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Family Day Shows Off 439th Facilities, Abilities

by MSgt. Larry Lentz

Seven year old Christine Kenney looks forward to the weekends and playing with her dad. "We like to wrestle, and go fishing and cut the grass riding on the tractor." But there are some weekends she and her father don't do the things they enjoy doing together. Her father is MSgt. Thomas Kenney—an aircraft maintenance foreman with Westover's 905 CAMS. Like other reservists, Sergeant Kenney spends one weekend a month away from his family.

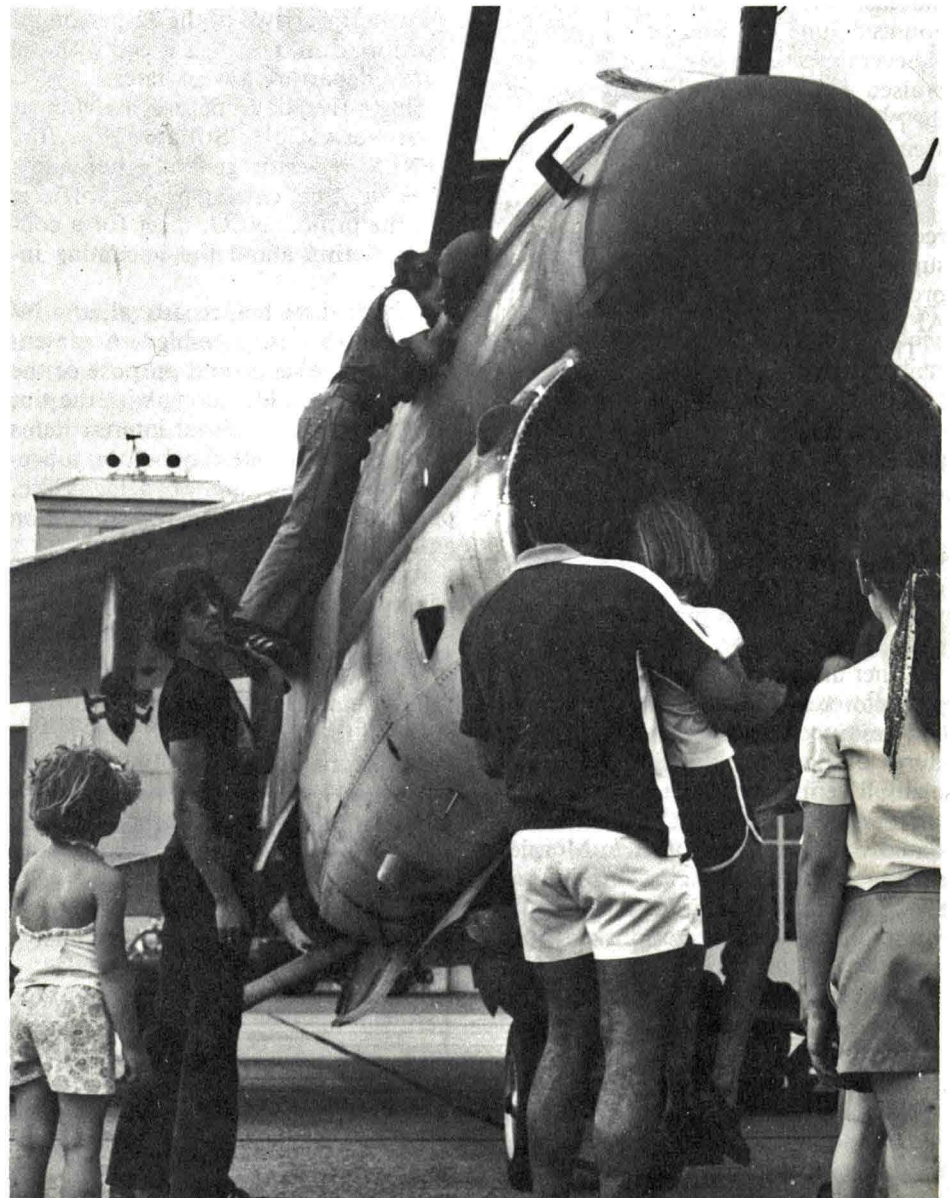
Sergeant Kenney's participation in the Air Force Reserve is therefore shared and felt by his family. Together, they reap the benefits, but they also must share the inconveniences and disappointments.

In recognition of that mutual obligation, the 439 TAW expressed its thanks and appreciation to the families of its reservists during its first Family Day on Saturday, June 16. Daughters, sons, wives, husbands, parents and guests came to Westover for an afternoon of inspection, demonstration, digestion, relaxation and introspection.

They toured work areas and met colleagues of their reservist-family member. They inspected the wing's C-123 and C-130 aircraft as well as viewed the other planes parked on Westover's ramps.

Later, a firefighting demonstration, held in conjunction with the reservists' training, gave the base firefighters an opportunity to show off their skills and equipment. The families watched as a pit fire of contaminated fuel was extinguished quickly.

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Mike Cailler, son of MSgt. Ray Cailler, gives his brother, Dave, a boost and a unique view of an A-7 cockpit.

439 TAW Passes Management Effectiveness Inspection

by SrA. Dean Mauro

When the tentative results of the week long Management Effectiveness Inspection were announced at the base theater, June 13, the good news greatly outweighed the bad.

The 439th TAW satisfactorily passed this inspection which determines the unit's ability to implement and accomplish its objectives. Numerous units and sections were praised by Col. William Redman, the inspection team member who presented the field memorandum at the briefing.

The final written report will be released by the inspection team during the last week of June. Ratings announced June 13 could be changed.

Several sections of the 439th were praised for their work; some called the "best in AFRES"; others, "best seen to date" or the "best in the command."

Command support of base programs received high marks, especially strong support of the disaster preparedness program, which was called the best in AFRES.

