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## 439th Welcomes, Thanks, Reservists' Spouses

By A1C Patricia A. Joyce

One hundred seventy-five husbands, wives and guests of reservists came to Westover's first Spouses' Day held on Saturday, Aug. 12.

Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen, 439TAW Commander, welcomed the families and friends at the base theatre and began the day's activities. "I sincerely thank you for your support of the Reserve program. The fact that you, too, sacrifice a weekend a month, the annual training tour and much more, truly makes Reserve participation a family commitment. Today we will acquaint you with the 439th's activities and your spouse's important role to our unit's mission. Today also gives me the opportunity to extend my appreciation for the inconveniences which you bear."

The visitors were escorted to the Base Operations area where supply and equipment air drops and short field landings were demonstrated by the 337TAS C-130s and the 731TAS C-123s. The aircrews proved their proficiency in executing accurate drops and displayed their ability to land and stop the aircraft within a short 2,500 feet or less.

"Many of us had never seen an air drop before. It was new to us. We were impressed with the accuracy of the drops," said Anne Morey, wife of SSgt. Eugene A. Morey, legal services specialist in the Judge Advocate office.

"I've seen short-field landings before, and each time it amazes me to see the pilots stop the planes on such a short runway," echoed Linda Berry, wife of SSgt. Jon S. Berry, 905CAMS inventory management specialist.

Next on the tour, the visitors were shuttled by bus to the fire pit area for a demonstration by the base fire department. Jet fuel was poured on an aircraft mock-up and the flames soared. A few nervous cries were heard in the crowd, but not for long. The fire was extinguished in approximately 30 seconds.

Later, the fire trucks were open for the visitor's inspection.

"This is impressive. You could feel the heat from quite a great distance," said Mrs. Theresa Jacobs, wife of vehicle maintenance superintendent Steven Jacobs.

Another stop was a demonstration given by SSgt. Edwin G. Ross, 439TAW life support specialist. Included was the use of a parachute and ground survival equipment.

"I thought the life support demonstration was informative. I never imagined a parachute could be so valuable in so many ways," was the comment of Sharon Lowe, guest of TSgt. Donald J. Campbell, 59APS air transportation supervisor.

Also available were static aircraft dis-

plays of the C-123 and C-130. The tour of base facilities included various 439TAW/MA maintenance shops, aerial port flights and the open mess. The many guests also visited their spouses' and friends' work areas.

"Now that I've had an opportunity to visit this office, I've got a clearer picture of what my husband does," remarked Anna DeAngelis, wife of SMSgt. Salvatore J. DeAngelis, 439TAW operations superintendent.

After the official tour, Jane Dery, wife of Capt. Patrick J. Dery, 337TAS navigator added, "We as a family belong to the Air Force Reserve. Just as our children are a mutual part of our life, so is the Air Force Reserve."

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**IMPRESSIVE ACTION . . . .** The crowd watches the aircraft simulated mock-up fire demonstration.



## 11 Aeromedical Units Train at Westover

By MSgt. Larry Lentz

One patient suffered a traumatic amputation of the right leg. Another had a fractured cervical spine. A third was a psychiatric patient exhibiting anxiety reaction. They, and many other battle casualties, were treated by members of the 439th's 74th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron at Westover between July 23 and August 5.

The patients, however, were not actually injured. Their injuries, simulated with bandages and colored dye, were listed on large tags attached to their clothing. But the 74th's nurses and medical technicians treated them as if their injuries were real. They, along with 550 other reservists and guardsmen, from ten other Reserve Force units, were participating in the largest aeromedical exercise ever held.

The patients were treated in one of six Mobile Aeromedical Staging Facilities (MASF) specially constructed around the base. From these tents, the patients were loaded on waiting C-7s, C-123s, C-130s, and a UH-1H for flights to hospitals. These short takeoff and landing (STOL) aircraft, and helicopter are designed to drop off men and supplies in a combat area. Then, for the return trip, they are reconverted and immediately evacuate the wounded.

