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Suggestion Program Opens to Reservists

by MSgt. Larry Lentz

Interested in earning "big bucks" fast and easy? The 439th's MSgt. Frank Ludwig was. As an ART, in his civilian occupation as chief of personnel systems management, he submitted a suggestion to the Air Force Suggestion Program which was later implemented. Sergeant Ludwig received \$1,235 for his ingenuity and for his initiative. So can you.

Recently, the suggestion program was expanded and now encourages the participation of reservists, as well as

active duty personnel, ARTs and civilian employees.

Here's how the suggestion program works.

"We're looking for ideas which enable Air Force personnel to do their jobs, better, faster or cheaper," explains Maj. Edward Seilius, CBPO chief. He also oversees the process for suggestions proposed by reservists. (Helen Lacienski, Civilian Personnel Office, has the similar function for ongoing civilian-generated suggestions.)

"Suggestions should be able to do

one or more of the following," Major Seilius explains. "They should simplify or improve operations; speed up production; improve working conditions, procedures or operating measures; conserve materials or property; save manpower or money; promote health; increase safety; improve morale in terms of desirable and feasible personnel services; and conserve energy."

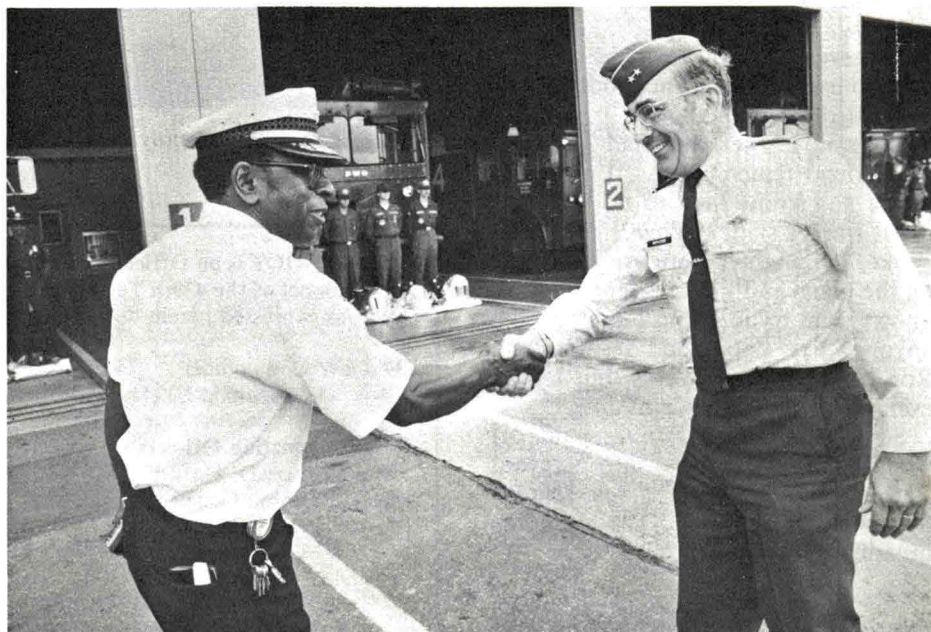
Conversely, there are certain suggestions which would not be considered. They are proposals that a study be un-
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New Chief Views Westover, Its Viability

"I believe in the old indian adage, 'the only way to find out about a man is to walk a mile or two in his moccasins.' That's why we're here. I want my staff to get to know and to have a feeling for reservists, their jobs and their problems," explains Maj. Gen. Richard Bodycombe. The newly-named Chief of the Air Force Reserve and 30 members of his staff paid Westover a three day visit on Friday, May 18 to Sunday, May 20, during the wing's UTA.

A tour of base facilities and conversations with Westover reservists gave his staff that opportunity.

They met 439th personnel at the newcomers' briefing, the disaster preparedness division, life support section, at the firing range, aerial port flights, the fire station, at the avionics building, and at various meetings throughout the weekend. They also
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Fire chief Haskell Jenkins extends a warm Westover welcome to Maj. Gen. Richard Bodycombe, Air Force Reserve chief, during latter's tour of base facilities.

