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## *“Good Neighbor” 337th TAS Aids Bradley Air Museum*

By Capt. Richard Dyer

The tornado-ravaged Bradley Air Museum in Windsor Locks, Conn. recently received a helping hand from a former neighbor, the 337th TAS.

The museum, which is located at Bradley International Airport and features an extensive collection of military airplanes, lost 23 aircraft when the twister struck without warning on October 3, 1979. One of the aircraft which was destroyed was an F-86H Sabrejet.

When a replacement, an F-86A model, was located in California, Museum Director Philip O’Keefe requested the 337th’s assistance in airlifting the plane back to New England.

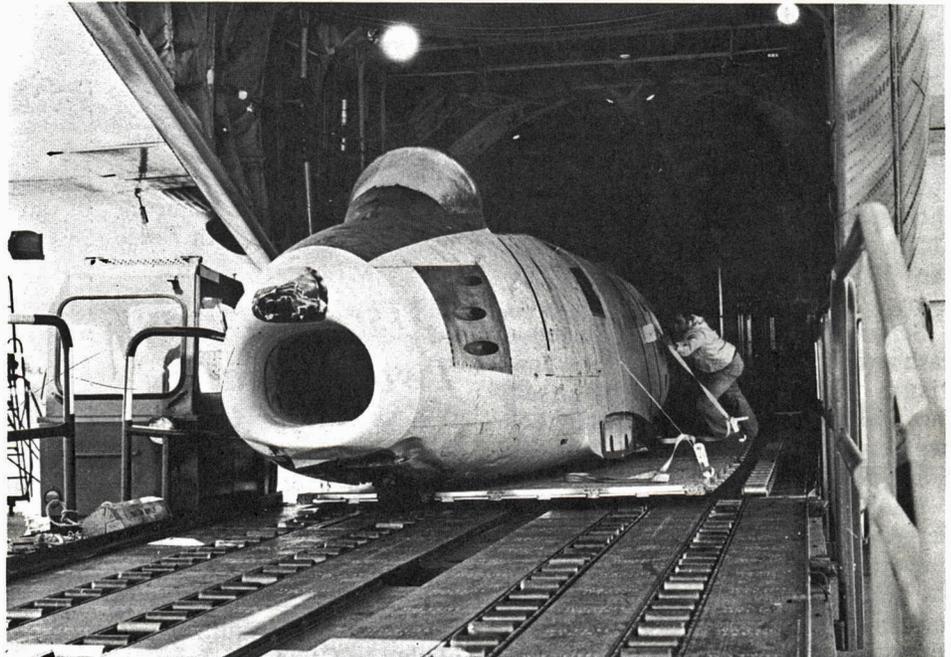
The 337th was a “neighbor” of the Air Museum when the 905th TAG was located at Bradley, and many of the unit’s members are from Connecticut.

After confirming the cargo’s eligibility with Air Force Reserve headquarters, the squadron waited for a chance to provide “opportune” airlift for the Sabrejet.

In April, a C-130B cargo transport from the 337th was assigned on a regularly scheduled training mission to airlift equipment from McConnell AFB in Kansas to Hill AFB in Utah.

Because of its close proximity to the California airport where the Sabrejet was stored, and with no other cargo for the return trip, the 337th crew flew from Hill to pick up the fighter.

“Our unit has a close relationship with the Air Museum, and many of our personnel live in Connecticut,” Capt. Dante Mazzochi, a pilot with the 337th



An F-86 Sabrejet, destined for the Bradley Air Museum at Windsor Locks, Conn., is unloaded from a 337th TAS C-130. The 337th airlifted the vintage fighter from Daggett/Barstow Airport in California. (Photo by SMSgt. Clay Gallant)

said. “We are delighted to help them when we can,” he added.

Captain Mazzochi piloted the crew which flew to the Daggett/Barstow Airport in California on April 3rd and loaded the F-86. The C-130 returned to Westover the following day, and the fighter made the last leg of its journey to the Bradley museum on a truck.

The F-86 is a Korean War vintage fighter that racked up a 14-1 kill ratio over its enemy counterpart, the MIG-15, in the early 1950s. The F-86 airlifted by the 337th is owned by the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB and will be on indefinite loan to the museum in Windsor Locks.

