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Wing confronts the unexpected during CCE

By Capt. Rick Dyer
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Call it Westover West, Plattsburgh, or a forward operating base.

Whatever the name, Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y. became home for 368 members of the 439th Tactical Airlift Wing during the November UTA.

The Reservists, and 13 C-130 aircraft, were mobilized and deployed to the upstate New York installation for a Combat Capability Exercise.

It marked the first time in recent history that unit members were actually dispatched to a forward operating area during a CCE.

The hectic, two-day evaluation, a tune-up for the Operational Readiness Inspection that the 439th will face next spring, found Wing officials wrestling with adverse weather conditions and mechanical problems.

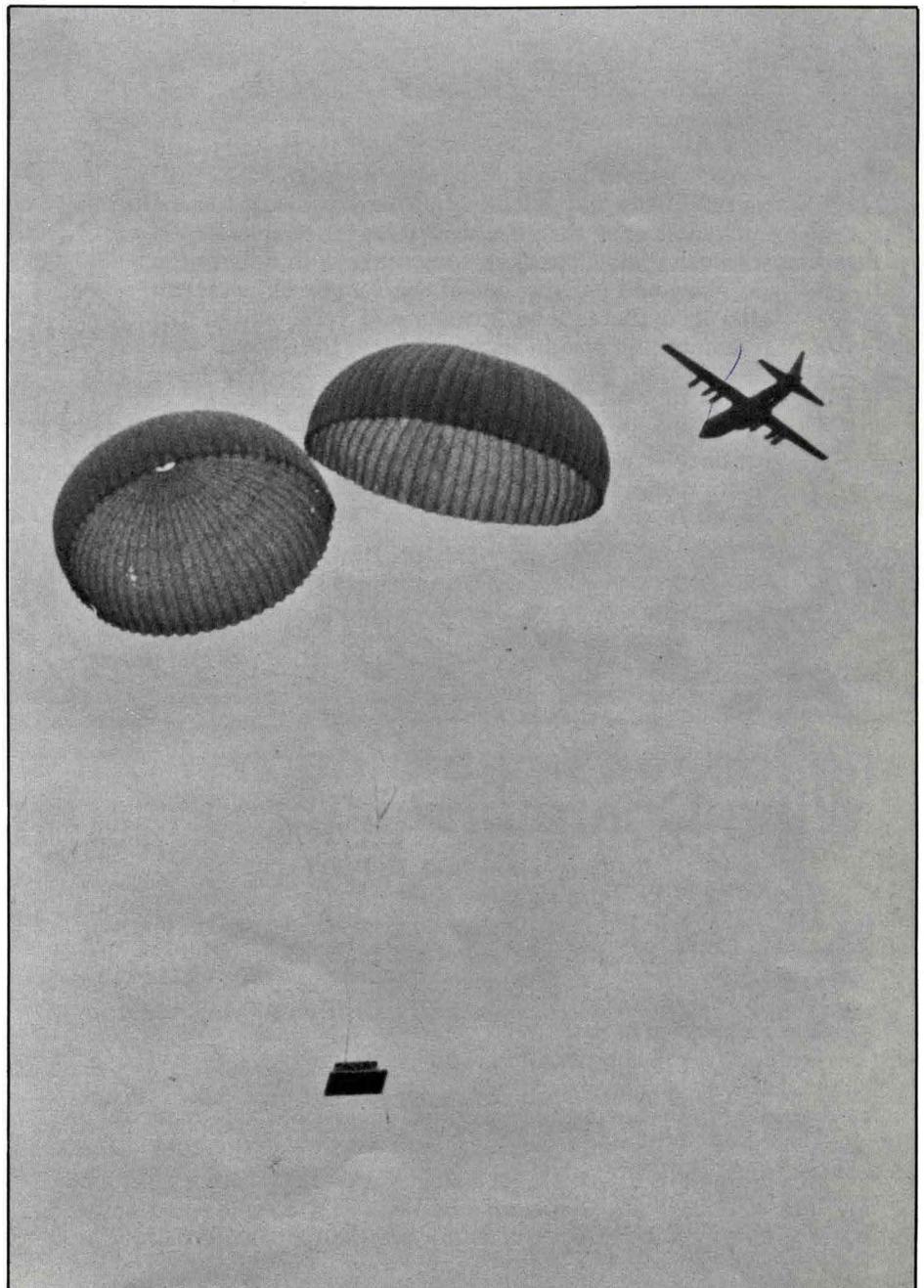
Some major schedule changes and several skycrane helicopters ultimately taught the exercise planners that the unexpected is to be expected during drills of this type.