The base appearance was said to "reflect highly on the dedication and work" of those involved.

The 58 MAPS was praised as a whole, with its training noted as the "best seen to date."

The Chief of Administration was cited for starting cost savings procedures in copy and duplicating. The mail room was also praised for its improved procedures.

Other units receiving laudatory comments were the Deputy Commander for Resources; management and procedures of Base Supply; Services, especially Billeting, Food Service and Mortuary Affairs; Life Support; Consolidated Base Personnel Office; Morale, Welfare and Recreation; Consolidated Open Mess; Recruiting, the Deputy Commander for Operations section; and the 731 and 337 Tactical Airlift Squadrons.

The 439 CSG Security Police and 901 WSSF were noted for the vast improvements achieved since the last inspection.

Col. Stillman V. Taylor, AFRES inspector general, who headed the 32-person team that came to Westover from AFRES Headquarters, addressed the people in the crowded theater fol-

lowing the briefing.

Brig. Gen. Donald Haugen, wing commander, said he was extremely pleased. "I think we've improved tremendously. Now it's time to get right at the areas that need changes. An inspection at this time puts us in good

standing for the MAC ORI that will be forthcoming.

"I congratulate everyone in the base's total force that helped to make the inspection a success — the civilians, the reservists and the technicians. Everyone can be proud."

MEI — More Than What Meets The I(nspection)

The recent Management Effectiveness Inspection at Westover didn't begin with the arrival of the 32-person inspection team, nor does it end with the team's departure a week later.

Thirty-five days before arriving at Westover, Col. Stillman Taylor, AFRES inspector general, the team's three division chiefs, project officer, and the project NCO, meet for a concept briefing about the upcoming inspection.

Fifteen days before arrival, the inspection team is assembled. A presentation of the scope and purpose of the inspection is made, along with the singling out of any special interest items to be checked. One day before, a pre-deployment meeting is held. Here, plans for the inspection, transportation and billeting are discussed.

After arriving at Westover, the team begins six and a half days of inspecting, about normal for a base the size of Westover. At smaller bases, the inspection takes about a day less.

At the conclusion to the inspection,

a field memorandum is given to the commander and a presentation made at which a representative of 14AF(R) is present.

The team goes back to their headquarters to validate its findings with AFRES staff. Within ten working days, a final report is completed and sent back to Westover. The final report requires a written response for the base inspected, while the field memorandum doesn't.

Along with identification of problem areas, the final report also includes suggestions to solve the deficiencies.

The procedure continues with followup contacts back to the unit to see that corrective action is being taken.

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TOPS IN BLUE Top the Day

The Westover population was entertained by the TOPS IN BLUE '79 at the base theatre June 13. A performance by the 26-member showcase played to a full house.

Individual musical, vocal and comedy talent highlighted the two-hour show which featured a disco theme throughout. A fast-paced musical variety format led to the finale — the group's version of *The Wiz*. The cast received a standing ovation.

The revue included local talent in a disco dance routine performed by A1C. Dorothy "Dolly" Grajales, 439th Traffic Management and her fiancé, Eddie Martinez of Bridgeport, Conn.

Col. J. Frank Moore, base commander, opened the evening's fare with a welcome to and introduction of the TOPS. Colonel Moore remarked that June 13th was truly a memorable day — the MEI was over, and now one and all were prepared to relax and be entertained.

The Westover visit was just one of the 145 performances during their 135 day tour of 90 Air Force installations throughout the U.S., the Phillipines, Guam and the Orient.

Tops in Blue performers are chosen from competitors in the Air Force



The Tops in Blue "Disco Fantasy" is the ensemble's opening number.

Worldwide Talent Contest. In addition to a rigorous schedule on the road, performers are responsible for their own props, lighting, sound system, wardrobe, transportation, makeup and equipment maintenance.

Colonel Moore presented a plaque

of appreciation to the TOPS at a post-show dinner at the Consolidated Open Mess. Reservists who served as ushers also attended the affair. They were Martha Daugherty, Marcia Keddy, Faith Longfield, Nancy Peters, Mona St. Pierre and Debbie Sola.

(Photos by Amn. Tim Peters)



Some songs were not performed on the stage. Rather, cast members popped up from locations throughout the audience.

905 CF Received Safety Kudos

For their innovative and comprehensive ground safety programs, the 905th Communications Flight was awarded an outstanding rating by the wing's Ground Safety Office. The citation was the first time in four years that the safety office bestowed such an honor on a unit following an annual inspection.

"The unit earned their award, not only for their publications and documentation management, but for two safety programs they initiated," says 1st Lt. Thomas Waldron, ground safety officer. "SSgt. Michael Noonan, the unit's safety NCO, started a unit driver safety program and rates the driving abilities of individuals in their own automobiles. Included in Sergeant Noonan's inspection are

checks for proper speed and following distances; use of signals, parking and backup procedures."

In another program, for the past year, the 905th has been divided into four teams which eliminate hazardous safety violations such as improper use of protective personal equipment; and incorrect office and housekeeping procedures, record keeping and storage of flammable materials. The team with the least discrepancies, over a six-month period, are treated to a complimentary dinner by their commander, Maj. Alvin Burge.

In recognition of their safety consciousness and accomplishments, Lt. Col. Donald Ridgway presented Major Burge and Sergeant Noonan a gift pen set.

Westover's Maintenance Team Wins Volant Rodeo Competition

by A1C. Deborah Elliot

"Commanders picked who they thought were their wing's best people," emphasized Lt. Gen. Thomas M. Ryan, Jr., MAC Vice commander in chief, during Volant Rodeo opening day ceremonies, June 4 at Pope Air Force Base, "because they wanted to win the rodeo." The 439th Tactical Airlift Wing's C-123 maintenance crew did just that. They won.

