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Westover's Women Reservists



RIDING HIGH Sgt. Janice M. Shrine, 59th APS air transportation specialist, operates a 6,000 pound fork lift during her unit's annual training at Dover AFB, Del. She holds the distinction of being the only female using this heavy equipment. Like more and more women enlisting in the reserves, she occupies a position once regarded solely as a "man's job." See story on the 59th APS on page 7.

By Amn. Caroll Chase

Women have taken another in a series of steps toward liberation at Westover. 20.2% of total enlistments from March 1 to August 30, 1975 were female. This compares to 14% one year ago. Until 1967, women could not participate in the reserve program.

Of the 65 women who enlisted in this six month period, 56 were non-prior service.

In the past 18 months, the total number of women in the Air Force Reserve has increased dramatically. In December of 1973, there were 755 women in the reserves, with 2,374 in June of 1975.

In addition, many women who have joined the reserve program are now steering clear of the traditional "female" jobs by electing more technical, specialized training.

Women have recently assumed jobs such as aircrew life support specialist, aircraft accessories maintenance helper, aerospace control and warning systems operator and fuel specialist.

For the first time, there is a woman recruit in both fire protection and law enforcement. At Westover's consolidated dining facility, five women now work in food service, traditionally a male's domain within the military.

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Base Commander's Message

By Lt. Col. Jack P. Ferguson

"We do not expect, and usually do not get, such fine service as you gave us." So said the director of the Massachusetts State Junior Grangers. Her letter was directed to one of our young Palace Option officers who conducted a base tour for the grangers recently.

This is typical of letters addressed to me and to the wing commander thanking base personnel for their willingness and cooperation with various organizations and other military units. Other quotes speak as well for our personnel:

From Pratt & Whitney Aircraft: "I would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the outstanding cooperation received from several units of your command during taxi tests recently conducted at Westover Air Force Base. On two occasions . . . unplanned visits were handled very smoothly by transient alert, base operations, and tower personnel."

Capt. Leo Cobb, Jr., Westover little league commissioner, writes: "Please convey our most humble thanks to the men of your 439CSG/DE section for their professionalism, skill, and support during the formulation of our Little League Program."

Ms. Nancy L. Smith, assistant city editor, Holyoke Transcript-telegram, upon returning from a news media representative trip to Howard AFB, told Colonel Knowles, "Your personnel . . . did everything to make the trip interesting and valuable, and the C-130 and C-123 crews were superior. The experience was greatly enhanced by their willingness and ability to explain and assist us with every query."

These are quotes from just a few of the gratifying letters which have been passed on to individuals and sections. They help make us realize this isn't such a hard old world after all. We are appreciated.

Cooperation is a big word that takes so little effort to accomplish.

ID Cards Authorized for Civilians

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Standard Air Force civilian identification cards have recently been authorized. Eligible employees will soon begin receiving them.

Eligibility extends to appropriated and nonappropriated fund employees of the Department of the Air Force who are U. S. citizens and who use the central civilian personnel office. Also included are a few other designated civilians. Those not eligible include base exchange employees and concessionaires, contractor employees, and private employees of base residents.

The card, AF Form 354, will identify the holder for entry into Air Force activities and installations, and for other official business. It may also be used as an installation or building pass at the option of the local commander. The card will not replace special identification required for entry into security areas.

Cards will be issued first to those employees who have the greatest need, with processing of remaining eligibles to be conducted as workload permits.



A staff assistance visit involved many 439th personnel during the October UTA. Over 40 personnel from EAFRR, 21AF and 317 TAW fanned out to most offices and shops offering assistance and suggestions. Base Supply records problems received the undivided attention of (left to right) SMSgt. Marion Thomas, EAFRR; Mrs. Rita Banister, Base Supply document control section head; MSgt. Roger Adams, 317 TAW; and Capt. Frank J. Pryzbyla, 905MOBSFLT commander.