When poor weather conditions forced the cancellation of night-time personnel airdrops at Plattsburgh Saturday, those aerial missions were re-scheduled for Westover the following afternoon.

Westover's drop zone was to be used for heavy cargo drops earlier on Sunday, and Wing officials were concerned that the DZ could not be cleared of the cargo loads in time to accommodate the landing of 21 Army Special Forces paratroopers from Fort Devens, Mass.

At that point, Lt. Col. Jerold Budinoff of the 337th Tactical Airlift Squadron contacted the 208th Transportation Company of the Conn. Army National Guard at Bradley International Airport.

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Heavy cargo drops were just a small part of November UTA's CCE.

(USAF photo by SSgt. Sandi Michon)

Briefs

Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah!

We approach that special holiday season that always holds out such hope for us. It is a time of lights, and colorful decorations, and big crowds out shopping, of extra time with family and friends, of gracious meals, and the giving of gifts. It's a busy time, filled with shopping, and mailing out cards to friends and loved ones. Folks seem warmer, friendlier. These things are all a part of the delight of this special time of year.

And these good gifts of the season, if we are thoughtful, call us to ask from whence they come. Whence such joy, such hopefulness, such celebration, such brightening of life with light and color and grace? This question reminds us that "holiday" means "Holy Day," a day set apart for remembering and celebrating the gifts of God for his people. Those who celebrate Chanukah remember with delight the cleansing and rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem after its defilement by Antiochus of Syria, and in that remembering delight in the freedom for faithful worship of God. Those who celebrate the birth of Jesus find in him the saving presence of God for humanity.

This Holy Day season calls us to be attentive to the deepest need of the human spirit, the need to be in relationship to God. May your Holiday be deeply rooted in the grace of Holy Day! Merry Christmas! Happy Chanukah!

1st. Lt. Richard L. Miesel
Chaplain, 439 CSG

Holiday brightened

The goodwill of the 439th Informational Systems Squadron will help fill the soup pots of a Holyoke shelter for the homeless.

For the third Christmas season in a row, squadron members collected money and non-perishable foodstuffs for Kate's Kitchen during the December UTA. The Holyoke shelter for the homeless and soup kitchen is operated by the Sisters of Providence who keep the doors open to the underprivileged 24 hours a day.

Change in reimbursement

Reservists who travel while on duty for less than 24 hours will no longer be automatically reimbursed for meals, regardless of whether they are actually purchased.

To be reimbursed it is necessary to list each meal on the travel voucher. It must include the type of meal — breakfast, lunch or supper — and the city in which it was purchased. The name of the restaurant is not necessary.

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Wing Commander's message

By Brig. Gen. Jack P. Ferguson

Since 1973, four times as many Americans have died in drunk driving crashes as were killed in Vietnam. Nearly 1,000,000 more are maimed or seriously injured. These tragic facts, compiled by the Professional Insurance Agents of Connecticut, are frightening indeed — frightening enough, I hope, to prevent reservists from driving while intoxicated.

During the upcoming holiday season, I ask reservists to be particularly aware of our nations drunk driving epidemic and take precautions to avoid involving themselves or family members in an alcohol-related crash.

In addition to stiff DWI laws, a drunk driver runs other risks including that of committing vehicular homicide — a needless and enduring tragedy that affects the lives of many innocent surviving family members and friends.

Lets all have a happy and safe holiday season by refraining from driving after drinking and preventing from doing so.