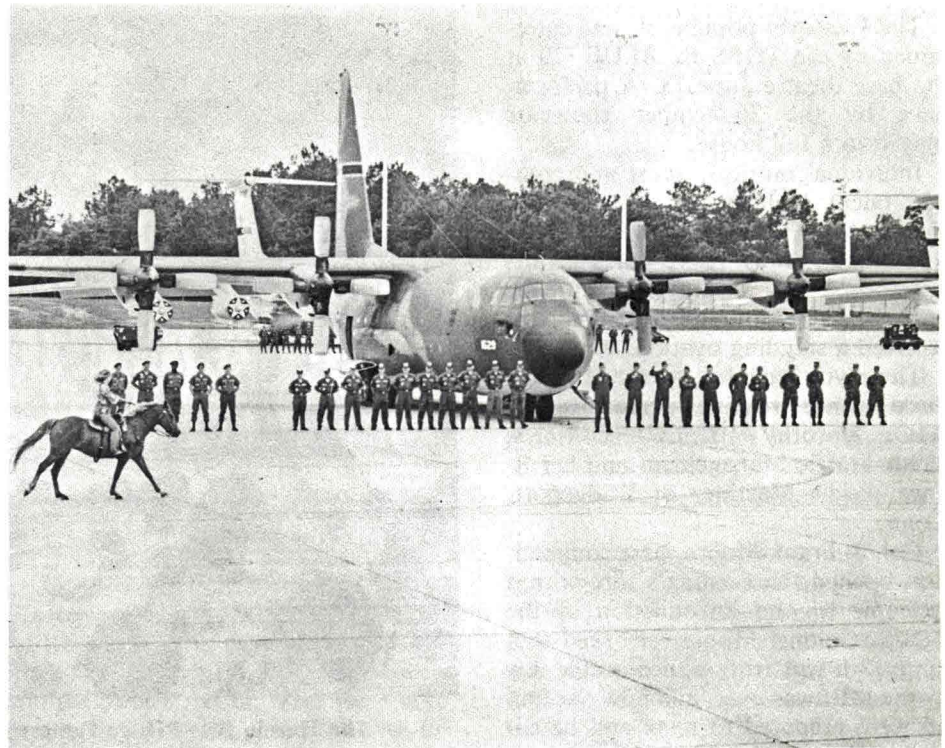
The weeklong Volant Rodeo competition involved 800 participating active duty, national guard and reserve personnel from around the world. An aircrew as well as a maintenance team represented 31 competing units. Selected from the 439th were the 731st Tactical Airlift Squadron with their C-123 aircraft and the 914th Tactical Airlift Group from Niagara, flying a C-130. This MAC sponsored Tactical Airdrop Competition included categories for C-7 Caribou, C-123 Provider, C-130 Hercules, and C-141 Starlifter aircraft. Its purpose was to give Air Force personnel a chance to meet, compare procedures, and evaluate each unit's capabilities with other units.

Scheduled maintenance events included a "continuous, thorough inspection by judges each morning," according to TSgt. James J. Marrone, 901 CAMS, maintenance team chief. "Aircraft forms were reviewed. All maintenance activities from checking air pressure in the tires to inspecting cables were monitored. And, the aircraft itself was inspected."

Over a five-day period, the nine-man C-123 maintenance team acquired a total of 1,940 out of a possible 2,000 points, to win in their category.

Team members were: MSgt. Russell B. Markwith, 905 CAMS, communications/navigation; MSgt. Carlo S. Torre, 439 TAW, hydraulic maintenance; TSgt. James J. Marrone, 901 CAMS, aircraft, general; SSgt. John M. Budenas, 901 CAMS, engine technician; SSgt. William R. Fielder, 905 CAMS, electrician; SSgt. Paul R. Harrison, 905 CAMS, wheel and tire maintenance; SSgt. Martin E. Kowalski, 901 CAMS, instrument mechanic; SSgt. David G. Miller, 731 TAS, aircraft mechanic, and SSgt. Larry W. Raines, 901 CAMS, aircraft mechanic.

"It would be unfair to claim all the glory," reflected Sergeant Budenas,



Opening day ceremonies were kicked off with the sound of horses' hooves. The clicking sound, heard through rows of parked aircraft, was a show of Pope's Rodeo Spirit.

maintenance team member. Even before #540703 left Westover, a team of nine refurbished the cockpit and the interior of the cargo compartment. Extensive maintenance was done on the airframe (for example, worn parts such as screws and panels were replaced.) Engine reconditioning was accomplished and the aircraft was spot painted. "The men did an outstanding job," said CMSgt. Charles Fusco, 901 CAMS, organizational maintenance superintendent.

The 901 CAMS preparation crew was: TSgt. Irving H. Colby, TSgt. James Marrone, TSgt. Verne A. Nelson, TSgt. John Peavy, TSgt. Richard Stula, SSgt. John Budenas, SSgt. John Gallagher, SSgt. Larry Raines, and SSgt. Joseph R. Sullivan.

Other contenders in the C-123 maintenance category were the 355 TAS, Rickenbacker Air Force Base, Ohio, (the 2nd place team with 1,935 points); the 356th TAS, also from Rickenbacker, and the 911th TAG represented by the 758th TAS, Greater Pittsburgh IAP.

