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Mobility Exercise Examines Data of Wing Personnel

by SSgt. Gordon A. Newell

Wing members who are assigned Mobility Position Numbers, took part in a Mobility Exercise during the January UTA.

"The main purpose of the exercise," explained Maj. David Barnard, chief of the mobility processing line, "is to check various personnel records and to make certain that all information is current and correct."

In all, 1,410 Reservists were checked through the processing line during the two-day period.

"The first thing we check for is eligibility," said Major Barnard. "We have a roster and only those individuals listed, are allowed through the line. The next step is the I.D. card. Many of them for one reason or another are wrong. Maybe a promotion has been overlooked. But for whatever reason, a new card can be issued on the spot."

Dog tags, emergency data cards and shot records are also inspected and brought up to date. "If shot records are not current, immunizations can be given then and there," said Major Barnard. "The entire mobility processing line takes about 15 minutes", he added.

"The exercise is good preparation for the CCE (Combat Capability Evaluation) which is coming up in March and the ORI (Operational Readiness Inspection) which is scheduled for May," pointed out SMSgt. "Chip" Connolly, Wing Mobility NCO.

"We caught a number of discrepancies," said Sergeant Connolly. "It's a lot better that we find them now than to have them come to light during the CCE or the ORI."



Silhouetted against the early morning fog, a C-130 is inspected inside Westover's cavernous DC hangar. The structure is featured in an article on page 5. (USAF photo by Capt. Philip Weber.)



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Flight surgeon writes book

by TSgt. John Wallace Spencer

Westover's Chief of Flight Medicine, Lt. Col. John P. Callan, recently published his first book, "Your Guide to Mental Help."

According to his publisher, George F. Stickley, of Philadelphia, "Dr. Callan was chosen for the project because he has a special talent for writing that few physicians possess."

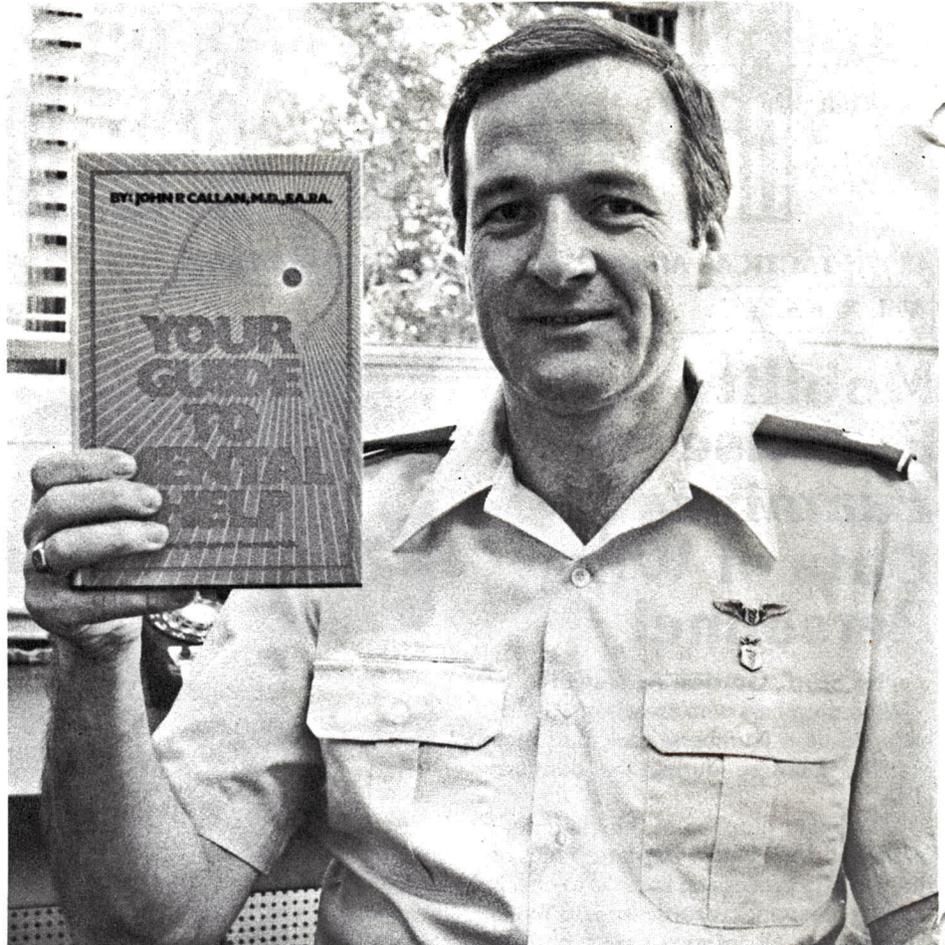
Among his many important literary contributions, Dr. Callan has written more than two-hundred articles on psychiatric and medical subjects for both physicians and the general public.

