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Civil Service positions under study

By Capt. Philip Weber

The United States Air Force has announced plans to study the potential conversion to contract operation of 300 Civil Service positions at Westover.

Westover is one of 140 Air Force bases throughout the world where contract conversion studies will be taking place, according to the Air Force announcement. The activities effected by the announcement include 16 Guard or Reserve bases in the base operating support function and aircraft simulator maintenance at Air Force bases throughout the world.

The base operating support functions

at Westover to be analyzed under the conversion study include jobs in administration, supply, transportation and civil engineering.

As required by law, an in-depth study will be made comparing in-house versus a civilian contractor's costs needed to accomplish the workload of the 300 positions under study.

The announcement stated that conversion to a civilian contract would only take place if, the detailed analysis shows that a civilian contractor can satisfactorily perform the function and perform it at a lower cost. Resulting contracts from this process would begin in the fiscal year 1985 through fiscal year 1987 timeframe.

In informing the Civil Service em-

ployees at Westover of the conversion study, Col. Roy E. Ayers, base commander, emphasized that, "it is only a study and that we will continue to do our jobs in the most efficient and effective manner as we have always done."

The official statement accompanying the announcement of the study noted that civilian employees affected by conversions to contract are offered maximum employment assistance if the economics of the situation dictate contracting out to be the most effective method to accomplish the job. Only about 4 percent of the permanent civilian employees have been separated as a result of contract. Most employees are placed in other Air Force or Department of Defense jobs.

Flying Squadron will take a Holliday

By Capt. Rick Dyer

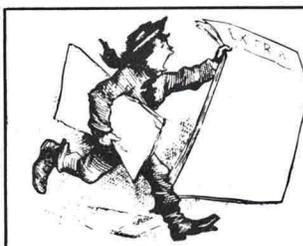
Lt. Col. Walter C. "Doc" Holliday, a 17-year veteran of the Air Force Reserve, has been nominated to assume command of the 337th Tactical Airlift Squadron.

Colonel Holliday, who was previously the 439th TAW's chief of aircrew training and tactics, replaced Col. Jerry Bryant. Colonel Bryant was recently promoted to his present rank and will attend the Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

A master navigator and flight examiner, Colonel Holliday will oversee the Wing's 185-member flying squadron and its 16 C-130 aircraft.

"I'm really looking forward to the challenge," the new squadron commander said. "The 337th has excellent people, and I'm looking forward to working with them and creating the best squadron in the Air Force."

Colonel Holliday's appointment was
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1st Lt. Shelia M. Davis

"Patriot People"

Name: **SHELIA M. DAVIS**

Rank: 1st Lt.

Age: over 21

Address: 21 Lyon St.
New Haven, Conn.

Unit: 439 CSG

Position: Supply officer

Civilian Occupation: Meteorologist/management trainee

Favorite Food: vegetables

Favorite Beverage: water

Favorite Sport: walking, racquetball and target shooting

Favorite Hobby: reading, working

Ideal Vacation: Egypt

Best Way To Relax: sleep

Preferred Entertainment: theater

Favorite Celebrity: Jesus Christ

Favorite Music: religious or classical

Favorite Book: Bible

Favorite Color: white

Favorite Car: Chevy Cavalier

Pet Peeve: negative attitude

Best Thing About Westover: space

Worst Thing About Westover: insufficient time to accomplish work

Doc Holliday . . .

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announced during the June UTA by Col. Jack P. Ferguson, Wing Commander. In announcing the selection, Colonel Ferguson cited the veteran officer's experience and leadership.

"Doc" is a real pro," the wing commander said. "I know that he will continue and expand the fine tradition within the 337th that Jerry Bryant and others have established."

Colonel Holliday is a graduate of Rutgers University and was commissioned in 1957 through the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corp program there.

He served four years on active duty, during which he spent two years at Westover as a KC-97 navigator with the 384th Air Refuelling Squadron.

The colonel has served with the 337th in a variety of capacities since 1967. During the Vietnam War, he flew as a Reserve crewmember on a number of C-130 missions in Southeast Asia.

In 1981, Colonel Holliday was cited as the 439th TAW's outstanding field grade officer. He has also received the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Air Force Achievement Medal for his accomplishments in the Reserve.

The 48-year-old squadron commander is also a graduate of the Air Command and Staff School and the National Security Management Seminar.

In civilian life, Colonel Holliday is employed by the CIGNA Corporation in Bloomfield, Conn., as an officer in its data processing division. He resides in Rocky Hill, Conn.

Civil Air Patrol cadets use base

By **SSgt. Gordon Newell**

In addition to hosting Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force Reserve units, Westover Air Force Base is also home to two Civil Air Patrol squadrons.

"The Civil Air Patrol," explained Capt. Paul Goodrich, who doubles as squadron commander and public affairs officer," is a volunteer, civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force.

"Our operation is housed in hangar seven where we have the use of office space as well as two classrooms. The squadron, the 19015th and the 19067th, are made up of about 60 cadets each plus a cadre of adult leaders."

The CAP has three principal missions, Captain Goodrich explained, emergency services, including search and rescue; aerospace education and cadet training.

"Here at Westover, we are primarily concerned with the latter. Any youngster between the ages of 13 and 18 is

eligible for the program. We meet every Tuesday evening when we hold most of our training sessions."

CAP cadets must complete a 12-week basic training course. "During the course, they are trained in such areas as military customs and conduct, wearing of the uniform and related subjects. After basic, they are trained in specialty fields such as communications, emergency services and aerospace education."