Submarine Attacks Reservist in C-130

by SrA. Dean Mauro

TSgt. Garth Parker was aboard a C-130 at Westover on March 30. A submarine sandwich he was eating lodged in his throat.

"I was scared when I began to choke," Sergeant Parker said. "I couldn't breathe."

TSgt. Ronald Ploof observed his fellow reservist in danger and went into action. He used the Heimlich anti-choking maneuver and saved Sergeant Parker. The two members of the 901 APFLT were on a C-130 about to leave Westover for Pope AFB, N.C. for their UTA. When the sandwich he was eating lodged in Sergeant Parker's throat, he suddenly lost his ability to breathe.

"Garth started to cough and then he poked me to get my attention," Sergeant Ploof remembered. "I stood him up and started to use the Heimlich method. After a couple of tries he coughed the piece of sandwich up."

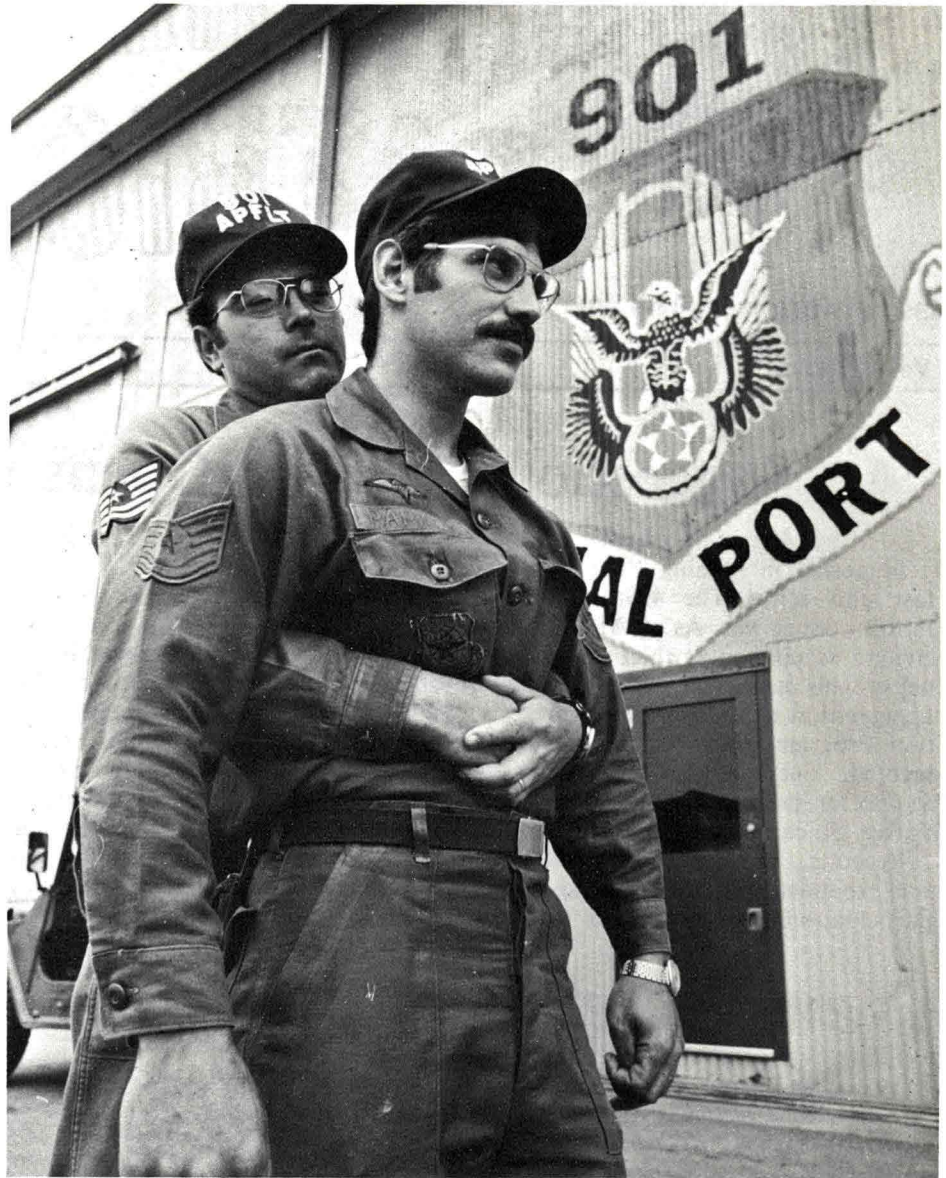
The Heimlich method involves reaching around the choke victim from behind with both arms. The hands are placed on the abdomen and rapid pressure applied.

