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Wing earns high marks in capability evaluation

by Capt. Rick Dyer

The armed sentries outside the command post, the olive drab mobility lines and the constant whine of aircraft engines seemed to tell the story.

The 439th TAW was mobilizing—or at least it appeared that way.

In actuality, Westover became one large testing site on May 2 and 3 as the wing took stock of its strengths and weaknesses during a Combat Capability Evaluation.

A team of evaluators from the 914th Tactical Airlift Group, Niagara Falls, and the 302nd Tactical Airlift Wing from Rickenbacker ANGB scrutinized every facet of the wing's performance during the simulated mobilization. The idea behind the drill was to provide the unit's commanders with an idea of just how ready the 439th TAW would be in time of war of other emergency.

When the results were in, wing officials were pleased with the unit's superlative performance during the CCE.

"The 439th has demonstrated again its excellent preparation and capability for performing its wartime mission," Col. James P. Thomas, deputy commander for operations said. He noted the wing received perfect scores in such areas as short field landings, maintenance reliability, security awareness and aircraft deployment reliability.

"A CCE is an important management tool because it enables us to gauge where we are strong and where we need improvement," Colonel Thomas continued. "It also allows us to test ourselves before we undergo external evaluations, such as an Operational Readiness Inspection."

During the Saturday of the UTA, the flying exercises were held. The wing's flying squadrons, the 731st and 337 TASs, put 14 C-123s and five C-130s into the skies for tactical missions. Despite adverse weather conditions, the flying units performed flawlessly in several airdrop categories.

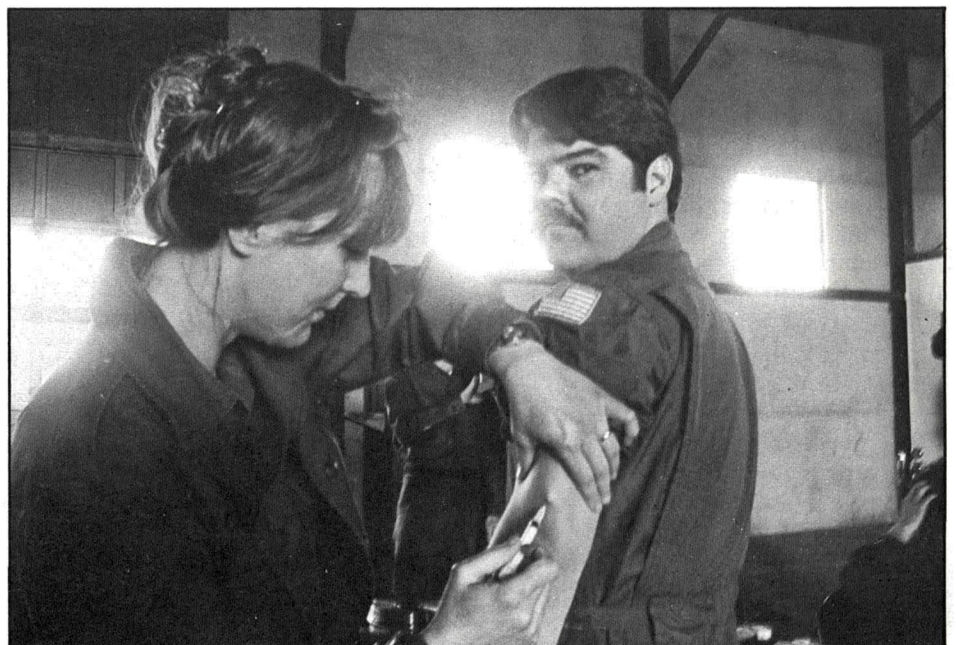
Under the scenario for the exercise, two fictitious countries, Nova and York, were embroiled in a border conflict that escalated into a full-scale war. The Westover airmen faced the mission of supplying Nova troops along routes that exposed the aircraft to extensive danger from hostile fire.