That journey, from MASF to hospitals had started at a Medical Clearing Company (MCC) which is the forward operating facility which initially treats battle victims.

During the Westover exercise, the MCC served as the make-up area where reservists were draped with gauze, bandages, splints and authentic looking blood and were given instructions on how to "act" based on their assigned injury.

From MCC, the casualties, during an actual emergency or exercise, are transported by helicopter or ambulance to a combat support hospital. There they are dispersed to a MASF and the next plane home.

The Westover exercise was identical to the training the paramedics received in July, 1975, also at Westover. But this year, additional challenges made their two-weeks even more realistic.

For the first time, Air National Guard units, the 118 AES, Nashville TN and the 139 AEF, Schenectady, N.Y., joined the reservists.

Also, unit members were required to completely erect their own MASF tent without the guidance previously offered by the 37th Aeromedical Evacuation Group from MacDill AFB, FL. Besides grappling with the canvas, the 74th personnel installed and operated their own power-generating and radio equipment.

"For the first time, part of the exercise schedule was unscheduled. In the past, patients' evacuation followed a prescribed time table. Everyone knew what was ex-

pected," explains Maj. Marvin Proctor, 74th Operations Officer. "Now, unit members had to complete loading and flight plans and supervise the airlifting of patients with minimum notice. Once aboard, simulated aircraft emergencies were staged. For example, a fire during take-off forced everyone to follow emergency egress procedures."

### Varied Learning Experiences

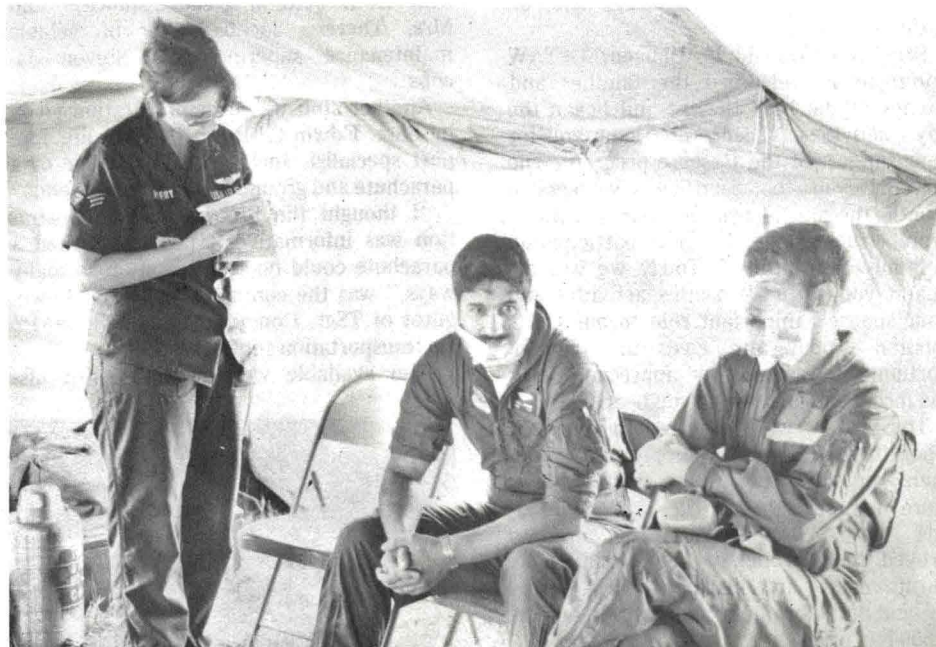
In addition to a week in the "field", the 74th personnel spent another in local and cross-country flying activities. They, together with other exercise participants, learned the newest practices in the treatment and evacuation of burn patients from instructors from the Army Burn Center at the Brook Army Medical Center, Ft. Sam Hood, Texas.

The training had put theory into prac-

tice. New unit members experienced field conditions for the first time. The "veterans" refined their capabilities and were exposed to new situations.

The exercise also yielded another benefit as unit members alternated assignments. While some assumed nurse/technician roles, others were patients.