Maintenance NCO risks life, helps foil hijacking

By MSgt. Marshall Hathaway

A Westover Reservist risked his life and helped foil a would-be hijacker during the Wing's Volant Oak deployment last spring at Howard AFB, Panama.

MSgt. Otho T. Milbourne of the 439th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was on active duty with his unit in Panama when a gun-welding man entered the Howard passenger terminal.

The hijacker, a Panamanian, held the people in the terminal as hostages and demanded that a C-130 fly him elsewhere.

Security police at the base surrounded the building and sharpshooters positioned themselves on nearby roof tops. The tense situation remained a stalemate for more than six hours, until Howard officials contrived a plan to trick the gunman.

Negotiators informed the hijacker that a C-130 parked outside of the terminal would be readied for his use. They requested volunteers to "pre-flight" the aircraft.

Sergeant Milbourne came forward. The plane was just 200 feet away from the terminal, and police officials feared that the NCO might be taken hostage or exposed to gun fire.

The Westover Reservist went through the motions of preparing the plane. With a power cart hooked up to the aircraft, and all its flashing



MSgt. Otho Milbourne, 439th CAMS, helped outwit skyjacker at Howard AFB, Panama.

(USAF photo by Capt. Philip Weber)

lights operating, the gunman was convinced that his demands were met.

While Sergeant Milbourne was still working on the aircraft, the hijacker left the terminal and approached the C-130. The maintenance NCO was unarmed, and in the line of fire.

When the hijacker reached the plane's tail section, he was apprehended by waiting security police. No shots were fired, and Howard officials credited Sergeant Milbourne

with playing a major role in the capture.

"Things happened so quickly the danger of it all never dawned on me," the jet engine mechanic said later. "Only after things settled down did I realize that the guy could have gone berserk. Still, I felt good about my role in it."

Air force officials apparently did, too. Sergeant Milbourne has been nominated to receive an award for his bravery.



Naval Reservist Boatswain Mate 3rd Class Gilbert Royers learns first hand how to properly 'effect an arrest' from TSgt. Kevin Heath.

(USAF photo by MSgt. Larry Lentz)

Wing law enforcement section helping to teach sea students

Members of the Wing's law enforcement section again have traded their handcuffs and nightsticks for blackboards and lesson plans. They're back in the role of teachers and are instructing another class of Naval Reservists in law enforcement theory and techniques.

The 12 student Master-in-Arms, the Navy's equivalent of security police, are members of the Reserve unit stationed at Westover. During eight UTAs, they will receive a combination of classroom and field training in such areas as accident investigation; search and seizure; apprehension and detention; traffic control; and safety

and security procedures.

"This unique arrangement mutually serves the Navy and the Air Force," explains MSgt. Charles Maligno, NCOIC. "The Navy doesn't have similar programs for these Reservists. Also, it's taught by true professionals.

"Westover, in return, benefits from additional manpower after their initial training. While the Reservists do not patrol or are on the gates alone, they do assist. A two person patrol is a lot safer and more beneficial than a single officer. In addition, as we teach, we also learn. So, it's excellent, training for us as well."

Child's verse helps pilot survive six years as POW

By Capt. Rick Dyer

*"Little drops of water,
little grains of sand,
make a mighty ocean,
and a pleasant land."*

Gary Sigler learned that nursery rhyme verse as a child. Years later, it became a personal credo that helped him to survive the horrors of the six years that he spent in a North Vietnamese prisoner of war camp.

Sigler, a former Air Force captain who now resides in Chicopee, recently shared his experiences as a POW with Wing officers during a meeting of the Reserve Officer's Association.

"I don't consider myself to be an extraordinary person," he said. "I was just an ordinary guy caught up in an unusual event."

Sigler, who works in the agent training department of the Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company in Springfield, flew 92 combat missions in RF4C aircraft over North Vietnam.

On his last one — a night mission to destroy a railroad bridge in Hanoi — his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. The other officer flying with him was killed and Sigler, suffering from burns, was captured.

