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Haugen Named Wing Commander, Knowles Goes to 94 TAW

Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen is the new commander of the 439th Tactical Airlift Wing. Formerly, he was the commander of the 459 TAW at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. General Haugen replaces Brig. Gen. Billy Knowles who has assumed command of the 94th TAW at Dobbins AFB, Ga. The transfers, effective June 15, were part of a series of new assignments for some 14th Air Force (Reserve) commanders.

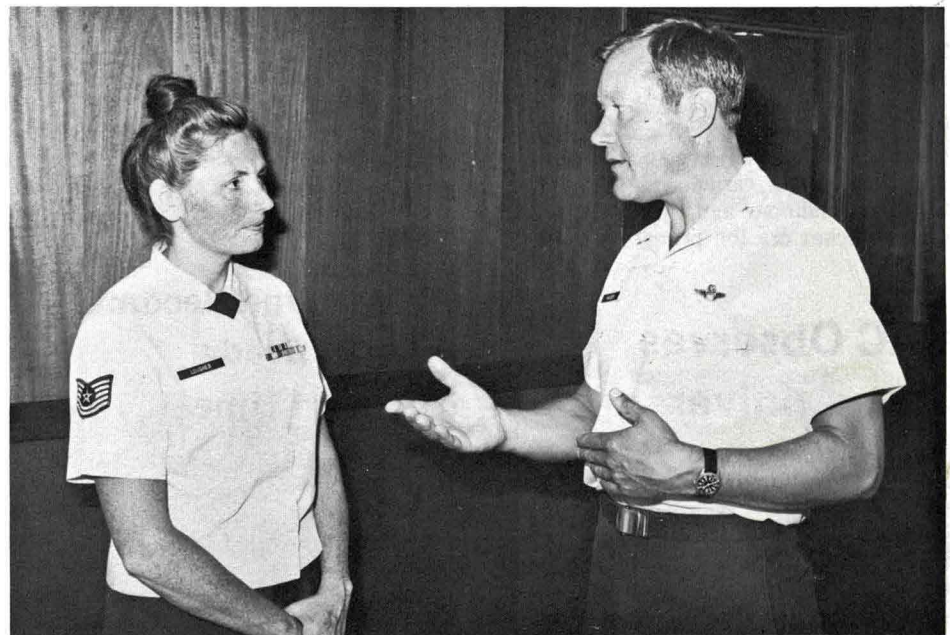
"I have heard nothing but praise for the 439th's members and its accomplishments," says General Haugen. "I look forward to working with everyone in the wing. You're the ones responsible for the achievements and high standards of this wing. Together, we'll continue that excellence."

General Haugen's new assignment continues a career in the Air Force which began in 1953. In that year, after earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin, he enlisted in the Air Force Aviation Cadet Program and received his pilot's wings and commission. During the Korean War, he logged 172 combat hours over Japan, Korea and Indochina in C-119s.

In 1956, he left the Air Force to fly with American Airlines. Two years later, General Haugen joined the Reserve's 440th Troop Carrier Wing in Milwaukee. He was one of the first instructor pilots employed as an Air Reserve Technician.

General Haugen has attended the Air Force Squadron Officers School, Flying Safety Officers School, Instrument Pilot Instructor School, Air Command and Staff College and the Air War College. In addition, he holds a Master of Science in Business Administration degree from George Washington University.

From July 1971 to March 1974, he served



WING COMMANDER Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen greets TSgt. Patricia L. Lougher, 439CSG/DPM, half of a husband and wife team in the 439th. Pat's husband is TSgt. Robert C. Lougher, a reserve recruiter.

as the first commander of the C-130-equipped 919th Tactical Airlift Group at Duke Field, Fla. General Haugen then became the director of operations for Headquarters, Air Force Reserve, until he took command of the 459th in July 1975.

General Haugen was promoted to his present grade in April 1976. His military decorations and awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Presidential Unit Citation, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with one oak leaf cluster, Combat Readiness Medal, Korean Service Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with palm. He is a

command pilot with 7,000 flying hours.