"We are always looking for adult volunteers who are willing to get involved in the program," Captain Goodrich stated. "We especially need people who can help in our training program."

CAP members are not paid, the captain emphasized. "The organization is made up of aviation-minded citizens committed to serving the nation," he said.

He added that anyone interested in serving in the Patrol, can contact him at 596-2223.

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SSgt. Dave Pelletier (left photo) of the 905th CAM, touches up the paint on the engine compartment of the C-130E that took part in Volant Rodeo 1984 at Pope Air Force Base. At right, A1C James Whelihan takes a propeller spinner from SSgt. Sam Colon as they help ready aircraft 1794 for the international competition.

(USAF photo by SSgt. Gordon A. Newell).

Westover team heads for MAC Volant Rodeo

By SSgt. Gordon A. Newell

Loading Dock 32 was a beehive of activity during the June 2-3 UTA. Members of the 905th CAMS were swarming over aircraft 1794, getting the C-130 ready for Volant Rodeo.

"This is a very serious business," said CMSgt. Charlie Fusco, who will be Aircraft Maintenance Supervisor during the MAC-wide tactical flying competition which will be held at Pope AFB, N.C. June 17-23.

"We will be competing with the best Tactical Airlift crews in the world so we can't afford to overlook a single thing that will hurt our chances," Chief Fusco added.

Volant Rodeo is a multi-faceted contest encompassing air crew, combat control team, aerial delivery and security police categories. The rodeo is open to all active duty, National Guard and Reserve units and units from allied and friendly countries.

From the first day of the competition, each aircraft must touch down at Pope within a specified time, and from then on satisfy every requirement laid out by

competition officials.

Participating aircraft are scored as they execute air drops, precision short field landings and precision low altitude navigation. When the aircraft lands it is open to critical inspection according to maintenance specifications.

"The referees will be going over this plane with a microscope," said Chief Fusco. "Every discrepancy they find will take points away from our total," he explained.

Weeks of preparation attempt to ensure that the plane meets every specification. The 10-member team, headed by Lt. Col. Harold Lawrence, includes specialists covering all aspects of the C-130.

Members of the maintenance team are, Colonel Lawrence, Chief Fusco, TSgt. Raymond Ghem, crew chief; TSgt. Francis Stula, assistant crew chief; SMSgt. Ted Gilfoy, turbo prop mechanic; TSgt. Mike Major, radar-navigational system specialist; TSgt. Bill Hubbard, electrical system specialists; TSgt. Francis Favara, pneumatic mechanic and TSgt. Robert Bolduc, turbo prop mechanic.

Lt. Col. Gale French will be the team chief while members of the flight crew are: Major Elmer Whittier, aircraft commander; 1st Lt. Mike Martin, co-pilot; Maj. T. J. Grenham, navigator; SSgt. Rick Turpin, flight engineer; TSgt. John Missale, loadmaster and SSgt. Robert Motley, loadmaster. In addition SMSgt. Charlie Arvin and TSgt. Tom Dzwonkus, both loadmasters will participate as a joint inspection team.

Members of the loading teams are: TSgt. Diane Wise, TSgt. Don Judd, SSgt. Michael Brunetti, SSgt. Zigmund Skawski.

Two years ago a Westover contingent won two of eight events during the week-long competition. Going up against 33 other teams, the 439th team walked away with top honors in the short field landing and joint inspection events.

"We're going down there to win," enthused Chief Fusco. "I'd like nothing better than to win the overall award, but we'll take anything we can get."

Editors Note: Patriot coverage of the Volant Rodeo competition will be in the August issue.

APS Reservists invade McGuire AFB

By TSgt. John Wallace Spencer

Reservists of the 58th Aerial Port Squadron joined forces with members of the 49th APS at McGuire AFB, N.J. recently to participate in a first-of-its-kind Air Force Reserve exercise called "Patriot Partner."

Some 200 members of the two Reserve units teamed up from May 26 to June 9 and operated one of the Air Force's largest aerial ports in the United States.

The Reservists worked as around-the-clock shifts in McGuire's air terminal operations center, which is the nerve center for the movement of all passengers and cargo.

Although the activity at McGuire was a focal point of the exercise, "Patriot Partner" also included the Reservist takeover of the aerial ports at Charleston AFB, S.C. and Dover AFB, Del.

The Reservists were evaluated on how well they handled large-scale cargo processing and loading, coordinating ramp services, forecasting flight schedules, receiving and distributing incoming cargo, and the maintenance and handling of equipment.

The exercise at McGuire exposed Reservists to operating in a typical active duty environment, as they would if mobilized. They received only minimal supervision from their active-duty colleagues during the tour.

Westover's aerial porters have previously integrated with active duty aerial port members for training. During Pa-



Driving a 10-ton forklift, SSgt. Jean Wagner of the 58th APS, is spotted by TSgt. Michael Searnooc of the 49th APS, front, and SrA. Thomas Schramm of the 438th APS from McGuire AFB.

(USAF photo by TSgt. John Wallace Spencer).

triot Partner, however, the Reservists managed and operated the entire active duty aerial port operation.

SMSGt. Len Dube, Air Transportation Superintendent of the 58th was pleased with the exercise. "The Reservists sat in the hot seats of the regulars and performed just about every task

our active duty counterparts did," he said.

"The lessons learned here, and the invaluable teamwork will directly contribute to our operational readiness and will definitely have a lasting effect on the successful accomplishment of future missions." Sergeant Dube added.