He spent his first year as POW in solitary confinement at a prison known as the "Hanoi Hilton." His cell was six feet long, and he was released from it for only 15 minutes each day.

The story of Sigler's six years in captivity is a tale of tap codes and torture. But it is also a tribute to the triumph of the human spirit.

"I held a brown belt in judo, and part of the philosophy of the sport requires that you bow to your opponent," Sigler told the Reservists. "That is what I learned to do — bend a little, but keep on resisting."

In order to help him survive the ordeal, he developed an outlook on life which he calls his "grain of sand theory."

"I remembered the nursery rhyme I learned as a kid about how oceans and continents are built from grains of sand and drops of water," he said. "So I adopted it as my personal philosophy, by doing something every day, one step at a time, that would help me to grow physically, emotionally and spiritually."

To help him maintain his sanity, Sigler said that he learned "to live inside my head." He spent days solving

calculus problems, or designing a house (which he subsequently constructed after his release).

"We would spend hours memorizing anything to keep our minds occupied," he stated. "At one time, I had memorized a list of the best restaurants in every major city in the United States, and I could recite the name, and rank of every POW."

"My personal belief is that some Americans were kept behind when the POWs were released," he stated. "I'm doubtful however, that any of them would be returned alive now."

Despite the fact that he was held prisoner by the Communists and religious observances were prohibited, Sigler said that he grew spiritually while in prison. "We somehow got our hands on a Bible and we passed it around," he said.

"I read it two times, cover to cover, and memorized innumerable Bible passages. My belief in God definitely sustained me."

When Sigler was finally repatriated, he was worried about how his family, and particularly his daughter, would react after the lengthy separation.

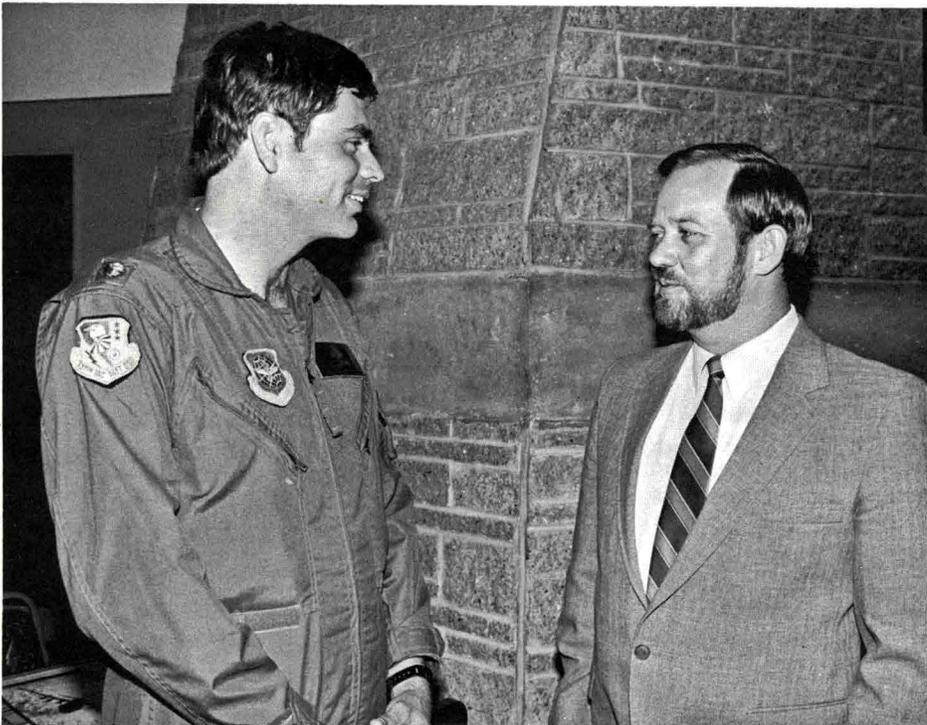
My daughter was only an infant when I was captured, and I worried about how she would accept me," he said. "Fortunately, it worked out just fine."