"I experienced what it was like being a patient for the first time," recalls SrA Marlene Wilson, a 74th technician and student nurse at American International College. "I realized how important some of the little things the nurses and technicians do are for the patients. For example, we should unstrap patients' arms once they are aboard or always check the position of their blankets. By doing so, we make that long, important trip for the critically ill just a little more comfortable. And that's what we're here for."



**CHINS UP . . . . AIC Karen Peery, 74AES, offers some words of cheer and completes the necessary paper work for patients SSgt. Gary Bowker, 37AES and SSgt. Jon Ellsworth, 45AEF.**

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**MEDICS' MEETING . . . . .** Capt. Theresa Maher (left) confers with TSgt. Larry Ouillette, both of the 74AES, about the condition of Sgt. Freddie Hightower, 64AES, prior to his airlift evacuation.

## BRIEFS

A tip of the hat and a "well done" to the 25 members of Combat Support Group for their participation and assistance during Westover's mammoth aeromedical evacuation exercise. They provided dining hall, security police, administration, recreation and transportation services.

Westover's men and women softball teams remained undefeated to take first place in the Annual AFRES Slowpitch Softball Tournament, held Aug. 18 and 19 at Westover.

The men defeated the 911 TAG, from the Greater Pittsburgh Airport, PA., 23-11, in the final game. Third place went to the 915th AEWCG, from Homestead AFB, Fla.

The Westover women also defeated, the 911TAG, 13-1 in their deciding game. The 934th TAG, from Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, MN., took third place.

## 59 APS to Represent 439th in Rodeo Competition

By CMSgt. Lucien J. Charette, 59APS

The 59 Aerial Port Squadron (APS) earned the right to represent the 439TAW at the first annual 14AF(R). Materials Handling Equipment (MHE) Rodeo Competition by edging the 58APS in competition held at Dover AFB, DE in July. The 14AF(R) Rodeo is scheduled for late October or early November at Charleston AFB, SC.

The winner of the competition at Charleston and the first runner-up will represent the 14AF(R) in the AFRES Competition to be held at Hickham, AFB, HI in January.

The rodeo competition consisted of driving a forklift and aircraft loader through obstacle courses, handling and preparing supplies within the Air Cargo warehouse for air transport and the loading of a C-141. Contestants were also required to checkout and answer oral questions about such cargo moving and loading equipment as the warehouse tug, forklift and loader. A written test consisting of 50 questions was administered to each contestant to determine their knowledge within the Air Cargo specialty.

The 59th had its share of problems in putting a team together. Because of earlier overseas tours, the unit had less than 50 per cent of its personnel available for team selection. Nonetheless, in a short span of four weeks, eleven highly qualified people pooled their resources and came up with a winning combination.

SrA Barbara A. Morris of the 59th's team was the overall high scorer in the competition which included units of the 512th Military Airlift Wing, an active duty unit at Dover AFB.



**GENERAL DELIVERY . . . . .** 74AES technicians carry patients from the Mobile Aeromedical Staging Facility to a waiting C-123 during the Reserve Forces aeromedical evacuation exercise. Maj. Gen. Richard Bodycombe, 14 Air Force (Reserve) vice commander was the Provider's pilot.





**MUSICAL INVITATION . . . .** Members of the Trumpeteers from Fort Devens herald the dining out.



**PARTY GOERS . . . .** Members of the 905APF wait for the festivities to begin.

## NCOs and A Fourth Annual

More than 250 members of the 439TAW and their guests raised their glasses of cheer during the wing's Fourth Annual NCO and Airman Dining-Out at the Consolidated Open Mess on Aug. 12.

Their toasts ranged from "to the President of the United States" to "to the desert—whatever it is." After dinner and the completion of the many serious and not-so-serious "Mr. President, I rise to a point of order," the festivities honored wing personnel for their contribution to the unit.

CMSgt. Frank Pecka III, 58APS, was named the 439's Outstanding Senior Non-commissioned Officer of the Year. TSgt. Walter Feller, 901CF, and Amn. Barbara Morris, 59APS received the same distinction as Noncommissioned Officer and Airman of the Year, respectively.