The aircraft and mission commanders were constantly available for

radio contact with the command post, where a crisis action team led by Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen, wing commander, monitored the situation and planned strategy. There was also ongoing coordination between the operational personnel in the command post and all wing staff agencies.

In order to successfully perform the tactical airlifts, extensive intelligence input was used. "The cooperation between intelligence and operations was one important aspect of this exercise, and I think we worked together very well," said Maj. Anthony Zilinsky, wing intelligence officer.

The missions turned the aerial port, (continued on page 2)



SSgt. Susan Cotnoir, 439th Tactical Hospital, updates the shot record of TSgt. Richard Es-selen, 337th TAS loadmaster. (Photo by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway)

Wing CCE . . .

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maintenance and flying squadrons into beehives of activity. The weapons



SSgt. Marguerite Schoonover, 439th CSG Records Section chief, explains the emergency data card procedures to Amn. Monica Dragone, recreation services apprentice. (Photos by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway)

systems security flights provided increased security throughout the base and at one point, a security response team with M-16s surrounded the wing headquarters building to thwart a potential attack by infiltrators.

One security force member, SrA. Brendan Finn, 901st WSSF, drew special praise from the evaluators who cited him for his fine attitude, job knowledge and proficiency.

SMSgt. Dale Davis, a 355th TAS loadmaster from Rickenbacker, noted in his evaluation that aircrew coordination was excellent.

On Sunday, fatigue-clad troops, clutching duffle bags and immunization cards, streamed through mobility lines as they waited to board the aircraft lining the flight lines. Forklifts and trucks ferried pallets of cargo to the waiting C-123s and C-130s.

"We attempted to make it as realistic as you can make a drill of this type," said Colonel Thomas.

"Although there is always room for improvement, I was extremely pleased with the results," he added.

Leading the evaluation team was Lt. Col. Thomas Wooster of the 914th TAG.

Westover will get a chance to reciprocate for the assistance of the Niagara airmen when the 439th TAW sends an evaluation team to the 914th TAG for a CCE there Sept. 11-13.



A flatbed truck backs in for loading with TSgt. Frank Collins, senior vehicle operator at the controls.

Air Force parent begun 40 years ago

(AFNS) The time was June 1941. France had been in Nazi hands for almost a year. England had survived the 12-month air Battle of Britain against the German Luftwaffe as a thwarted Adolph Hitler turned his thirst for conquest toward the Soviet Union.

Recognizing the growing threat to America, President Roosevelt asked Congress to bolster the nation's air power by 50,000 planes. To ensure best use of the weapons, he approved consolidating the Army Air Corps and the Air Combat Command into a single flying unit—the Army Air Force.

The Army Air Forces quickly showed the value of air power. In 1943, the War Department, the Defense Department's predecessor, announced that, "Land power and air power are co-equal and interdependent; neither is an auxiliary to the other."

Though some national leaders called for a separate air department, a major shakeup in military structure was not done for fear it would harm the war effort.

By the war's end, air power's importance to military operations had been

proved from Europe to Asia.

The effort to establish a department for aviation continued—ending in establishment of the Department of the Air Force Dec. 18, 1947.

And it all started 40 years ago.

And Westover AFB was dedicated on April 6, 1940.

Westover has Supply Man of the Year

14th Air Force recently awarded to newly promoted TSgt. James I. Faye, the Supply Man of the Year award. Faye is both civilian and Reservist warehouse inventory control foreman in charge of clothing retail supply, retail sales and all tools on base. His name has been recently submitted to HQ AFRES for even higher consideration. Mr. Thomas Bevan, customer support officer for the 439th CSG and Mr. Faye's supervisor, praised him. "He is a definite asset to us and is a credit to the Air Force Reserve."

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Running Reserve

“Health Trail” scheduled for Westover

Joggers should experience a little extra fun in the sun this summer, as a two-mile health course, complete with exercise stations, is scheduled to be built at Westover.