In civilian life, Dr. Callan is Medical Director of Blue Hills Hospital, Hartford, and Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, University of Connecticut School of Medicine.

He immigrated to the United States from Ireland in 1965. During the Vietnamese conflict he tried to enlist in the U.S. Air Force. Unfortunately he was not yet an American citizen and was therefore turned down. A short time later he was drafted into the U.S. Army as a doctor.

It was during his two year stint that he became interested in writing. Dr. Callan explained, "The Army encouraged research and I completed about five projects which were all published in prestigious medical journals."

In 1981, Dr. Callan found out that the 439th Tac Hospital needed a flight surgeon. He said, "I have a commercial pilots license and since I always wanted to be in the Air Force, I quickly volunteered my services. I enjoy the Reserve and hope to make it a 20 year career."



Dr. Callan and his book, "Your Guide to Mental Help" (USAF photo by Maj. Robert Carroll)

MWR Completes Base Renovations

Westover's base theater and recreation center are showing off their latest remodeling efforts.

A new, \$9,000 screen has been installed in the theater along with two new sound systems. One is wireless and will be used during commander's calls. The other is for the movie projection equipment. The two systems cost more than \$2,000. The theater also received a

fresh coat of paint reports Mike McNicolas, recreation director.

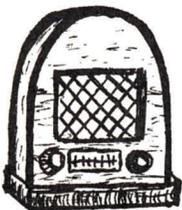
The gym has also been repainted and repair work has begun in the whirlpool. It will be refitted with new pumps, plumbing and resurfaced. Projects slated for 1983 include a new gym floor, and new weight training equipment.

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14th Air Force big chief holds pow wow

by TSgt. John Wallace Spencer

During the January UTA, clusters of reservists gathered in nearly every unit on base. In the center of each group, listening intently, was a tall chief master sergeant.

Some reservists expressed open curiosity about the enlisted man with celebrity status. They found out that he was CMSgt. Stan Van Meter, 14th Air Force senior enlisted advisor. He said that his mission at Westover was to meet and personally talk to as many Reservists as possible on their own turf.

The Chief told Reservists that he spends about 80 percent of his reserve duty traveling so that he doesn't lose touch with reality. He explained, "At headquarters it's easy to fall into the trap of thinking you know the real everyday problems Reservists are having. I would feel derelict in my duty if I stayed at Dobbins because I'm in the people business and all 14th Air Force Reservists are my reason for being."

Chief Van Meter has visited Westover several times in an official capacity and said that he had been anxiously awaiting this tour so that he could re-equaint himself with the personnel, facilities and units. He gave the wing a compliment by saying, "Since my first visit I haven't



Reservists of the 337th TAS exchange views with CMSgt. Stan Van Meter, 14th AF senior enlisted advisor, center they are (left to right) TSgt. Wayne Huot, TSgt. Paul Harrison, MSgt. Tom Durkin, SSgt. Brian Alix and SSgt. Mike Lapa. (USAF photo by Maj. Robert Carroll)

seen anything that changed the efficiency and motivation of a super unit".

Public image of enlisted personnel is another concern of Chief Van Meter. He wants the speakers bureau to include sharp NCOs because motion pictures and television have given civilians a false impression that "we're Sergeant

Bilko's or Sergeant Carters from Gomer Pyle."

Before leaving the base, the Chief said, "I want to assure every Reservist that I will pass on to the decision makers all problem areas. After meeting 439th Reservists again, I feel like I'm walking just a little bit taller."

