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**HEAVE-HO -- 337th Airlift Squadron crewmembers help aerial porters from the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron push a school bus out of the front of a Westover C-5 in Guatemala City, Guatemala.**

## Reservists haul humanitarian aid to Guatemala

Article and photos  
by SSgt. Christine Mora

Westover reservists teamed up with a Massachusetts-based relief organization to airlift more than 45,000 pounds of humanitarian supplies to Guatemala on Aug. 30.

The Worcester-based group CHANGE collected donations of medical goods and equipment which will be used to set up a clinic in a rural area of Guatemala.

The contributions included gurneys, cribs, ultrasound diagnostic equipment and sterilizing gear. The 337th Airlift Squadron crew also picked up two school

buses full of supplies at Kelly AFB, Texas.

Founded in 1986 by Dr. Harvey Clermont, a surgeon at St. Vincent's Hospital in Worcester, CHANGE is dedicated to providing health care and education to Third World countries in the Americas.

Besides medical care, the organization's volunteers collect donations, coordinate the building of health clinics and raise money for mobile vans to aid areas without medical facilities.

The Westover mission was possible because of the Denton Amendment which allows the use of military aircraft for humanitarian missions. The shipment was coordinated with the

Guatemalan chapter of the Order of Malta, a Catholic service organization.

Roberto Alejas, the local Order of Malta ambassador, greeted the crew at Base Aerea La Aurora, the air force base in Guatemala City.

"Thank you so much for coming," said the small, white-haired man wearing a straw hat. "You've helped us so much."

Crowds of onlookers, including soldiers from Guatemala and El Salvador, watched in awe as the huge aircraft taxied in and dwarfed the small planes littering their ramp.

The spectators were even more amazed when the nose of the plane was

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# Tower work: high-tech, low-profile

By MSgt. Tom Allocco

Westover's air traffic controllers are gaining a new perspective on their job, having come down from their tower to a mobile unit, just 10 feet off the ground.

The eight controllers who are responsible for the safety of the base's air traffic, will spend four months in the new quarters while the control tower equipment is upgraded.

The temporary control tower, designed for missions at remote bases, was flown here from Robins AFB, Macon, Ga. The unit is furnished with basic radio and telephone equipment. However, local modification by tower and maintenance personnel was required to interface with existing equipment i.e. Brite radar, FAA circuits, the Automatic Terminal Information System, navigational aids, monitors and airfield lighting.

The Air Force began to update all control towers in the 1980s. The new Westover equipment includes improved radar and new radio and telephone systems.

Other changes include new equipment consoles, better lighting and improved positioning of radar and communications equipment.

"The equipment we've been working with is 20-years-old," said Al Suchcicki, tower manager.

"Westover has a team of very experienced air traffic controllers who deserve to have the best equipment available. It will help them to better serve the military and civilian community," he said.

"The enhancements will streamline operation and maintenance, and make troubleshooting easier," Suchcicki said.

The air traffic controllers will also find the remodeled tower more comfortable and attractive, with new cabinets and carpets and better heating and air conditioning.

Westover's air traffic controllers work from 7 a.m. - 11 p.m., with occasional two-hour extensions.

Planning is underway for future improvements, including a Flight Data Systems computer to connect Westover with the Boston Center, N.H. and Bradley approach flight data systems.



**GROUNDLED --** Westover air traffic controllers operate out of temporary quarters during tower renovation this fall.

SSgt. Vin Blanchard

## Westover hosts diabetes walk-a-thon

Westover hosted a walk-a-thon, highlighted by a stroll through a C-5 Galaxy, as part of the national effort to raise funds for diabetes research on Sunday, Sept. 19.

More than 250 walkers participated in the 10-kilometer walk around the base to raise almost \$20,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

Donations raised by the walk-a-thon will go directly toward research for treatment and a cure for diabetes. Many of the walkers are parents of children with diabetes.

Lt. Col. Paul Torpey, supervisor of the Northeast Air Station, organized Westover's participation in the event.