According to Mike McNicholas, base recreation supervisor, the course is to be built in the area south of the base theater, by personnel from the Civil Engineers and the gym recreation staff.

“The area is ready made for it,” noted Mr. McNicholas. “There are no major roads running through the area,

and existing entry ways can be easily blocked for safety’s sake.”

An estimated 21 exercise stations will offer various equipment, enabling participants to perform a variety of exercises.

The stations will have instructions relating to the particular exercise, and how individuals may gauge their performance.

The course is the result of a program initiated and funded by Headquarters, Air Force.

731st TAS flies to chemical warfare training

Their flight plan was routine. Leave Westover for Pope AFB, N.C. on March 16. From there, fly to Rickenbacker ANGB, Ohio, where a 500-pound CDC bundle would be unloaded and then reloaded while their C-123 was refueled. A return trip to Pope before their flight home on March 19 would complete their journey.

Their plane, however, carried an extra 731st TAS crew and a medical observer/evaluator, Lt. Col. (Dr.) Warner Jones, 439th Tactical Hospital commander.

What also was not routine was the crew’s uniforms. They wore Air Crew Chemical Defence Ensembles and were part of a Military Airlift Command chemical warfare training exercise involving more than 200 active duty and Reserve personnel.

“Their objective was twofold,” explains Capt. Peter Eiche, 731st TAS pilot. “The air and ground crews experienced the protective garb’s restricting and somewhat uncomfortable characteristics. It would be the same dilemma faced if in an actual chemical warfare situation. The other purpose was to evaluate the suit and recommend modifications.”

The crew in the special clothing was Capt. Kevin Wentworth, Capt. Lawrence Mercker, Lt. Col. George Merrill, SSgt. Bruce Szepelak and SSgt. Richard Wojtowicz. They were sup-

ported by Captain Eiche, Capt. Stephen Morrison, MSgt. Donald MacGillivray and TSgt. Victor Park.

“Fortunately, it was a cool day,” comments Captain Wentworth. “If the weather had been warmer, it would have been more difficult. Then, you just have to pace yourself.”

Brief

Capt. Charles Curci, drug and alcohol control officer with the 439th TAW social actions staff, recently conducted a drug awareness seminar for seventh and eighth graders at St. George’s School in Chicopee.

Unit aircraft “take to the road”

439th TAW aircraft have been highly visible this Spring as the unit participates in a wide variety of open houses and air shows for the public.

The 104th TAG, Mass. ANG, invited the 439th to exhibit at their open house on May 3. A 731st TAS C-123 transported the West Point Band, then joined another C-123 and a C-130, the other aircraft on display.

On May 16, three 731st C-123s were to be in a flyover over the Armed Forces day parade in Southbridge, Mass., while in Niagara Falls, N.Y., a three-ship formation of C-130s of the 914th TAG would support similar activities.

The 439th would then appear in Pennsylvania shows. Two C-130s from the 911th TAG were scheduled for the Memorial Day program in Monassen on May 23 and then join the celebration on May 25 in Hookstown.

The University of Georgia (Athens) Aircraft Open House/Air show on May 30 included a Westover C-123 on display. The organizers also had an additional request: the participation of a special guest pilot and Georgia alumnus, Maj. John Harris, 731st TAS pilot.

Finally, a C-123 and C-130 were set to be on display at the Southbridge, Mass. Lions Club Air Show on June 6 and 7.



Magician Bob Fellows levitates **Miss Lisa Busky** during his complimentary magic show at the base theatre, Saturday evening, May 2. His assistant is **Jacque Rohrs**. (Photo by SSgt. Howard Garbarsky)

There'll be no doubt about REDOUBT

by MSgt. Larry Lentz

There's a story behind the upcoming CONDOR REDOUBT headlines.

It's the story of the extensive planning and attention to detail required by the largest Air Force Reserve exercise in history.