Readers offer opinions on the "Patriot"

by SSgt. Gordon A. Newell

During the first UTA of October, the staff of the "Patriot" polled readers to learn of their opinions of the publication.

Questionnaires were passed out during a Reserve Officers Association luncheon meeting and at the base dining hall.

In most of the 10 areas touched by the poll, the "Patriot" received favorable marks. But as expected, readers felt their was room for improvement in some areas.

Response to the first question — What is your opinion of the "Patriot" and do you read it? — was, for the most part, positive. Virtually everyone polled said they read the paper. Typical words of praise ranged from "excellent to slick".

The second question — Do you feel the "Patriot" keeps you informed? — drew 55 affirmative responses, 14 negatives and five maybe's.

The third question asked readers what they like about the publication.

Once again, comments were basically positive. Some common remarks included: "objective reporting", good features stories", "personalized stories", "articles about units", "concise format", and keeps me informed about Westover happenings" etc.

Question four asked: What do you feel could be added? Many chose to let the question go unanswered. In general though, those who did respond stressed they would like to see more "people" stories and more articles about individual units.

The fifth question — What do you think could be omitted? — went unanswered by the vast majority of respondents. Some suggestions included: "sports scores", "C-123 stories", "MRW activities" and "promotion-enlistment column".

Question six asked what type of stories readers would like to see more of in the "Patriot". Military benefits topped the list with humor and human interest following closely.

Question number seven — Do you feel it is important that the "Patriot" be mailed to you? — received 46 yes votes, 15 no's and two "somewhats".

Number eight asked — Are you interested in reading the promotion-enlistment listing? The ayes won, 45 to 18.

The ninth question — Do you feel the "Patriot" covers individual unit activities adequately? — received the only negative response in the poll. A total of 18 readers said yes, 24 said no and 22 answered somewhat.

The final question — What kind of coverage on individual units is important? — garnered various responses. Basically, however, the theme was the same as answers to question four, readers want more "people" stories, more human interest and more articles explaining what units are doing.

Over the next few months, the "Patriot" staff will be evaluating the results of the poll and will make every effort to show improvement where it is warranted.

"Patriot People"

EDITORS NOTE: People are what make Westover tick. This month, the Patriot unveils a new feature called "Patriot People." Its purpose is to tell the story of the 2,500 men and women who serve in the 439th TAW.

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Rank: Captain

Age: 30

Address: 6 Hannum Brook Drive
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Unit: 905th CF

Position: Operations Officer

Civilian Occupation: Computer System Manager

Favorite Food: Scallops

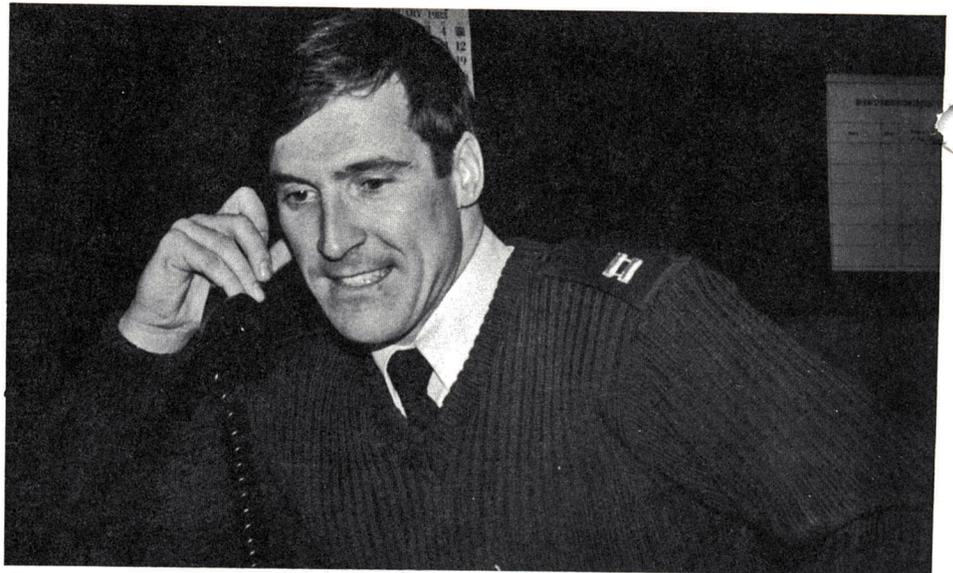
Favorite Beverage: St Pauli Girl Beer

Favorite Sport: Running

Favorite Hobby: Fishing

Ideal Vacation: Wander across Europe for a month

Best Way to Relax: A newspaper,



Capt. Steve Gross

(USAF photo by Maj. Robert Carroll)