## Col. Senft becomes Support Group commander

Article and photo  
by SSgt. Christine Mora

When Col. Franklyn Senft introduced his department chiefs to the Staff Assistance Visit team in September, he had to read their names off a sheet of paper. After all, he'd only been at Westover for two hours.

On his first day at Westover, the new commander was thrown right into the thick of things. "Although it brings along a great deal of responsibility, I'm looking forward to becoming Westover's new landlord."

That's how he describes his new job as the 439th Support Group commander. On Sept. 2 he replaced Col. Thomas G. Hargis, who went to work in the Pentagon last fall.

"Support Group commanders basically feed, clothe, and house the troops," he said. "We are responsible for every agency that supports the troops and facilities of a base."

The Cincinnati, Ohio native said that his lengthy background in people issues should come in handy during his Westover assignment. Senft joined the Air Force in 1965 as a weapons controller stationed at Brunswick NAS, Maine. After four and a half years, he dove into the first of many personnel officer positions which led him all over the world. He lists Stewart AFB, N.Y., RAF Bentwaters AB, England, Eglin AFB, Fla., Milwaukee AFB, Wisc., and Chicago-O'Hare IAP, Ill., among his duty stations.

"Hopefully, my experience will help Westover a great deal," he said. "I tend to be an even-tempered person and can deal with people very well."

Senft said that he feels "everyone has a right to be heard and that's why we should listen."

The colonel's last stint was as base commander at Chicago-O'Hare IAP. Because of the base's location, he dealt with the national press quite a bit. He also met many dignitaries including the vice-presidents of Israel and Japan, the presidents of Poland and the Ukraine. He has met the last three U.S. presidents and fondly remembers an incident during Operation Desert Storm:

"Vice-President Dan Quayle was visiting the area and as protocol, we shut down the runways," he said. "Coincidentally, we had a plane load of returning Desert Storm troops waiting to take off.



**Col. Franklyn Senft**

As Quayle was departing, I asked him if he would greet the troops because it would mean so much to them. He immediately rearranged his entire schedule and spent some time with the veterans. They were thrilled."

While Chicago was an interesting place to work, Senft said he's looking forward to more base-level action and the

diversity of his role at Westover.

The colonel and his wife, Virginia, hope to build a house in the South Hadley area as soon as their Chicago home is sold. They have a daughter, Stephanie, 23, who just graduated from Winona State University, and a son, Jonathan, 21, who is a student at Southern Illinois State University.

### Lt. Col. Dyer new 439th MSSQ commander

Lt. Col. Richard Dyer, wing public affairs officer, has been named to succeed Col. Ben Goff as commander of the 439th Mission Support Squadron.

Dyer has served in the 439th public affairs office since 1979, during which time he has earned four Department of Defense Thomas Jefferson Awards for excellence in military journalism. In 1986 he received the Air Force Journalist of the Year from the Secretary of the Air Force.

He is an AFROTC graduate of Holy Cross College and earned his law degree at the University of Connecticut. Dyer served on active duty at Westover in 1972 and later served as an AFROTC liaison officer.

During Desert Shield/Storm, Dyer

earned the Southwest Asia Service Medal and the Kuwait Liberation Medal while serving on active duty from December, 1990 to July, 1991 as the Wing Public Affairs Officer. He is author of the commemorative book "The Eye of the Storm" which was presented to every Westover reservist who served during the war.

"Our office is going to miss Rick Dyer," said Gordon A. Newell, Westover's chief of public affairs. "He has been an inspiration to all of us and he has played a leading role in making the PATRIOT the most respected newspaper in the Air Force Reserve."

Dyer and his wife, Kathy, and their three children reside in Manchester, Conn. where he is an attorney.

## AFA, chiefs, spread cheer during visit at Shriner's Hospital

Members of the Pioneer Valley Chapter of the Air Force Association and the Westover's Chiefs' Council joined forces recently to spread some cheer at Shriner's Hospital in Springfield.

Representatives from the two groups visited children at the hospital during a "Get Well Tour" Aug. 28.