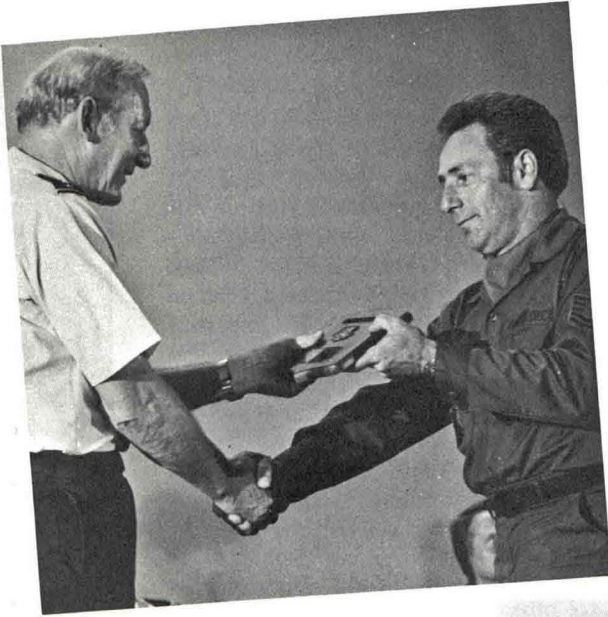
Scheduled aircrew events included assault landings, approaches, takeoffs,

low-level routes, and container delivery system and personnel airdrops. CDS drops were accomplished with 2,000 pound bundles.

Accuracy and precision timing were the key elements in scoring. Points for landing depended on touching down within a 400 foot designated runway area. Maximum points were given if touchdown occurred within a 100 foot area. The C-123s, which are capable of executing takeoffs and landings within a 1500 foot runway space, competed on a dirt surface.

Lt. Col. James R. Swindell, 731 TAS, was selected to be one of four 'rated aircrew umpires' monitoring C-123 flying activities. "I monitored turning points, and take off and target times aboard the three other competing C-123s," recalled Colonel Swindell.

Participating aircrew members from the 731st TAS were: Maj. Richard Ray, aircraft commander; Maj. Charles Joslin, Jr., co-pilot; Capt. Charles Brown, team chief; Maj. Sudro Brown, navigator; TSgt. Andrew Lown, flight mechanic, and SSgt. Paul Benson, loadmaster.



TSgt. James J. Marrone, 901 CAMS maintenance team chief, receives a plaque and congratulations from Gen. William G. Moore, Jr. commander in chief of the Military Airlift Command during the awards ceremony on June 9.



SSgt. Paul Benson, 731 TAS loadmaster, left, and TSgt. Andrew Lown, 731 TAS flight mechanic, secure a CDS load during Volant Rodeo.



MSgt. Joseph R. LaFrance, 901 MAPS loadmaster instructor, secures part of a 600 lb. CDS cargo pallet. Judges noted loading techniques and conformity to safety regulations.



Dawn rises over Pope AFB's flightline at the start of another day of tactical airdrop activities.



Paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division board Westover's competing C-123 aircraft.



Children of 439th reservists witness, with varying degrees of enjoyment, firefighters extinguish a simulated aircraft fire. Two families are, from left, SSgt. and Mrs. Paul Rudnicki, 439 CSG, and daughter Kate; and SSgt. and Mrs. Sidney Jones, 59 MAPS, and sons Richard and Kevin.



Part of the 44,000 pounds of cargo dropped during the day's training spills out of a C-130.



Barbecued chicken for 500 gets an assist from SSgt. Arthur Weber, TSgt. Vincent Lingley and TSgt. Ron Perrault.

Family Day . . .

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Back on the flight line, the visitors watched the scheduled flying training activities of the 439th's 337 and 731 Tactical Airlift Squadrons from Westover and the 328 TAS from Niagara.

First were the aerial demonstrations of the Army Reserve's 11th Special Forces from Fort Devens. Six parachutists performed high altitude, low opening jumps from 7,500 feet. As part of their training, 25 others jumped from C-123s at 1,000 feet.

Next were heavy equipment drops. Simulated equipment, weighing 44,000 pounds was sent out of the aircraft. The cargo was the most tonnage ever used at Westover in one training exercise.

There were also assault landings and take offs. The C-130s touched down and stopped within 2,000 feet while the C-123s took only 1,200 feet.

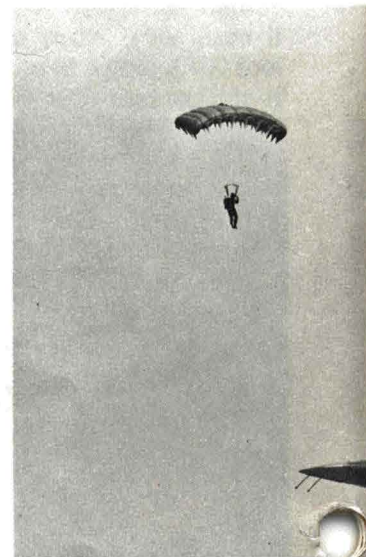
"The complement of six C-123s and 11 C-130s allowed for a unique opportunity—large formation training," explains Lt. Col. Robert Motley, 337 TAS chief navigator. "The technique used in the equipment drops was also unusual. Sequential load bearing platform drops are used with two loads. The force of the first load as it slides out of the aircraft pulls out the second one."

Meanwhile, in the base hangar, game booths and displays provided a



TSgt. John Sullivan explains the controls of the "Huey" helicopter to a young child and Brigitte.

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A Special Forces parachutist maneuvers the aircraft was parked on the ramp.

up elaborate displays depicting their respective functions.

There was even music to stroll past the mini-midway. Husband and wife team, TSgt. David Malouin, an Air Force recruiter, and his wife, SSgt. Janet Malouin, 439 Avionics Branch navigation technician, entertained with country and western music.

After an afternoon of walking and watching and walking some more, everyone was ready for some eating. And the cooks and staff of the base dining hall were ready to oblige with one huge picnic. They served more than 800 dinners of barbecue chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers and all the trimmings.