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Ginny Musante, center, a reporter for Channel 22 in Springfield, interview TSgt. Kevin Logan of the 402nd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, wearing chemical warfare gear, during a New England media tour to Robins Air Force Base, Ga. Cameraman is Kevin Marsella of Channel 22.

(USAF photo by SSgt. Gordon A. Newell).

New England media attend AFRES briefing

By MSgt. Larry Lentz

Flying at more than 400 mph, the nose of the F-16 edged closer to the tip of the KC-135's refueling boom. A few moments later, contact was made and the first of 1,500 gallons of JP-4 fuel was flowing into the fighter.

In the tanker's boom 'pod', 13 journalists, viewing the intricate maneuver, applauded with admiration or continued taking pictures. Their photography and accounts would be seen or heard by countless newspaper readers, radio listeners and television viewers across New England.

They had been invited by the Public Affairs Offices of AFRES Headquarters and the 439th, to a two-day orientation, May 9-10 at Robins AFB, Ga.

The New England media representatives were briefed on the roles of Westover and the Air Force Reserve in the nation's defense. In addition, the program featured the close-up observation of the KC-135's refueling of C-141 and F-16 aircraft and tours of many of the

facilities at Robins.

"We learned a lot and saw a lot in those two days," said Springfield Daily News reporter Charlotte Libov. "I was particularly impressed with the wide variety of people that we met — the technicians, active duty personnel, Reservists, civilians, even some vocational students. I recently was assigned to the Westover area, so the trip was extremely worthwhile. It has given me a much better understanding of the Air Force and the opportunity to meet many of those with whom I'll be dealing."

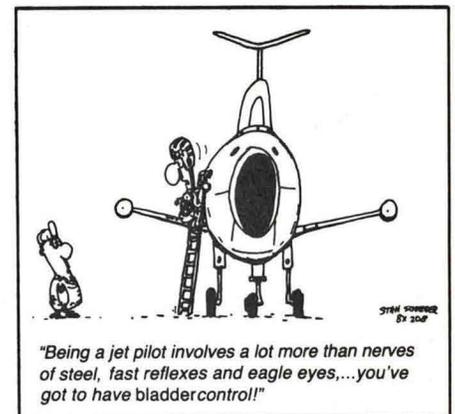
The reporters, were briefed at Westover by Col. Jack P. Ferguson, Wing Commander, and at AFRES Headquarters by Col. William Holland, Chief of Staff. They spoke about Westover's future, and the AFRES mission.

While Colonel Holland reiterated the Air Force's continued high regard for the base and its strategic importance, he also indicated that a decision regarding the transfer of additional C-5 aircraft to AFRES, will not be made until 1987.

His comments were carried in area media outlets, including the Springfield Daily News, the following day.

The contingent also viewed the Warner-Robins depot of the Air Force's Logistics Command.

The trip resulted in extensive coverage and favorable publicity, and for requests, by the same reporters, for another airplane ride.