easy music and a glass of wine

Preferred Entertainment: Movie

Favorite Celebrity: George Will

Favorite Music: Eagles, Vivaldi, Jimmy Buffet

Favorite Magazine: Wall Street Journal

Favorite Book: Tinker, Tailor, Sol-

dier, Spy by John Le'Carre

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Car: BMW

Pet Peeve: Complainers

Best Thing About Westover: The "can do" people

Worst Thing About Westover: Unused facilities



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D.C. hangar is a valuable Westover asset

By SSgt. Gordon A. Newell

Just about everybody knows where it is, but few know exactly what it is.

Westover's D.C. (double cantilever) hangar sits obtrusively at the southern end of Hangar Road, like a huge gray block of granite.

It stands an imposing three stories high, measures 368 feet long and 240 feet wide and can easily house four C-130 aircraft in its cavernous belly that boasts 88,320 square feet of floor space (almost twice that of a football field).

Presently, as it has many times in the past, the structure is providing a valuable service to the Air Force Reserve mission.

After two weeks of cleaning and preparation, the building was re-opened in September and since that time has been used for Time Compliance Technical Order (TCTO) inspections on 14th Air Force C-130's.

The structure was constructed in the mid-1950's and until 1974 was used extensively by the Strategic Air Command (SAC).

In 1974, the hangar was closed and "pickled", but on several occasions since then has been opened for various emergency situations.

"It (the D.C. hangar) has been a good auxiliary facility for us when we needed extra space," said Maj. David Carlson, former Maintenance Control Officer for the 905th CAMS.

"The hangar was first re-opened in 1976 for another TCTO inspection of C-130's," Major Carlson said. "And again in 1979 as a wash rack while our new one was being constructed."

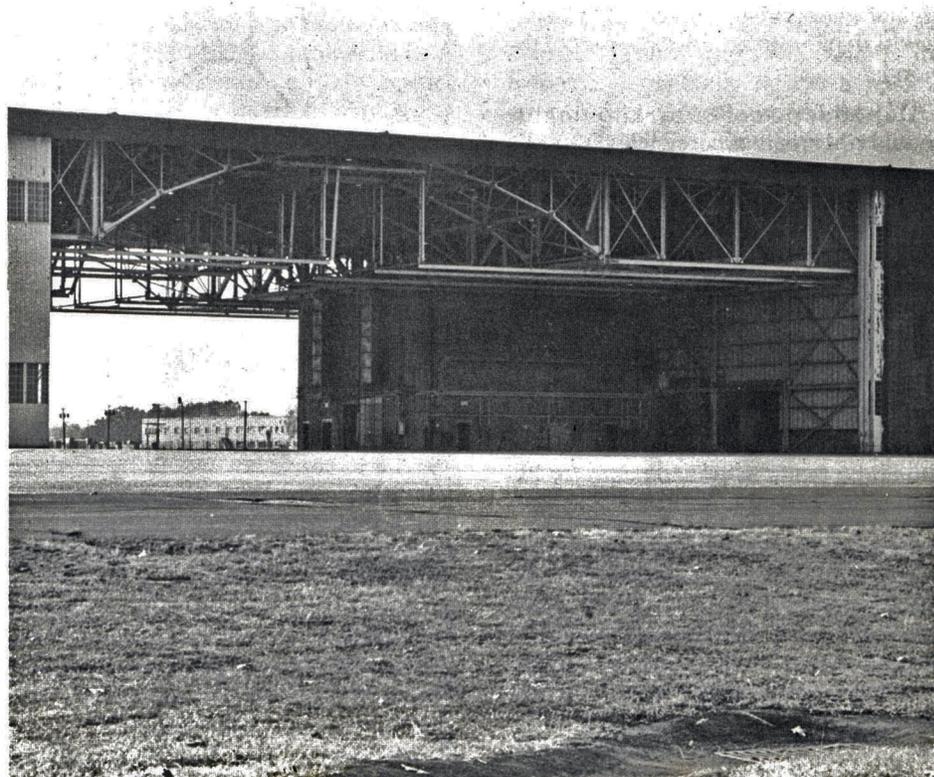
"On several occasions," he went on, "the building has stored aircraft during periods of high winds. It has also served as a staging and storage area for Army overseas operations as well as storage for the aerial port units."