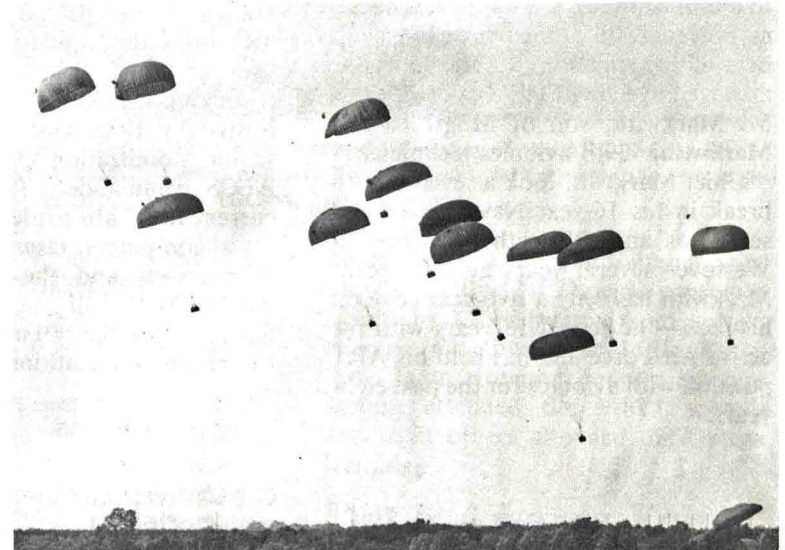
The day's activities concluded with a poolside dance featuring the music of disc jockey Rich Roy from radio station WHYN.

The next day, June 17, appropriately was Father's Day. Perhaps in the Kenney household, Christine gave her father a card and gift. They also might have talked about the family outing at the base the day before.

Christine might not fully accept her father's monthly departure to Westover when she gazes at her unused fishing pole. She probably doesn't fully understand the reserve concept or her father's vital part in it. But because Christine visited the base, saw the planes and had some barbecue chicken, perhaps her monthly disappointment now won't hurt so much.



Sharon Turner, wife of base firefighter Joe Turner, has her hands full with balloons and kids — daughters, Wendy, left and Carla, right, and their friend, Ginia Paige, center.



Container Delivery System bundles dot the sky over Westover's drop zone.



731 TAS loadmaster, of a Marine Corps to his children, John

side activities. The Recreation Division's athletic skills of the battery of baseball and basketball children proved to ball players and ze for their efforts. Disaster Preparedness, Base Fire 5 CF personnel set



ers past a low-flying C-130. Actually,



Family visitors tour a visiting C-141.

BRIEFS

The 439th's resident marathoner, **MSgt. James Boudreau**, 439CSG, won his first marathon—a 12-mile race sponsored by the Ludlow (Mass.) Elks Lodge on Sunday, May 13. He was first in the over age 50 category with a time of 93 minutes, 18 seconds. On Patriots' Day, the 57-year old sergeant completed the Boston Marathon 26-mile course in under four hours.

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439ers Put to "Sea" — After the Volant Rodeo competition at Pope Air Force Base, eleven members of the 731 TAS, 439th aircraft maintenance and the office of information were treated to a tour of the U.S.S. Nimitz, a nuclear powered aircraft carrier, by members of the ship's crew. The tour was arranged by **Chief Petty Officer Dennis M. Markwith**, son of **MSgt. Russell Markwith**, 439th avionics technician.

Chief Markwith took a seven-month break in his 16-year Navy career and served as an ART with his father at Westover several years ago. Sergeant Markwith has only a five-year edge on his son — he served 13 years with the active Air Force and has held his ART position with avionics for the past eight years.

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Togetherness was the theme for a Memorial Day weekend picnic held on Sunday, May 27, by Westover's **Det. 5, IACOMMGP**. The unit's chefs kept busy barbecuing 50 pounds of ribs, 20 pounds of chicken and 10 pounds of hamburgers for the 100 participants.

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Members of the Air Force Reserve's **928th Tactical Airlift Group**, based at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, were quick to respond when a DC-10 crashed May 25 in the nation's worst aircraft disaster in history. Air Force fire trucks were among the first to arrive at the crash site. Also taking part were Reservists assigned to the motor pool, casualty services, mortuary services, security police, the crisis-action team and disaster preparedness.

Maj. Ronald Frederickson ended his career at Westover on July 15 with his appointment as a maintenance specialist at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He has been replaced by Col. Reginald Wackford from the 914 TAG.

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Chapel services, during UTA weekends, are held in the wing briefing room of the Base Hangar. Catholic services are Saturdays at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Protestant services are held at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday.

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1st Lt. Jack Sanocki, 901st Communications Flight communications operations operator, attended a three-day seminar, June 8-10, on the state-of-the-art in communications/electronics sponsored by Bell Laboratories at their research center in Homedale, N.J., and hosted by Brig. Gen. James Feeny, senior mobilization augmentee to the AFCS commander. The briefings on current Bell Labs projects; and the latest in computers, lasars, satellite communications and the new electronic blackboard will help Lieutenant Sanocki and the 901st plan and meet future communications needs.

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C-7 Caribous and more than 300 personnel of the 94TAW, Dobbins AFB, Ga., will spend part of their annual active duty tour at Westover, August 11-19. The wing's commander is **Brig. Gen. Billy M. Knowles**, former 439 TAW commander. On those same dates, 200 plus members of the Civil Air Patrol from various New England sites will also conduct their training here.

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SSgt. Gaylord Hydal, Det. 5, IACOM MG, completed a 20-mile bike ride on May 6 in Enfield, Conn. Sergeant Hydal was sponsored in Bike/Hike '79 by his unit and other military personnel. Collectively, 40 pledges raised \$157 for the Connecticut Association for Retarded Citizens.

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AFRES Softball Tourney Here in August

Approximately 600 people making up 26 teams were expected to participate in the fourth annual Air Force Reserve-wide Softball Tournament at Westover, August 3-5. Thus far, the base has hosted all of these AFRES events.

According to Ron Turmelle, assistant recreation director, the contest will be bigger than ever, including a greater number of women's teams. Last year's event marked the first time women competed, with four teams entered.

