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*20 million square feet of snow removed*

## Base personnel spring back after April storm

by MSgt. Larry Lentz

"It was the first time we had to close our aircraft operations since Westover became a Reserve base in 1973. But with 15 inches of snow and wind gusts of 29 knots creating white-out conditions, we didn't have any other choice," reports Art Murphy, airfield management chief. "But we were in good company. The civilian airports at Boston, Hartford and Worcester also were forced to close as did Pease Air Force Base in New Hampshire.

"Actually, the runways remained operational throughout the storm. We could have accepted an aircraft in an emergency. But the taxiways and ramps were not cleared."

The snow storm which had played havoc at Westover as well as throughout the northeast on Tuesday, April 6 had come at a particularly ironic time for the base.

Members of the Connecticut National Guard participating in Galant Eagle exercises were scheduled to return to Westover on C-141s on Wednesday, April 7. Their flights were diverted to McGuire AFB, NJ for overnight stays before continuing their transcontinental journey the next day.

Westover's initial response to the unexpectedly severe storm was complicated by its late season arrival.

"Each winter, we hire 22 additional workers as temporary overhires," explains George Hunter, base civil engineer. "They remain at Westover until the end of March. During the last two weeks of March, these crews repair and paint all the snow removal equipment and store it away for the summer. They also take down all the snow fences and

start our annual spring cleanup operation."

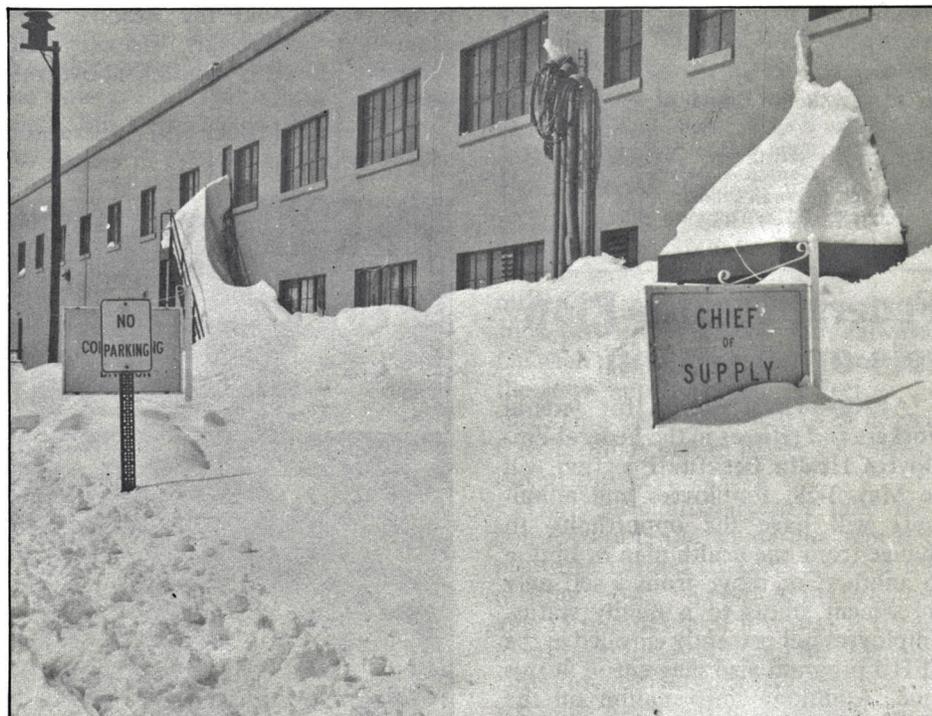
When the storm hit, Brig. Gen. Donald Haugen, wing commander, asked for and received permission from Maj. Gen. James McAdoo, 14th Air Force commander, to immediately rehire 18 of the wintertime workers. Eleven were available and joined the 30 civil engineers in the around-the-clock effort.

Their activities were directed by Gene Picard, roads and grounds superintendent, at the snow removal desk; George Leclerc, equipment foreman; Harry Colbath, pavements foreman;

and Fred Klich, grounds foreman.