“We’ve flown other missions that have enabled us to assist the Air

Museum, and we hope that circumstances will permit us to do so again in the future,” Capt. Mazzochi said.

The other members of the 337th aircrew included Capt. Robert Salva, copilot; Lt. Col. Robert Motley, navigator; MSgt. Fred Allard, flight engineer; and TSgt. Tom Dzwonkus, TSgt. Charles Cotnoir and AB David Huffman, loadmasters.

The Air Museum is currently relocating to another site at Bradley, and will resume full-time operations in June. It has been open on a limited, weekend basis since the tornado struck last fall.

Thanks to the 337th, museum officials expect to have the Sabrejet on display this summer.

## Freitas "Posts" AFRES Award

With his selection as the Air Force Reserve's Administrative Superintendent of 1979, SMSgt. Alfred Freitas, Westover's chief of Central Base Administration, now holds a unique AFRES distinction. As he was named last year's Outstanding Civilian AFRES administrator, he becomes the first person to receive both honors.

The recent award was due to a variety of accomplishments.

"Base admin had received an outstanding rating from AFRES," he explains. "But what was unusual was the fact that of the ten civilians and six reservists assigned to our shop, 90 percent were newly assigned. Yet we were able to complete the needed training and still measure up to the inspector's standards. This award also recognized their support and efforts.

"In addition, base admin was named the 1979 Base Outstanding Work Center."

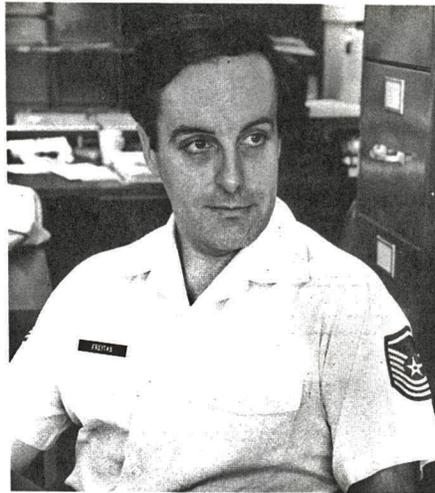
Sergeant Freitas also had received a cash award for his suggestion for a new visual aids package now used throughout AFRES. The teaching tool explains how to correctly post Air Force publications.

Another program developed by Sergeant Freitas is being copied throughout the command. It involves the proper disposal of papers containing personal and therefore private information. "Instead of purchasing a shredding machine, a recycling company from Springfield hauls the materials away and supervises their destruction. This is done at no cost to us," he continues.

As chief of administration for the past two years, Sergeant Freitas supervises the base reproduction center, publications and forms distribution, documentation and forms management and the base information transfer center. He also is Westover's Privacy and Freedom of Information Acts officer.

Previously, he was the base documentation officer and had served a 12 year active duty tour including four years at Westover.

Since then he also found time to gather two other accolades. He graduated from Springfield's American International College with a political science achievement award. In 1977, he received an excellence in ad-



SMSgt. Alfred Freitas

ministration award. It's the highest award granted to someone in administration by the Air Force.

## 731st TAS Adds Two Aircraft

The 731st Tactical Airlift Squadron's inventory of C-123 aircraft was recently bolstered by the addition of two more "Providers."

The planes, each of which has approximately 10,000 air hours, were formerly assigned to the 911th TAG in Pittsburgh. That unit is currently converting to C130s.

According to Capt. Peter Eiche, public affairs representative with the 731st, the addition of the two new planes increases the unit's strength to 16 aircraft.

## 439th Reservists Aid in Refugee Program

Two Westover food service workers aided in the evacuation program of Cuban refugees at Eglin AFB, Fla.

TSgt. John J. Connor and Amn. Dana Lamber, both members of the 439th CSG, helped prepare and serve food to the many refugees. While stationed at the Florida base, the pair were attached to the 3102nd ABG.

Both had volunteered for a deployment exercise, but went to Florida on May 12 when manpower was needed there.

## 59th MAPS Gets "Red Hat" Status

There are now 14 members of the 59th MAPS proudly wearing red hats. Their new attire attests to their successful completion of the Red Hat School at Dover AFB, Del.