UTA SCHEDULE

8 - 9 Nov.	10 - 11 July
13 - 14 Dec.	13 - 14 Aug. (Fri-one period 1900-2300)
10 - 11 Jan.	15 - 29 Aug. TWO WEEK ENCAMPMENT
7 - 8 Feb.	10 Sept. (Fri-one period 1900-2300)
13 - 14 Mar.	11 - 12 Sept.
10 - 11 Apr.	16 - 17 Oct.
15 - 16 May	13 - 14 Nov.
12 - 13 Jun.	11 - 12 Dec.

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Westover's Women Reservists . . .

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TSgt. Sherman R. Williams, reserve recruiter, believes that "most women are coming into the reserve program for educational reasons. A lot are bored and want a change of pace but not a complete change that four years on active duty would bring. The lack of civilian jobs might also be an attributing factor in the rise of women in the reserve."

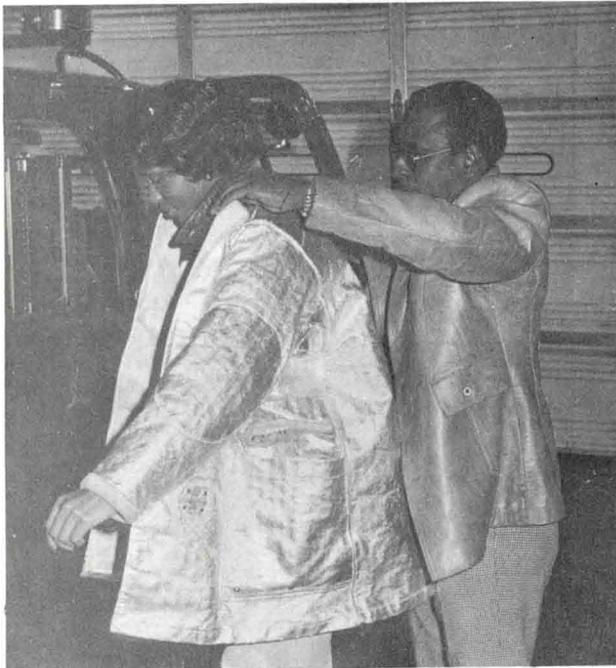
An unofficial poll showed that many men in the reserve at Westover feel it's a good sign of the times as women take jobs outside the traditional administrative and medical fields.

For example, Sgt. Michael D. Cahill, life support specialist, summed up the majority opinion. "It's fine as long as they can do the job, but I think a lot of women can't hack the heavy work such as the big life rafts I must lift. I might add that a lot of men are also incapable of lifting those rafts."

Some women however are still going into the traditional fields. Approximately 14 women entered administration and ten joined medical fields during this period. The remainder chose roles once predominantly male.

Haskel Jenkins, base fire chief, sums up the changing opinion of woman's equality, "I'd like to see a woman in my chair one day, I really would."

Women have far from accomplished total liberation at Westover, but a small step from each woman is a giant step for mankind.



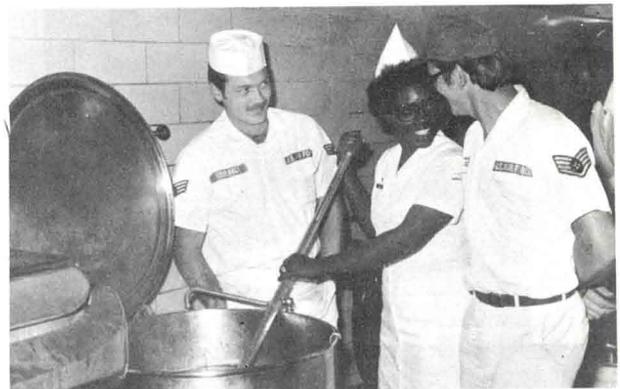
A GOOD FIT . . . A potential fire fighter, AB Reba F. Yates, tries on the fire fighter's coat for size. AB Yates will attend firefighting school at Chanute AFB after completing basic military training at Lackland. AFB. Haskel Jenkins, base fire chief, assists her.

**With Security Police —
There is a Difference**

"Law enforcement and security are two separate functions within the security police squadron at Westover," explained TSgt. Charles S. Maligno, 439th CSG NCOIC of law enforcement.