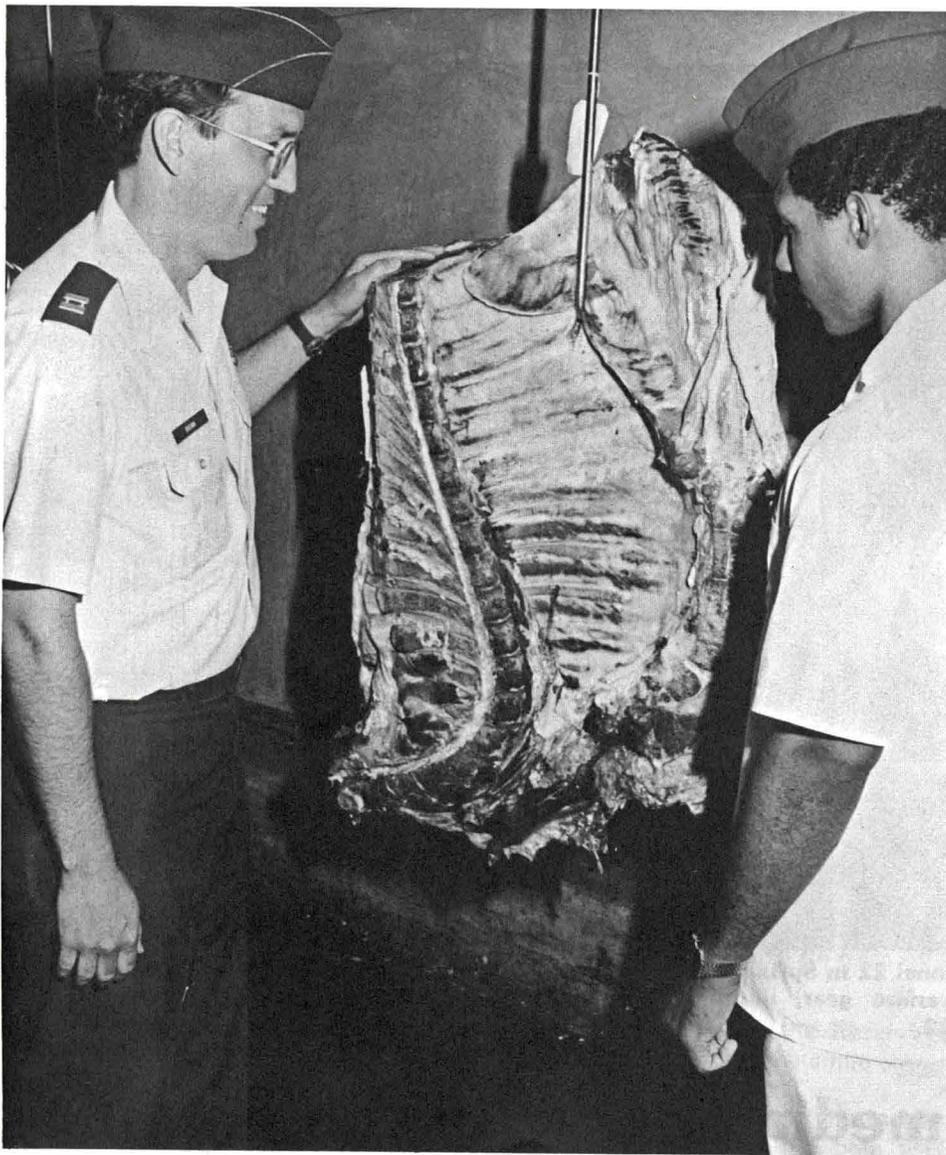


"Being a jet pilot involves a lot more than nerves of steel, fast reflexes and eagle eyes...you've got to have bladder control!"

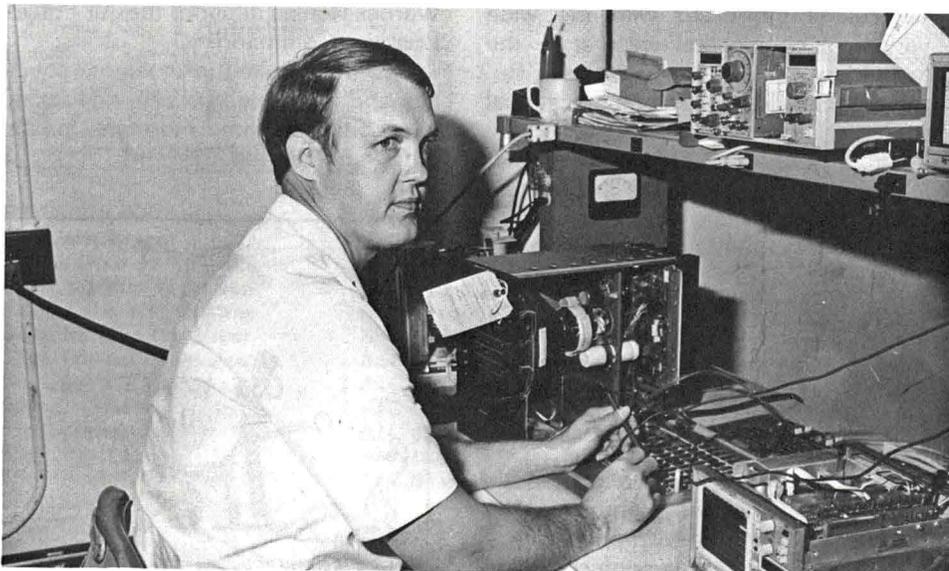
TAC hospit

Story by
Maj. Robert Carroll

photos by
SSgt. Larry A. Wiggins
(Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center)



Captain Philip R. Brown, a veterinarian with the 439th TAC Hospital, "found the beef" during the unit's annual tour in Texas. One of his jobs was to inspect meat before it was served at the Lackland AFB dining halls.



Working with and repairing new and highly advanced biomedical equipment was TSgt. Allen G. Alward's annual tour assignment.

Thirty-three Reservists from Westover's 439th Tactical Hospital completed their annual tour last month at the Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center, Lackland AFB, Texas.

The tour provided the group with what some called "a once in a lifetime experience." It allowed them to work with and along side some of the best medical personnel in the Air Force.

"It was a completely integrated operation with all personnel being given work assignments just as if they were full-time active duty people," said Lt. Col. Dorothy Gates, the unit's senior officer and commander for the group.

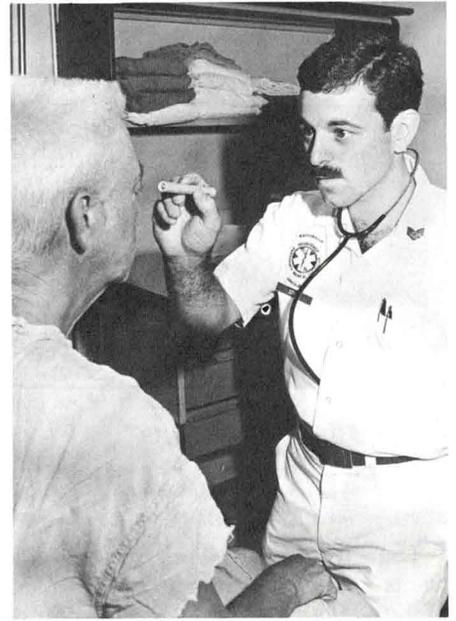
"The two weeks in Texas provided our people with extensive opportunities to work with new equipment and learn advanced techniques which will help them not only in their Reserve assignments, but also in civilian life," she said.

SSgt. Myrna Cruz, a medical technician, and a nursing student in civilian life, said the tour, "was the best, I have ever had, and it greatly advanced my skills." She worked in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). "The active duty staff taught me a lot and I had the opportunity to use advanced medical equipment which added to the learning experience," she said.