"From Tuesday through Thursday, we had 9 rollovers, 7 blowers, 3 airblast snow sweepers, 2 bucket loaders and 4 street plows working," said Mr. Leclerc. "Although during a two hour period on Tuesday night, the white-out conditions were so bad, we had to stop. Men with 15 to 20 years of experience at Westover were totally disoriented to their surroundings in the zero visibility. At another time, the six foot drifts were too much and three plows and two bucket loaders became stuck.

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Twenty-foot snowdrifts made their way to the second floor of the Base Supply building's east side. (USAF photo by MSgt. L. Lentz)

## Westover participates in test of Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force

by Capt. Rick Dyer

Westover participated in a full-scale test of the Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force on March 20-22 when it served as an aerial port of embarkation for the Gallant Eagle '82 exercise.

The Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force consists of units from every branch of the Armed Forces. It was created to give the United States the capability to send troops, on short notice, to military crisis anywhere in the world.

The Gallant Eagle operation was staged by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to test the Rapid Deployment forces in a desert environment.

Twenty one C-141 Starlifter aircraft from McGuire AFB and Travis AFB flew from Westover during the three-day period. They airlifted troops and equipment from the 103rd Tactical Control Squadron of the Connecticut Air National Guard to the China Lake Naval Weapons Center in California.

The Connecticut guardsmen spent two weeks in California and Nevada providing air traffic control for the exercise. They returned to Westover on April 9.

The activity at Westover meant the first "workout" for the Wing's newly-formed Airlift Control Element

(ALCE). Members of the 439th ALCE, led by Maj. Robert McMillan, joined with their active duty counterparts from the 438th ALCE at McGuire in coordinating the airlift.

"It was the first big exercise for our AFRES ALCE and it was a great learning experience," Major McMillan said. "We picked up a lot of valuable pointers working with Capt. Bob Jacobs, the ALCE commander, and his cadre from McGuire."

During the deployment to California, more than 350 personnel and 1.2 million pounds of equipment were airlifted from Westover.

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## Federal Health Plan sets open season

(AFNS)—Open season for federal workers and retirees in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program will be May 3-28. Employees and annuitants will have the opportunity to change from one health plan or option to another, or move from a self-only enrollment status to a family status. Employees not presently enrolled in the FEHB program also may enroll at this time. Additional information on the open season is available at the civilian personnel office.

## Sergeant wins paralegal award

by SSgt. Gordon A. Newell

TSgt. Eugene A. Morey, a legal technician with the 439th TAW Legal Office, has been named AFRES Outstanding Paralegal of the Year.

"I guess he's just the best," is the way Maj. Arthur King, staff judge advocate, exclaimed in explaining Sergeant Morey's selection for this first-time award.

"Sergeant Morey is a good troop," Major King added. "He has truly done an outstanding job for us. I am aware that there are many fine and talented people throughout the Reserve program but I strongly suspect that Sergeant Morey is a notch above the rest."

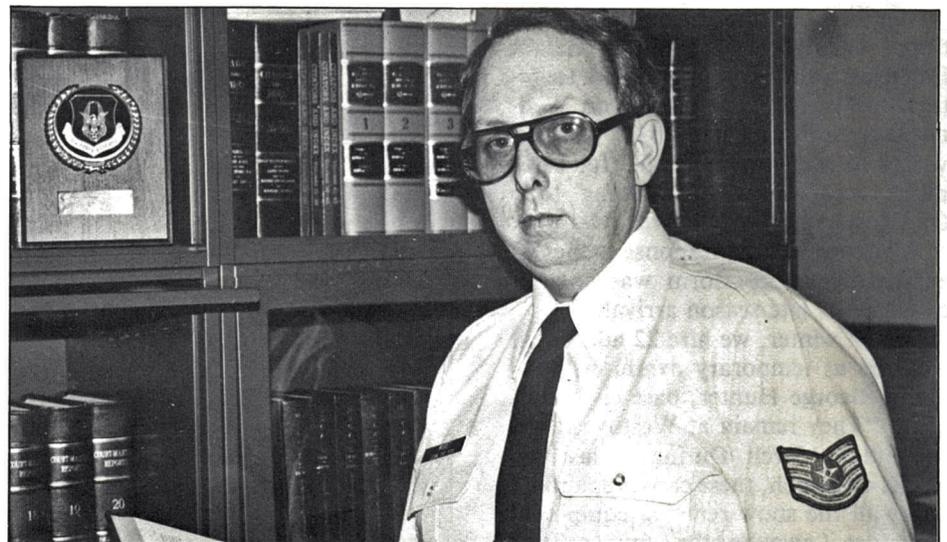
"A Reservist since 1977, Sergeant Morey is currently NCO in charge of