Umbrellas Authorized for Men

Washington (AFNS) — Effective immediately, umbrellas may be used by all Air Force members in uniform when weather conditions warrant.

Personnel in uniform may carry any commercially purchased solid-black or dark-blue umbrella as long as it has no ornamentation.

The umbrella will be carried in the left hand so that personnel can properly salute. It will not be carried during military formations or when working in areas where the umbrella would hamper safety.

Previously, only Air Force women in uniform were permitted to use the umbrella. The approval follows a test conducted in the Washington D.C. area.

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The Wing Safety Office staff randomly stopped 70 automobiles entering Westover on Friday, June 15 for a no-notice safety inspection. They checked brakes, lights, wipers and tires. The prominent safety violation was the lack of seat belt use.

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Thinking about enrolling in college courses this fall? Then stop by the Base Education Office during the July or August UTA for assistance. Most local colleges' catalogs are available. Veterans in participating state colleges in Massachusetts and Connecticut are allowed free tuition. Now is the time to think about further education.

ATC Conducts Avionics Teach-In on Base

For the first time since 1972, when Westover had C-124s of the 905TAG, instructors from the Air Training Command held classes on base. In June, they taught three courses for members of the 439th Avionics Branch.

SMSgt. Paul Dube, avionics branch chief, requested the classes from the Field Training Detachment headquarters at Sheppard AFB. The program upgrades training of units and provides familiarization with new equipment and systems. The name of the game is cost effectiveness—instead of sending several airmen to school on temporary duty, one instructor from a training detachment brings the "school" to the base.

Classes at Westover began June 11 with a 40-hour course on the theory, operation, troubleshooting and maintenance of the ARC-164, a UHF transceiver. Thirteen avionics students, ARTs and reservists, took that first of three courses taught by MSgt. Paul Fite, Detachment 325, Keesler AFB.

The transceiver replaces both the ARC-27 and the ARC-34. Among other considerations, the eight-pound ARC-164 slices 125 pounds off a C-130 and saves a considerable amount of space. Air Force conversion to the 164 began in 1975 and it will ultimately become a universal piece of communications equipment by 1981. It will be used in mobile ground vehicles and desk-top models will serve commanders and appropriate offices.

SSgt. Janet Malouin, navigation specialist, claimed, "Anything I'd have to say about the course would be good. We have a great instructor — his attitude and enthusiasm are fantastic."

Tourney Suits Golfers to a Tee

Sixteen foursomes drove, sliced and putted for trophies in the annual Westover Golf Tournament June 16.

Winners in the men's division were: 1st low gross, SrA. David Evanoff, Det 5, 1ACOMMGp, 80; 2nd low gross, 1st Lt. James Hosey, 439CSG, 87; 1st low net, Thomas Hinckley, weather station, 71; tied for 2nd through 5th low net were TSgt. Robert Drake, 905 CAMS; Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen, 439TAW; and Capt. Robert Dean, 337 TAS.



MSgt. Paul Fite, left, traces a circuit on a schematic diagram of the ARC-164, as SSgts. Janet Malouin and Donald Edwards look on. The ARC-164, left replaces the two large boxes at the right, the ARC-27 and ARC-34.

MSgt. Ted Gilfoy, avionics NCOIC, concurred and remarked, "Sergeant Fite's support has been super — he'd teach seven days a week if we wanted him to."

In return, Sergeant Fite had many glowing praises for Westover. "This is one of the best sites I've come to — I couldn't ask for a much better place. The base, the ARTs and the reservists in this shop are top quality all the way through."

The other courses scheduled for June were a 60-hour session on the 618T1 high frequency transceiver, conducted by Sergeant Fite, and an opera-

tional check and programming stint on the ARN-131 Omega computer taught by an instructor from a field training detachment at Little Rock, Ark. Four airmen from the avionics section attended the 618T1 school, and eight others attended the Omega training.

Det 5 Awards Four Promotes Two

At a June 14 commander's call, four members of Detachment 5, 1st Aerospace Communications Group, received the following awards: SSgt. Anibal Rivera, Meritorious Service Medal; Sgt. Michael S. Pityk, Joint Service Commendation Medal; SrA. Vaclav V. Miglus, Air Force Commendation Medal and AIC. Jamison E. Walker, Airman of the Quarter trophy.

The Det. 5 awardees were, for the first time, presented their honors by Col. J. Frank Moore, base commander. MSgt. Frederick Angel, detachment first sergeant, read the citations.

Two airmen were promoted after the awards ceremony — Terry L. Freeman to senior airman and Otto A. Isidron Jr., to airman first class.

Women's division winners were: 1st low gross, TSgt. Pat Lougher, 439CSG, 133; 2nd low gross, Judy Haugen, 136; 1st low net, Blanche Schwartz, 439CSG, 89 and 2nd low net, Dorothy Moore, 92.

Longest drive and nearest the pin for the men went to Maj. Nino Nistri, 270 yards and TSgt. Herbert Marsh, 9'4", respectively; and for the women, Pat Lougher took both contests with 180 yards for the drive and 48' near the pin.

Fuels Institute Cites Base Branch

The 439th Fuels Management Branch was awarded a plaque and certificate by the American Fuels Institute June 12 in recognition for superior performance. The institute chose the Westover office as the most outstanding unit in AFRES. Fuels Management, a branch of Base Supply, was

previously awarded similar honors by AFRES last December.

In a ceremony held during a wing staff meeting, retired CMSgt. Wilfred N. Mathieu, supervisor of the fuels branch, accepted the award from Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen, 439 TAW commander.



Wilfred Mathieu, Fuels Section chief, accepts an American Fuels Institute plaque from Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen, attesting to his section's excellence.

The "Buck" Starts Here

The Consolidated Base Personnel Office's Customer Service Center has moved to a room adjacent to other CBPO sections to expedite the resolution of personnel problems and questions.