901st and 905th Weapons Systems Security Flights (WSSFLT's) personnel are "security" police. Their mission is to protect aircraft and base resources from possible hostile acts such as sabotage. The purpose of "law enforcement" policemen is enforcing the law and regulations of the base, such as patrolling and directing traffic; maintaining security at base entrances; working in Pass and ID and vehicle registrations; maintaining a civil defense program for dependents; issuing firearm permits and security clearances; and investigating thefts.

For further information concerning security, contact Capt. Frank L. McCormick, 905WSSF OIC at ext. 2593 or Capt. Michael A. Woodson, 901WSSF OIC, at ext. 3804. Sergeant Maligno, ext. 2025, can answer questions regarding his unit.



SOUPS ON Amn. Debra A. Daley, medical dietician, stirs soup in steam kettle. SSgt. Roger J. Payette (right) and Sgt. George A. Perreault, Jr., food service specialists, look on. Other women in the kitchen are A1C Norma Jean Schwein and Amn. Annie Wibby, food service specialists.



BUSY HANDS Amn. Shirley A. Johnson and Sgt. Michael R. Cahill, life support technicians, inspect anti-exposure suit. They then repack the suit using talcum powder.

THINK "200"

Officers' Dining Out



IN THE SPIRITS OF THE OCCASION . . . Honored dignitaries (left to right) Brig. Gen. Donald P. Dressler, M.D., mobilization augmentee to the MAC surgeon general; Brig. Gen. Steven Keefe, mobilization augmentee at the Pentagon; Maj. Gen. Alfred Verhulst, Eastern Air Force Region commander; Mrs. Steven Keefe; and Maj. Gen. William Lyon, chief of the Air Force Reserve join in the toast to the Commander-in-Chief.



HEAD TABLE GUESTS include Maj. Gen. Earl O. Anderson, Air Force Reserve vice commander; Mrs. Charles Parrott; Maj. Gen. Alden G. Glauch, 21st Air Force commander; Mrs. Billy Knowles; and Col. Billy M. Knowles, 439th TAW commander.



WELL DONE AWARD . . . "Following the failure of the left main landing gear and resulting damage to their C-130, the crew's performance and prompt emergency egress prevented further aircraft damage and any personnel injury." In recognition of their superior flying ability, General Anderson (left) presents the Aircrew Professionalism Award to Maj. Louis Paskevicz (right photograph) and Maj. Clarence J. Bryant (left photograph). Capt. David Crowther, 337TAS, assists in the presentation. Fellow crew member, Maj. George Warburton, will also receive the honor at a later date.



905 CE Flt earned the 439th TAW Outstanding Unit of the Year Award. Their abilities were highlighted with an Outstanding rating for the PRIME BEE field mobility exercise. General Anderson offers the valued trophy to Lt. Col. Fred J. Marek, commander, on behalf of his unit.





EXEMPLIFYING THE IDEAL The Junior Officers Council chose Capt. Ronald T. Frederickson (right) as the 439th TAW Junior Officer of the Year. His selection was based on superior performance on and off the job. He accepts the recognition from General Anderson.



A VERY SURPRISED AND DELIGHTED RECIPIENT . . . Colonel Knowles received the 439th TAW Recruiting Support Person of the Year Award for his instrumental contribution to the unit's recruiting drive. General Verhulst (left) does the honors. Colonel Knowles invited Col. John Hanford, commander of the 3501 Recruiting Group at Hanscom AFB to share the award.



A HISTORY OF ACCOMPLISHMENT AND EXCELLENCE earned 1st Lt. Kenneth L. Ryngala (right) the Outstanding Officer Aircrew Member Award. General Anderson presents the plaque on behalf of the 439th. Since November, 1973, Lieutenant Ryngala has logged over 1,200 hours in the C-130, is in the upgrade training program for aircraft commander and became the aircrew ground training officer. At his rate of progress, he should become the youngest instructor pilot in AFRES.



POINT OF ORDER . . . Mr. Vice, Capt. Bernard Ferro, 337 TAS, asks the Dining Out President, Lt. Col. Charles R. Parrott, 439 TAW vice commander, to recognize a request for a toast from the floor.