Sigler left the Air Force after his release. He keeps in contact with former POWs, and monitors the accounts of the reported sightings of American servicemen in Vietnam.

"My personal belief is that some Americans were kept behind when the POWs were released," he stated. "I'm doubtful, however, that any of them would be returned alive now."

The former POW said that he frequently draws upon his war experiences in his daily life, particularly in his job training insurance agents.

"I tell them about the grain and sand theory," he said. I tell them that if you do something every day to improve yourself, you'll be better than before."



Former Air Force captain Gary Sigler (right) chats with Major Charlie Brown of the 337th TAS during a recent meeting of the Reserve Officers Association. Both men were prisoners of war at the "Hanoi Hilton."

(USAF phot by Capt. Phil Weber)

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The Guard unit dispatched two CH-54B skycrane helicopters to Westover. The huge choppers airlifted the cargo pallets from the drop zone and the paratroopers were dropped successfully.

Earlier in the exercise, the 439th was thrown another "curve" when one of its C-130s blew an engine en route to Plattsburgh. Personnel from the 439th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron's jet engine shop replaced the engine under field conditions with a spare that they had brought with them.

"We had to use Plattsburgh's equipment, which wasn't geared for C-130s," said MSgt. Tom Smith, jet engine shop supervisor. Due to space limitations, there is only so much equipment that you can bring, so we had to be flexible and use our ingenuity," he added.

During the operations at Plattsburgh 126 Reservists from the 439th's Weapons System Security Flight, maintenance squadron, information systems squadron, aerial part squadron and airlift control element cadre combined to form an Airlift Control Element.

Under the direction of Lt. Col. Robert McMillan, The ALCE team established a forward operating base and provided the support services necessary to conduct the C-130 operations.

Maj. Robert Martens, director of operations for the 337th TAS, served as commander of the aerial missions in New York and at Westover.

In addition to the personnel and



In time for the landing of paratroopers from Ft. Devens, Mass. an Army National Guard Skycrane airlifts cargo pallets from Westover's drop zone.

(USAF photo by SSgt. Sandi Michon)

heavy equipment airdrops here, the 337th aircrews also conducted container delivery systems drops at Plattsburgh and flew over unfamiliar routes on simulated combat missions.

Because the CCE scenario called for the Reservists to deploy to a high threat area, the aircrews and ALCE members traveled to Plattsburgh in chemical warfare ensembles, and wore the protective gear while performing their missions in New York.

While much of the activity took place at Plattsburgh, Westover was also a focal point of activity during the CCE.

A mobility center was established in a building near the flight line, and

the Reservists departing for New York streamed through processing lines.

Along the flight line, mobility cargo specialists scurried to load the waiting C-130s.

Evaluators from the 914th TAG at Niagara Falls IAP were on hand at both locations to grade the Wing's performance.

"A CCE is a learning process," said Col. Robert J. Winner, commander of the 914th TAG. It helps us to view the strong areas and the weak areas of a unit's performance."

"I believe that if the Wing had an ORI next week, it would pass it without a problem," Colonel Winner said.

Navy admiral, Marine Corps general observe CCE

Westover Reservists were "seeing stars" during the November UTA.

Two members of the Reserve Forces Policy Board, a Navy rear admiral and a Marine Corps major general, visited the base to observe the Combat Capability Exercise (CCE).

Rear Adm. Donald G. Corrigan and Maj. Gen. John J. Salesses, both Reservists, sit on the board which advises the secretary of defense on Reserve matters. Part of their work is to observe the mobilization procedures used in all branches of service, and

by the military services of allied countries as well.

"We have seen a very efficient, well-organized mobilization system here at Westover," said General Salesses. "Communications, transportation, administrative support — all of these areas are excellent."

Admiral Corrigan noted that Navy mobilization is different from that of the Air Force in that the civilian sailors mobilized are mostly augmentees, rather than selected Reservists.

Even greater are the differences be-

tween U.S. forces mobilization in the NATO countries. "For example, in Turkey and Israel practically everybody is in the Reserve until age 50. In some other allied nations, active duty forces bear a much greater share of the total defense burden," the admiral said.