General Haugen is married and has three children.

Other commanders recently transferred include Maj. Gen. Roy M. Marshall, commander 10th Air Force (Reserve), Bergstrom AFB, Texas, to mobilization augmentee to the commander, HQ Tactical Air Command Langley AFB, Va.; Brig. Gen. John E. Taylor, commander, 301st Tactical Fighter Wing, Carswell AFB, Texas, to commander, 10AF (R); Brig. Gen. Sloan R. Gill, commander, 94th Tactical Airlift Wing, Dobbins AFB, Ga., to commander, 433rd Tactical Airlift Wing, Kelly AFB, Texas.

Survey Chides Base Consolidated Open Mess

"The existing dues structure (in the Consolidated Open Mess) is the primary reason why more reservists are not open mess members. Both officers and enlisted personnel feel that a single \$3 per month membership is unequitable considering the varying frequencies that individuals can utilize the open mess." That's one of the five principal conclusions of the survey recently completed by 439th TAW members. The questionnaire was developed and implemented by Capt. Walter Bumgardner, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Division chief.

The survey also found that (1) The ratio of officers (73%) compared to enlisted personnel (47%) who are members, is out of balance. (2) "The major dissatisfaction among reservists with the open mess is the lack of various types of high-quality entertainment during UTA weekends and summer encampments." (3) "Nearly as much dissatisfaction exists, as satisfaction and praise for the food services operation. Lunches are the major source of discontent. The lack of varied, appealing foods, crowded conditions and the unavailability of sandwiches are the primary sources of

dissatisfaction." (4) The influx of people attending weddings and other social events during UTA weekends is causing a significant amount of unnecessary discontent among reservists."

The respondents, however, also listed what they "liked most about the open mess." The most frequent replies are: (1) dining room's food, service; (2) atmosphere and decor of the facility; (3) convenience and location of facility and (4) reasonable prices.

The evaluation was part of the Air Force's Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Plan which required that "periodic surveys be conducted to determine the level of satisfaction among Air Force personnel with local MWR programs and activities." During the March UTA, 1500 questionnaires were distributed by unit first sergeants as well as at the open mess to its patrons. 333 questionnaires were filled out and returned.

The survey's results were given to the Enlisted Advisory Council, the Junior Officers' Council and the Consolidated Open Mess Advisory Committee for their input and response.

MAC Observes 30th Anniversary

(AFNS) The Military Airlift Command, the 439th TAW's active duty gaining command, observes its 30th anniversary this year. MAC traces its origins to the formation of the Military Air Transport Service (MATS), June 1, 1948.

MATS combined the Navy's Air Transport Service and the Air Force's Air Transport Command.

A month after its activation, the command participated in the Berlin Airlift. Worldwide humanitarian operations, since then, have ranged from the Magic Carpet airlift, which delivered Moslem pilgrims to Mecca in 1952, to emergency relief for Guatemala after a 1976 earthquake.

Military operations included the Korean conflict, Suez Canal, Lebanon, Dominican Republic and Cuban crisis.

MATS was redesignated a major command Jan. 1, 1966, and renamed the Military Airlift Command. In 1977, because of its broad continuing mission, MAC became the Air Force's third specified command, responsible to the President and the Secretary of Defense through the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Reserve Unit Becomes Combat Ready in Record Time

NEW ORLEANS NAS, La. (AFNS) — The 926th Tactical Fighter Group was declared "combat ready" the same day it converted from a C-130 airlift mission to an A-37 fighter mission last month. This is the first AFRES unit to become combat ready the same day it converted to a new mission.

On its conversion date, the unit had all 18 authorized A-37 aircraft fully mission capable and 16 of 23 authorized aircrews mission ready.

439th to Host Spouses' Day

Why do husbands and wives have to leave their homes and families each month for their Reserve weekend? What do they do at Westover? On Saturday, Aug. 12, the first day of the wing's encampment, the 439th provides reservists' spouses, fiancée(s), boy friends and girl friends the opportunity to see for themselves. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the wing's first Spouses' Day.