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Wing Commander's Message

By Col. Billy M. Knowles

If you look carefully within your prospective units, you will recognize shortages of personnel. And if you reflect upon that fact for just a moment you will realize therein lies our priority challenge — to be fully manned and every man/woman skilled to perform. We all know what our mission is, but until we are *totally* skill-manned we are not *totally* combat ready.

Our 439th Tactical Airlift Wing Recruiting Service (five highly motivated people) have already brought us a long way by recruiting some 600 reservists over the last 14 months. We will require several hundred new personnel over the next twelve months. If there's one thing we've learned during the recent past, it's that these recruiters cannot do the job alone. We need reservists recruiting reservists.

Ordinarily, I refrain from resurrecting the past, particularly since nothing in the past measures up to the present or meets the expectations of the future. However, with regards to "resource procurement" (the new nomenclature for "recruiting"), in the old days from 1949 through 1972, the *only* recruiting for reserve units was of-by-and for the reservists themselves. It is only in the recent past that other methods have been introduced.

Be ever alert where you work and live for both prior service and non-prior service eligibles. It occurs to me that the reservist you recruit personally for your own unit will no doubt be the best recruit possible. Without your help and commitment it is doubtful the job will be done or necessarily to your liking and certainly not with the quality assurance you and your unit deserve.

In an earlier issue of the Patriot, I suggested that the Air Force Reservist truly represents the most remarkable segment of the American Society. Unlike pure straight civilians, or straight active duty service persons or, for that matter, many of us full-time reservists (ART), it is the citizen soldier ("pure" reservist, "off-base" reservist, "straight" reservist, whatever) who is unusual — he/she is a full partner in both the civilian sector *and* the military sector. Being unusual suggests that unusual accomplishments may be expected. Thus, I am confident you will give recruiting your personal attention.

Reserve Unit to Convert From C-130s to KC-135s

(AFNS) — Air Force officials have announced that the 452 Tactical Airlift Wing (Reserve) at Hamilton AFB, Calif., will be relocated by spring of 1976 to March AFB, Calif., instead of McClellan AFB, Calif.

Since the original November 1974 announcement, a continuing review of Air Force basing requirements has been underway. As a result of this review, the decision was made to change the relocation site for the 452 TAW, and to convert the unit from its C-130 tactical airlift to KC-135 tanker aircraft within the next year. With the conversion, the 452d will be redesignated as the 452d Air Refueling Wing (Heavy).

MOVING IN UP OUT

ENLISTED

MSgt. Philip W. Johnson
SSgt. Paul J. Barnachez
SSgt. David W. Garnett
SSgt. William J. McGuirk
SSgt. Brian J. McNamara
SSgt. Henry V. Spear, Jr.
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SSgt. Ronald Parker Wheeler II
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Sgt. David R. Terrell
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AB Maureen E. Driscoll
AB Timothy D. Hallam
AB Nathaniel L. Herbert
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AB Peter R. Kingsbury
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AB Kenneth E. Purdy
AB Robert H. Ricard
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AB Dana I. Smith
AB Steven Spratt
AB Joseph G. Virgilio
AB Brian R. Waller
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AB Jeffrey A. Weber
AB Marlene B. Wilson
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SMSgt. James A. Rogers
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Sgt. Philip S. Ripa
Sgt. Louis R. Poirier
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Sgt. Anthony F. Machrone
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Sgt. Virginia J. Gubich
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AMN Kathleen M. Ritter

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A1C Thomas Defusco
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Capt. Robert J. Kasper
TSgt. Frank Bryant
TSgt. Gerald R. Davignon
SSgt. Mathew S. Morkavage
SSgt. Matthew S. Morkavage
SSgt. William R. Wasilauski
Sgt. Bernard H. Chamberland
Sgt. Victor J. Guadalupe
A1C Jill G. A. White
AB Diane M. Frasco

Bigger Pay Checks for Federal Employees

Since October, U. S. Government paychecks, including reservists' salaries, have reflected a five-percent increase. Legislation for this adjustment was recently enacted by the Congress and President Ford. The hike affects basic pay, basic allowance for quarters (BAQ), and basic allowance for subsistence (BAS).