The CONDOR REDOUBT exercise will be staged at Westover August 15-29, and planning for the mammoth readiness test has been going on for almost a year.

The preparations began in September when Maj. Gen. Richard Bodycombe, AFRES commander, decided to hold the fifth REDOUBT exercise and assign overall responsibility for the major portion of the project to the 14th AF. It has designated the 439th as the host and as the primary planning agent for employment activity.

Westover, and its temporarily created 414th Composite Wing, commanded by Brig. Gen. Donald Haugen, will be the center for all Air Force Reserve employment activities within the northeast theatre of operations. The area stretches from the base to Goose Bay, Canada to the Azores.

Westover's active involvement began in October under the jurisdiction of project manager Col. James Thomas, deputy commander for operations.

A series of planning workshops and conferences was held at AFRES Headquarters and then at 14th AF Headquarters. In 1981, workshops took place at 14th AF and at the 908 TAG at Maxwell.

First planning session

The primary planning session took place at Westover on February 3 and 4. "For the first time, all the planners were in the same room. More than 62 representatives came from the Army, the FAA, the Air Force and the Electronic Systems Division, AFRES, the 4th, 10th, and 14th Air Forces, the 908 TAG, the 302 TAW, 433 TAW, 914 TAG and the 439 TAW. "Instead of the many telephone calls and correspondence, everyone talked, face to face, about key opportunities and problem areas needing to be resolved," explained Maj. Robert J. McMillan, the project coordinator. "The conference was highly successful because it was more than an elaborate briefing.

After conversations on the micro level, we divided into workshops and dealt with specific concerns."

Between January and April, Major McMillan had the full time, temporary assignment of writing and coordinating the exercise plans. Since then the planning has been divided between Capt. Kevin Wentworth and Capt. Glenn DeForge. They have been aided by Lt. Col. Leon Furr, Capt. James Gooding, Capt. Richard Couture, Capt. Robert Cole, 1st Lt. Paul Koscak, and TSgt. Marshall Hathaway. Maj. George Caldwell has been the primary planning agent for base logistical support.

They recently completed "Headquarters 14th AF Exercise Plan 004." It runs more than 130 pages and minutely detailed what will occur during CONDOR REDOUBT exercise. For example, page D-4-2-2-1 is entitled "Operating Instruction (OI) for Air Terminal (Deployment/Redeployment)". It is "Enclosure 2 to Tab D to Appendix 4 to Annex D to 14th AF Explan 004."

Administrative support

Even the administrative support to type the many documents was an unparalleled undertaking. Two administrative specialists, the 439th TAW's TSgt. Louise Young and SSgt. Catherine Wilt, on temporary duty from the 914th TAG, spent a total of 25 days steadily typing the original draft.

In addition, a graphics specialist, AIC Patricia Turznik from the 440th TAG at Milwaukee was assigned to the project and helped create the required maps and organizational charts. One map, now being prepared, already has received a lot of attention. It is of the airfield's ramp areas and will be large enough to feature one inch scale model aircraft. During the peak mid-weekend of flying activity, the congested aircraft parking will require the planners to use the special map to safely accommodate 100 plus aircraft.

The intricate planning, however, isn't without its moments of levity and camaraderie. At the end of each planning session, a fictitious "vulturinus gryphus award" is bestowed upon a member of the group for a particularly witty or memorable quote or contribution. Major McMillan received his due "for coining the phrase



re-doubt'a-ble:

Formidable; dread; also, worthy of respect or reverence.

'burr in the tailfeathers' in describing his role as project coordinator." Two weeks earlier, the winning words were offered by Maj. Nino S. F. Nistri. The minutes of that week's planning session report "his delicately witty quote. . . 'Plan for the worst and hope for the best'".

But that is what planning is all about. "Everyone must know, very specifically, what is expected of them and of every office and unit," explains Sergeant Hathaway. "After 11 months of discussions and deliberations, we hopefully will have eliminated any uncertainty about CONDOR REDOUBT."