The afternoon's program includes a tour of the base work areas, walk-through of a C-123 Provider and a C-130 Hercules, aerial demonstrations and an orientation flight in the unit's aircraft. Tour guides will answer questions about the 439th's activities and operations.

Invitations, with more details on the day's activities, will be sent soon to all members.

Base Sets for Children's Hospitals Visits

By SMSgt. Hugh Fraleigh (Retd.)

Our annual summer visits to both the Crippled Children's Hospital in Springfield and the Newington Children's Hospital in Newington, Conn., will take place on August 16 and 23.

During the July UTA, we will be requesting donations for both the summer picnics and the Christmas parties we sponsor at the two hospitals. Everyone is invited to join us. These are rewarding hours for those who attend.

When you are able to donate, please give generously. Maj. Marvin Proctor, 74AES; Capt. Rachel Fraleigh, 74AES; and SMSgt. George Schwager, 905CAMs are accepting donations.

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Wing Parade Honors Knowles Upon His Reassignment

"Your challenge, of course, will be to remain at the top—set the standards for all others to follow—and I know you will. My challenge will be to take what you've given me, take the lessons learned and apply them elsewhere. But in any case you will never fully realize how much of you I take with me."

These were the concluding remarks of Brig. Gen. Billy Knowles' address to wing personnel at the wing parade on Saturday, June 10, as he concluded his three and one-half year assignment as 439th commander.

The parade honored five other wing members in addition to General Knowles.

Col. (Dr.) Alan Fleckner received the Meritorious Service Medal for his outstanding service, leadership and devotion to duty as 439th Tactical Hospital commander from 1974 to 1978.

Because of his implementation of research projects and the solving of problem areas at the 439th Tactical Hospital, SMSgt. John C. Mulcay, medical service superintendent, received an Air Force Commendation Medal First Oak Leaf Cluster.

Air Force Commendation Medals were also given to SMSgt. John Waterhouse, 439 CSG air operations superintendent; MSgt. John Frasco, 439 CSG vehicle operations supervisor; and TSgt. Andrew Hoffman, 901 MOBSFlt personnel specialist.

General Knowles received laudatory comments and a plaque from Brig. Gen. Robert E. Van Housen, 14th Air Force (Reserve) vice commander.

Music for the parade and its pass and review was provided by the 2nd Marine Division Drum and Bugle Corps from Camp Lejeune, N.C.

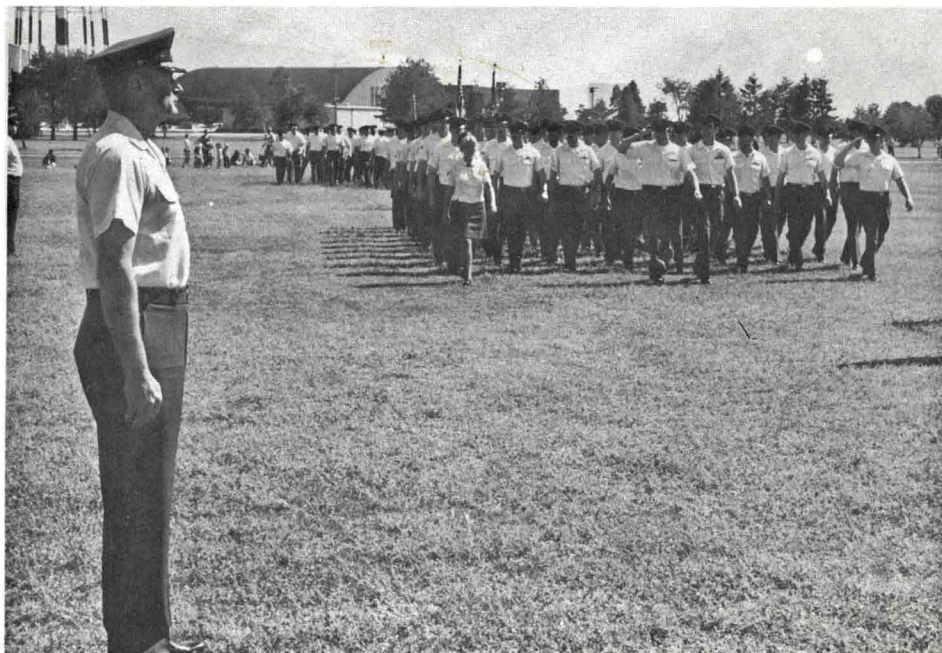
General Knowles also took the opportunity to recap some of the wing's accomplishments during his tenure.