The facility proved invaluable in another way in 1977 when a C-123 Provider, piloted by Capt. Richard Gavin and then Maj. Gale French of the 731st TAS, burst into flames shortly after takeoff and was miraculously brought back to the ground with no loss of life. The completely destroyed craft was then laid out in the D.C. hangar for inspection by an Air Force Board of Officers.

"Just about every Air Force base seems to have a D.C. hangar and some even have two," said Major Carlson. "It is a very useful facility to have access to, especially when an emergency arises."



C-130 aircraft line up for inspection inside Westover's DC hangar (top). In bottom photo, the building is shown from the outside with doors wide open. (USAF photo by Capt. Philip Weber.)



Readiness: Are You Prepared?

ROBINS AFB, Ga. (AFRNS) — What will you do if your unit is told to mobilize? Will you be ready to leave after a 24-hour notice to deploy?

These are some of the questions every unit-assigned Reservist must ask and be able to answer, say officials at the Air Force Reserve headquarters at Robins. Many details are checked in a **mobility processing line**, but it's up to the Reservist to be prepared before getting into that line. Oversights that delay mobility processing include improperly annotated rank on military identification cards and incorrect blood type on dog tags.

Most important details can be kept up to date by Reservists during unit training assemblies. Items covered in a **mobility processing line** include:

- ID card
- dog tags
- shot record
- emergency data card
- religious/personal counseling
- legal counseling
- military pay and finances

Reservists who are behind in the required shots may find processing uncomfortable, but emergency data contained on Air Force Form 93 pertaining to next of kin and Servicemen's Group Life Insurance benefits are probably of greater importance, especially if the Reservist deploys to an unstable part of the world.

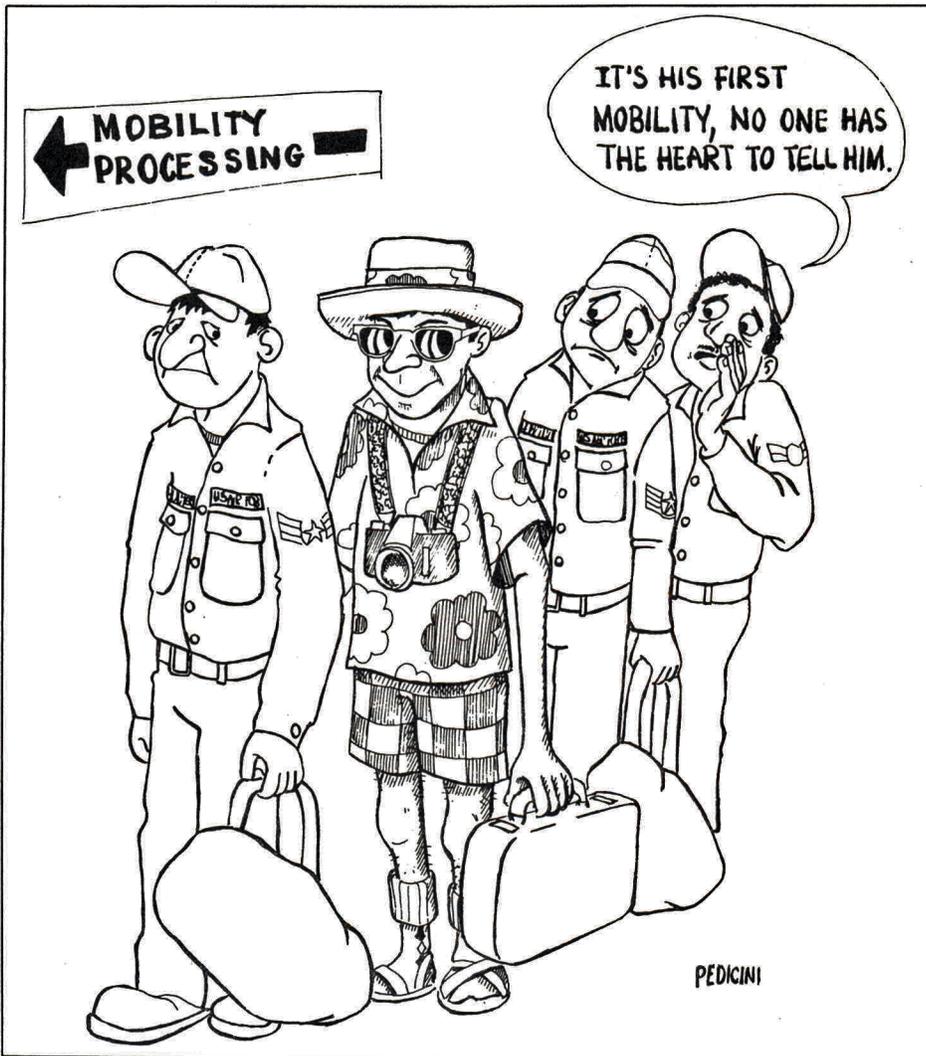
Dependent-care arrangements should not create emergencies, say officials. For single parents and military couples with families, this means that reliable dependent-care plans must be made.