Sergeant Ploof had seen the Heimlich method demonstrated twice before; once in a college course several years ago, and again this winter at a monthly flying safety meeting. Capt. Ethel Harris and 1st. Lt. Joan E. Riccio, both with the 74 AES, taught the course.

"I never thought I would actually have to use it," Sergeant Ploof said of the anti-choking method.

Sergeant Parker was glad his longtime friend remembered. "I'm an ex-medic and know how to do it," Sergeant Parker said. "When I started to choke, I thought, 'there are 40 people on the plane and I'm the only one who knows what to do.' And I couldn't tell anyone. I've been good friends with Ron for about four years, but I have even more respect for him now."

Sergeant Ploof's training paid off when air began to flow into Sergeant Parker's lungs again. "I felt relief," Sergeant Parker said. "The ability to breathe again was real nice."



TSgt. Ronald Ploof recently demonstrated the Heimlich anti-choking maneuver on TSgt. Garth Parker.

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Recruiters Launch Satellite Office Program

by MSgt. Larry Lentz

\$596. That's how much it cost the Air Force Reserve for each new inductee during 1978. (This represents the total recruiting budget—salaries, advertising, office costs—and all other expenses divided by the total number of recruits.)

To help reduce these costs and at the same time increase the number of enlistees, Westover's recruiters have begun a new recruiting program. They have set up a "satellite" office at Hanscom Air Force Base, and are planning another in the Bridgeport, Conn. area.

"The Hanscom office is staffed, on a full-time basis, by one of our newest recruiters, TSgt. Rich Eaton," says SMSgt. Ronald Koper. "He is more effectively serving the metropolitan Boston area. It's New England's largest urban area, and thus the greatest supply of potential reservists.

"Because he's a native of Newburyport, Mass., Sergeant Eaton knows that part of the state very well. He was able to immediately start visiting nearby high schools, clubs, factories and other locations and their interested audiences.

"Because the office is located in Hanscom's Electronic System Division Headquarters (building 1606), we are not paying office rent and yet are saving time and the expenses of numerous long distance telephone charges and repeated round-trip transportation costs to eastern Massachusetts," Sergeant Koper continued.

In addition to serving the 439th, Sergeant Eaton also is recruiting for Hanscom's 57th and 85th Aerial Port Squadrons; the 514 MAW at McGuire, and for Category B slots for ESD.

He also performs another important function. "I meet with all of Hanscom's enlisted airmen prior to their active duty discharge," Sergeant Eaton explains. "My recruiting inservice points out the many advantages of continuing their Air Force career in the Reserve. That way, Westover or another unit across the country, will benefit."

Sergeant Eaton joins Westover's five other full-time recruiters. The well-known and highly visible reservist (he's 6'8" tall was the 439 CBPO's chief of quality control—an ART position he held for more than four years after five years of active duty.

He recently completed the Air Force's Recruiting School as an honor graduate at the start of his two-year special tour of active duty.