For some of the young patients, one of the highlights of the visit was a chance to sit in the cockpit of a motorized, scale

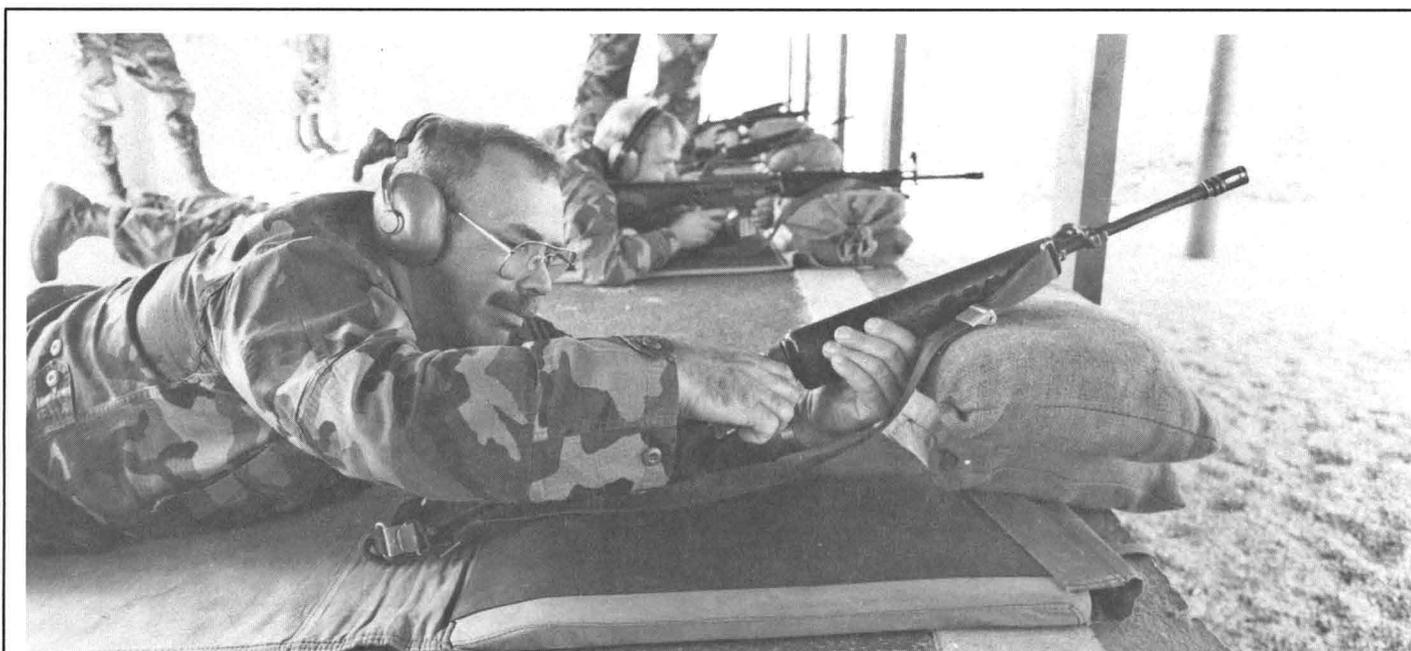
model F-16 aircraft similar to the type flown by the Thunderbirds aerial demonstration team.

SSgt. Jerry Loyselle, an Air Force recruiter from Springfield, acted as the mini-jet's "pilot" and tour guide.

CMSgt. Lawrence B. Lose, a member of the 439th Airlift Wing and president of the Chiefs' Council, presented a monetary donation to the hospital from the chief master sergeants at Westover.

Lt. Col. Forrest D. Price, president of the Pioneer Valley AFA chapter and an organizer of the "Get Well Tour", presented an AFA presidential citation to Allen G. Zippin, chairman of the hospital's board of governors.

AFA honored the facility for the "outstanding health care" it provides to physically challenged and severely burned children.



### Target practice

Members of the 439th CES receive firearm training at the recently rebuilt base firing range in September. Above, MSgt. Mike Garceau, 439th CES pavement and grounds supervisor, clears his M-16 after firing. At right, reservists move down range to check their targets for accuracy.

