

FIRST C-141 CREW

LT COLONEL WELDON D NEWQUIST, 42, commander of the 44th Air Transport Squadron, will serve as aircraft commander of the first Travis C-141 crew. A native of Manor, Tex., he joined the Air Force in 1940, and won a second lieutenant commission on the completion of pilot training in 1943. He came to Travis Air Force Base from duty with the 1502nd Air Transport Wing at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, in September 1964. An alumnus of the Great Falls, Mont., College of Education and of the Air Force Command and Staff College, Colonel Newquist is married to the former Patsy Reaves of Bridgeport, Tex., and lives with his wife and three teen-age children in Travis base quarters.

LT COLONEL VERE SHORT, copilot of the air crew making first delivery of the C-141 StarLifter to Travis AFB, is one of the pioneer fliers of the Military Air Transport Service (MATS). One of the few to receive the MATS 15,000 flying hours safety award, he was the first in the MATS to receive the 10,000 hour award and to meet command criteria for the Air Medal. A veteran test pilot who has flown 37 different Air Force planes since entering the service in 1942, he formerly served as the command chief pilot for MATS commanders and staff executives. He is a native of Nevada, Mo., who now lives with his family at 155 Fitzgerald Dr., on the base.

CAPTAIN JAMES M DAVIS, 32, will serve as navigator of the first C-141 crew at Travis AFB. His assignment at Travis, where he has been stationed since April 1964, has been as navigator-flight examiner for the 44th Air Transport Squadron. A native of Charlottesville, Va., he was an engineering student at the University of Virginia prior to joining the Air Force in 1954. He won his wings and commission as a flying cadet in 1955. Before coming to Travis, he was assigned to the 18th Air Transport Squadron, McGuire AFB, N. J.

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT DANIEL M LAWSON, a 22-year veteran of Air Force service, is one of the two flight engineers of the air crew making delivery of the first C-141 StarLifter to Travis AFB. He began his military career before the outbreak of World War II shortly after graduation from the St. Charles Beronimo High School, Columbus, O. During World War II he served in the European theater. After becoming a member of the Military Air Transport Service in 1955, he served with the Air Rescue Service at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, prior to transferring to Travis in 1957. He and his family make their home at 207 Hemlock St., Vacaville, Calif.

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT WILLIAM JAMES MALONE, 45, will be a flight engineer on the first C-141 crew delivery at Travis AFB. He entered the Air Force in 1939 following graduation from La Salle Township, Ill., high school and now calls Peru, Ill., his hometown. A veteran of MATS flying, he came to Travis from an assignment with the 1254th Air Transport Wing at Andrews AFB, Washington, D. C.

MASTER SERGEANT THOMAS P O'KEEFE, 38, is the senior loadmaster on the C-141 flight crew making delivery of the aircraft to Travis AFB. A native of Punxsutawny, Pa., he began his Air Force career shortly after graduation from Catholic high school there, and now has more than 21 years service. He is a veteran of World War II service in the Pacific, and holds commendations for participation in the Congo airlift and relief missions for South America earthquake victims. Sergeant O'Keefe came to Travis three years ago after completing duty at Evereux Air Base, France. With his wife and two children, he lives at 2079 Cardinal Way, Fairfield.

TECHNICAL SERGEANT VERNON N SMITH, 31, is one of two loadmasters on the crew delivering the first C-141 aircraft to Travis AFB. A native of Henderson, N. C., he attended East Carolina College at Greenville before joining the Air Force in 1953. Most of his more than 11 year's service has been spent at Travis, first as a member of the 84th Air Transport Squadron, and since January 1962 as a member of the 44th Air Transport Squadron. Married to the former Geraldine Melton of Bakersfield, Calif., he makes his home at 1500 James St., Fairfield.

TECHNICAL SERGEANT ARTHUR P ROYS, 32, is the flight traffic specialist on the crew delivering the first C-141 aircraft to Travis Air Force Base. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Carl S Roys, Shutesbury Road, Leverett, Mass.