Father Drucker joins base chaplain's staff

Chaplain (1st Lt.) James Drucker joined the 439th TAW's chaplain staff on May 15.

A former Army enlisted man with six years of active duty, Chaplain Drucker was ordained in 1978. He is the pastor of St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church in South Hadley, Mass.

Westover increases its base billeting capacity

Reservists of the 901st CES and 905th CEF are renovating Building 5105, enabling Westover to billet an additional 600 persons.

SMSgt. Paul Joachim, chief of operations and maintenance, said the dormitory's renovations is in response to the expanding base population during UTAs, and the increase in Reserve and active Air Force training exercises held at Westover.

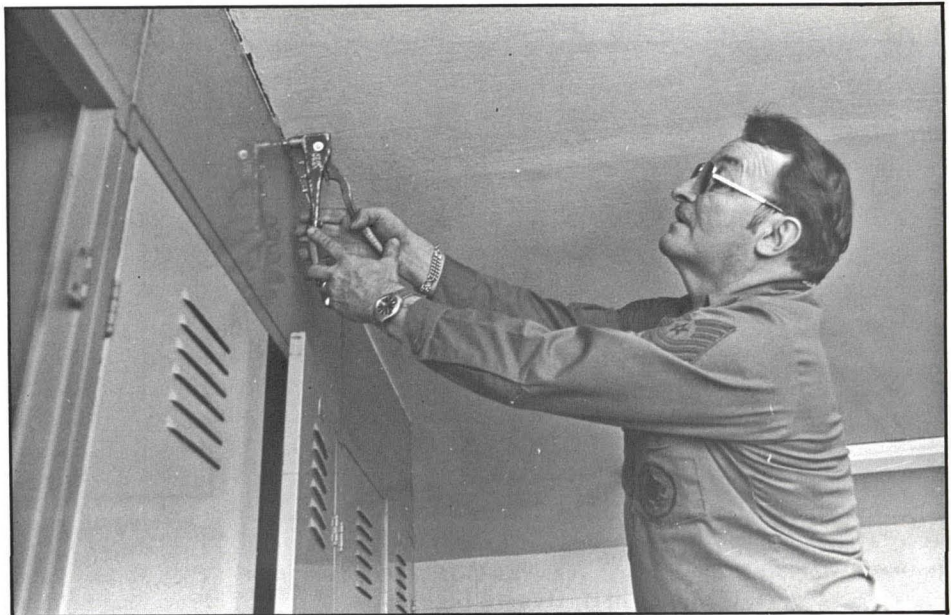
"The opening of the 'dorm' results in a real savings to the government," noted Joachim, "because it reduces the need to contract off-base billets. Previously, we just didn't have enough rooms."

The engineers renovating the dormitory found the project to be larger than anticipated. Originally slated to be completed in a month, the third floor alone has taken that much time.

"You never really know about the problems you'll encounter until you start the job," said TSgt. Albert Drenthe, an electrician with the 901st CES.

The biggest problem was moisture, absorbed by the concrete ceilings when the heat had been turned off in order to conserve energy. "We had to scrape all the ceilings, then apply a sealer before we could paint them."

Up on the roof, members of the 905th CEF fixed a series of leaks which had contributed to the problem.



MSgt. Joseph H. Juaira, 901st CES, repairs lockers. (Photo by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway)

Sergeant Drenthe exhibited another room with ablaze with psychedelic paints. He indicated it would all have to be sealed, and given two coats of paint, before it would be ready.

Plumbing also presented more of a problem than anticipated. In one room, several holes had to be knocked into the concrete wall to locate a burst pipe.

In the lavatories, the plumbing had to be broken down and repacked to in-

sure well-functioning systems.

Sergeant Drenthe, a carpenter in civilian life, noted he had replaced several hollow-core doors with the solid-core variety.

Completion of the renovations is expected by the time CONDOR RE-DOUBT begins this August.