"We've grown from 21 units on this base to 32 units on three bases. We've gone from two weapons systems to three. We moved from 79% manning to 90%. We've experienced two major aircraft accidents without injury thru superb airmanship and excellent maintenance.

"You have served tours of duty at over 30 continental bases and in Central and South America and Europe, with distinction. You have collectively received 17 major inspections, 30 minor ones and more than 60 formal visits and audits.

"You, for two years in a row, provided the major combined tactical airlift forces for the two largest JCS exercises in recent history. You have voluntarily provided

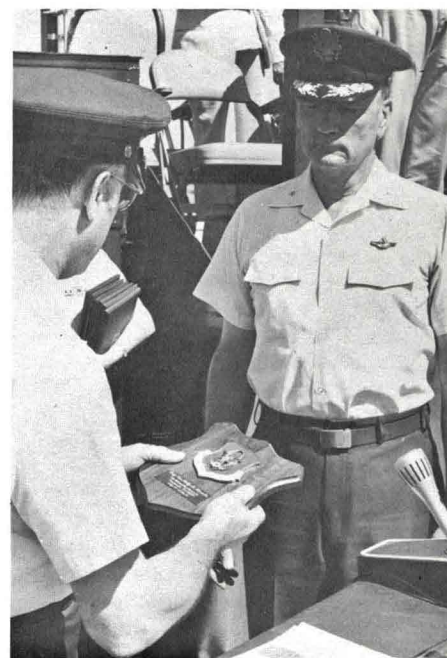
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LAST PASS AND REVIEW . . . Brig. Gen. Billy Knowles reviews the 74AES during his final parade as 439th TAW commander.



BIG BAND SOUNDS . . . Music from the 2nd Marine Division Drum and Bugle Corps is appreciated by all . . . except one.



AFRES ACCOLADES . . . Brig. Gen. Robert E. Van Housen expresses the appreciation of HQ AFRES and presents a plaque testifying to that fact to General Knowles.



LEFT FLANK MARCH . . . Members of one of the parade flights make the turn toward the reviewing stand.



HONOR FLIGHT . . . General Knowles completes the awarding of the Meritorious Service Medal to Col. Alan Fleckner, left, and the Air Force Commendation Medal to SMSgt. John C. Mulcay, SMSgt. John Waterhouse, MSgt. John Frasco and TSgt. Andrew Hoffman. MSgt. Marthur Bumgardner, far left, assisted in the presentation.

Wing Parade . . .

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over one-third of the total support allocated to 14th AF (R) for some 13 commands or DoD agencies.

"You hosted—and will again in July—the largest aeromed field exercise ever. You have hosted the annual encampments on six occasions for other Reserve, Army and CAP units. You provide staging support for Alaskan JCS exercises on the average of four times each year.

"You led the way for all other guard and reserve units by executing the first New Look ORI readiness initiative last October. Just last month, you played the largest role in the all-reserve exercise Redoubt.

"You, collectively and as individuals, have collected more accolades and awards than any other wing in AFRES. These awards total more than fifteen in just three and a half years. Examples are: the 914th at Niagara was awarded the Grover Loening Trophy for flying excellence in both 1974 and 1976; the 439th CSG received the coveted Outstanding Nonflying Unit Award for 1976; the entire 439th Aircraft Maintenance force received the Outstanding Maintenance Trophy in 1976; the entire wing and all subordinate units were awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit citation for 1976.