For ten days, starting Mar. 21, they were taught all phases of mobilization and deployment of equipment and personnel. The program also emphasized group problem solving techniques and team work in accomplishing their assigned tasks.

Wearing the red hats are Capt. William Schoeck, SMSgt. James McHugh, MSgt. Bruce Wood, TSgt. John Cruz, TSgt. Ronald Galvagni, TSgt. Lewis Kalesnik, SSgt. Alvin Correia, SSgt. Raymond Durette, SSgt. Michael Goldberg, SSgt. Keith Provost, Sgt. Kathy Gasaway, Sgt. Lewis Sprague, SrA. John Kellar and AIC. Sandra Walls.

They join 15 members of the 58th MAPS and 11 Red Hat instructors at Dover with the red hat distinction, and with the red hat obligation: If additional aerial port expertise is ever quickly needed, they'll have the highest priority.

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## Disaster Preparedness Team Assists After School Prank

by MSgt. Larry Lentz

Who did it was not important—at least not initially. But a prankster had detonated a smoke bomb in the Granby (Mass.) High School on Wed., Mar. 19. Students and faculty soon were feeling the effects as the smoke and odor permeated through the building's heating systems and blackened the corridors. Two students later would be hospitalized due to nausea.

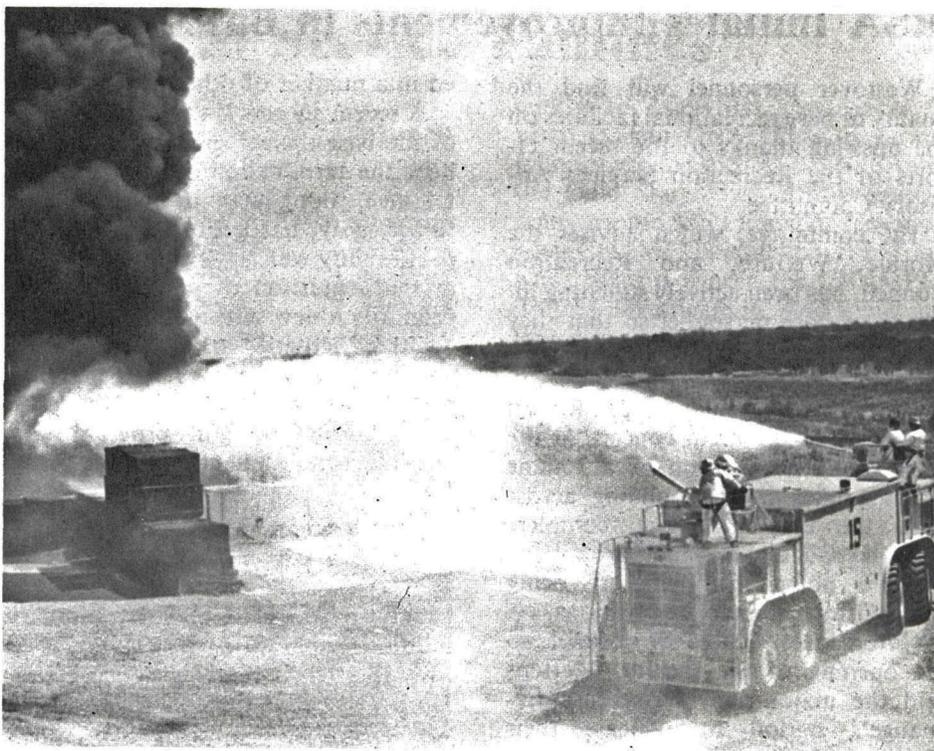
The school principal, Paul Lengieza, unfamiliar with such a device and the proper emergency response needed help—expert help, quickly. He turned to a teacher, Raymond Brisson who is also a captain in the 58th MAPS. Soon, TSgt. Romuald Lankosz, the unit's MAC advisor; John Wilson, Westover's disaster preparedness officer; and Paul Gilman, disaster preparedness technician and Granby's civil defense director, were responding under Westover's and Granby's Mutual Assistance Agreement.