Freitas leaves base for Utah position

SMSgt. Alfred B. Freitas, chief of central base administration, will leave Westover in early June to assume new civilian and reserve positions in Utah.

Sergeant Freitas, who has been associated with Westover since coming here on active duty in 1969, will become an administrative officer with the Air Force Plant Representative Organization. In that civilian position, he'll be assigned to the Thiokol Corporation in Brigham City, Utah.

A member of the 439th CSG since 1974, the sergeant will also assume a new Air Force Reserve assignment as an augmentee for the 10th Air Force staff assistance team.

"We will miss him," Col. J. Frank Moore, base commander, said. "He has done an exemplary job in a very crucial and demanding position."

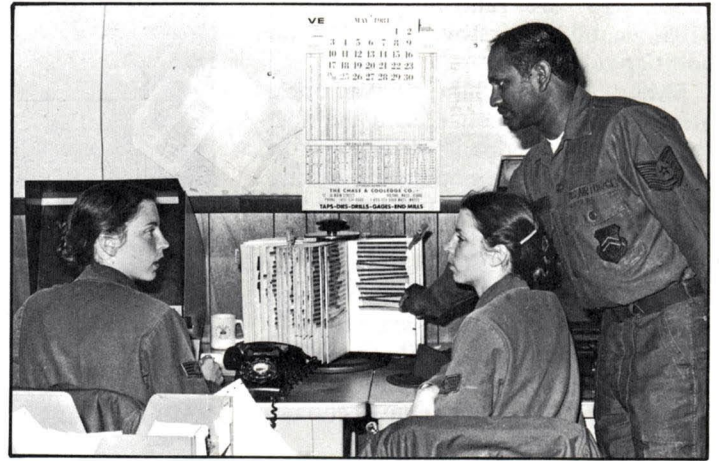


Four new 439th TAW colonels pose for the camera before a reception for them May 2. From the left, Joseph F. Hellauer, Jr., 439th CSG executive officer; Louis Paskevicz, 731st TAS commander; Don V. Williams, 58th MAPS commander and Clarence E. Smith, Jr., 439th TAW assistant deputy commander for resource management. All put their eagles on May 1 except Colonel Williams, whose date of rank is June 1. (Photo by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway)

What's a mobility support flight?



SSgt. Anthony Naylor, left and SSgt. Richard J. Mayette, both of the 905th Mobility Support Flight, remove a C-130 aircraft tire from the WRSK section. (Photo by SSgt. Howard Garbarsky)



Checking of inventory by way of microfiche is an important task. Twin sisters, SSgt. Charron and Carla Letourneau compare notes as TSgt. Hubert Jaundoo, NCOIC of the 901st MOBSF Flight Demand Processing Section looks on. (Photo by SSgt. Howard Garbarsky)

by SSgt. John Wallace Spencer

When a national crisis arises, what units are responsible for providing deployment support to activated West-over units?

What two organizations are ready to supply personnel with mobility bags containing gas masks, canteen kits and other important seasonal field equipment? Whose personnel are trained and prepared to accompany West-over's flying units to mobilization assignments with War Readiness Spares Kits containing a thirty-day supply of aircraft parts? What organizations have personnel trained in a broad range of career field including transportation, auto mechanics, refueling, food services, disaster preparedness and nearly every section of supply?

The answer is the 901st and 905th Mobility Support Flights — a diverse group of highly-trained people. During UTAs, the mobility personnel work side-by-side with 439th Combat Support Group units and functions.

Their productive peacetime missions include duty assignments in numerous career fields such as Base Supply (inventory and material management specialists) Refueling (aircraft and vehicles) Transportation (drivers and mechanics) Food Service (cook and bakers) and Disaster Preparedness (team chiefs). Under this diversified environment, mobility personnel gain valuable on-the-job training, actual experience and the expertise for rapid de-

ployment.