"Just this month, to be presented in Washington next month, Maj. Gale French has been awarded the Kolligian Trophy for his expert airmanship during the C-123 accident last October, an award never before presented to a Reservist or Guardsman.

"Well, there were many more achievements, all deserved and paid for with individual effort and performance. No wonder you've been the most talked about wing in the Air Force Reserve. No wonder you may self-acclaim yourselves as the Number One Wing in the whole United States Air Force.

"I know who No. 1 is and where you are. It is for that reason my family and I have mixed and somewhat sad emotions at leaving."

Thunderbirds

August 22, 1978



Knowles Family Receives Wing's Tribute

By MSgt. Larry Lentz

Three hundred of his friends were on hand to say, "thank you for a job well done." Three hundred of his friends were on hand to say "goodbye and good luck at your new assignment." The friends of Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Billy Knowles came to the Consolidated Open Mess on Saturday, June 9 and honored the wing commander and his family on the eve of their departure to Dobbins AFB, Ga.

The festivities were hosted by Col. Robert Heyner and the 33 wing officers who were promoted during the past year. Col. Charles Parrott, wing vice commander, the evening's emcee, expressed the esteem and appreciation of everyone in the wing.

A measure of that appreciation was reflected in the gifts and plaques presented to the Knowles family. They included:

* A plaque given by Brig. Gen. Leo Gosh, U.S. Army Reserve, on behalf of the Reserve Officers Association.

* A shadow box with an inscription for recognition of outstanding achievement given by Brig. Gen. Robert E. Van Housen, 14th Air Force (Reserve) vice commander.

* A plaque presented by the Westover Chapter of the Air Force Sergeants Association and MSgt. (Retd) Kenneth Poteete and SSgt. William Batchelder.

* A certificate of appreciation was given by Henry LaCoille, president of the West-

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NEW NURSE . . . General Knowles becomes the newest 74 AES nurse as he accepts an inscribed mug from 2d Lt. Clifford Turcotte.

58th (A)nticipates (P)robable (S)uccess

The 58th Aerial Port Squadron (APS) was selected to represent the 439th in a 14th Air Force Reserve competition August 4-6 at Charleston AFB, S.C.

The materiel handling equipment rodeo and aircraft loading competition will consist of numerous tests including various obstacle courses, load planning, ramp services, aircraft loading and safety checks.

CMSgt. Frank C. Pecka will be the crew chief for the ten selected 58th APS personnel.

This is the first time Westover has participated in this contest. However, MSgt. Thomas H. Straight, project coordinator, says, "We expect to win."



PLAQUE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT . . . Retired Lt. Col. Roy McCord displays his wing's gift to the Knowles family. The plaque recalls 18 highlights in the Knowles career at Westover.

Knowles Family . . .

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over Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans.

* A recruiter's badge encased in a lucite paperweight was offered to the "head" recruiter by the chief recruiter, MSgt. Sherman Williams.

* A pewter mug, given by 2nd Lt. Clifford Turcotte, makes General Knowles an honorary flight nurse of the 74 AES.

* A framed photograph of General Knowles and some of his staff was entitled "F-Troop" by Lt. Col. Don Williams, 58th APS commander.

* A huge plaque commemorating 18 highlights of General Knowles' and the wing's accomplishments was the wing's and Lt. Col. (retd.) Roy McCord's gift to the general.

Plaques were given also to Mrs. Knowles and their daughters, Christi and Susan by the wing and Colonel Parrott.

The presentations and the formal part of the evening ended with comments from General and Mrs. Knowles. The latter invited everyone from Westover to visit the Knowles at Dobbins. General Knowles expressed his thanks for the gifts given that evening as well as a different type of gift given to him during his years at Westover. "We leave a great deal of us here. We take a great deal of you with us. You have trained me well and now I need to move on and apply those lessons somewhere else."



PRESENTS PRESENT . . . General and Mrs. Knowles and their daughters, Susan and Christi, look over their many gifts presented during the evening. With them are hosts Colonels Robert Heyner and Charles Parrott.