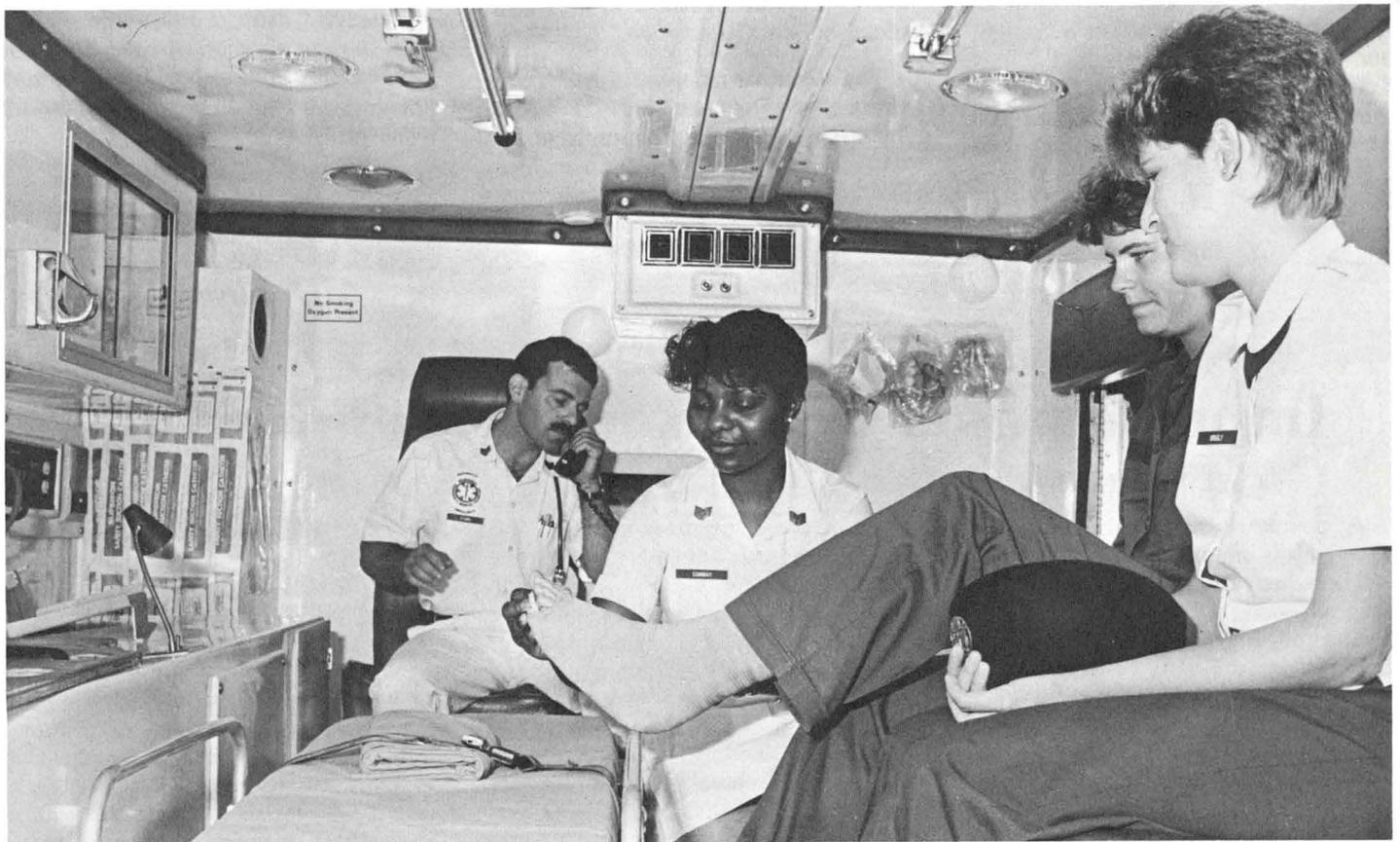
In addition to having personnel assigned to the ICU, the Reservists worked in operating rooms, administrative departments, medical laboratories, X-ray, dental clinic, flight medicine, biomedical equipment repair, veterinarian medicine and the emergency room.

"It was the best possible exposure we could have," said Medical Technician, SSgt. Thomas W. Stark, III, who worked in the ER. "I really felt needed and appreciated during the two weeks. There were a lot of PCS occurring and we were able to fill the gaps between the comings and goings."

al medics tour in Texas



Top Left – TSgt. Kathy A. Conway, med tech with the 439th TAC Hospital, takes the pulse of a patient in the ER of the Wilford Hall Medical Center. Top Right – SSgt. Thomas W. Stark, III, med tech with the 439th TAC Hospital, checks the pupil reaction of a patient. Bottom – SSgt. Thomas W. Stark, III and TSgt. Kathy A. Conway administer first-aid to a basic trainee in a mobile ambulance unit as a trainee escort looks on.





Maj. Byron K. Lichtenberg

Dining-Out features astronaut

A veteran astronaut and fighter pilot will be the featured speaker at the 10th annual NCO/Airman Dining-Out on Oct. 13 at the Consolidated Open Mess.

Maj. Byron K. Lichtenberg, who served as a payload specialist aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia on a 10-day orbital mission in 1983, will address the gathering.

The major, an A-10 pilot with the Massachusetts Air National Guard's 104th Tactical Fighter Group at Westfield, was recently selected to participate in an upcoming space shuttle flight.

In civilian life, Major Lichtenberg is a biomedical engineer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During the Vietnam War, he flew 138 combat missions in F-4 fighters and earned 11 Air Medals and two Distinguished Flying Crosses.

Tickets for the dining-out will go on sale at Westover during the July UTA.

MSgt. Marshall Hathaway, wing historian, is chairman of the dining-out committee. SMSgt. Leonard Dube of the 58th APS will serve as president of the mess, and SSgt. Peter Maille, also of the 58th APS, will be its vice president.