(Photos by SSgt. Christine Mora)





SSgt. Vin Blanchard

## Half century like yesterday for Mustang flyers

By Capt. Paul P. Koscak Jr.

This story is about rushed romances, bravery, camaraderie and 14,000 daring sorties through hostile skies.

Time did little to erase these memories in the men who made them 50 years ago in Westover Field.

Now a two-ton memorial commemorates their contributions.

On Aug. 28, the former members of the 359th Fighter Group traveled from throughout the country to Westover's ellipse to recall their aerial exploits.

"Because of you, our nation exists," Robert Baranowski, commander of Chicopee's American Legion Post 275 told the group of about 50 war veterans and their families. "World War II was our war, uniting our nation more than ever before."

For many World War II airmen, Westover was a staging area, a place where squadrons were formed and crews trained. In 1942, history began for the 359th Fighter Group. Flying at that time the nation's most advanced warplane, the P-51 Mustang, the newly formed unit spent their three-month stay practicing for combat before moving on to airfields in England.

"We would fly by day and go to school at night," said pilot Larry Bouchard of Odgensbury, N.Y. recalling the grueling pace of the training. "It was push, push, push."

Perhaps all that pushing payed off.

In three years of flying the not-so-friendly skies of the Third Reich, the 359th compiled an impressive record of destruction. The squadron's pilots downed 240 German aircraft and demolished 450 locomotives, 1,200 rail cars and 400 ground vehicles.

George "Pop" Doersch, the avuncular colonel who commanded the squadron, said missions consisted mainly of escorting bombers. But on D-Day, the 359th helped prevent the Germans from driving the allied forces back into the English Channel.

"We flew between the invasion and the approaching Germans," Doersch said.

Although the P-51 was revered for its agility and speed--more than 400 mph--Doersch claims the aircraft was vulnerable--even to a rock.

"I was doing some low-level strafing, when a rock bounced back and hit the propeller," Doersch said. "Parts of the rock hit the air scoop and air pressure

relief valve. I made it back to England, but the valve blew on final [approach to the runway] shooting out steam like a pressure cooker."

Others were less fortunate.

The squadron lost 100 pilots.

"Some were captured; some were murdered while captured," Doersch said of the revengeful Nazis. "Our flight leader was lost over the North Sea."

Survival meant finding ways to escape the realities of war.

"You couldn't dwell on the darker side," Doersch said.

John Marron of Framingham, the squadron's assistant operations officer, agreed.

When torrid summer days made training unbearable, some daring pilots found an easy solution: they cut their flight suits short, throwing the rules to the wind. A lot of things were cut short, including courtships. One recent widow met her husband at Westover during the group's short stay. "We got married in three months," she said.

"Imagine off-duty pilots dropping rabbits on parachutes," Doersch said. "Imagine a pilot turning the fire hose on the group commander. We didn't all chase girls."



**ADJUSTMENTS** – Aerial porters carry boards off the front of the C-5A to shore up the angle of the ramp.

The crew had to adjust the angle of the ramp to unload the school buses hauled to Guatemala.

## Guatemalan airlift

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raised to open the front cargo bay. The crew opened both the front and back cargo doors to speed up offloading. The C-5 had to leave Guatemala before sunset.

Ten air cargo specialists from the 42nd and 58th Aerial Port Squadron were dispatched with the C-5 crew because the Guatemalans did not have trained people to receive the supplies.

Unloading the Galaxy proved to be a tricky task because the Guatemalans didn't have proper K-loaders. "The sparse equipment made our job more difficult and time-consuming," said TSgt. Larry Wells, loadmaster.

As the sky darkened, lightning flashed across the sky and rain began to pour. The crew struggled to move the loaded school buses out of the front of the C-5. Fortunately, they had picked up some wood planks at Kelly AFB, Texas. They used the wood as shoring to cut the angle of the ramp and allow the bus to be hauled off.

"In order to transport the buses on a C-5, we had to drain all the fluids from the vehicle," said Wells. Consequently, the reservists used much of their own physical strength to heave the buses off.

A shortage of manpower also hindered the crew. The three-day trip was extended because of maintenance

problems and several members had to return to their civilian jobs.