Your Input to Patriot is Needed

Periodically, the *Patriot* staff reassesses previous editions. Does the paper meet the needs and desires of everyone in the Westover family? Hopefully, such areas as 'scope of coverage,' 'style,' 'timeliness' and 'relevance' are continuously improved.

Our assessment, however, is never complete. We're missing one vital part of the answer—your input. We need your suggestions and comments. Are there interesting stories and topics now not covered?

Please call me, MSgt. Larry Lentz, the *Patriot's* editor, at extension 3500, with your answer. Let me prove that the *Patriot* truly is a paper for and by all 439th personnel and the base community. Together, we'll continue to produce the Number One 14th Air Force (Reserve) periodical. Period.

Major French Wins Coveted Kolligian Trophy

Maj. Gale H. French is the winner of the Koren Kolligian Jr. Trophy for 1977. He, accompanied by his family, will receive the prestigious award at ceremonies hosted by Gen. Lew Allen, Jr., Air Force Chief of Staff, at the Pentagon on July 14. He is the first Air Reserve Force member to be so honored.

Major French was cited "for his airmanship in averting a C-123 aircraft crash which could have resulted in a high loss of life and property."

The Kolligian Trophy is awarded annually to the Air Force aircrew member who most successfully copes with an inflight emergency. The award is named for 1st Lt. Koren Kolligian, Jr., who was declared missing in a T-33 flight off the California coast in 1955.

Gen. David C. Jones, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, credits Major French's "first-rate airmanship for preventing a disastrous accident." His "reaction to an inflight fire in his C-123 was an example of cool, quick professionalism under extremes of pressure."

Maj. Gen. William Lyon, Air Force Reserve commander, also praised the Kolligian

Trophy winner. "Major French's total devotion to duty and exceptional flying skill enabled him to prevent a major disaster from occurring. The dedication and spirit demonstrated by Major French can only be described as outstanding and is indicative of the caliber of personnel within the Air Force Reserve."

Major French was a copilot of a C-123 on Oct. 11, 1977, when the aircraft lost an engine and caught fire. Dense smoke and flames in the cockpit incapacitated pilot Capt. Richard Gavin, and forced the major to take control.

Putting his head through the cockpit window Major French piloted the aircraft away from heavily populated local areas to reach Westover's runway. Then, when the nose gear failed to extend, the major successfully landed on the main wheels and kept the aircraft on the runway centerline.

More than 30 percent of the aircraft had been consumed by fire before the pilots were able to escape through a cockpit window. (See May, 1978 *Patriot* for more comprehensive story.)

905 CF Completes Training Tour at Robins

By SSgt. Paul Crespo and
SrA Michael Noonan, 905CF

Two officers and 18 enlisted personnel of the 905th Communications Flight went on active duty April 2-17 for their two-week annual encampment at Robins AFB, Ga., with the 1926 CS.

Members of the flight worked at the Group Communications Center and maintenance, administrative and radio sections and performed specific tasks with the group.

"Everyone, from the lowest to the highest ranking airman, was put to work in the job they are trained to do," said Maj. Alvin Burge, commander.

Major Burge primarily attended HQ AFRES briefings and supervised the performance of his flight.

Eleven flight members, including MSgt. Bertrand Therrien, technical advisor, operated several pieces of communications equipment in the Air Force inventory, and the UNIVAC-9000, a card reader and primary receiver, were new to the flight communications specialists.

"We handled 80 percent of the 300 daily messages at the Base Communications Center with only one-third of the error rate," said SSgt. Paul Crespo.

At the center, SMSgt. Paul Babin, flight first sergeant, acted as communications superintendent. Along with his active duty counterpart, he helped solve base communications problems.

Other 905CF members worked in the Radio Maintenance Shop. TSgt. Frank Sweryda, flight maintenance superintendent, operated electronic telephone switching equipment.

Sergeant Sweryda, unit supply custodian, and Sergeant Crespo, attended base supply school and assisted in quality control inspections. Others receiving advanced training were SrA Tom Randall, who attended the 5th Mobility Combat Communications Squadron (MCCS) telephone school.