While members of the Army's Explosive Ordinance Detachment at Fort Devens were identifying, over the telephone, the type of smoke bomb, the Westover team was at the high school and advising the school and civil authorities. They suggested that the school be evacuated and aired out and also recommended that the students return home, bathe and wash their clothes.

Later, Principal Lengieza wrote a letter of appreciation to Col. J. Frank Moore, base commander. "They provided clear and helpful advice along with the support and reassurance that is so important at a time of crisis."

With classes resuming the next day and the disruption just a memory, Mr. Lengieza returned to that first pressing question, the "who". The answer came soon afterwards. The state and local police, from information on the spent bomb, traced it to one of the students.

**40th Anniversary  
OPEN HOUSE  
JUNE 18 & 19**



From a new one half million dollar P-15 truck, members of Westover's 901st CES and Dyess AFB firefighters knock down a training fire. (USAF photo.)

## Base Firefighters Train in Texas

Training on the Air Force's new P-15 fire truck and egress training highlighted the two weeks annual tour of a ten-member 901st CES (firefighters) team at Dyess AFB, Texas.

"We worked alongside the regular firefighters of the 96th Civil Engineers and were incorporated into their schedules," reports MSgt. William Poe, team chief. "We divided into two crews and worked six 24-hour shifts. Our training included egress drills on B-52 bombers and C-130s and fighting training fires using the P-15. It's the

Air Force's newest piece of equipment, costs one half million dollars, and replaces two P-4 or two P-2 trucks. We also were kept busy in support of the around-the-clock assault landing and take-off exercises of the base's C-130s."

Others from the 901st CES completing the April 12 to 26 tour in Texas are MSgt. David St. Hilaire, TSgt. Leo Cyr, TSgt. Patrick Devens, TSgt. Richard Germana, TSgt. George Gorecki, TSgt. Charles Woodruff, Sgt. John Morrissey, SrA. George Gillette and AIC. Henry Talbot.

## Exchange Benefits Increased for Reservists

(AFRNS) -- Shopping time in base exchanges has doubled for reservists. They are now entitled to one day's shopping for each four-hour period of inactive duty training instead of one day for every two periods of training.

The change, which was the result of a DOD recommendation, continues to permit unlimited exchange privileges to all guardsmen and reservists who perform inactive duty training in a pay or non-pay status.

Spouses and dependents of reserve

component members on inactive duty may enter exchange facilities when accompanied by their sponsor. All purchases must be made by the authorized member.

Guardsmen and reservists will be asked to present an identification card prior to purchase unless the individual is wearing a uniform. For purchases by guardsmen or reservists on inactive training duty in a pay status, an earning statement is required.

## RSA Initiates Improvements in Base Recreational Facilities.

Westover personnel will find the quality of base recreational facilities on the upswing thanks to the recent efforts of the Recreation Services Advisory Committee.

The committee, which advises the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Council, has been actively soliciting input from base personnel so that they may provide the finest recreational services possible.

Committee chairman Capt. Robert Martens said the main concern at the moment is the creation of a 16-lane bowling alley in the building across from the Base Exchange, complete with a snack bar and pro shop. Martens noted that bids are being received for necessary renovations.

Unfortunately, there are obstacles to the opening of the facility. Martens said the major one is the Base Exchange's option to relocate their foodland operation to this building.

In light of the popularity of bowling facilities at other military installations, Martens urges all personnel to express their desire for the facility.

While the bowling alley is the committee's major concern at the moment, Martens noted the committee is involv-

ed in a number of other projects.

A recent success is the current status of the base theater. Martens indicated how the termination of the Saturday matinee, along with the updating of film quality, has led to an increase in profitability which is expected to result in the acquisition of new equipment, primarily a new screen and projector.

Other activities of the committee concern improvement of the racquetball court schedules, the establishment of an intramural golf program, the possible establishment of a base firing

range and softball field improvements, to name a few.

Base personnel are encouraged to contact members of the committee with any suggestions they might have. The members are: Capt. Robert Martens, 731st TAS; SMSgt. Richard Haskins, 74th AES; SSgt. John W. Cook, 1917th CS; SrA. Edward Peplinski, Det. 5, 1ACOMMG; Ms. Martha Daugherty, 439th CSG/DPM; Mr. Michael McNicholas, 439CSG/SSR and Mr. Vincent Viglione, 439TAW/MAO.