Another means of broadening the knowledge of the MOBSF personnel is the performance of annual two week active duty training with Air Force organizations throughout the world. The commander of the 905th Mobility Support Flight, Major John F. Roach stated, "Westover's mobility flights have been deployed to Howard AFB, Panama in 1978 and to McDill AFB, Florida in 1979 and again in 1980 for annual active duty training.

As an important part of this year's training, 24 members of the 905th MOBSF went to RAF Station Bentwaters, England while 23 people of the 901st MOBSF were deployed to Aviano Air Base, Italy. In every instance both units received outstanding plaudits for their performances."

The ability of the 901st and 905th Mobility Support Flights would be called upon in the event of mobilization. Members of each flight would be recalled to their respective parent units to rapidly prepare for departure to predetermined air bases. Upon arrival at gaining installations MOBSF personnel will be ready to augment various base functions or, if needed, establish self sufficient mini-bases. Within a few days supply lines should be instituted providing food, supplies and equipment necessary to carry out assigned missions.

Capt. Robert C. Dutton, commander of the 901st Mobility Support Flight commented, "Major Roach and

I are proud of the members of the mobility flights. We are ready to support any unit of the Air Force or establish a supply function at a bare base site."

Command Post chief retires

During a special Sunday morning wing headquarters formation, Lt. Col. Charles E. Meeker, Jr., 50, announced that the April UTA marked his finale as an Air Force Reserve officer. Effective April 14, 1981, the 28-year veteran vacated the position as chief of the wing Command and Control Branch which he held since the information of the 439th TAW in 1974.

Colonel Meeker began his Air Force career flying F-86 all weather fighter interceptors. During his career the command pilot has flown C-119s, C-124s and C130s.

A resident of Newburgh, New York, Colonel Meeker resides with his wife, Claire and 19 year old son Larry. His other son is 2nd Lt. Gary Meeker, a weapons system officer in F-4s stationed in Korea and his daughter, Dawn is a veterinarian technician in Beacon, New York. Colonel Meeker's civilian occupation is director of engineering services with the Central Hudson Gas and Electric company in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Variety of awards at wing commander's call

Two Meritorious Service Medals, presented by Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen highlighted the 439th TAW Commander's Call on May 3.

Col. Dwight F. Miller received the medal for service as consultant to the Air Force surgeon general, and as mobilization assistant to the director of aerospace medicine. The colonel was cited for his innovative planning ability, analytical reasoning and experience in medical planning, management and acquisition.

SMSGt. Donald H. Cowern received the medal for outstanding service as NCOIC of the loadmaster section, 731st TAS. Sergeant Cowern's organizational abilities were instrumental factors in the successful completion of a difficult aircraft transition, unit relocation and numerous joint service exercises.

Several Air Force Commendation Medals were also presented by General Haugen during the ceremonies.

Lt. Col. Warner E. Jones received the medal for service as aerospace medical physician, 439th Tactical Hospital. The colonel's professional

skills and knowledge helped in the development and implementation of research projects, designed to solve problems in the areas of hospital and aerospace medicine.

Maj. Richard L. Ray acquired his medal for his performance as instructor pilot and assistant flight commander, 731st TAS. The major's enthusiastic participation in many joint service operations and his exceptional flying training ability contributed to the high degree of mission readiness maintained by his squadron.

MSgt. Frederick R. Allard was awarded the medal for service as flight engineer technician, 337th TAS. The sergeant's technical expertise and supervisory skill contributed significantly to the management of the flight engineer section. In addition, his training programs contributed to the operational readiness of the entire squadron.

MSgt. Ralph H. Branyen, Jr. received his medal for service as aircraft loadmaster technician, 337th TAS. The sergeant's training programs and management skills contrib-

uted to the successful completion of missions involving various technical problems, such as the Honduras hurricane relief and tornado relief in Kansas during 1978.

The educational achievements of Westover's Reservists were also cited by the presentation of two Community College of the Air Force diplomas.