The crowds were fascinated by the majestic C-5. "It's rare that we have an aircraft so large in Guatemala," said Guillermo Alejas. "Most of these people have never seen a plane so huge."

After the plane was offloaded, the crewmembers treated the spectators to tours of the C-5. "The language barrier made things a little difficult," said 2nd Lt. Willy Biggon, a 337th pilot. "Because we really couldn't verbally communicate, we would wind up explaining things with our hands."

Dr. Clermont said that CHANGE plans more relief missions with the military and will hopefully be able to work with Westover reservists again.

He visited Westover to see the aircraft off on Aug. 27, and expressed his gratitude to the hardworking reservists.

"During the last several months, I have met and worked with numerous enthusiastic and professional individuals at Westover who share my concept of respect for the dignity of human life wherever they may live," Clermont said. "All pulled together to achieve this goal."



**TEAMWORK** –While their counterparts tackle the school bus dilemma, 337th crewmembers simultaneously unload pallets off the back ramp of the aircraft.

# Chaplain helps make a Westover connection

Article and photo by  
SSgt. Christine Mora

A couple of friendly conversations sparked a mission that brought 45,000 pounds of humanitarian supplies to Central America.

When Capt. Jim Decker met Dr. Harvey Clermont, he found that the doctor was storing a garage full of medical supplies just waiting to be hauled to Guatemala. Then the chaplain decided to make a Westover connection.

Decker approached Col. Bob McMillan, transportation group commander, who agreed the airlift was a great idea.

Because humanitarian missions are authorized through the Denton Amendment, a mission was coordinated. Aerial porters from the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron hauled the supplies from Worcester to Westover and palletized them in June. Unfortunately, political turmoil in Guatemala delayed the mission until August, according to McMillan.

Meanwhile, Decker launched a donation drive of his own. As a civilian, he is a Catholic priest in Keene, N.H., working at the Newman Center of Keene State College. In an interview with the local paper, the chaplain spread the word about the need for supplies. "The donations came pouring in," he said. "I never ex-



**MEET AND GREET** – Capt. James Decker greets Roberto Allejas, ambassador to the Order of Malta, left, and a CHANGE volunteer, right.

pected to get such a wonderful response. We raised a whole pallet of supplies in just two days."

When Decker realized he would be able to take part in the C-5 mission to Guatemala, he was thrilled. "Participating in this type of mission really illustrates the passage in Isaiah 2:4 in the

Bible that says 'they shall beat their swords into plowshares'," said the chaplain.

"It was such a heartwarming experience," he said of his trip to Central America. "When we met the people in Guatemala, they were so grateful. I did not expect them to be so excited."



**PRE-FLIGHT** – TSgt. Henry Olearcek, a 337th flight engineer, prepares the C-5 for departure.



**GALAXY TOUR** – Guatemalan locals file onto a Westover C-5 to take a closer look.

## EDITORIAL

## More reasons to quit smoking

The Air Force is about to take another big step toward kicking the smoking addiction. New rules are scheduled to go into effect on Nov. 15 to further restrict smoking and the availability of cigarettes.

In recent years the area where smokers are free to light up has been shrinking as the Air Force becomes more sensitive to the issues of health and fitness and non-smokers are assertive of their rights to clean air. The goal is to make Air Force workplaces smoke-free as evidence grows of the danger of secondhand smoke.

After Nov. 15 smoking will be prohibited in nearly all Air Force buildings, except designated recreation areas and government housing. Cigarette vending machines will also be banned in the workplace.

The new restrictions are the latest bad news for smokers who face steadily rising taxes, higher health insurance costs, restrictions in restaurants and public transportation and the social stigma of their addiction.

The federal Environmental Agency recently classified tobacco smoke as a Class A carcinogen, the most serious category, which includes asbestos. Secondhand smoke also causes obstructive lung disease for children and spouses who live with smokers.

If this wasn't enough to push smokers to kick the addiction, there is the added emphasis on physical fitness in the Air Force. In the future, the stationary bicycle tests will measure aerobic fitness. Smokers will be taking those physical fitness tests with two strikes against them.