"I love my job," he says. "I have a chance to travel and to meet a lot of new people and take on new responsibilities for the unit. I hope to meet many more. Anyone interested in a reserve position or who knows anyone who might be, is urged to call me at (617) 861-2840."

Sergeant Koper sees those efforts paying off. "Sergeant Eaton will make a fine recruiter and the new satellite office will give him the opportunity to be one in areas we previously weren't reaching. It has been said that the Air Force Reserve is the community's local Air Force. Now our recruiters will be even more local."

BRIEFS

A 731 TAS crew was named the "Crew of the Month" in an informal competition held by the Fort Benning ALCE during April, 1979. **Maj. Thomas Donovan**, aircraft commander; **Lt. Col. Louis Paskevicz**, co-pilot; **Capt. Joseph A. Pitasi**, navigator; **TSgt. John S. Peavey**, flight mechanic; and **MSgt. Laurent L. Barbeau**, loadmaster were evaluated against other C-123, C-130 and C-141 crews as part of the wing's ongoing commitment at the Army's Jump School. Their circular error average (distance from the theoretical impact point) was 55.9 yards during 21 drops.

MSgt. Mary L. Paradise has been appointed the Base Resident Consultant for Military Women. An Air Reserve Technician, she is located in Room 21, Bldg. 1850, and can be reached at ext. 3037.

UTA Schedule

July 28-29	Oct 20-21
Aug 25-26	Nov 17-18
Sept 22-23	Dec 8-9

Secretary of the Air Force **John C. Stetson** resigned on May 20, "in order to return to business activities in the private sector." Mr. Stetson, who became Secretary of the Air Force in 1977, had high praise for Air Force people. In his official statement, he called them "one of the finest groups of people in the country."

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Col. George D. Leadbetter has been named vice commander of the 14AF(R). Previously, he was the 94 TAW vice commander. More than 60 members of the 439th had the opportunity to work with Colonel Leadbetter when he was commander of the reservists participating in REFORGER '78 in Germany.

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Our hopes and best wishes for a full and speedy recover are with **Lt. Col. Kermit K. Pruyn**, senior MAC advisor. As a result of a private plane accident, Colonel Pruyn was a patient at the Moncrief Hospital, Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C., and is now on convalescent leave at home.

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Aero Clubs Get Safety Honor

The Aero Clubs at Westover and at Niagara were two of 38 Air Force Aero Clubs awarded flying safety certificates in recognition of their accident free records in 1978. The two clubs were the only Reserve clubs so honored.

Out of 163,509 flying hours compiled by 49 Air Force aero clubs operating in 1978, there were 11 accidents, for an accident rate of 6.7 per 100,000 flying hours. Civilian general aviation experienced an overall accident rate of 12.6 per 100,000 flying hours.

Forty-nine active aero clubs—35 in the continental United States and 14 overseas—with more than 7,400 members, are currently active. Collectively, they operate 345 aircraft with the goal of providing safe, low-cost recreational flying to Air Force personnel.

Active Duty Tested in Reserve Technician Positions

Robins Air Force Base, Ga. (AFRNS) — The Air Force Reserve has converted 68 Air Reserve Technician civil service positions to fulltime, active duty jobs as part of a Defense Department test.

The positions will be filled with personnel who volunteer to return to active duty.

Congress directed the test to determine the reserve components' ability to attract and hire qualified people for active-duty jobs involving the training and administration of reserve personnel.

Air Reserve technicians are employed to provide continuity for their units. They are civilian employees serving in the same jobs they do when they

act as reservists.

There are no plans to convert all technician jobs or to change the status of any employee involuntarily. Positions converted in two test units announced to date are vacant slots.

The 915th Tactical Fighter Group, Homestead AFB, Fla., will convert 41 positions. The 931st Air Refueling Group will convert 21 at Grissom AFB, Ind. Six more spaces will be identified later.

Except for one officer pilot, affected positions are in the enlisted grades, primarily in aircraft maintenance.

The test began March 1, with active-duty tours scheduled to end on or before Sept. 30, 1980.