Plans and Procedures in Westover's Legal Office.

"Basically, we provide legal assistance for Reservists," said Sergeant Morey in explaining his military duties. "We don't do a lot of work on military justice so a good deal of our time is spent making out wills, notarizing documents and providing legal help to those who need it. The job entails a lot of detail but I enjoy it."

Born in Greenfield, Sergeant Morey is employed by the Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company at their customer service center, located in Greenfield as manager of the policy change-value divisions.

He resides with his wife, Anna and their children Amy, and Christopher, in Shelburne Falls.



TSgt. Eugene A. Morey (USAF photo by Maj. R. Carroll)

## Lanelines



### High Life Tourney

Western hats and 439th CSG beer mugs were winning symbols at the bowling center Saturday evening of the April UTA.

The Miller High Life Tournament was held in conjunction with the Westover Reserve bowling league on April 3, and was sponsored by MWR.

The tournament was a scratch tournament in which no handicaps are used in the scoring process. There were three categories with male and female winners in each category. First-place bowlers for high series, John Speidel (577) and Fran Breedlove (534), received Western Stetson hats for their efforts. Speidel and Breedlove also won the high single game honors and received 439th CSG emblem beer mugs. Millers beer Tshirts were given to the low single scorers of the night, which were Ron Turmelle (91) and Mary Ferriter (96).

The tournament was held to show appreciation to the Reservists for their support of the bowling center. According to Ron Turmelle, assistant recreation director, he has never seen the bowling center so crowded. "We must have had over 160 people in here Saturday night."

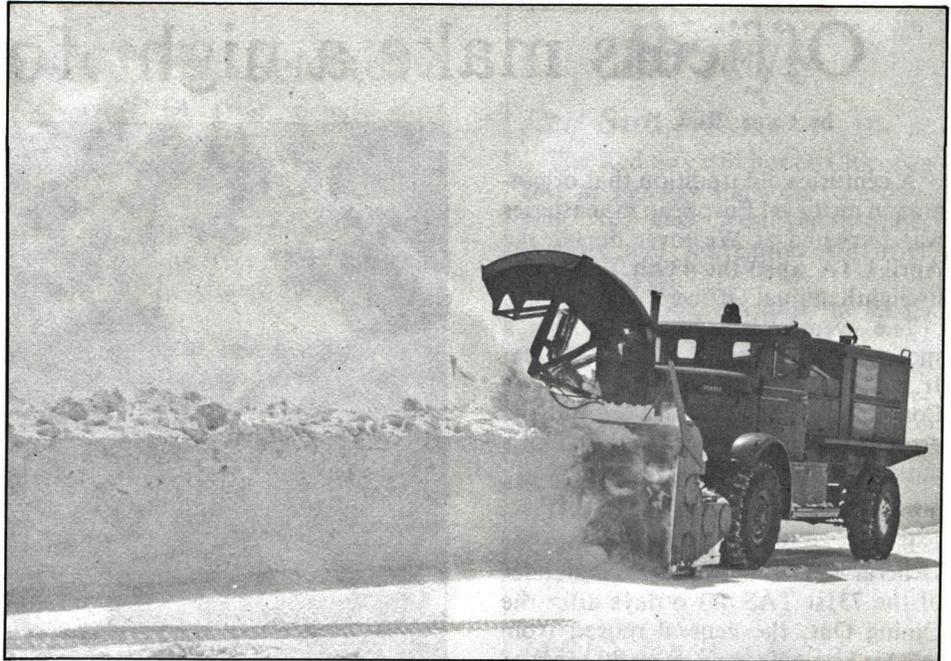
### Summer Leagues

Summer leagues are now being formed at the Westover Bowling Center. The league will run from June through August and all military personnel assigned to Westover and surrounding military communities are eligible for participation. This includes all dependents and civilian DoD personnel at Westover.