In civilian life, General Salesses is the assistant vice president for academic affairs at Rhode Island College in Providence. Admiral Corrigan is chairman and chief executive officer of Slade's Ferry Trust Co., Somerset, Mass.



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NYC fire academy officials tour base training facility

By TSgt. Tom Allocco

When New York City Fire Academy officials wanted to see the latest technology in fighting smoke they turned to the Westover Fire Department for help.

A common problem of fire training is the black billowing smoke which rises from fuel fire. Faced with the problem of holding down smoke at their academy on Randalls Island off Manhattan, the officials learned how the base complies with strict Air Force environmental standards.

The New York City fire chiefs and other officials visited on Oct. 5 and inspected the base's smoke abatement system. Westover firefighters demonstrated by igniting fuel at the C-130 look-alike in the fire training facility. The state-of-the-art smoke abatement system showered the fire

with a very fine spray to clean the smoke and keep it down.

The new system, completed in February, represents the latest in technology, said Don Cloutier, Westover assistant chief for training.

The seven New York City officials said the Westover smoke abatement system was the only one they found during a tour of training sites from the Exxon facility in New Jersey to Texas A&M. They are gathering ideas for a new fire training facility at the academy.

The smoke abatement system is part of the Westover fire training facility, one of only two in the Air Force, which incorporates such innovations as recycling of unspent fuel and the ability to ignite any portion of the mock-up aircraft.

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More than 200 attend 11th annual Dining Out

More than 200 Wing members and their guests attended the 11th annual 439th TAW NCO/Airman Dining Out at Westover's Consolidated Open Mess on Oct. 26.

The theme of the formal military dinner was "Westover — The New Beginning", referring to the future conversion of the 439th's aircraft inventory to C-5 Galaxies.

Among the highlights of the evening were the presentation of awards to the units outstanding NCOs and enlisted members, and an address by retired Brig. Gen. Billy Knowles, former Wing commander.

MSgt. Roy R. Brousseau, 439th WSSF squad leader and training NCO, was honored as the senior NCO of the year. He earned the distinction for developing a superior training program for his unit. His section received zero write-ups during the unit's latest Management Effectiveness Inspection, the first time ever in the Reserve Security Police field.

TSgt. Richard A. Ricci, 74th AES Medical Plans Section NCOIC was selected the 439th's NCO of the Year. He was responsible for his squadron's readiness program and played an important role in his unit's high rating in its most recent Health Services Management Inspection.

SrA. Donna F. Hunter, 439th Tactical Hospital X-Ray Technician was named Airman of the Year. The Acting NCOIC of radiology, was given that position despite having no prior experience. She quickly proved, however, she could run the section and has helped her unit operate with professional standards. Her commander cites her for consistent can-do attitude, unyielding team spirit and for being an outstanding example for young airmen.

The Wing's Education Services Office was named the work center of the year. With the efforts of the office staff, 32 percent of the entire 439th enlisted force is now enrolled in Community College of the Air Force courses. Since 1980, the office has produced more CCAF graduates every year than all other units in the Air National Guard and AFRES combined.

Following the awards program,



MSgt. Faith Longfield, 439th CSG career advisor and CMSgt. Eugene Longfield, chief of wing training, applaud Ret. Brig. Gen. Billy Knowles' address, praising the professionalism of the Reserve at the 11th Annual 439th TAW NCO/Airman Dining Out.

(USAF photo by TSgt. Howard Garbarsky)

General Knowles, who is now director of operational plans at AFRES Headquarters, directed most of his remarks to the high level of professionalism and status that Reserve forces have attained over the years.

"The Air Force's elite corps are the Reservists of MAC, SAC and TAC," said the General.

Other head table guests included Brig. Gen. Jack P. Ferguson, Wing commander and Mrs. Ferguson; Col. Louis Paskevicz, vice commander and Mrs. Paskevicz; Lt. Col. James Handy, base commander and Mrs. Handy; CMSgt. Eugene Longfield, Wing training chief and MSgt. Faith

Longfield.