Officers ordered to active duty for

the test are eligible for permanent and unit vacancy promotions, subject to certain provisions. Airmen may be promoted under the same criteria as Air Force Reserve personnel.

Individuals called to active duty as participants are ineligible for regular Air Force enlistment or indefinite reserve status during the term of the test.

A spokesman for the Air National Guard said a large-scale program with the Guard will involve units in all 50 states and 364 positions. Preliminary details on the Guard show 144 positions filled as of mid-April.

AFRES Safety Conference Here

The annual AFRES Safety Conference was held at the base May 22-24. Westover was chosen as the host installation, marking the occasion as the first time the annual event was held outside the headquarters at Robins Air Force Base.

More than 70 participants nationwide attended, including representatives from MAC, TAC, SAC, ANG and the Air Force IG for Safety. Speakers covered various phases of ground, flying and explosive safety.

The theme for the three-day event was "Safety Up Front" and included lectures on problem solving in weapons systems, ground and flight safety, and human factors in accidents. Also on the program were workshops on systematic safety problem solving, environmental factors and overall problem discussion sessions.

At the awards banquet, held the last evening of the conference, Ray Razzolini of the 914 TAG at Niagara Falls was presented the 14AF Safety Man of the Year award and the Outstanding Ground Safety Program award.

Maj. Dave Mills, 452 AREFW was Safety Man of the Year for the 4AF and Lt. Col. Bill Bissett, 924 TAG for the 10AF. The 403 RWRW received the Columbian Trophy for its efforts during the Jonestown tragedy last November.

Various units including the 439 TAW were presented safety milestone awards for accident free hours. Units of the 439th had flown 125,000 hours during 12 years without an accident.

Disaster Preparedness Earns Top Honors

Westover has the "Best Disaster Preparedness Team in the 14th Air Force (Reserve)." This is what a seven-man inspection team from the 14th AF decided early in May.

The 439th's disaster preparedness support team competed with three other 14AF(R) teams. "The newly-initiated competition was established to create awareness, on the part of reservists, of the needed chemical and biological expertise of disaster preparedness people," explained John Wilson, 439 CSG disaster preparedness officer.

Representing the winning unit were: David Echols, Richard Halla, Barbara Hurst, Kenneth Hackett, Anthony Manuel, Janet Lemieux, Bohdan

Fedolak, William Lane and Dennis Bessette.

The inspection team, mainly active duty senior officers, inspected the 439th's ability to detect and identify toxic chemical agents, detect and measure radioactivity, and operate a contamination control line. A written job knowledge examination also was given.

"In the future, we hope to participate in a nation-wide competition," remarked TSgt. Paul H. Gilman, 439 CSG disaster preparedness technician. The other contenders will be from other parts of the country. We are a proud and competent section and are looking forward to the coming competition."

Base Starts CRIME STOP

"As a member of the Westover community, you are entitled to peaceful and safe enjoyment of your quarters and possessions," stated Col. J. Frank Moore, base commander, in a letter prefacing a recently distributed crime prevention booklet.

The booklet is part of "Operation CRIME STOP", a program initiated by the Security Police Division in March. As stated in a newsletter, the aim of the program is "to reduce the potential for crime and contend with criminal acts as they occur."

The key difference in this program is the involvement of the military community itself. "We (the security police) are asking the people to be our 'eyes

and ears' where applicable," said Chief Harold W. Voelker, 439 CSG Security Police. "This would obviously reduce potential criminal acts."

Basically, Chief Voelker asks that you, (1) Report immediately any suspicious acts, persons, vehicles or circumstances to the security police on the Crime Stop Hot Line, 557-2144; (2) Remain calm, speak clearly, answer all questions, and stay on the telephone until advised otherwise; (3) Give the following information: "What happened? Where did it happen? When did it happen? Who did it happen to? and How did it happen?" Lastly, callers using the Crime Stop Hot Line may remain anonymous.