Reservists need to understand their dependent-care responsibilities as outlined in Air Force Regulation 35-39, which explains why a non-military person must be available if the Reservist is called to duty. A non-military person should be ready to provide care for extended periods of time.

Dependent care also may require a power of attorney, access to base facilities for whoever is taking charge of the dependents and transportation to send dependents to family or friends to stay. Whatever actions are needed, it's important to discuss and plan for these matters rather than panic after a notice to deploy in 24 hours.

Reservists with a civilian spouse or no dependents face problems too. Questions to consider include: Does someone know where important papers are kept? Is there a system set up to pay bills? Is there a need for a power of attorney? These personal responsibilities

take planning and time. The mobility processing line deals with some of the situations a Reservist faces upon deployment, but the problems are as numerous and unique as the individuals concerned. It's up to the Reservist to be prepared if called upon to mobilize.



Reserve tops recruiting goal

ROBINS AFB, Ga (AFRNS) — Everybody's doing it — joining the Air Force Reserve.

"Fiscal year 1982 was the eighth year in a row AFRES has surpassed its recruiting goal," said Col. James Bates, 2600th Reserve Recruiting Group commander, who directs the command's nationwide recruiting program. "Well over 12,000 people joined the Air Force Reserve during the October 1981 to September 1982 period."

Among the new Reservists are more

than 3,000 volunteers with no previous military experience and 9,600 former military people. This includes 1,700 new officers and 11,000 airmen.

Medical recruiting brought 148 new physicians into the Air Force Reserve, thus meeting that goal for two consecutive years.

For fiscal 1983, Reserve recruiters will seek about 11,000 more new reservists, including 3,200 without prior military service.

Patriot Profile

Loadmaster Lexius is crime victims' advocate

By Capt. Rick Dyer

Most Air Force reservists love to fly, and TSgt. Charles ("Chuck") Lexius is no exception.

Ask him why, and he'll give you all the traditional answers, plus one very special one: it takes him away from the pain and suffering which he sees constantly in his civilian job.

A member of the 337th TAS, Lexius has been a loadmaster at Westover since 1975. He also served four years on active duty before that, including a tour in Vietnam.

Nothing that he saw during the war, however, compares with the tragedy that awaits him every morning when he reports to work in Hartford, Conn.

Since 1979, Chuck has been the Victim's Advocate with the Superior Court in Hartford. He works with the prosecutor's office there, and in many ways he's part cop and part social worker.

"I help the victims as they deal with the court system," he said. "It is my job to see that they are not forgotten in the judicial process, and that they get the assistance that they need."