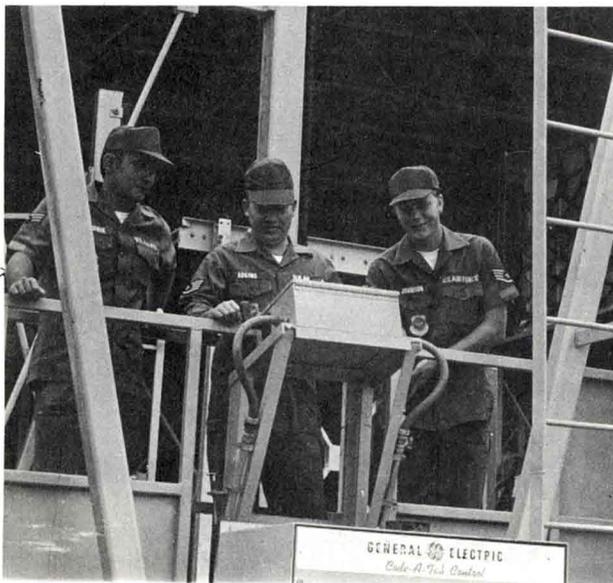
59th APS: Using the Best of Two Bases

As in past years, the 59th Aerial Port Squadron (APS) spent their annual encampment, Aug. 4-17, at Dover AFB, Del., the largest air transportation center on the east coast.

The encampment provided training on 40,000 and 55,000 pound diesel loaders. It also enabled the personnel to train at Dover's new warehouse where cargo can be electronically loaded.



HANDS ON TRAINING. . . 59 APS reservists TSgt. Stewart M. Greene (seated) and SSgt. Clifford C. Carson man the new control unit used to electronically stack cargo in Dover's warehouse.



MAN AND MACHINE. . . left to right, Sgt. Lewis Kalesnik, SSgt. Paul W. Adkins, and SSgt. Eric L. Johnson operate the Electronic Transfer Vehicle (ETV) which loads cargo onto a pallet.

During their two week stay, the 59th moved tons of cargo on and off C-141s, Log Air Aircraft and the mammoth C-5A. Cargo is sorted according to destination with freight going the furthest distance loaded first.

Every third UTA, the 59th APS returns to Dover and increases their proficiency in handling all air cargo situations.



A PLAQUE AND PRAISE . . . MSgt. Thomas E. Cramer, 59th APS, receives the NCOIC Of The Year Award from Col. Ruel J. Neeley, 436th APS commander, (right). Lt. Col. Kenneth Stetson, 59th APS commander, extends his congratulations.

While most training at Westover is confined to the classroom, the personnel uses equipment from and with 439th aerial port flights to maintain their "hands-on" familiarization.

The 59th is assigned to Dover's 512 MAW (Assoc.) and receives assistance and support from 439th TAW units. While at Westover, the 59th helps make this facility what it is—an active, vital reserve base.

Congratulations to CAM Squadrons

901 and 905 CAM Squadrons personnel are to be thanked as they dug deep into their pockets when asked for donations for the 439th's visit to Springfield's Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children. The 250 assigned during summer camp collected over \$200. This was over half of the total raised. Credit MSgt. Hugh J. Fraleigh for his efforts in the successful solicitation.

The 901 CAMS ended their summer encampment on the winning note. Their athletes took first place honors in the wing's volleyball tournament with victories over rival 905 CAMS and CSG teams.

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HELLO... HELLO... OPERATOR? 901st CF members, (left to right) Sgt. James Potter, Amn. Robert Williams, SSgt. David Mofford, and Sgt. Timothy Walsh, perform an "initial maintenance inspection" on a newly received SB86 Field Switchboard, during October's UTA. The mobility equipment aids communications in the field. The battery-operated, self-contained unit is the first of its type at Westover. It is capable of establishing 14 separate field telephone links simultaneously, and takes less than one day to set up.



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