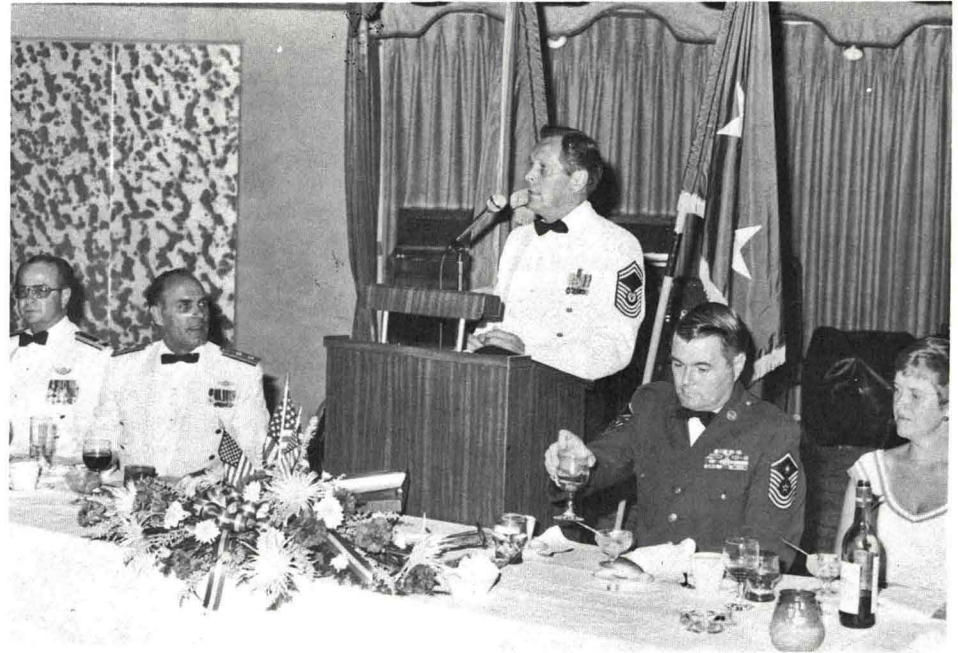
The Base Fire Department was chosen as the wing's Outstanding Work Center of the Year. The President of the Mess, SMSgt. Henry Scott, also announced the winners of other yearly awards competitions.

They are: TSgt. Robert Sousa, 905-





# Airmen Hold Annual Dining-Out



**GUEST SPEAKER . . . . .** Donald Harlow, former Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force and now AFSA deputy executive director delivers the keynote address. Those listening from the dais include (from left) Col. J. Frank Moore, Base Commander, Maj. Gen. Edward Dillon, 14AF(R) Commander, SMSgt. Henry Scott, 439CSG First Sergeant and Mrs. Scott.

MOBSF, Supply Person; TSgt. James Freer, 439CSG, Personnel Technician; TSgt. Wesley Carter, 74AES, Medical Technician; SSgt. Faith Longfield, 439CSG, Recruiting Support Person; Amn. Patricia Byrnes, 439CSG, Reserve Administration Technician; TSgt. Francis Coffey, 439TAW, Safety Person; MSgt. Michael Arminio, 731TAS, Enlisted Aircrew Member; MSgt. Robert Rose, 901AMS, Maintenance Technician; and TSgt. James Lortsher, 901APF, OJT Technician.

Sergeant Scott then introduced the evening's guest speaker, Donald Harlow, the Air Force Sergeants' Association deputy executive director for government relations.

He reminded his audience that they have a stake in the country's destiny. Citizens have an obligation which goes beyond a military commitment and involvement in civilian community affairs. He suggested that everyone exercise his or her right to vote as a means to preserve our freedom. "Once we lose this freedom, we will never get it back."