Projected league activity includes Junior/Adult league, Mixed league and an Intramural bowling program. League activity normally runs through a 7-day week.

The bowling center is air conditioned, has a snack bar, and offers special summer league prices.

If interested, call or visit the bowling center. (bldg. 5402) (ext. 3990)



A snowblower makes its way down runway 15-33. (USAF photo by MSgt. L. Lentz)

## "Snow"...

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Their equipment kept working throughout the blizzard due to the efforts of the vehicle maintenance personnel. "We did alot of swapping of parts to keep vehicles with minor problems out of the shop and on the road," said Dale Altman, transportation officer. "Seventeen mechanics worked 12-hour shifts to keep up with the demand. Three, "Red" Demino, shop foreman; Ken Rinehart; and Howie Whitaker never left Westover during the emergency. Throughout Tuesday night, Bill Fagen helped stranded motorists and towed cars impeding the snow plows activities."

The storm's spring showing was somewhat turned into an advantage by the mechanics. Three snow blowers, which had been declared excess and had been prepared for shipment, were quickly reconditioned and joined the other equipment fighting the storm. Likewise, two 4-wheel drive trucks, destined for MacDill AFB were put back into service. The security police used the trucks for base patrol when their cruisers became unusable.

Their accomplishments didn't go unrecognized by General Haugen. "Once the snow hit, I expected an all out effort. My expectations were certainly met. Vehicle maintenance and the snow removal crews did yeoman's work. They worked long hours in terrible weather until their job was done.

There are many others that should receive accolades. For example base operations, security police, recreational services and weather service personnel."

By Thursday afternoon, Westover had returned to fully operational status. 'Non-essential' base personnel, after a day and a-half excused absence because of the storm, returned to their offices and shops. The C-141s, with the Galant Eagle troops and equipment, also returned. Other C-141s were arriving to pick-up Army Special Forces participating in Flintlock exercises in Europe.

By Thursday, the snow crews had cleared more than 20 million cubic feet of snow according to the calculations of Mr. Hunter. This figure does not include the repeated passes required by the equipment to move the snow across the runways and taxiways. On each pass, they would blow or push the snow approximately 12 feet to the side. Thus some snow had to be moved 6 to 12 times before it was completely out of the way.

The figure also doesn't take into consideration the numerous repeated plowings needed to keep up with the drifting snow. "We would make a pass and 15 minutes later it was as if it had never been touched," said Mr. Leclerc. "Because of those gusting winds, it was the worst storm I've seen since coming to Westover in 1963. I won't forget this one for a long time."

# Officers make a night for themselves

by Capt. Rick Dyer

A centuries old tradition that originated in medieval European monasteries was recreated at Westover during the April UTA when the 439th TAW held its eighth annual Officer's Dining Out.

The evening was highlighted by a speech by Maj. Gen. Stephen T. Keefe, Jr., mobilization augmentee to the Commander, 21st Air Force, and the presentation of an award to the 439th's outstanding officer.

## Goodbye Gen. Keefe

It was a sentimental evening for General Keefe, a former commander of the 731st TAS. Two days after the Dining Out, the general retired from the Air Force Reserve, after 40 years of military service.

"What I'm going to miss most are the people," the general told a capacity crowd at the Consolidated Open Mess. "To me, the Air Force Reserve has always represented the very best in people who care about their country and are willing to sacrifice for it."

During the ceremonies, the 439th Officer of the Year Award was presented to Lt. Col. Walter C. Holliday. Colonel Holliday is a navigator with the 337th TAS.

I was extremely pleased with the turnout, it was a great night," said Capt. Paul Torpey, dining out chairman.