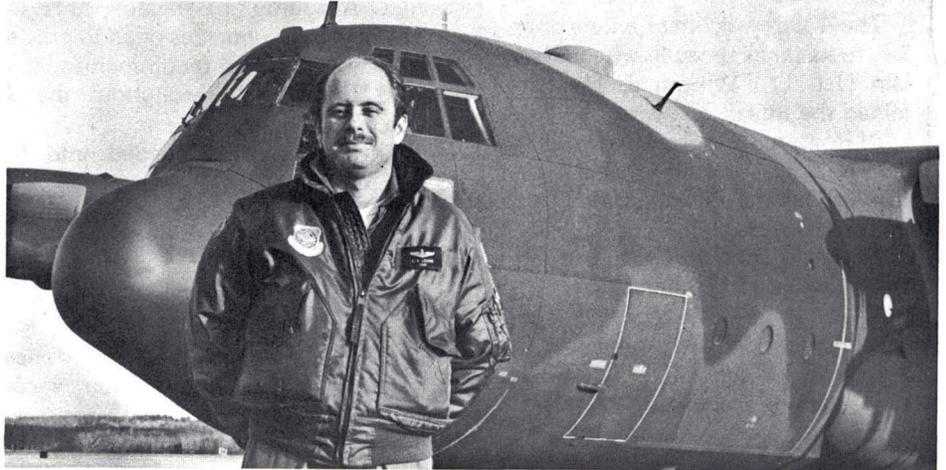
Since the court where Lexius works deals with the most serious crimes, many of his clients have been gravely injured by criminals, or are the relatives of homicide victims.

"I see an awful lot of suffering," Lexius said. "It's always traumatic when a loved one dies, but what do you say to the parents of a child who has been brutally murdered?"

Lexius grapples with that type of situation every day. He helped to establish a peer support group in the Hartford area for the relatives of homicide victims. He is also trying to establish a similar program specifically for the parents of murdered children.

"It's always a frightening experience for a layperson to deal with the court system, and the experience is made even worse when someone has suffered physical, emotional or financial harm as a result of the crime", he said. "I try to be the victim's link with the court, to give them someone to lean on as their case goes through the system."

Lexius will sometimes appear at a sentencing to let the judge know how the victim feels about a crime. He often spends hours with victims, patiently explaining how the court system works.



TSgt. Charles Lexius, 337th TAS Loadmaster, leaves his civilian work problems on the ground. (USAF photo by Maj. Robert Carroll)

He helps to prepare victims for what they can expect when they testify in court. Most importantly, he helps his clients to deal with the hurt, anger, frustration and sense of loss that all crime victims inevitably experience.

"We do whatever we can, and if we think a person needs special help or counseling, we refer them to the appropriate agency," Lexius explained.

He was recently instrumental in getting psychiatric counseling for an eight year old boy whose mother, sister and grandmother had been murdered by the boy's father. Lexius also works closely with the Connecticut Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, a state agency created to provide financial compensation for the victims of criminal acts.

Not of all his case load involves homicides or assaults. "One of the most frequent requests I get is from victims who want personal property returned to them," he said. "This isn't always a simple matter, since the rules of evidence often require that we keep the items in the state's possession until the court case is resolved. Sometimes, though, we can get an agreement between the prosecutors and defense counsel to return an item."

Lexius related one case where a man had all his clothing stolen during a burglary. The offender was caught shortly thereafter, and the clothes were seized by the police as evidence. "He was literally without anything to wear to work, but I helped to cut through the red tape to get his suits back."

After he left active duty, Lexius went to Manchester Community College and

Eastern Connecticut State College on the GI Bill. He holds an associate's degree in law enforcement and a bachelor's degree in applied social relations.

While in college, he interned with the Manchester, Conn. Youth Services Department, and with the prosecutor's office where he now works. Those experiences taught him the need for a certain amount of what he calls "professional detachment."

"I would get burned out very quickly in this type of job if I took my cases home from work every night," he explained. "That's why I like being in the Reserve. I generally fly on a mission every Tuesday night, and on the UTAs. It is totally different from what I do every day, and it gives me the breather I need," he added.

Although Westover's flight line is a far different world from the somber and cavernous courthouse where he works in Hartford, Lexius often gets the chance to help people as a reservist.