Also, MSgt. Harry Brown received a letter of commendation for his assistance in handling security material.

Sgt. David Griffeth spent his time wiring radio and closed circuit television equipment. He and TSgt. Earl Cole journeyed to a remote Military Affiliate Radio Station (MARS) at Spence Field. They established and operated a mobile ground-to-air radio station.

The flight also toured Robins and its Federal Aeronautics Administration facilities and the 5 CMBTCG unit.

AFRES representatives briefed the 905CF on the importance of the reservist's role to the overall U.S. military program.

The 905's accomplishments were so appreciated that the active duty communications center superintendent asked the flight personnel if they would mind an extension for four weeks to give the lift that his unit needed.

DINING OUT
August 12, 1978
Very few tickets left.
See your first sergeant
or call
SMSgt. Dick Haskins
at the 74AES.

Westover Again Hosts Softball Tourney

Westover will be looking to win its second consecutive championship at the Third Annual AFRES Men's slowpitch Softball Tournament, August 18, 19 and 20, the middle weekend of the 439th TAW encampment.

Westover will again host the tournament as it has for the past two years. The first AFRES women's softball tournament will be held at that time.

The Westover men posted an eight win, no losses record during last season's tourney. The Robins AFB, Ga. team won the 1976 championship.

Mike McNicholas, base recreation director, said he expects 12 to 18 teams in the men's division and four to six in the women's.



PROMOTED

SMSgt. Thomas E. Crameri
MSgt. Wilbur J. Hunt, Jr.
MSgt. Howard D. Taylor
TSgt. Earl W. Cole, Jr.
TSgt. George J. Gorecki
TSgt. Richard K. Hayes
TSgt. John S. Indomenico
TSgt. Lawrence P. Ouillette
TSgt. Janis A. Sledge
SSgt. Peter T. Comer
SSgt. Fred E. Gomper
SSgt. Richard L. Pease
SSgt. John C. Schuster
SSgt. Beverly K. Sheridan

SSgt. Corinne A. Squire
Sgt. Richardo T. DeGrace
Sgt. Lewis G. Sprague
SrA Marilu DePaulo
SrA Warren M. Coughlin
SrA Daniel F. McDonnell
A1C Carol J. Bergman
A1C George P. DeJesus
A1C Catherine L. Huff
A1C Patricia A. Joyce
A1C Dorothy M. Ridley
A1C Mona P. St. Pierre
A1C Steven T. Wilson
A1C David A. Zamorski

ENLISTED

MSgt. Edward H. Morris
TSgt. Leon H. MacDonald
SSgt. Lawrence A. Cincotta
SSgt. Robert S. Coniski
SSgt. Lawrence A. Weir
SrA William C. Brush
SrA Terry A. Davis
SrA Kathleen A. McMcMahon
SrA Wayne L. Sewell
SrA Paul T. Vandal

A1C Donald T. Lynch
AB Teresa M. Burns
AB Valerie Carter
AB Lynne M. Chabot
AB Eugene M. Dumont
AB Martin J. Dumont
AB Erin T. Egan
AB Stacia N. Hicks
AB Angela A. Jimenez
AB Catherine B. Julianette
AB Allen L. Lahoski
AB Christopher P. Mellinger
AB Mark A. Puschel
AB Dennis M. Scott
AB Verna J. Tomlinson
AB Andre R. Williams

REENLISTED

MSgt. Maurice S. Jiggetts
MSgt. Lawrence H. Lentz
MSgt. Paul D. Wood
TSgt. Paul W. Adkins
TSgt. Leroy T. Rose
SSgt. Raymond D. Baker
SSgt. Raymond H. Chevaliar
SSgt. John A. Cruz

SSgt. Christopher J. Menard
SSgt. Gerald F. Noreault
SSgt. John Pappas
SSgt. Lawrence E. Wayner
Sgt. George E. Lemarre
Sgt. David J. Luhta
Sgt. William B. Martin
SrA Dulany Ney
SrA Susan L. Paul