Commander's Call Includes Command Briefing



Those honored with the Air Force Commendation Medal, are, from left, Maj. Marvin Proctor, Maj. John Roach, SMSgt. Michael Sicuranza, TSgt. Wesley Carter and SSgt. Nancy Olszewski.

A slide and tape show highlighting the role of the Air Force Reserve was the unique feature of the wing's commander's call on Sunday, May 20. The presentation was preceded by the presentation of five Air Force Commendation Medals.

Maj. Marvin F. Proctor, Jr., "distinguished himself as health service administrator for the 74 AES between May 1974 and Feb. 1979."

For his expertise in problem solving in supply and transportation areas while with the 2nd ALCAS at Fort Drum, N.Y., Maj. John F. Roach, 439TAW/RMT, received the AFCM.

SMSgt. Michael A. Sicuranza earned his citation as first sergeant and field maintenance superintendent of the 901 CAMS from Aug. 1974 to March 1979.

TSgt. Wesley T. Carter is a medical service technician in the 74 AES. He has served meritoriously and also developed a special orientation program for new medical field recruits.

The commendation medal was awarded to SSgt. Nancy J. Olszewski. She served from 1975 to 1979 as the 901 CAMS administrative specialist.

901 CES Trains at Three European Bases

by Capt. Ron Michalski, 901 CES

The 901st Civil Engineering Squadron deployed 76 people to three different European bases for specialized training and work assignments for their 1979 annual tour. Forty-one people travelled to Ramstein Air Base Germany; 26 went to RAF Mildenhall, England; and nine reservists travelled to RAF Alconbury England between March 24 and April 18.

The deployment was the first for the 901 CES since its recent organization. The 439 CSG civil engineering section and elements of the 905 CEF joined the 901 CES to form a mobile squadron of eight teams: a rapid runway repair team, a base civil engineering team, four crash rescue firefighting teams and two command and control teams.

Forty-six members of the deployment were firefighters who worked with base firefighting elements at Ramstein, Mildenhall and Alconbury. They

supported flying activities, protected government property and helped insure proper security at each base. The firefighters also participated in training techniques which improved their effectiveness and provided the newest procedures necessary for proper fire protection and crash rescue.

The firefighters were supervised by MSgt. Lawrence B. Lose at Ramstein, MSgt. Maurice S. Jiggetts at Alconbury, and SMSgt. Anthony L. Palmieri at Mildenhall.

Rapid runway team and base civil engineering team members completed two major jobs at Ramstein. They constructed a medical command post in the base clinic. They made partitions, walls, control consoles and display boards. Under the guidance of TSgt. Robert C. Harmon, the work was completed in 400 man hours. This was 200 hours less than estimated by their

hosts, the 87 Civil Engineering Squadron.

Another project was the installation of 500 feet of security fence near the base's east gate. TSgt. Robert W. O'Connor's pavements and grounds personnel finished the work under adverse working conditions—nine days of rain, fog, mud and cold weather.

The 901 CES also assisted the 87th in their shops, the site development area, the family housing area, and the material control area.

Lt. Col. Richard J. Bergholz, commander of the 87 CES, presented Maj. George F. Dillon, Jr., 901 CES commander, a plaque for the 901st's help. In accepting the token of appreciation, Major Dillon emphasized "the capabilities and the skills of an Air Force Reserve element were again put to efficient and expedient use by an active Air Force component."

Base Reservist is Freedoms Foundation Winner

1st Lt. Jack M. Sanocki, 905th Communications Flight communications operations officer, has joined the ranks of Mamie Eisenhower, Hubert Humphrey, Maxwell Cleland and Alexander Solzhenitzyn. They were all winners in the 1978 Freedoms Foundation competition. According to available information, Lieutenant Sanocki is the first Westover member awarded by the foundation. He competed in the reserve components category.

Col. J. Frank Moore presented the lieutenant his Valley Forge Honor Certificate at the April 29 commander's call, after the foundation had forwarded the award to Westover.