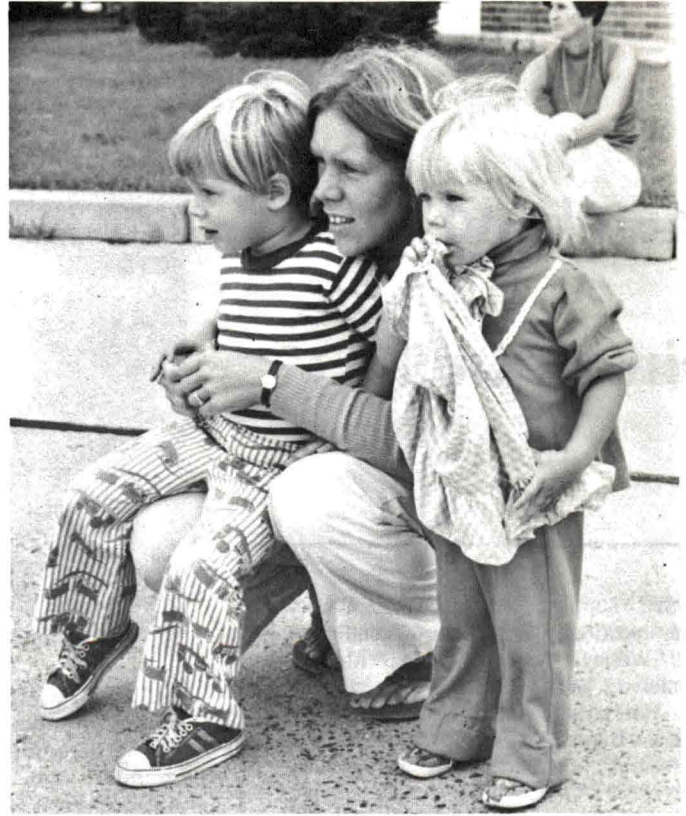
**A 439th FIRST . . . . .** SRA Darlene Wilson, 74AES, reenlists in the Air Force Reserve during the dining out. General Haugen administers oath while Chief Harlow looks on.







**RIGHT ON TOP OF THINGS . . . .** Best seat in the house for Kevin C. Jones, as he sits on his dad's shoulders, SSgt. Sidney H. Jones 59APS air cargo specialist.



**WHAT A LANDING . . . .** Mrs. Susan Rhodes and children Patricia and Harry watch the short-field landings. The trio were the guests of Sgt. Harold E. Rhodes Jr., 439CSG.

## Spouses' Day '78



**QUITE A RIG . . . .** Guests get a closer look at Westover AFB fire apparatus that was used to extinguish the simulated aircraft fire.



**FUTURE PILOTS? . . . .** Looking out into the horizon from the cockpit of a C-130 are two youths, guests at the Spouses' Day activities.



## General Haugen Meets Unit at Commander's Calls

Many members of the 439TAW met their wing commander, Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen for the first time at two commander's calls at the base theater on Sunday Aug. 13.

The general presented numerous medals, awards and certificates to Westover reservists who had distinguished themselves recently.

General Haugen invited and answered questions asked by the reservists at both commander's calls. He stressed that he felt the commander's calls were an important medium of communication between himself and those he commands.

"I enjoy commander's call," the new wing commander said, "and view it as a two-way forum. I will try to tell you what is going on and also open up the commander's call for questions."

General Haugen presented the Air Medal to Capt. Richard Gavin and SSgt. Gary Miller, both of the 731TAS, for the bravery they exhibited when their C-123 crash-landed at Westover. Maj. Gale French, the aircraft's co-pilot, earlier won the Air Force wide Koren Kolligan, Jr. Trophy for 1977 for his actions during the air emergency and crash-landing. (See May, 1978 Patriot.)

Three members of the 439th Tactical Hospital and two members of the 439CSG received the Air Force Commendation Medal at the commander's calls.