AFSA chapter launches membership drive

TSgt. Suzanne Henderson Cordes wants you! She's looking for members of the 439th to join the local chapter of the Air Force Sergeants Association.

Sergeant Cordes, as president of Chapter 109, is conducting a wing-wide membership drive. She hopes to increase the number of Reservists in the chapter which already boasts 675 members, most of whom are retired.

"The AFSA is the enlisted person's most effective voice on Capitol Hill. They're the one's who pushed for increases in military and per diem pay," she explains. "They also were responsible for the 50 percent increase in flight and hazardous duty pay and the increase of Serviceman's Group Life Insurance from \$20,000 to \$35,000."

Presently, the AFSA is seeking new benefits for Air Force enlisted personnel. Among other efforts, the Washington-based organization is seeking a lower retirement age; an improved reenlistment bonus; and an education assistance program similar to the college tuition program available to Massachusetts National Guardsmen.

The Westover chapter also has been very active. Their meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 p.m., at the Consolidated Open Mess. In addition to a business portion, meetings feature guest speakers discussing a variety of pertinent topics.

"There are some other, immediate benefits derived from the \$15 yearly

dues," Sergeant Cordes continued. "They include inexpensive health, homeowner's, cancer, and renter's insurance; car rental discounts, a job placement service; the availability of scholarships; and a subscription to 'Sergeants Magazine'."

Reservists can get more information and an application from Sergeant Cordes by calling her, at 593-5531 during UTAs or from Joanne Potoff, during business hours at 557-2072.

"The AFSA is fighting for all members of the Air Force — whether they are active duty, Reserve, or retired," she concluded. "But, it needs everyone's support if it's going to continue to win battles."

Improvements discussed at club meeting

By Capt. Dave Keefe

A sparsely attended Consolidated Open Mess membership meeting was held on June 2 in the main ball room of the club.

The meeting, sponsored by the club advisory council, was chaired by Col. Roy E. Ayers, 439th CSG commander.

Colonel Ayers stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the financial condition of the club and gain input from the Reserve members.

Some suggestions taken under ad-

visement were: to install a large screen television in the casual bar; more actively check club cards during the month; and review the current dues structure.

Tony Fortunato, club manager, pointed out that Westover's club dues are the lowest allowed by regulation.

"Many Air Force clubs charge the membership two or three times what our dues are here at Westover," he said.

It was announced that new DOD reg-

ulations have eliminated package store revenues and payroll subsidies from this year's income. Colonel Ayers also stated that improvements are planned in the cosmetic appearance of the facility.

Suggestions were made to offer membership nights occasionally during the UTA weekends and to open the club at 6 a.m. Sunday of the UTA for breakfast. Club officials will implement these suggestions on an experimental basis.

In wake of Ala-Vel Blaze

Westover's firefighting efforts praised

By Capt. Rick Dyer

"They're darn good neighbors."

That's how Chicopee Fire Chief Robert J. Nunes described the Westover Fire Department shortly after a general alarm blaze ravaged the Ala-Vel Industries building at the Westover Industrial Airpark on May 2.

Nunes said that the fire, which caused \$5 million in damage to the structure, demonstrated the important role which the Westover department plays in the local community.

"I don't know what we would have done without them," the Chicopee chief said. "The cooperation which we received was absolutely tremendous. They bent over backwards for us."

Led by Chief Haskell Jenkins, Westover's firefighters played a key role in battling the spectacular blaze. Jenkins, too, believes that the Ala-Vel disaster underscored an important point about his unit.

"I feel that we're more than just an Air Force base fire department," the chief said. "I honestly believe that we're a community asset."

The Westover department has mutual aid agreements with Springfield, Chicopee, Holyoke and Ludlow. It is also a member of the Hampden County Mutual Aid compact.

Jenkins says that his department,

which has 51 full-time civilian firefighters, and an additional 54 Reservists from the 439th CSG, has special talents because it protects an Air Force facility.

"Our people are highly trained in battling structural fires, but, because of our Air Force mission, we have expertise in areas such as large-frame aircraft fires, hazardous materials and gasoline and chemical fires," he said.

"According to Springfield Fire Chief Raymond Sullivan, Westover's skill in fighting gasoline fires proved invaluable during a 1979 oil tank fire on Albany Street in Springfield.

Westover sent several foam trucks to that fire and helped to keep the huge blaze from spreading.

"We have had great cooperation from Chief Jenkins and his personnel," Sullivan said. "I'm looking forward to working even more closely with them in the future."

Both Sullivan and Nunes said that their respective departments would be sending personnel to Westover in the near future for training by the base's fire and disaster preparedness units.

"Westover has been great," Nunes said. "They've offered to train our people in handling hazardous materials and in the use of anti-chemical gear."

Ironically, both Nunes and Sullivan had met with Jenkins to discuss mutual

assistance just days prior to the Ala-Vel fire.

"I didn't know we'd have to use him so soon afterwards," the Chicopee chief said.

Jenkins, a retired Air Force master sergeant, said that Westover's Reservist and civilian firefighters have assisted at seven major blazes in surrounding towns during the past five years, and have also responded on hundreds of other minor mutual aid calls.

He says that his department — which has 13 trucks and stockpiles 2,800 gallons of foam at the station — is especially important due to the large number of industrial, chemical and railroad facilities located near the base.

"When you consider the number of chemical trucks on I-91, and all the tanker cars hauled by the railroads, you can see how invaluable our large foam capacity can be to the community," the chief said.