A science and mathematics teacher in Springfield, Mass., Lieutenant Sanocki entered the contest on an impulse after reading an announcement in the Air Force Times—he never thought he

would win anything, he told a Patriot staff member.

He maintains a deep involvement with the Air Force. In addition to his Reserve duties with the 905CF, he volunteers more of his time during the month between UTAs. Commissioned through OTS, he has been an ROTC liaison officer, is associated with civil defense activities, and has been chief ground instructor for Westover's Aero Club for the past year.

An element of coincidence was injected into the award. The lieutenant is a resident of Springfield, and it is believed this is the first time in 20 years a Springfield resident received a Freedoms Foundation award. The previous area awardee was Helda Page, a two-time winner, and a tenant of a home owned by the Sanocki family.



1st Lt. Jack N. Sanocki

WHY AM I IN THE UNIFORM OF MY COUNTRY?

by 1st Lt. Jack N. Sanocki

Symbols have always represented an important part in developing a country's unity . . . whether it be the flag or a military uniform, all nations, big and small, are able to express their individual uniqueness. The sense of pride and accomplishment I felt when commissioned into the Armed Forces of the United States prompted me to a new understanding of myself and the country which I serve. These feelings became apparent in every day life wherever I go and in whatever I do. This does not mean I must constantly speak of these ideals or push for their acceptance. These ideals become woven into the personality and are often expressed without words. Physical appearances and military bearing become part of my every day life, whether I am in uniform or civilian clothes. The people with whom I have day-to-day contact cannot help being affected by this attitude. As long as there are others who feel as I do, there will always be someone to relay to the citizens of our country that pride, honor, and tradition to serve under the flag of the United States is, in fact, alive and well. Thus, the uniform which I wear becomes a symbol for expressing these ideals.

I believe that all uniformed personnel, each in their own way, are helping to perpetuate the work and effort of two hundred years of labor and dedication by the people of this country. As a military member, our goal is to preserve, not destroy mankind and at the same time be ready to defend our nation, if necessary. To the citizens of our country, I wish to present a picture of a dedicated and principled individual. Even as a small cog in a big wheel, I perform my job, always with honor, to see that two hundred years from now our country will be able to reflect with pride on the past two hundred years and be thankful that the principles and ideals set forth by our forefathers were zealously guarded . . . providing the citizens of today with a country united where all are created equal and have the opportunity to see dreams become a reality.

Being in the uniformed service of this country is an important part of our heritage which will continue to grow as long as there are people to carry on the ideals and principles set forth by the founders of our great country. These are only a few of the many reasons why I can proudly say, I WEAR THE UNIFORM OF MY COUNTRY.

Suggestion Program . . .

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dertaken, that a tool be designed or a new form developed; recommendations to improve an existing law, regulation, directive or procedure; proposals to change housekeeping practices or initiation of routine maintenance; complaints; and other things classed as corrections rather than suggestions.

Now that you know what types of suggestions the Air Force is looking for—it's up to you. Complete an AF Form 1000 and send it to Major Seilius. He guarantees a reply from the base suggestion committee. If they feel your suggestion has merit, it is forwarded to the appropriate office on base for approval. If the suggestion is applicable Air Force wide, it is sent to the office of primary responsibility for acceptance.

Sergeant Ludwig's suggestion followed a similar course.

He had recommended that immunization data of those transferring from active duty to reserve force status be transmitted, via the Air Force's computer network, to the individual's gaining unit. Previously, the newly-assigned members would need all immunizations because their "shot" histories were not documented.

That suggestion is expected to save the Air Force \$5,000 each year.

Your suggestion could be as valuable. Then you'll be the one in need of a suggestion—how to spend your new found money.

439th Planes Fly in Solid Shield

Twelve aircrews and eight aircraft from the 439 TAW took part in a wide variety of activities at Solid Shield 79, a joint service training exercise held May 12 to 21.