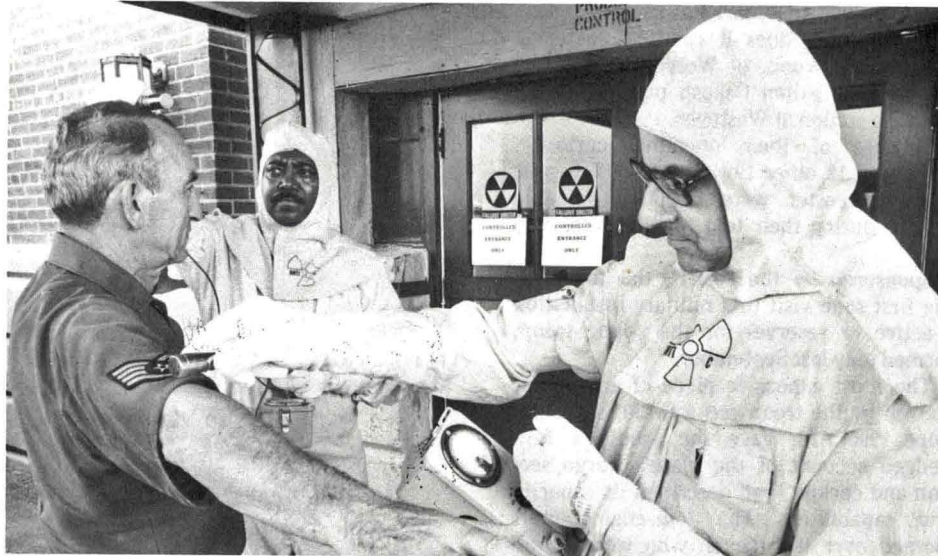
Lt. Col. Harry Stoliker earned a commendation medal for his work as a veter-

inarian. Maj. Allan Davidson was recognized for his work as an administrative officer with the medical unit. Capt. James Scott was honored for the tasks he accomplished as a bioenvironmental engineer.

MSgt. Robert Connor earned his medal for work in the personnel section of the 439CSG. SSgt. William Bowles was honored for his work as an administrative specialist

with the Pass and ID section of the Base Security Police.

The General Claire Chennault Award trophy, (See August, 1978 Patriot) won by the 337TAS, was displayed at both commander's calls. The large silver trophy with a P-17 "Flying Tiger" aircraft on top will be kept on display in the wing headquarters building.



**CONTAMINATED? . . . . SSgt. Vincent Depillo, 901MOBSF Disaster Preparedness (DP) Mobility Team Chief, undergoes radiological monitoring during "Attack '78". The five day exercise was held August 13-17 and simulated a nuclear assault on Westover. The monitors, using a radiation detector are, from left, Mr. John Wilson, DP technician, and MSgt. Albert Breton, DP NCO.**



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## 905CF Conducts Scout Tour

By SrA G. Mark LaFrancis

"How much does it cost?" asked Boy Scout Mark Wood, of Worcester, pointing to the 2,300 gallon Oskosh pumper at the base fire station at Westover.

Because of their unending curiosity, Mark and 12 other Boy Scouts of Troop 22 from Worcester were to learn valuable lessons during their tour of Westover, July 16.

Sponsored by the 905CF, the tour was the first such visit to a military installation—active or reserve—for the young troop, formed only last September.