Col. Warner E. Jones, commander of the 439th Tactical Hospital, served as president of the mess. Capt. David



Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen presents a plaque to Lt. Col. Walter C. Holliday as the 439th Officer of the Year (USAF photo by MSgt. M. Hathaway)



Gen. Keefe accepts plaque from Col. Jones (USAF photo MSgt. Hathaway)

T. Moore of the 731st TAS was "mister vice".

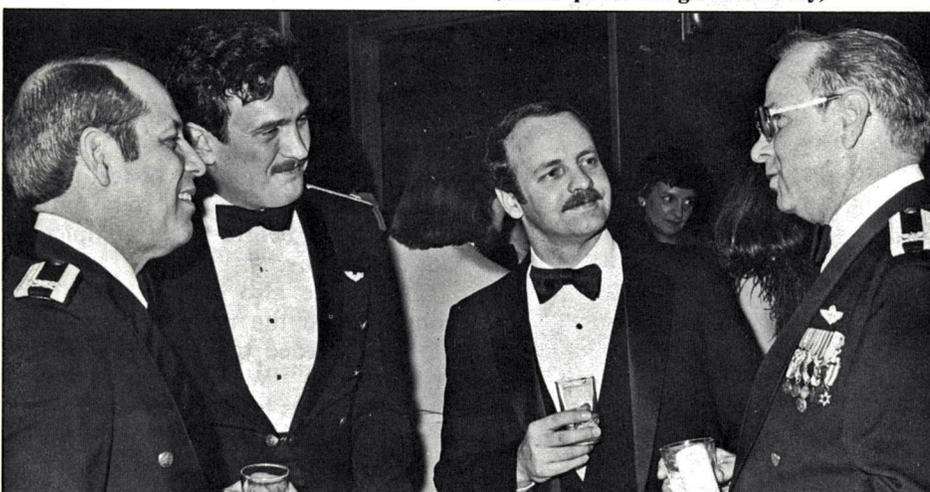
"With the transfer of the 731st from Westover, I thought it was extremely appropriate that General Keefe, its former commander, should be the featured speaker," Colonel Jones said. "I'm sure it was a nostalgic evening for many who attended," he added.

## Guests of honor

In addition to General Keefe, other military dignitaries attending were Maj. Gen. Thomas A. Diab, mobilization assistant to MAC's Deputy Chief of Staff for Operation, Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen, 439th commander, and Col. Charles R. Parrott, vice commander, 14th Air Force.

Honored civilian guests included Mayor Robert F. Kumor, Jr. of Chicopee and Mayor Ernest E. Proulx of Holyoke.

The Dining-Out custom was later adopted by English universities and then by military organizations. During World War II, the Army Air Corps' Gen. H.H. Arnold invited British personnel to his "wing-dings." These opportunities for social contact and good fellowship among colleagues prompted the modern day establishment of Dining-Outs.



Col. Roy Ayers, Jr., 2nd Lt. Michael Marten, 1st Lt. James Hosey, and Col. J. Frank Moore share some laughs. (USAF photo by SSgt. H. Garbarsky)

*Capt. Dyer AFRES Choice*

**Reserve Public Affairs Officer Selected**



**Capt. Rick Dyer (USAF photo by Maj. R. Carroll)**

Captain Rick Dyer, deputy chief, Public Affairs, 439th TAW has been chosen as the top 1981 Reserve Public Affairs Officer by Headquarters, AFRES. Captain Dyer was selected for his outstanding contributions in all areas of public affairs during the past year.

In addition to this honor, he also won three awards in the AFRES 1981 Media contest. Articles written by Capt. Dyer won first place in three categories: News, Sports and Features.

A partner with the law office Bayer, Phelon and Squatrito, Manchester, Conn., Captain Dyer has been in the Reserve since 1972. A graduate of Holy Cross College and the University of Connecticut, he was a sports reporter for the Worcester and the Hartford Courant.



The Thunderbirds precision team will keep flying, the Air Force says, despite the deaths of four pilots whose planes slammed into the desert last January.