On one mission during 1980, his crew evacuated 130 American and Canadian tourists from La Paz, Bolivia, after they had been stranded there during a military coup.

Following a tornado in Texas that same year, his crew airlifted food, medicine and other supplies to the storm-ravaged area. For his efforts on those missions, Chuck Lexius was awarded the Air Force Humanitarian Service Medal.

Those who know his work agree that, in or out of uniform, it was an award well-deserved.

BRIEFS

Westover has new chaplain

The 439th welcomed a new chaplain to its ranks recently when Chaplain (1st. Lt.) William J. Hamilton joined the unit.

A Roman Catholic priest, Chaplain Hamilton is associate pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Turners Falls, MA.

Chaplain Hamilton is a native of Worcester and graduated in 1974 from Assumption College. After college, he attended the seminary at the American College of the University of Louvain in Belgium.

He was ordained on May 24, 1980 and earned his commission through the Air Force Reserve's chaplain candidate program.

The new chaplain previously served at St. Mark's Church in Pittsfield. He is a member of the Ecumenical Commission of the Springfield Diocese.

Weight Watchers take note!!!

All wing members will weigh in during the March UTA. If you are still fighting the "battle of the bulge," start counting those calories now.

Emergency Calls

Telephone requests for emergency service by the base civil engineers are to be made only to extensions 3575 or 3576—the service call desk.

Cari is NCOIC

SSgt. Robert Cari is the new NCOIC for OL-B, 26WS—that's the weather forecasting office at Westover's base operations. SSgt. Alan Durham from Pease AFB, assumed Cari's former position of duty forecaster.

Kim Koper Stars

Kim Koper, 11-year-old daughter of SMSgt. and Mrs. Ron Koper, started her track career off on the right foot when she won the 11-17 girls' competition during the Westover Turkey Trot road race. It was the first race in which Miss Koper ever competed, and she bested a number of more experienced runners in her winning effort. Her proud father is a reserve recruiter at Westover.

Flood Completes NCO School

MSgt. Fred Flood, 439CSG Training NCO, recently graduated from the SAC NCO Academy at Barksdale AFB, LA. The five week course is open to only ten percent of all those recommended to attend from units throughout the Air Force.

The program is divided into four training blocks.

"The first, Communications, is geared to those who have been away from school for a long time," explains Sergeant Flood. "It included effective listening, reading improvement, non-verbal communications; and transactional analysis. During the second block, we discussed world politics and national strategy, the development of

communism and the problems facing the emerging, non-aligned nations."

Behavior was the third component. We studied the inherent and learned causes of human behavior, emotions, personality development, discipline and counseling.

The last block was devoted to managerial sciences. Those areas analyzed informal organizations, conference techniques, creative thinking, decision making, management by objective, and effective leadership.

Sergeant Flood's military education isn't over. In January he attended the On-The-Job Training Manager's course at McDill AFB, FLA.

Commander's Call

Col. James Thomas, deputy commander for operations presented a number Air Force Commendation Medals during the Wing Commander's Call held Jan. 9.

Lt. Col. Arthur Sorenson, 439th TAW, received his for his outstanding service as Assistant Deputy Commander for Operations. His professional skills and leadership contributed immeasurably to the highly successful accomplishment of the wing's mission.

Capt. David Moore, 337th TAS, was awarded for his meritorious service as a C-123 pilot. His expertise and devotion to duty were largely responsible for the squadron's operational success and high level of morale.

Lt. Robert Carty, 337th TAS, received a Commendation Medal for his outstanding managerial and lead-

ership abilities. His "can do" attitude resulted in the unit's successful performance during the Team Spirit '81 exercise in Korea.

TSgt. Nancy McKemie, 439th TAW, distinguished herself as a Command Staff Administrative Support Technician. Her professional skill, knowledge and leadership has helped meet the responsibilities and requirements of the Wing headquarters.

Colonel Thomas also presented two diplomas from the Community College of the Air Force.

SMSgt. John Burnat, Jr., 439th TAW, was awarded an Associate degree in Applied Science in the field of Flight Engineering.

TSgt. William Bowen, 905th CAM, received an Associate degree in Applied Science in the area of Avionics Systems Technology.

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