RETIRED

MSgt. Harry C. Brown
MSgt. Arthur LaPorte
MSgt. Fred T. Lavertue

DISCHARGED

SSgt. Kenneth P. Dojan
SSgt. James N. Dunn
SSgt. Roosevelt Ragland
Sgt. James Campbell
Sgt. Albert J. Grenda
Sgt. Cornelius J. Lyons
Sgt. Steven C. Pratt
Sgt. David E. Sturtze
A1C Paul C. Mazzie

BRIEFS

Henry J. LaCoille, president of the Westover Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans, presented Col. J. Frank Moore, base commander, with a Certificate of Appreciation for the assistance he has given the state's 27,000 disabled veterans.

MSgt. Thomas H. Straight, 58 APS training NCO, recently graduated from the Military Airlift Command's Noncommissioned Officer Academy East, McGuire AFB, N.J. The five-week, 228-hour academic course is the fourth of a five-phase professional military education program.

Col. Robert A. McMullen, commander of the 914 Tactical Airlift Group at Niagara Falls International Airport, N.Y., was promoted to Colonel. He previously was the wing's deputy commander for operations at Westover.

James B. Copeland, son of MSgt. George Copeland, 439 Tactical Hospital medical administrative supervisor, enlisted in the Air Force Reserve and the 439th on June 5. He leaves for basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas in September and eight weeks of personnel technician school at Keesler AFB, Miss. He'll be assigned to the Consolidated Base Personnel Office.

AIC Charlene L. Noel, 439 CSG administrative specialist, was parade marshal for the Memorial Day parade in her home town of Athol, Mass. She was the first woman to lead the parade, expanding a town tradition. Wearing her Air Force uniform before family and friends, she said of the event, "I was nervous, but I was proud."

The 901st and 905th Aerial Port Flights will hold a "combined effort party" at nose dock 36, where the flights are located, Saturday afternoon of the July UTA. Tickets are \$3.50 per person and may be purchased from members of either flight.

Here is a reminder to reservists, not on active duty, wishing to travel on space available flights. You are unauthorized to travel overseas and in some cases to Puerto Rico and Hawaii when not on official duty. When found to be unauthorized, the individual will be evicted promptly. Travel, even to home base, will not be allowed, according to Col. Billie H. Parker, deputy commander for operations.

Inquiring Photographer

Retention, we're told, is the biggest problem in the Air Force Reserves and here at Westover, the 439th TAW is hoping to improve retention by stressing more meaningful training.

With this in mind, The Patriot's Inquiring Photographer travelled about Westover on Sunday of the June UTA asking, "The wing is placing greater emphasis on more meaningful training. Do you think the wing is meeting its objective? Are your UTAs productive? How? What can be done to improve them and retention in general?"



TSgt. William DeWalt, 439 TAW HQ and part of the safety office. "Sure they're (the UTAs) productive. I work in the safety office and I think it's very effective. It's a good job. I think a lot of those who say they have nothing to do, don't really want anything to do."

SrA Stephen Caraker, 74th AES. "From the time we get here 'til the time we leave there is something to do. It's squadron policy not to allow anyone to sit down. I think our squadron sets a good example of what to do to improve productivity by coordinating the weekend's activities as soon as we arrive Saturday mornings."



SSgt. James Wood, 439 CSG and member of the Group Training Office. "In my opinion, the retention rate would improve immensely if individuals could participate in realistic or simulated activities related to their jobs. Personally I believe that when reservists first join, they are looking forward to The Reserves, and want something to do. If they're not given it, they will become bored." Wood said it was the supervisors' responsibility to see reservists remain active.

TSgt. David Gaboury, 905 APF. "Our UTAs are always productive. There are more things to do than time to do them. Airmen enter the service for a reason. They enjoy travelling and doing things they wouldn't be able to do in civilian life. My idea would be to keep them happy with meaningful work as well as keeping abreast of recent changes in training. But I think you'll always have a hard time with retention."



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