The status of the aerobatics group was in limbo until an investigation into the January 18th accident was over, Gen. W.L. Creech, Commander of the Tactical Air Command at Langley Air Force Base said.

The investigation determined that the lead plane was unable to pull out of a loop because of a mechanical problem, and all four planes smashed into the ground in the accident at Indian Springs auxiliary base, 40 miles from Nellis Air Force Base near Las Vegas, Nev.

The accident happened because a device called the horizontal stabilizer load relief cylinder, which acts as a sort of shock absorber, jammed in the lead plane piloted by Maj. Norman Lowry III.

The other three planes were flying in tight formation and followed Lowry into the ground.

Despite the tremendous loss, the program will be carried on.

"The Thunderbirds are a valuable asset," General Creech said at a news conference. "They're helpful in recruiting and for showing the flag overseas. They more than pay for themselves."

The team will start looking for replacement pilots for training in their new F-16's, General Creech said.

All scheduled performances through August have been cancelled and the pace of practice will determine when the team flies again.

"We hope to be back by the end of the year," the general said.

The Thunderbird pilots and their F-16's will be available for immediate deployment in the event of war, Creech said, something that was not possible when they used the T-38 trainers.

*Briefs*

*Red Sox Tickets*

The Red Sox will honor Chicopee Day at Fenway Park on Saturday, Aug. 14, and Westover Morale, Welfare and Recreation will offer special tickets.

The Red Sox will host the Baltimore Orioles on Chicopee Day. Fifty tickets will be available at the base gym on the May 2 UTA starting at 12 noon. The tickets are \$14 and cover the ticket price and bus fare.

The bus is scheduled to pick up game attendees at the base gym at 12 noon, and return approximately 7 p.m., that evening.

*74AES lends a hand to Special Olympics*

For the third straight year, Westover reservists from the 74th AES will lend a hand at the Special Olympics in Palmer, Mass.

The Special Olympics, which features a wide range of athletic competition for retarded citizens, will be held on May 8 at Legion Field in Palmer.

The Reservists will man an ambulance and provide medical staffing for the event.

*Vietnam veteran's bonus*

(AFNS) — Four states — Illinois, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont — still offer Vietnam veterans state bonuses.

Questions on eligibility should be addressed to state veterans affairs offices.

Offices to contact in New England are:

— Massachusetts: Commonwealth of Massachusetts, State Treasurer, Bonus Division, Room 1203, John W. McCormack Building, One Ashburton Place, Boston, Mass. 02108.

— New Hampshire: The Adjutant General's Department, State Military Reservation, Attention: Bonus Division, Concord, N.H. 03301.

— Vermont: Military Department of Veterans Affairs, State Veterans Affairs Office, City Hall, Montpelier, Vt. 05601.

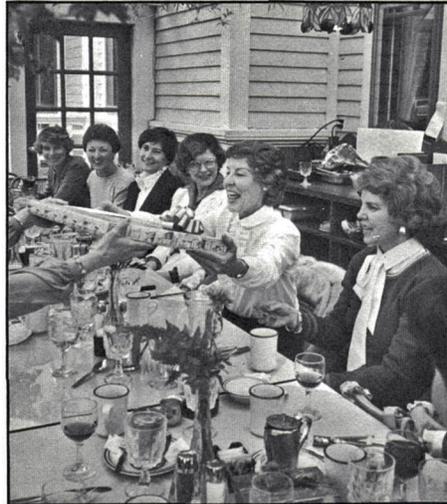
# The Morning After: Westover officer's wives honor Dottie Moore

by SrA. Sandra M. Bartosz

On Sunday morning, the day after the Officers Dining Out, approximately 20 officers' wives met at the club, and boarded a bus for a mini-session of the previous nights festivities.

The bus headed to Plumbleys Restaurant in Amherst where the women held a brunch to honor Dottie Moore prior to her departure to Niagara International Airport, Niagara, N.Y. to accompany her husband, former base commander, Col. J. Frank Moore.