## BRIEFS

**MSgt. Peter Colerico**, 901st Mobility Support Flight's first sergeant, retired May 18 after 27 years in the Air Force. He began active duty in 1952, during which he toured in Europe and North Africa. He joined the Reserve in 1957 while working as a civilian at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Colerico expects to keep busy in civilian life as museum technician and assistant to the curator at the John F. Kennedy Museum and Library in Boston.

On April 1, Rickenbacker AFB, Ohio, became Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base. Rickenbacker, formerly Lockbourne AFB, was an Air National Guard base from 1949 to 1951. The Korean War returned the base to the Active Air Force.

Personnel who participated in any capacity during the inundation of Boston in 1978, should notify DPM, with proper paperwork showing participation in **Operation Snow Blow**, so necessary orders can be issued for the Humanitarian Award.

## Base to Host MARS Convention

Military Affiliated Radio Service representatives from 14 states will attend the Region I MARS convention at the Fairfield Inn, Chicopee, Oct. 24-26.

1st Lt. Jack Sanocki, 905th CF, coordinator of the event, said the three day convention's theme is the emergency contingency operations and procedures function of MARS. In case of an emergency, MARS, a joint military and civilian organization, would supply communications support to military units.

Also, John Wilson, Westover's disaster preparedness director, will explain Westover's contingency disaster preparedness operations plan and the communications support part MARS plays in it.



An open field near the Bean Bag drop zone became a tent city when Westover hosted nearly 1,000 scouts during the annual Boy Scout camporee May 9-11. (Photo by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway)

# CHAMPUS is Champs to Service Families

by MSgt. Larry Lentz

When Westover joined the Air Force Reserve in 1974, the base lost more than SAC's B-52 bombers. With the departure of most of the active duty personnel, operation of the Air Force's Regional Hospital could no longer be justified. Yet the medical needs of the area's active duty dependents, retirees and spouses would continue and need the same attention.

Moving to a new location or losing the benefits due them appeared as the only alternative. But there was another option: CHAMPUS--an acronym for Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniform Services. Eligible military-affiliated residents of the greater Springfield area as well as throughout the country are seen by their private physician or are admitted to the local non-military hospital. The vast majority of their medical bills are paid by the federal government.

"CHAMPUS is like health insurance without having to pay a premium," explains Dawn Martzoukos, Westover's CHAMPUS advisor. From her 439th Tactical Hospital office, she daily assists an average of 25 people, and explains the program's benefits, eligibility requirements and reimbursement procedures.

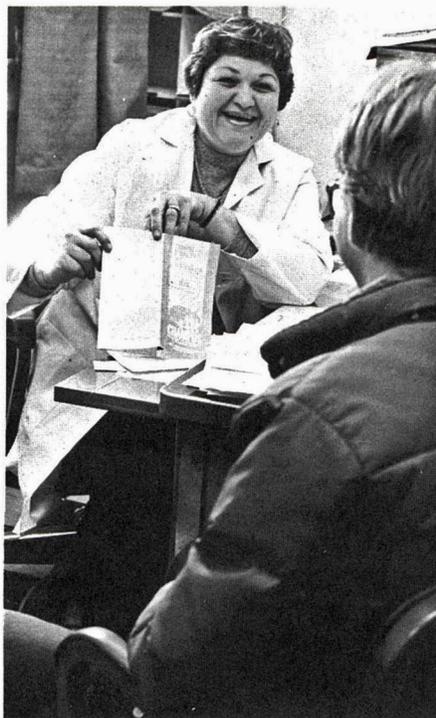
Dependents, children and spouses of active duty members are charged \$5 each day for their hospitalization, to a maximum of \$25. The government absorbs all hospital, physician and other miscellaneous service costs. A woman hospitalized for delivery of a baby, pays a maximum of \$25 regardless of care or length of stay.

If their hospital care is handled on an out-patient basis, CHAMPUS takes care of 80 percent of all allowable charges.

Retirees and their spouses incur 25 percent of the total cost of their hospitalization. For an out-patient visit, they pay 25 percent of the total charges.