The new room is number 13 in Building 1850 (group headquarters).

A reservist with questions about in-processing, change of address, need for new IDs and dog tags, information about awards and decorations, reenlistment or any other CBPO related matter, may talk to a customer service representative. A simple problem like change of address is handled right in room 13. If the problem is more complex, the reservist is referred to the proper CBPO section.

"All traffic should come through our office," says SSgt. Faith Longfield, customer service NCOIC. "We will make sure all problems are handled properly and send the person to the right place. We're here to help."



PROMOTIONS

Maj. Ronald T. Frederickson
Maj. Elmer S. Whittier, Jr.
Capt. Anita M. Marchetti
TSgt. Robert G. Erhardt
TSgt. Vincent G. Lingley
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A1C. Candace Jackson
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ENLISTMENT

TSgt. Jerome D. Benesh
SSgt. Gene Gilman
SSgt. Robert N. Gracie
SSgt. Thomas W. Jarvis
SSgt. Kenneth A. Perreault
SSgt. Eric P. Provencher
SSgt. Robert J. Sidur
SSgt. Thomas M. Wilson
Sgt. Wendy J. Allen
SrA. David B. Kelliher
A1C. John A. Knechtel
A1C. Margaret A. Ryan
A1C. Guy H. Roy
A1C. Steven S. Szloch
AB Wayne E. Britto
AB John J. Fitzpatrick, Jr.
AB Dianne C. Freeman
AB Dale R. Joaquin
AB Gary A. Kelly
AB Duncan C. Munro
AB Joseph D. Story III

AB John F. Szwec
AB Edward M. Winkowski

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MSgt. William A. McLaughlin
TSgt. Stanley J. Whitman, Jr.
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731st Goes 'North to Alaska'

by MSgt. Larry Lentz

"We wanted to test our abilities in a hostile, unfamiliar environment. For us, a flight to Alaska presented such a challenge. In doing so, we continued to demonstrate that our C-123s, our crews and maintenance personnel are capable of these extended, long-range flights," explains Lt. Col. Louis Paskevicz, 731 TAS commander.

Two Provider aircraft, commanded by Colonel Paskevicz and Capt. Dan Clancey, squadron scheduling officer, started their 8,800 mile journeys on June 1. What made the trips unique, in addition to their long distance, was the passengers. On each aircraft, a four-man 901 CAMS team provided on-the-spot maintenance to insure the flights' continued progress.

"Crew chiefs MSgt. Robert Williams and TSgt. James Maynard supervised a prop' technician, an engine technician, and a communications technician on each aircraft," says CMSgt. Charles Fusco, 901 CAMS organizational maintenance superintendent. "They kept those planes fully mission capable. During the trip they even acquired a needed generator through the FAA from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management."

The itinerary took them to Minneapolis; McCord Air Force Base, near Tacoma, Wash., Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska; King Salmon Air Force Base and then back to Elmendorf. From there, the aircraft took different return routes. One went to White Horse, in the Yukon; to Billings, Montana; to Minneapolis and then to Westover. The other headed to the Whidbey Island Naval Air Station, near Seattle, and to McCord before going to Lincoln (Nebraska) Airport and then back to Westover.

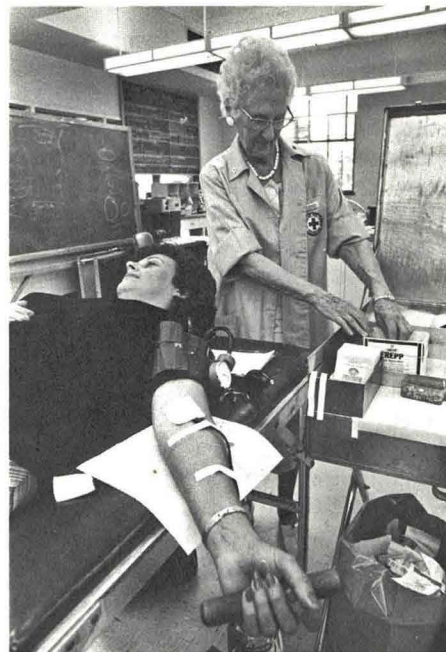
"The trips were highly significant," Colonel Paskevicz continued. "Like our REFORGER exercise involvement, we tested our long range fuel tanks systems. We also refined our station keeping procedures, which utilizes tactical navigation equipment to maintain proper distance between aircraft. Once in Alaska, we practiced contour flying. The crews planned their own routes, chose targets and then flew over portions of Alaska's tundra at 500 feet.

"The trips were a success, not so much for what the aircrews did, but

rather due to those maintenance personnel. The 901st has consistently given us suburb aircraft at each flight's start. But on these trips, without the maintenance support along the way, we wouldn't have been able to pull off such an accomplishment," Colonel Paskevicz continued.

Chief Fusco adds, "In addition to supplying eight mechanics for those flights during the first part of June, the 901st supported Volant Rodeo with ten men, and yet, at Westover, we kept up a full schedule of regular flying activities. It took a special effort on everyone's part."

"The trips again proved the worth of our maintenance teams and had other benefits as well," claims Captain Clancey. "We flew in areas without the use of modern navigational aids and where weather conditions, such as icing, make flying far from ideal. The trips tested the aircraft systems and everyone's abilities. There might come a time, when we will have to make these flights for real. Let's find out now that we can move these planes around the world."



Mrs. Joyce Saccoccio, 439CSG assistant personnel systems manager, donates one of the 33 pints of blood collected by the Red Cross at its annual Westover Blood Drive on Monday, June 18, as volunteer Caroline Mahoney assists the nurses.