Jenkins has a folder in his office which is full of 'thank you' notes from community leaders for the department's assistance at off-base fires. The latest came recently from Chicopee Mayor Richard Lak, who praised Westover for its efforts at the Ala-Vel fire.

"We were glad to do it," Jenkins said. "After all, that's what neighbors are for."



Judy Louer wins AFRES civilian supply award



Judy Louer

(USAF photo by MSgt. Larry Lentz).

It didn't take Judy Louer very long to learn the ropes.

Judy began working in Base Supply in June, 1982. A year and a half later, she was named as the AFRES Outstanding Civilian Supply Person of the Year.

Ms. Louer received the national recognition for her work as a material expediter in Supply's Customer Support Branch.

In that job, she processed a plethora of requests for aircraft parts, supplies and equipment.

Active duty background

"I was able to grasp the essentials of the job quickly because of my background," Ms. Louer said. "I served on active duty in the Air Force for eight years as a supply technician."

She talks about her job as a material expediter in the past tense. Last December, she was promoted to the position of Material Support Supervisor. In that capacity, she oversees five sections of the supply branch.

Another change

Judy recently changed another "hat" as well. As a Reservist with the 59th APS, she left her supply NCOIC position to become an air cargo specialist.

She says that she enjoys the challenges of her new job and is looking forward to mastering its varied tasks. If past performances are any indication, that shouldn't take her long at all.

BRIEFS

MEI Scheduled

It's time to check those buttons and buckles! Another Management Effectiveness Inspection is scheduled for the UTA on July 14-15.

The inspection, held about once every three years, will review administrative readiness, military grooming, and safety at Westover.

Change of leadership

The Air Force Reserve recently announced the following assignments effective June 4:

Brig. Gen. John G. Sullivan, commander of the 349th Military Airlift Wing (Associate), Travis AFB, Calif., will become commander of the 433rd Tactical Airlift Wing, Kelly AFB, Texas.

Col. Dale R. Baumler, 446th MAW (Associate), McChord AFB, Wash., will replace General Sullivan.

Col. Thomas E. Burford will become vice commander of the 433rd TAW when General Sullivan arrives.

Col. Ralph T. Carlson, commander of the 514th MAW (Associate), McGuire AFB, N.J., will become commander of the 512th MAW (Associate), Dover AFB, Del.

Col. Eugene C. Galley, assistant deputy chief of staff and director of cur-

rent operations at AFRES headquarters here, will replace Colonel Carlson.

Recruiters sought

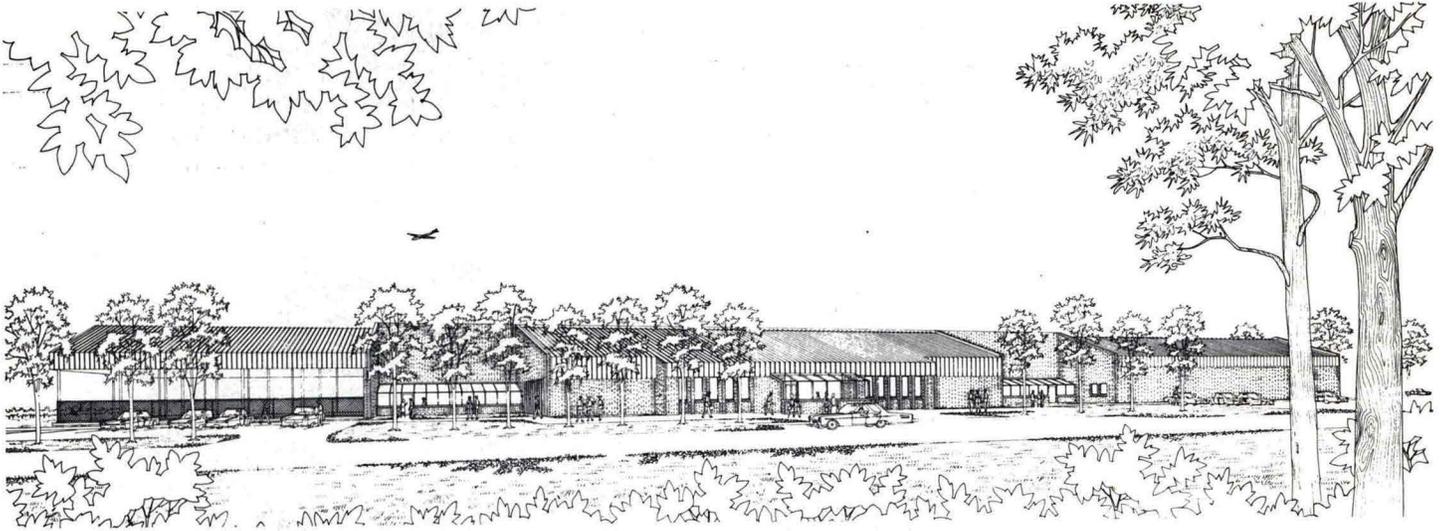
ROBINS, AFB, Ga. (AFRNS) — The Air Force Reserve is seeking men and women to serve as recruiters.

Reservists with at least one year of service and a knowledge of Air Force programs are needed to fill positions throughout the United States.

Active duty tours are available for up to four years.

Westover Reservists interested in these positions should contact SMSgt. Ronald J. Koper at 557-3923.

Base civil engineers will get new quarters



A new civil engineering building for Westover has been approved by Congress. Funds for its construction are expected to be allocated during the next fiscal year.

The new building, with an estimated cost of \$3 million, is the principal construction project slated for the base in the near future.