"I really enjoy helping all these people. Each one poses a different problem. And when they are resolved, each brings a special satisfaction," Mrs. Martzoukos extolls.

"I remember one lady in particular. In 1943 her husband died in an auto accident and she was severely injured.



Dawn Martzoukos explains CHAMPUS benefits to a civilian dependent.

Since then, because she was unaware of CHAMPUS, she was not receiving any benefits. In addition, all her husband's military records were lost. I met her two years ago and started documenting her eligibility. It took a year, but she's now fully covered. CHAMPUS will pay for the upcoming series of scheduled operations."

Actually, Mrs. Martzoukos has been helping people at Westover for 24 years. "I opened and closed the base hospital," she reports. "I started working at Westover in July 1956 as the secretary to the hospital commander and began working in the yet-to-open new facility two months prior to everyone else's arrival. Twenty-two years later, because I was in that same position, I helped coordinate the building's closure and was one of the last to leave."

Mrs. Martzoukos' help also extends to retired reservists. They too are eligible for CHAMPUS starting on their 60th birthday. The same benefits due other retirees remain in effect for five years. Then they are covered by Medicare.

"It's a good idea for reservists to check out CHAMPUS benefits prior to retirement so they know what they are

entitled to," says Mrs. Martzoukos. "I often explain CHAMPUS to various military groups such as the AFSA and the Gold Star Wives. Unfortunately, many people don't know or remember what CHAMPUS is all about. It's only when there is a need for CHAMPUS do they investigate it. And sometimes that delay could be very costly. If you know someone who might need CHAMPUS, or might be entitled to CHAMPUS, tell them to contact me at 557-3592. I want to help them too."

## AFCC Chief Tours Base Communications Facilities

Maj. Gen. Robert T. Herres, commander, Air Force Communications Command, recently visited the 1917th Communications Squadron and Detachment 5, 1st Aerospace Communications Group. After a mission briefing by Capt. Stephen P. Gross, commander of the 1917th CS, General Herres briefed squadron members on Air Force Communications Command policies and plans for Westover.

In the Det. 5 Operations Center, General Herres presented a Certificate of Achievement to Sr.A. Henry H. Lucero for his superior performance during the 1979 Strategic Air Command Operation Standardization Evaluation. The general complimented all the AFCC members at Westover for the excellent support they provide the Air Force Reserve and the Strategic Air Command.

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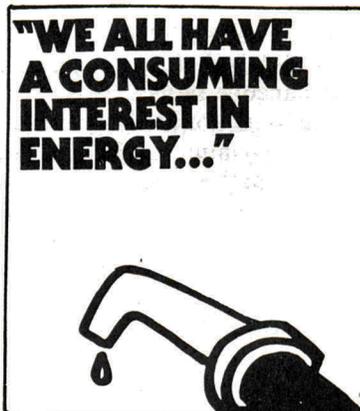
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## Two Airmen Are Behind Bars



SSgt. Judy James, 439th CSG and 2nd Lt. David A. Zamorski, 74th AES, discuss her upcoming admission to Officers Training School. (Photo by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway).

By SSgt. Dean Mauro

The stripes were removed from Sgt. David A. Zamorski's Air Force uniform three years after he first entered basic training. In their place were pinned the gold bars of a second lieutenant.

Meanwhile, SSgt. Judy James, 439th CSG legal services specialist, waits to leave Westover for Officers Training School and at least four years of active duty as a procurement officer.

Sergeant Zamorski became Lieutenant Zamorski, a medical service administrator with the 74th AES, through the Deserving Airman Commissioning Program on March 25.

Lieutenant Zamorski, a social worker with the Home Care Corporation of Springfield, said of his B.S. degree from Western New England College, Springfield, "I have a management degree and that's considered very valuable in the military. With my promotion I'll still be in the health field."

The new lieutenant said he was first told there was an officer's slot available by his unit commander, Lt. Col. Edward Kosakowski.

"I met with him and Col. (Edward) Seilius (director of personnel). With the help of quality control personnel and others, it was only two months

before General Haugen was pinning gold bars on the epaulettes of my uniform," he said.

Throughout Sergeant James' five years of active duty and one in the Air Force Reserve, she looked toward the day when she might be commissioned.