901 WSSF Trains Under Terror-able Conditions

by MSgt. Larry Lentz

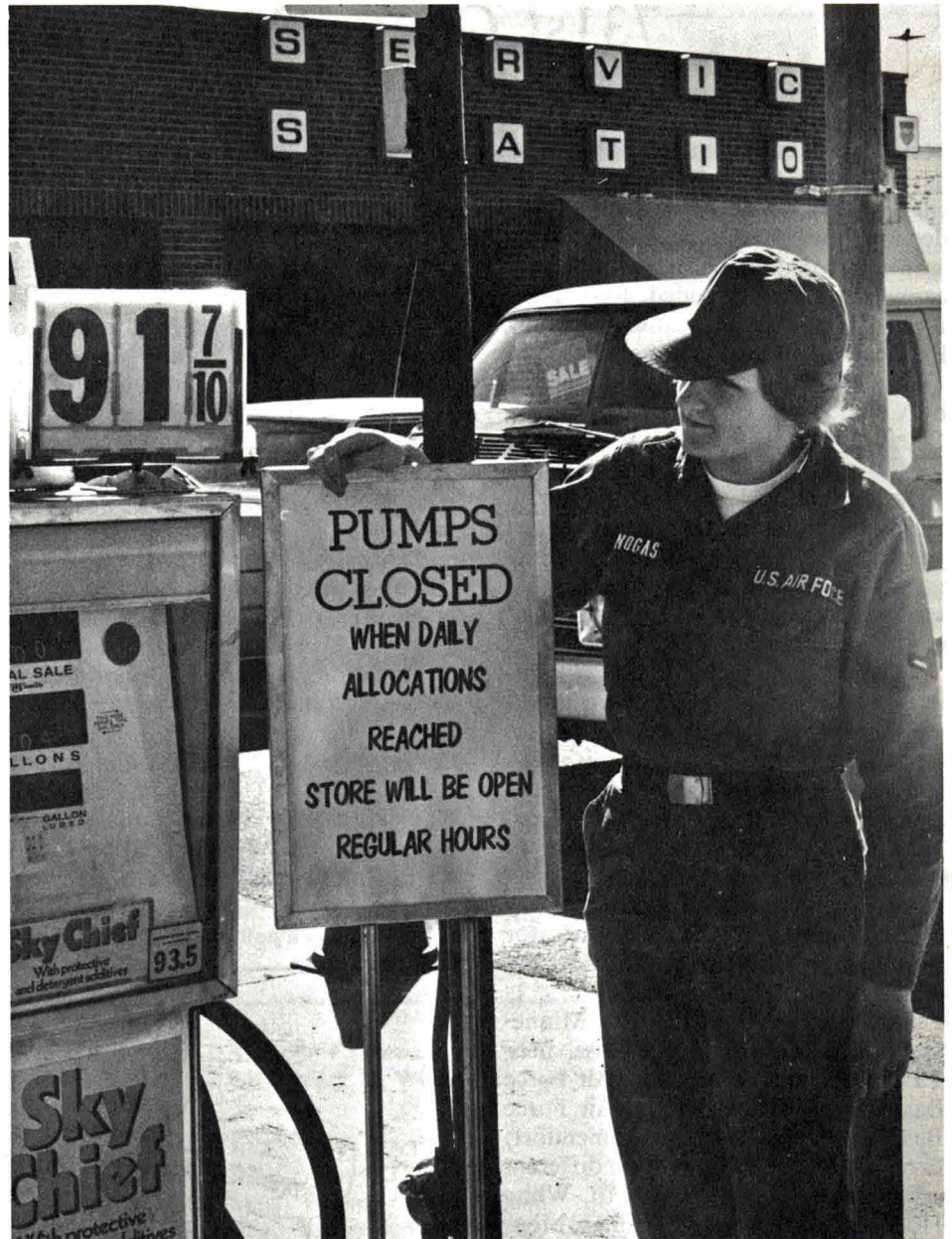
Rhein-Main Air Base near Frankfurt, Germany, is one of the Air Force's largest and busiest overseas installations. It is set in a country, however, where occasional terrorist activities are more than newspaper stories. They are real, often and nearby. Therefore, security forces, especially at foreign military facilities, must be ever vigilant and their procedures stringent. Routine work assignments and training schedules take on realistic proportions which are perhaps more demanding than at stateside locations. These are the conditions 17 members of the 901st Weapons Systems Security Flight were in during their two week annual tour at Rhein-Main between April 21 and May 5.

"We and our active duty counterparts, members of the 435 Security Police Squadron, were divided into three flights—day, evening and midnight swings," explains TSgt. Kenneth Seymour, flight chief. "We worked at base control and formed Entry Control Point teams. These restrict unauthorized personnel from designated areas such as where priority aircraft are located. Others were assigned to area patrols or security alert teams which support the ECP teams."

The 901st also underwent Air Base Ground Defense training. Their previous colleagues became practice enemy forces. The flight, during four exercises and under the supervision of SMSgt. Ludwig Schwechheimer and flight chiefs TSgt. Finley Thursby and Sergeant Seymour, had to either get and secure or maintain a simulated air base.

SrA. Alonzo Moreland of the 901st, reports that the reservists' tactics and abilities during the exercises were well heralded. "The unit planned, deployed and soundly defeated the enemy forces in a manner befitting the most disciplined and highly-trained active security police unit. This is just one example of the professionalism, dedication and comradeship that exists within and around the 901 WSSF."

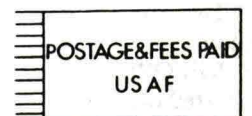
The 435's critique concluded with "the personnel of the 435 SP would be proud to serve with the 901 WSSF should the call ever arise. Our hats are off to an outstanding unit."



Ann. Deborah Nogas, 439CSG, patiently waits for the gas pumps to open at the base service station. She and a long line of other reservists were rewarded for their vigil when the "pumps closed" sign was replaced with an "open—\$5 limit" notice.

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