MSgt. Longfield, 439th career advisor, was President of the Mess while TSgt. Timothy Murphy, of the 430th Law Enforcement office was Mr. Vice and TSgt. George Hoagland of the 439th WSSF was master at arms.

MSgt. Marshall Hathaway of the Dining Out committee said, "Despite various logistical problems which plagued the committee's progress from April until the very last minute, the event was an unqualified success."

Music for dancing was provided by Burt Mason and his band.



TSgt. Peter Jensen, Base Operations and SrA. Christina Walas, 74th AES were among those attending the Dining Out.

(USAF photo by TSgt. Howard Garbarsky)

Annual Turkey Trot Race draws 24 contestants

By SSgt. Glenn Bogart

Gray skies and damp, chilly weather could not curb enthusiasm as 24 runners set out to win Westover's annual Turkey Trot.

The children's divisions boasted a field of ten in their 1.5 mile race. Overall winner was James Shapiro, 11, who ran the course in eleven minutes, 25 seconds. First place in the age eight-to-twelve division went to 45 lb. Todd Sweryda, eight. Richard Calkins, 13, won the age 13-to-16 division.

Overall winner in the men's divisions was TSgt. Celio Hernandez, to no one's surprise, Celio, who finished the five-mile run in 28-minutes, 37 seconds, is well known as the premier runner in the Westover community. The win was his fifth straight.

Other men's division winners were Thomas Calkins, 32-39, Maj. David Barnard, 40-47; MSgt. Frank Sweryda, 48-54; and Chief Warrant Officer Ted Buckhout, 48-54.

Winning her first three-mile race was Emiko Rinaldi, who expressed some surprise at being the only woman to enter the Turkey Trot. "I'm surprised I made it," she said, "since I've never tried to run three miles before." Mrs. Rinaldi's husband Robert and daughter Maria, age eight, also competed.

Children's winner James Shapiro, who attends the South Hadley Middle School, won in last year's 8-12 division. The youngster, who also plays football and baseball, said he definitely plans to enter next year's Trot. When asked at what point he knew he would win the race, his logical response was, "When I got in front of everybody."

Pint-sized Todd Sweryda, the 8-12 children's winner, said that this was his first competition. He learned of the race from his grandfather, Frank Sweryda, the men's 48-54 winner. Todd, who attends the Main Street School in Monson, likes football and soccer and said he may be back for next year's Turkey Trot.

Veteran runner Ted Buckhout, 58, not only won his age division, but came in second overall among the men. Buckhout, a Marine Corps Reserve warrant officer, is a retired vehicle maintenance superintendent from Westover. He said that this is the first year since 1976 that he has



At the start of the men's competition of Westover's annual Turkey Trot, age group winners CWO Ted Buckhout (269) and MSgt. Tom Calkins (256) take the early lead as overall winner TSgt. Celio Hernandez (255) finds a comfortable pace.

(USAF photo by Capt. Philip Weber)

not run in the Marine Corps Marathon, and that in recent years the Turkey Trot competition has been held at the same time as the Marathon, preventing him from competing here. Buckhout said that in his nine years of running competitions, his proudest moment was in 1979, when

all five of his sons ran with him in the Marathon.

"I just couldn't make it to the Marathon this year," Buckhout said, "but the Turkey Trot is a lot of fun, too. My only regret is that I didn't bring my glasses so I could keep Celio (Hernandez) in sight."

AAFES setting up for credit cards

Shoppers will soon be able to use credit cards in Military Exchange Stores, according to Army and Air Force Exchange Service officials.

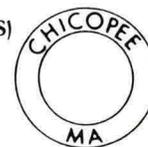
According to an AAFES spokesman, stateside exchanges are expected to start accepting credit cards

before Christmas. Credit Card use at overseas stores will be at a later date.

After soliciting bids from several credit card companies to find out which offers the best rate. AAFES officials selected both Master Charge and Visa to be used in the stores.

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