"The new, one story complex will be built on the corner of Second Avenue and Outer Drive," said George Hunter, base civil engineer. "All 80 employees of the section and the Reserve civil engineers will be housed for the first time in

one facility. Then, the World War II vintage buildings will be transferred to the Defense Property Disposal Office."

The base runways also are slated for continued attention. "We're spending \$283,000 for the installation of lights on taxiway R; another \$50,000 for new lights on Pad 33; and \$103,000 for new distance markers on the runways," Hunter continued. "When we're done, those facilities will be in better shape than when they were under SAC."

Next year, the civil engineers also will supervise contracts totalling approximately \$600,000 for the replacement

of the base-wide steam distribution system. The 40-year-old underground pipes connect the steam and electrical plant with the hangars, gym, base headquarters and other permanent buildings.

A major remodeling of the dining hall is scheduled. The dish washing equipment will be moved to the rear of the building and restrooms will be installed. "We also expect to complete a major refurbishing that includes the installation of energy efficient windows and lighting; painting and new carpeting," said Joe Golas, chief engineer.

Westover takes energy conservation seriously

Imagine, a small community of single family houses — 182 of them to be exact. Now, guess how much energy it would take to heat all those homes for one year.

Westover's civil engineers calculate it would take approximately 10 million BTU/Hr. to do the job. They also figure that amount of energy equals the amount needed to heat just one of the base's five hangars.

It's little wonder that energy conservation remains an integral responsibility of everyone on base, especially the base civil engineers.

"We spent more than \$1,200,000 for electricity, gas and oil heating — and that's just for the first six months of this fiscal year," reports Robert Chaisson, Westover's industrial engineer.

In addition to the financial incentive to reduce energy costs, the Air Force

has mandated that Westover reduce its energy consumption. By 1985, the base must use 20 percent less energy, than it did nine years ago.

"We already completed many projects to achieve substantial savings, says George Hunter, base civil engineer. For example, we've installed storm windows, insulated walls; put clear plastic sheeting around doorways and windows; and placed new controls in the base's steam and boiler plant."

Because of their huge energy requirements, the base hangars have received considerable attention. Hangar 5 is sporting a new roof and recirculating fans keeping the warm air in and down near work areas. New, smaller doors, designed to accommodate the motor pool's vehicles have replaced the mammoth ones needed for airplanes.

Other hangars have new, more effi-

cient lighting which use one-third less energy yet gives off the same amount of light as the fixtures they replace. Even the floors were painted with a special reflective coating makes for brighter work areas.

The civil engineers, however, are not content with their accomplishments. Last year, \$50,000 was allocated to replace roofs of various buildings on base. This year, contractors will receive another \$180,000 to continue the job.

"These measures have had their effect," says Chaisson. "Even though this past year has been 1,000 degree days colder than the previous one, we have used five percent less than what we have been allocated. And that figure is 18 percent less than the 1975 base year. I'm confident with everyone's cooperation, we'll more than reach our overall goal."

Westover women hear female pilot

A female KC-135 pilot told an audience at Westover's second annual Federal Women's Program that the Air Force is considering expanding the type of aircraft piloted by women.

Speaking at the Consolidated Open Mess, 1st Lt. Karen Love, from Plattsburgh AFB, N. Y., explained how women, who are exempt from combat missions, therefore, are excluded from flying Air Force fighters. The new policy may allow them to serve as instructor pilots on some of those aircraft.

Lieutenant Love's remarks about her 'trials and tribulations' as a woman crew member echoed the theme of the day-long conference sponsored by the Westover FWP committee.

"We chose the theme, 'Today's Business World — Side by Side,' to highlight the increasing emphasis and role women now play in all areas of business," said MSgt. Faith Longfield, committee chairwoman.

The other program speakers discussed, and in some cases demonstrated, a wide variety of pertinent topics: Springfield police officer Joe O'Brien, "Protect Your Body-Use Your Heads"; Charlie Carignan, chief of Westover's Development & Training, "Self Development"; Chicopee police woman Alice Nahormek, "Women in Law Enforcement"; and Norma Baker, executive director of Northern Education Services, "Double Minority."

A lunch-time fashion show featured the latest in spring outfits available at the base exchange.



1st Lt. Karen Love



Springfield police officer Joe O'Brien, left, demonstrates self defense techniques during the Federal Women's Program at the Consolidated Open Mess.

(USAF photo by MSgt. Marshall Hathaway)

Commander's Call

Nineteen members of the 439th CSG were honored during the June UTA at Commander's Call:

MSgt. Leslie D. Mesecher received the Meritorious Service Medal and **TSgt. Frank Collins** was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal.

1st Lt. Alan F. Harrington, **CMSgt. Lawrence B. Lose**, **SMSgt. James W. McHugh, Jr.**, **MSgt. Richard R. Berryman**, **MSgt. Gary E. Gladu**, **MSgt. Charles S. Maligno**, **TSgt. Reginald Feazell**, **TSgt. Paul A. Petersante**, **TSgt. Randy J. Ma-**

lek, **TSgt. Benjamin D. Tomlin**, **SSgt. Joseph I. Demers, Jr.**, **SSgt. John F. Szewc**, and **SSgt. William D. Noble, Jr.**, received the Air Force Achievement Medal.

SMSgt. William H. Lane, **TSgt. Robert E. Smith**, and **TSgt. Virginia M. Thomas**, received degrees from the Community College of the Air Force.

In addition, the base Morale, Welfare and Recreation section received three Air Force Recognition Awards for superior achievement in planning, activities and services.

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