TSgt. Michael J. Rondeau received his diploma for his studies in the area of environmental and ejection systems technology.

SSgt. Stephen G. Pothier was awarded his diploma for his studies in the area of electronics engineering technology.

The final presentations were Humanitarian Service Medals, given to individuals from the 337th TAS who had participated in the Texas tornado disaster relief operations of April 1979. Maj. Walter Holliday, Maj. Richard Orpheus, MSgt. Frederick Allard, MSgt. Randolph Whaples and TSgt. James Lynch were cited for their direct, "hands-on" participation in the relief operations.



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Base volleyball team nets tournament

by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway

Westover men's and women's volleyball teams emerged in top place in the 439th TAW Volleyball Tournament on April 25. The host Flyers bested the men and women of the 910th TAG, Youngstown, Ohio; the 911th TAG, Pittsburgh; and the 914th TAG, Niagara Falls.

The eight teams played 26 games including a tiebreaker for both the men and women. There was no break in the action. For ten hours the teams battled it out in a continuous exchange of volleys. At day's end, Westover's teams had aced the competition, losing only two games each, but winning every match.

The last game of the day was a tiebreaker for second place between the men of Niagara and Pittsburgh and the women of Pittsburgh and Youngstown. The Pittsburgh men and Youngstown women took it.

The games statistics were: 439th TAW men, 6-0 and women, 6-0; 910th TAG men, 0-6 and women 4-3; 911th TAG men, 4-3 and women 3-4; 914th TAG men 3-4 and women 0-6.

The city of Chicopee supported the event by donating the use of the Sweeney School gym for the women's games. Base support included food

Wing to participate in Volant Rodeo exercise

The 914th TAG from Niagara will represent the 439th TAW at this year's Volant Rodeo exercise. Volant Rodeo is the Military Airlift Command's annual airlift competition, scheduled for June 7-13 at Pope AFB, N.C.

The competition will display a showcase of aerial and ground operations, and will feature teams representing active duty forces, the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and Allied nations.

The competition serves as a readiness training exercise for the participants, and emphasizes airdrop delivery capacity when landing isn't feasible.

Additionally, C-130, C-123, and C-7 aircraft will perform tactical assault landings on unimproved dirt runways and on a special assault runways.



Steve Jarvis steams one of his famous spikes past two Pittsburgh defenders. (Photo by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway)

services, transportation, billeting and public affairs. Medical services were provided by the 74th AES. Several referees from the Springfield area U.S. Volleyball Association donated their services.

Everyone went home with a token of the tournament. First place winners received individual gold medals and plaques; second place received silver medals; third place, bronze medals and fourth place, tournament medals.

Mike McNicholas, tournament director commented on the reaction of the visiting teams. "All the feedback was excellent. As in the past, visitors said coming to Westover is getting the highest degree of professionalism possible with the utmost courtesy."

Major Nistri heads AFA drive

Maj. Nino S. F. Nistri of the 901st CAMS has been selected to head the wing's annual Air Force Association membership drive.

The Air Force Association is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion and advancement of aerospace power for defense purposes. It currently has more than 155,000 members, and Major Nistri hopes to increase its ranks.

"Every Air Force Reservist should seriously consider joining the AFA," Major Nistri said. "It is our voice in Washington, and constantly strives to strengthen the Air Force and improve conditions for all its members."

In addition to its lobbying efforts, the AFA also publishes the monthly Air Force Magazine for its members. "It is one of the finest professional military publications in the world, and is an invaluable asset to the career Reservist."

AFA dues are \$13 per year, and a three-year membership costs \$36. A lifetime membership can be secured for \$200. Dues are tax deductible.

Major Nistri said the drive would continue through the end of June, and added each unit will have its own AFA membership coordinator.



Congratulations to Betty O'Connell Base Public Affairs Officer on the state of her 40th year of services to the Air Force.

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