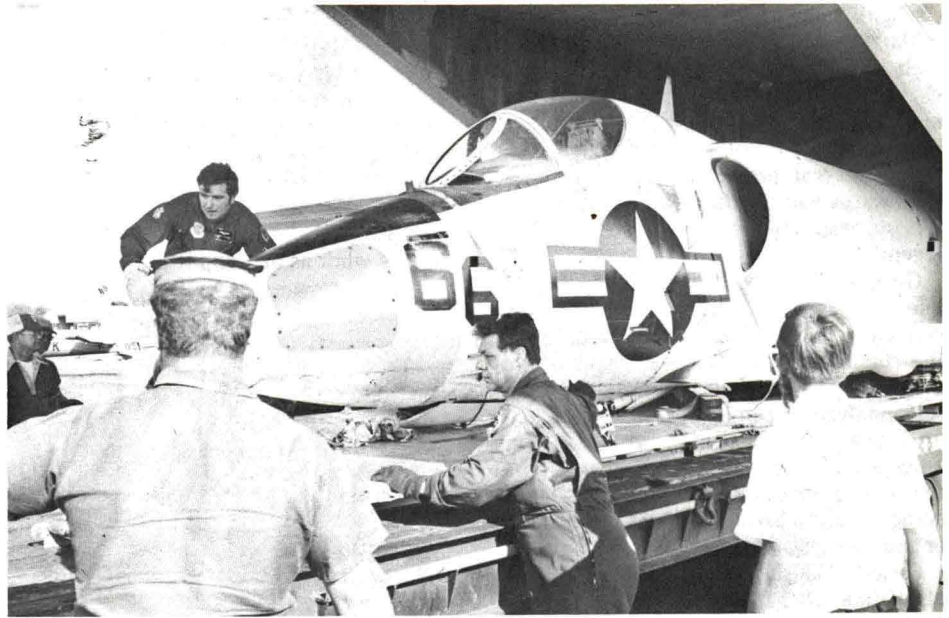
The most expensive piece of equipment viewed by the troop was a C-130. Sgt. John Cope, 905CAM, gave the scouts a full-fledged account of the plane's cargo section and cockpit, and described its capacity and capabilities. The four-engine craft loomed over the scouts, who were somewhat surprised that the "bird" could actually get off the ground.

A short ride across the flight line brought the visitors to the base fire station, where TSgt. William E. Timmons, a fire specialist with the 439CSG, showed off the pumpers. The scouts took turns trying on a 35-40 pound asbestos suit aided by TSgt. Charles Woodruff, rescue team chief. Sgt. Woodruff opened the numerous compartments of the rescue van while explaining such time and life saving tools as the power chisel, crow bar, multi-purpose extinguisher, gas mask and the newly developed Jaws of Life.

The scouts also learned about flight procedures and clearances at the Air Traffic Control Tower.

The scouts final stop was at the 905CF where radio operations were explained by TSgt. Earl Cole, SSgt. Donald G. Hughes and Sgt. Irma Carper.

After a final briefing by Maj. Alvin Burge, the scouts left with the idea that Air Force Reservists, not only know what they are doing, but are a great bunch of people.



**JET ACTION . . . . .** The FAA's new A-4 jet is carefully unloaded at Nashua's Boire Field from a 337TAS C-130. (Photo by SMSgt. Clayton Gallant)

## 337th Solves a Plane Problem

By MSgt. Larry Lentz

**Question:** The Federal Aviation Administration's new Boston Center, in Nashua, N.H., sought an attractive display to grace its front lawn. After much searching, an excess A-4 jet fighter was donated by the Memphis (Tenn.) Naval Air Station. Without the necessary funds for a "commercial" mover, the problem became, "how could the aircraft be brought to its new home?"

**Answer:** Call on the 337th Tactical Airlift Squadron. The Westover unit agreed, as part of a scheduled training mission, to airlift the airplane. Implementation of that solution became a multi-service operation.

"We told the Naval authorities the dimensions of our C-130s," said Lt. Col. Robert Motley, 337th squadron navigator. "Then, members of a Tennessee Air National Guard aerial port unit advised Navy aircraft maintenance personnel how to cut

and disassemble the A-4 to required specifications. In June, two of our aircraft arrived at the Memphis field and the loading began. The jet's tail and wings were placed in one Hercules and the fuselage, mounted on a flatbed, was maneuvered into the second. There were only inches to spare."

At Nashua's Boire Field, the Westover aircraft were greeted by 250 wellwishers. After the unloading, Navy Construction Battalion (CB) drivers, using Army low-boy equipment, transported the A-4 to its new home. The plane was scheduled to be reassembled in time for an unveiling ceremony at a September open house.

"The flights served two purposes," says Colonel Motley. "We were able and glad to help the FAA. And two crews under the command of Lt. Col. Joseph Denegre, Jr. and Capt. Sandy Whitier, a Nashua resident, and six loadmasters, directed by TSgt. Thomas Dzwonkus, accomplished some highly unusual odd-shaped loading and unloading exercises."

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