When you add it all up, even smokers agree that the addiction is not worth the cost in illness, money, inconvenience and, frequently, criticism from family and friends. Polls show that the majority of smokers would like to quit and have tried to stop smoking more than once.

Help is available at Westover. For information on successful methods to break the addiction, call 1st Lt. Paula Martel, wing health promotions officer, at the 439th Clinic at Ext. 2672.

By MSgt. Tom Allocco  
Public Affairs Technician

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## Briefs

### Westover crew lifts

A Westover C-5 aircrew flew a mission for their Commander-in-Chief during September.

The Patriot Galaxy, piloted by Lt. Col. Nelson Newhouse of the 337th AS, airlifted Secret Service vehicles and personnel from Andrews AFB, Md. to New Orleans Sept. 15.

President Clinton made a one-day trip to Louisiana to promote the proposed North American Free Trade Agreement.

According to base officials, Air Mobility Command aircraft like Westover's C-5s are frequently assigned to transport White House vehicles and equipment. The Presidential support flights are code named "Phoenix Banner" missions.

### Blood Drive set for November UTA

The American Red Cross will be conducting a blood drive during the November UTA at the base hangar.

According to Diane Rowe Johnson, donor recruitment specialist for Western Massachusetts, civilian workers may donate on Friday, Nov. 5 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. while reservists may donate on Sunday, Nov. 7 during the same hours.

Contact 2nd Lt. John J. Ryan at Ext. 3464 for more information.

### Firefighters take combat training

Seven Westover firefighters went to Tyndall AFB, Fla. for seven days of Silver Flag combat training in September.

Training included putting out a 2,000-degree blaze of 500 gallons of JP-4 fuel, and protecting fire vehicles in combat situations.

Those attending were MSgt. Ken Mortyko, TSgt. John Betsold, SSgts. Roger Prinz, Bruce Buechele and Brian Mortimer, and SrAs. George Romvos and Paul Carey.

# Club "handyman" closes out 52-year career

By SSgt. Francis X. Kelley

When Walter Lapinski responded to the "kitchen help wanted" ad placed by the Westover Officer's Club in 1941, little did he realize that he'd spend the next fifty-two years working in the food services arena here.

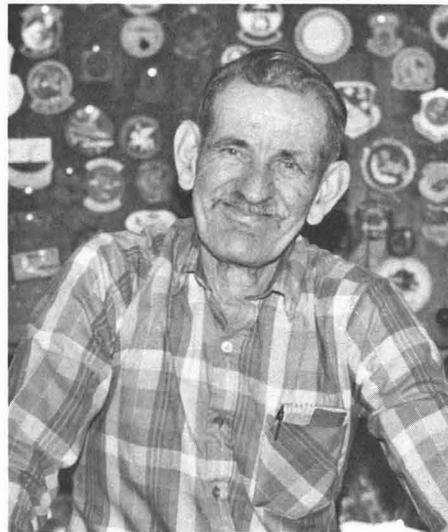
"For a while, I didn't even think I had a chance of being hired. When I arrived at Westover, the base was totally closed-in by fog and I couldn't find the building I had to report to," said Lapinski. "I walked around the base three times before I was pointed in the right direction by a security policeman", he said.

The Chicopee native underestimated his worth.

"I was hired on-the-spot because of my handyman experience," said Lapinski. "I could do it all - carpentry, electrical, plumbing, - you name it. My first job was to install a new clipper (dish washer)," he said.

With the exception of a one-week layoff following the total-loss fire at the Officer's Club in 1970, he has spent at least two hours each day of his marathon career maintaining successive generations of clippers at Westover dining facilities and clubs. Otherwise, Lapinski's diverse skills were needed to perform the jobs that keep the club running.

"I've been a bar back, bus boy, dish-washer, chef, bartender, bank courier and



*Walter Lapinski*

assistant everything," Lapinski said. "I've worked at all the facilities -- the Notch, Stony Brook and Mole Hole messes, as well as the "O" Club, and the Consolidated Open Mess facilities."