Under a canopy of plants in a greenhouse-like room, the brunch took on the protocol of the night before. Lt. Col. Robert Motley's wife, Lois, was designated as "Mrs. Vice", and toasts and comments were delegated to her. The toasts were then passed to Col. Paul Huffman's wife, Jessie, for approval, as she was designated "Mrs. president of the brunch."



Dottie Moore, wife of Col. J. Frank Moore, accepts a farewell gift at a luncheon held in her honor on April 4. Women are (l. to r.) Marion Thomas, Mac Bryant, Pat Johnson, Helena Paskevitz, Dottie Moore and Jessie Huffman (USAF photo by SrA. S. Bartosz)

Dottie Moore was presented an inscribed silver serving tray accompanied by several toasts and a special poetic presentation by Mac Bryant, wife of Lt. Col. Jerry Bryant.

This brunch was the first to be held after an Officer's Dining Out, Candy Budinoff, wife of Maj. Jerold Budinoff, explained, "The brunch was a lot of fun. It gave me an opportunity to meet some of the other wives, and better understand the people my husband interacts with."

General Haugen's wife, Judy, said she is enthusiastic about such events. She agrees with her husband's belief that the Air Force Reserve is a family commitment, and friendship with other wives is very important. "It gives the women an opportunity to share feelings, and better relate to their husband's role in the Reserve."

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## Recruiters honored by 14th Air Force

The wing recruiting office brought in more than just airmen during the first quarter of 1982.

The office received a Quota Excellence Award from 14th AF for surpassing their quota by 167%.

Along with the unit award, two individuals won awards.

TSgt. Carl France was honored as the 14th Air Force mobilization augmentee recruiter of the Quarter. MSgt. Ron Burwell, at the Hanscom AFB office, was cited for averaging two recruits per week during the first quarter.

## *Saturday on the firing line*

# Weapons instructors help Reservists feel at home on the range

by Capt. Rick Dyer

Even the drone of the aircraft overhead didn't drown out the noise.

It was a constant cacophony, a chain of mini-explosions that sounded like a popcorn popper with amplifiers, or an engine that constantly backfires.

It was Saturday on Westover's firing line.

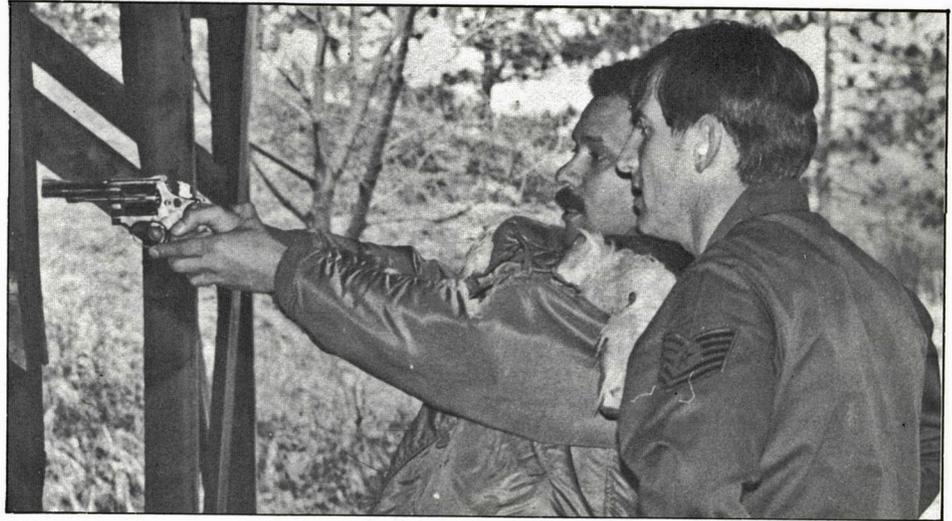
"Crouch, crouch," shouted SSgt. Timothy Murphy, as he paced behind the barricade. "Fire at them before they fire at you."

As Sergeant Murphy exhorted the thirteen Westover Reservists, they aimed at the silhouettes beyond the barricades. Within seconds, they had emptied their .38 caliber revolvers into the targets 25 yards away.