The local planes and crews joined more than 50 other aircraft and 3,000 Air Force members participating in the exercise held in the Eastern United States. In all, more than 19,000 airmen, soldiers, sailors and marines took part. Solid Shield 79 is the 17th in a series of annual joint service exercises conducted by the Air Force Atlantic Command.

The Tactical Air Command, in its role as U.S. Air Force forces, Atlantic Command, supervised participation of all Air Force units in the exercise. Units from TAC, MAC, SAC, USAFSS, AFRES, AFCS and the ANG took part.

The 439th sent four C-123s and six air crews from the 731 TAS, two C-130s and three air crews from the

914 TAS at Niagara, and two C-130s and three crews from the 337 TAS. The staff commander for 439th units was Lt. Col. Louis Paskevicz, 731 TAS commander.

Their headquarters was located at Shaw AFB, S.C. and Fort Bragg and Camp Lejeune, N.C. Additional operations took place at Fort Campbell, Ky.; North Field, S.C. and at sea in the Atlantic.

The 439th's aircraft conducted personnel drops at Fort Campbell, heavy equipment and ammunition air landings at Beast D.Z., a dirt landing zone, gave logistical support, made personnel and VIP runs to Fort Campbell, and made airdrops at various dirt strips on the Solid Shield perimeter.

The 439th aircraft's utilization rate was very high, according to MSgt. Lyman U. Frain, 439 TAW NCOIC of the Command Post. Not one sortie was cancelled due to maintenance or because our aircraft and crews were not

mission ready. The C-123s flew 23 sorties over 70 hours, and the C-130s flew 24 sorties in 78 hours, for a total flying time of 148.3 hours. All our aircraft accounted for 206 passengers airlanded, 43.5 tons of cargo airlanded, 300 troops airdropped, and 21.6 tons of cargo airdropped.

Brig. Gen. Richard T. Drury, airlift forces commander for Solid Shield, in a message following the completion of the exercise, stated that much of the responsibility for the model operation rests on the aircrews and formation leads, and said he wanted to thank them for their demonstrated skill and leadership.

General Drury, recognizing all other personnel who participated, both from active and reserve forces, said, "You were the key to the successful accomplishment of our training goals. I'm confident that we are in a better position than ever to meet our wartime mission."



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Lt. Col. Edward C. Slattery
Capt. Joann M. Eaccarino
Capt. Thomas J. Grenham
Capt. Frank J. Mauro

Bodycombe . . .

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had lunch with the "troops" in the dining hall.

Later, General Bodycombe flew on a C-123 during a scheduled mission and watched various personnel and CDS drops from the unit's C-130s and C-123s.

The tour was prompted by General Bodycombe.

"I now wear two hats—as Air Force Reserve Chief and Commander of AFRES Headquarters. At both locations, 60 percent of my staff are active duty. This gives us the benefit of their 'real world' experiences, which we apply to our Reserve mission. But before they become too involved in their new responsibilities, I wanted them to get an orientation and have them know what is on the mind of our 'four strippers.' The only way to do that is to ask them. And that's what we did."

At the conclusion of the tour, General Bodycombe praised the progress at the base as Westover meets the changing needs of a reserve facility.

What the future holds for Westover, however, the general could not predict. "In my job as commander, I only deal with the Reserve's operational aspects. Congress determines which bases will remain open or receive new missions. I only give my opinion. But we're keeping training as close to population centers as possible and capitalize on the recruiting opportunities. Westover is ideally situated in that regard."

General Bodycombe did forecast about the 439th's future. "I don't see any mission changes for the unit. Some day, I would like to replace the C-123s with C-130s. The replacement for your 130s appears to be new C-130s. I might add, your mechanics have done an exceptional job in maintaining these aircraft."

The general also noted that they would be back—often. "I look forward to the wing's continued participation in major exercises and leading the way. The unit is in excellent shape and morale appears quite high. We saw a lot and learned a lot. I am very pleased not only with our visit, but with the 439th."

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