"In the six years after graduating from Amherst College with a business administration degree," she said, "I hoped to be commissioned. I have had to wait for an opening in the administration field, but my persistence has finally paid off."

Plans call for Sergeant James to attend Officers Training School in the fall after which she can also remove her sergeant stripes for the sought-after gold bars.

## Reservists Recognized for Accomplishments

Four Air Force Commendation Medals and two plaques were presented to six reservists during the May UTA at Westover.

Lt. Col. Don V. Williams, 58th MAPS commander was awarded the Commendation Medal for his exceptional leadership and complete dedication over the past four years to his unit.

Another 58th MAPF member, SMSgt. Leonard F. Dube, terminal operations section air transportation superintendent, received his medal for his superior knowledge of transportation systems and his tireless dedication.

As 439th CSG education and training superintendent, SMSgt. Clayton J. Gallant, Jr. was rewarded for his exceptional job knowledge and loyalty.

TSgt. Wayne R. Carter, 905th MOBSF inventory management supervisor and NCOIC, received his medal because of his technical expertise and by greatly improving the morale of the 905th MOBSF.

Capt. Charles T. Hannaford, disaster preparedness officer was named Disaster Preparedness Officer for 1979, and was given a plaque in honor of his diligent efforts in attaining such an award.

A second plaque was awarded to SMSgt. Alfred B. Freitas for receiving the Outstanding Administration Superintendent for 1979. (See separate *Patriot* story.)

*A Patriot Profile*

# Dual Duties Delight Intelligence Officer

By Captain Richard Dyer

What does a Category A reservist with a full-time job do with his limited spare time?

If you're Maj. Anthony J. Zilinsky, you serve with a second Air Force Reserve unit.

Major Zilinsky is Chief of the Aircrew Intelligence Branch for the 439th TAW.

That keeps him busy briefing the senior staff and aircrews on current events, enemy weapon systems and tactics, and other intelligence matters that could affect the Wing's mission.

But the major doesn't limit his Air Force Reserve participation to his duties at Westover.

Major Zilinsky is also attached to the 9007th Air Reserve Squadron as the head Air Force ROTC/Air Force Academy Liaison Officer in Connecticut.

His additional duty is, in essence, a "labor of love." Major Zilinsky serves without pay and coordinates 15 liaison officers throughout Connecticut who counsel high school students interested in either the Air Force ROTC program or the Air Force Academy.

"Part of the assignment includes explaining the admissions requirements, application procedures and other information about ROTC and the academy to students, parents and guidance counselors," Major Zilinsky said.

"As the liaison officer coordinator I also have administrative responsibilities, such as assignments and OERs for the other liaison officers throughout Connecticut," he added.

Heartfelt condolences are extended to the families and friends of three Westover Reservists, **AB Katherine A. Barton**, 901st MOBSF, who died on Feb. 6; **SSgt. Frederick J. Sullivan**, 74 AES, died on April 21, and **SrA. Thomas R. Maslanka**, 901st CES, died on May 14. Our sympathy is also extended to the family and friends of **Bernie Misterka**, recently retired from Base Supply, who died May 22.



**Maj. Anthony J. Zilinsky, ROTC/Air Force Academy liaison officer, interviews a prospective applicant. (Photo by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway)**

Major Zilinsky spends between 16 and 20 hours a month coordinating the liaison officer program and meeting with prospective candidates and their parents. He is well qualified to answer their questions about the life of an Air Force officer.

The major served 15 years on active duty following his graduation from Officer Training School in 1961. His active duty included three tours in Viet Nam and an assignment with NATO in Europe.

He lives in Tariffville, Conn. and is employed full time as a purchasing agent for the Emhart Corporation.

Major Zilinsky's extra service with the liaison officer program may be a "busman's holiday," but he views it as fulfilling a vital mission.

"Our work is important because we are helping to fill the Air Force's future needs for qualified officers," he said. "I find it to be a rewarding part-time job," the major added.

Major Zilinsky suggests that Westover personnel, or their families, who are interested in either the Air Force Academy or the ROTC program contact him at extension 2056 during UTA weekends, or at his home, (203)651-3410.

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