Dedication and diligence are both Job One in Lapinski's book. His busy days begin and end with a near three-mile walk each way between his home and Westover. "I never had need for a car; every place I had to be was within walking distance," said Lapinski.

That's no small accomplishment.

Co-workers credit Lapinski's punctuality. In fact, claims long-time

colleague Marie Skerrit, nothing seems to stop Walter from getting to work. "Whether it's rain, sleet, hail or snow, we could always count on Walter," she said.

Lapinski tells the story of his daring trek through the streets of Chicopee during a blizzard:

"The snow was waist-deep, and when I reached the club the manager and a couple of other employees answered the door," Lapinski said. "They asked me what I was doing there, and I replied that I was scheduled to work. They told me there's no one here, and I said but you're here. They said that was true, but the reason they were was because they had been stranded there overnight due to the weather."

Club manager John Filler praised the half-century employee, who retired at the end of August. Lapinski has received numerous Superior Performance Awards during his tenure at Westover.

"No matter what you'd ask him to do, you could consider as good as done," he said. Sandy Hunt, the club's assistant manager, also lauded the old timer. "Walter has always been reliable, cooperative and personable. We're going to miss him."

And after all those years, what does Lapinski plan for his last day?

"I'll put in my eight hours with the people I've shared my career with, clock out, and walk home," he said matter-of-factly.

## Flu season

News sources are predicting an early and difficult flu season. To help Westover personnel, the 439th USAF clinic is prepared to begin immunizations in October.

Shot teams, consisting of members from the 439th clinic, the 74th AES and the 23rd APSS, will accomplish the more than 3,000 immunizations on-site at the various units. Immunization begins in October, and will continue through January.

The proposed schedule on-site at the units is posted to the right. Shots are mandatory, so reservists must present shot records at the time of immunization.

### Saturday, Oct. 23

| Unit:        | Time:     | Location:                       |
|--------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| 439th OG/OSF | 0900-1000 | Base Hangar Middle doorway      |
| 439th EMS    | 1030-1130 | Hangar 7, 1st floor break room  |
| 439th CRS    | 1300-1400 | Bldg. 2426 conf. room           |
| 439th AGS    | 1430-1530 | Hangar 3 Ask for Chief Williams |

### Oct. 23 (All at 439th USAF Clinic)

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| 439th Comm Flt | 0900-1000 |
| 23rd APSS      | 1030-1130 |
| 439th MWRSF    | 1330-1430 |
| MAKE-UP TIME   | 1500-1600 |

### Sunday, Oct. 24

| Unit:     | Time:     | Location:          |
|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
| 42nd APS  | 0730-0830 | Hangar 3 2nd floor |
| 439th SG  | 1300-1400 | Bldg. 1850         |
|           | MSSQ      |                    |
|           | AW        |                    |
| 23rd APSS | 0900-1000 | Clinic             |
| MAKE-UPS  | 1300-1400 | Clinic             |

### Saturday Nov. 6

The 439th CES is scheduled from 0900 - 1000 at the conference room in Building 2450.

**Call the Clinic at Ext. 3565 for additional information.**

## "From Vision to Venture" : Chaplains' theme challenges

By MSgt. James V. Divita  
NCOIC Chaplains Office

The chaplain service theme for 1993-94, as announced by Maj. Gen. Donald J. Harlin, chief of Air Force Chaplains, is "From Vision to Venture."

Chaplain service themes were instituted to encourage members of the Armed Forces to take part in their goals. That means better serving God and better serving the Air Force community. All Air Force chaplains, as well as those in chaplain management, strive to instill Chaplain themes throughout the U.S. and at overseas bases.

The theme "From Vision to Venture" states that vision must be followed by the venture. It is not enough to stare up the steps, we must step up the stairs.

To move from vision to venture is to "soar on wings like eagles" (Isaiah 40:31). Three concepts must embody the transition from vision to venture: a leap of faith, innovation and risk.

First, the requirement for faith is mandatory. All of the great personalities who helped change the world had to take a leap



***"But they who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."***

***Isaiah 40:31***

of faith.

Secondly, innovation is the impetus to make events happen. We must all strive to innovate. Air Force chaplains focus on their ministry to include maintaining the highest principles of one's eternal values and being innovative at the same time.

