robert Salva, a 337th pilot. Colonel Slattery is a Pratt and Whitney pilot, and Captain Salva, a flight engineer. TSgt. Joseph Orzolek, a test engine assembler, is a 905th CAMS periodic maintenance technician.

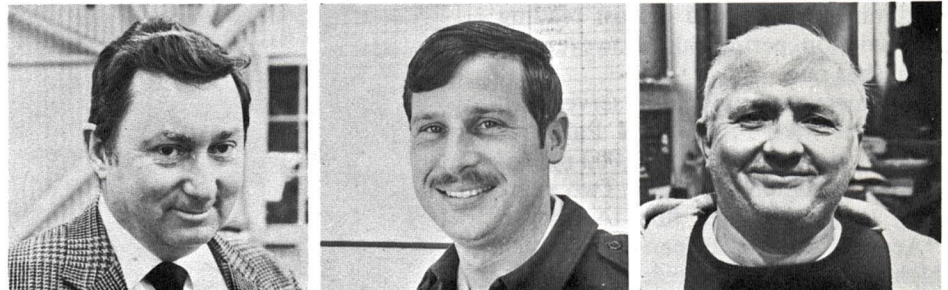
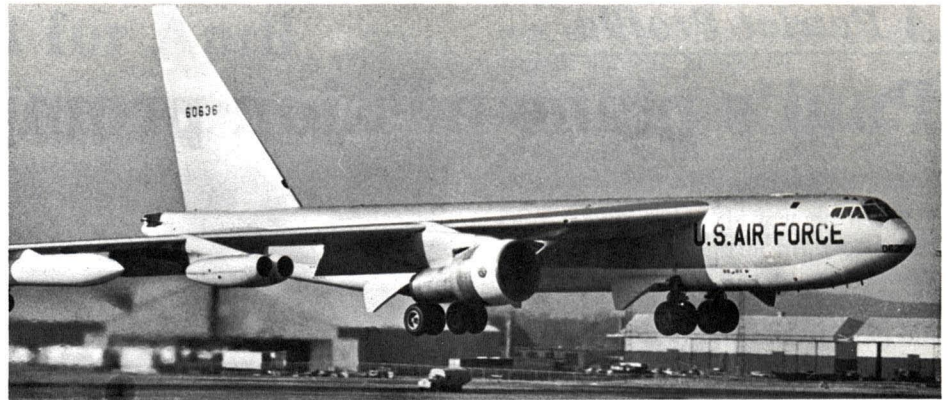
Retired Lt. Col. Stan Hopperstead, a former F-100 pilot with the Conn. Air National Guard's 103rd Tactical Fighter Group, is the chief of flight testing. Other guardsmen are Maj. Kenneth Benson, an A-10 pilot with the 104th Tactical Fighter Group, Mass. ANG, another pilot; TSgt. Kenneth Ryer, also with the 104th TFG, is an electronics technician and SSgt. Jerry Cauley, a 103rd CEF firefighter, performs similarly with Pratt and Whitney.

The men are testing a commercial engine designed for Boeing 747s. Mounted on the B-52's right wing in place of its inboard jet, the engine dwarfs the aircraft's traditional engine. Men easily stand in its intake.

The Stratofortress' weekly flights help determine the engine's stability and air start capabilities. Because of the great difference in thrust, piloting is tricky.

During takeoffs, power adjustments are critical. When the engine is shut down in the air, the pilots must compensate for the large amount of drag created.

The B-52, leased from the Air Force, is a good test vehicle because of its air-speed and altitude capabilities, according to Captain Salva.



A B-52 now calls Westover "home." Three crewmembers with 439th TAW ties are from left, retired Lt. Col. Edward Slattery, pilot; Capt. Robert Salva, flight engineer and TSgt. Joseph Orzolek, test engine assembler.

## Airmen honored at commander's call

Three 439th TAW members received the Air Force Commendation Medal at the February Commander's Call award ceremonies. The medals were presented by Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen.

Maj. Roy E. Mathis, 439th CSG, was cited for meritorious service as an executive support staff officer while attached to the 928th TAG, Chicago. His management of the mobilization augmentee utilization program and the mobility transportation control unit led to high ORI ratings for the 928th TAG.

TSgt. Arnold L. Martin, Jr. and SSgt. Peter R. Kingsbury, 901st WSSF, received the medal for identifying problem areas and for developing research projects to solve those prob-

lems.

An Associate Degree in Applied Science from the Community College of the Air Force was awarded to SSgt. Arthur A. Gutierrez, 905th CF. The degree was in the area of wire communications systems technology.

Sgt. Howard A. Shaw and AB John A. Gilbert, 439th Law Enforcement, both received certificates as honor graduates from the Air Force Security Police Academy's law enforcement specialist course.

A 14th Air Force Certificate of Achievement was presented to SSgt. Ann Meyers Roberto, 439th CSG. Sergeant Roberto had been nominated for the 14th AF Administration Technician of the Year.

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