Third, risk is the rule. A few years ago the chaplain theme was "You Make a Difference."

Each one of us who sets out to make a difference has to take a risk. Visionaries know that risk taking is not optional. As one of the command chaplains recently said, "We need an appetite for risk taking in the chaplain service in order to make the right things happen."

The Air Force is currently dealing with such issues as rapid deployment, down-sizing and restructuring. They demand new paradigms for quality ministry.

Members of the Air Force community should think about providing assistance in the coming days. They should think about having a good eye for

ministry, an intuition for opportunities, an appetite for risk and an instinct for possibilities.

The members of Westover's chaplains staff challenges everyone in the Patriot Wing to move "From Vision to Venture," to soar on eagles' wings, to impact the Air Force and to challenge the world.



### Chiefs' Council funds learning

The Westover Chiefs' Council awarded 10 \$300 scholarships to enlisted reserve members and eligible dependents in August.

Recipients are (front row, left to right) Benjamin Palmer, Janet Kemp and Margaret O'Neil-Laroche. Standing are: Jeffrey Rodzen, Cindy LaFrance, SSgt. John Francolini and Johanna Guerra. Missing from photo were Shannon Higgins, Michael Steeves and Holly Levreault.

(Photo by SSgt. Nancy Robbins)

## Patriot People

**Name:** Gilberto Jimenez  
**Rank:** SSgt.  
**Age:** 35  
**Address:** Holyoke, Mass.  
**Unit:** 639th SPS  
**Position:** Fire Team Leader  
**Civilian position:** Police officer  
**Favorite food:** Shrimp  
**Years of service:** 17  
**Favorite sport:** Basketball  
**Favorite hobby:** D.J.  
**Ideal vacation:** The islands  
**Best way to relax:** Movies  
**Preferred entertainment:** Dancing  
**Favorite celebrity:** Clint Eastwood  
**Favorite music:** Pop  
**Favorite book:** Newspaper  
**Favorite color:** White  
**Favorite car:** Mustand GT  
**Pet peeve:** Bugs at Dogpatch  
**Best thing about Westover:** Still open  
**Worst thing about Westover:** "Can't think of any."



SSgt. Vin Blanchard

SSgt. Gilberto Jimenez

## UTA Schedule: fiscal year

| Month:    | "A"     | "B"     |
|-----------|---------|---------|
| October   | 2 - 3   | 23 - 24 |
| November  | 6 - 7   | 20 - 21 |
| December  | 4 - 5   | 18 - 19 |
| January   | 22 - 23 | 22 - 23 |
| February  | 5 - 6   | 19 - 20 |
| March     | 5 - 6   | 19 - 20 |
| April     | 9 - 10  | 23 - 24 |
| May       | 7 - 8   | 21 - 22 |
| June      | 4 - 5   | 18 - 19 |
| July      | 9 - 10  | 23 - 24 |
| August    | 6 - 7   | 20 - 21 |
| September | 10 - 11 | 24 - 25 |

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# Westover to host Employer Appreciation Day

The 439th Airlift Wing is planning to conduct Employer Appreciation Days on Saturday of the 'A' and 'B' UTAs in November. This is an opportunity for all Westover reservists to help their employers

learn more about the Air Force Reserve in general and the 439th in particular. This event will allow employers to participate in informational briefings, spend time in work areas with reservists and take part in

an orientation flight aboard a C-5A. To register employers, reservists are asked to complete the form below, and return it to the Public Affairs Office at Westover ARB, 100 Lloyd St. East Wing Suite 103, by Oct. 15.

## Employer Appreciation Day Application

Employer's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's job title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company name and address: \_\_\_\_\_

Reservist (name, rank and unit): \_\_\_\_\_

Reservist's phone numbers: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_ Duty \_\_\_\_\_

**Return form to: 439th Airlift Wing, Public Affairs, 100 Lloyd St. East Wing, Suite 103 Westover ARB, MA, 01022-1825 or fax to (413) 557-2506. For more information :(413) 557-3500.**

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