It was a typical Saturday for Sergeant Murphy, who is one of six weapons instructors with the 439th CSG's Combat Arms Training and Maintenance section.

Each year, the CATM personnel train more than 1000 wing members in the intricacies of small arms. Their pupils include aircrew members, combat engineers, cargo carriers, law enforcement and weapons systems security personnel, and anyone else who might strap on a revolver or carry an M-16.

The weapons instructors conduct all the small arms training and qualification programs on base. They also



TSgt. Robert Cartagena-Hernandez (l.), weapons instructor, demonstrates the proper firing stance for a .38 caliber revolver to TSgt. Raymond Gohra, 439th CSG law enforcement. (USAF photo by Maj. R. Carroll)

teach a rigorous weapons program, specially designed for the security police.

"We attempt to teach them everything they'll need to know about safety, and about the proper maintenance and firing of their weapons," said MSgt. Ronald Snell, NCOIC of the CATM.

The instructors teach separate courses on separate days for both the M-16 and the .38 caliber revolver. They train approximately 40 students on an average UTA weekend.

"The course for each weapon is

seven hours long," said Sergeant Snell. "We have four hours of classroom time and three hours of actual firing on the range."

In addition to Snell and Murphy, the other weapons instructors are MSgt. Charles Y. Taylor, TSgt. Robert Hamilton, TSgt. Robert ("Chico") Cartagena-Hernandez, and SSgt. Robert St. George.

All of them are crack shots. All of them have completed either the five-week Air Force small arms course at Lackland AFB, or a similar course offered by the other branches of the armed forces.

They teach their students to fire the .38 with both hands, and to fire both the revolver and the M-16 rifle from a variety of prone, crouching and barricade positions.

"I often find that some of our best shots are women," said Sergeant Taylor, who in civilian life is a detective with the New Jersey Attorney General's office. "They are often easier to teach because they haven't accumulated some of the bad habits with weapons that their male colleagues have," he said.

All of the CATM personnel believe that with practice and patience, most people can become proficient with small arms.

You have to relax and concentrate," Sergeant Snell said. "And you have to listen to your instructor," he said with a smile.



TSgt. Raymond Gohra and SrA. Deborah Hackett, of the 439th law enforcement section are pictured with other Westover Reservists fixing on their targets during weapons training (USAF photo by Maj. R. Carroll)



## Air Force medals presented

Five Air Force Commendation Medals highlighted the April Commander's Call. The awards were presented by Brig. Gen. Donald Haugen, wing commander.

**MSgt. Gerald R. Farrell, Jr.** of the 905th Weapons Systems Security Operations.

**MSgt. Donald F. Moran** earned his award for his outstanding work as the on-the-job administrator of the 58th Mobile Aerial Port Squadron.

**TSgt. Warren D. Rivers**, also of the 58th MAPS, received his award for developing projects capable of solving problems in the supply field.

**MSgt. Robert C. Seaton**, earned his award for meritorious as Medical Administrative Supervisor of the 37th Aeromedical Evacuation Group.

**TSgt. David J. Pacheco** accepted his medal for his performance as Fuels Supervisor, Fuels Management, 905th Mobility Support Flight.

## 337th TAS to send crews to Spain for Distant Drum

Members of the 337th will be going to Spain in May as part of exercise "Distant Drum."

Six crews and four C-130s will depart from Westover on May 8 for Torrejon AB, near Madrid, Spain.

The Westover Reservists will spend two weeks in Europe, airlifting troops and equipment as part of the "Distant Drum" exercise. They are slated to return here on May 23.

In addition to the flight crews, 30 members of the Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron will also be making the trip.

## Tactical Hospital begins first aid classes



TSgt. Susan Cotnoir and SrA. Kathleen Cosgrove demonstrate proper splinting on SSgt. Darrell Redd as other members of the Buddy-Care class observe. (USAF photo by Maj. R. Carroll)

Members of the 439th Tactical Hospital are training 40 other Reservists in first aid through a newly instituted Air Force-wide, "Self-Aid and Buddy Care" program.

Two members of each unit within the 439th took the first of two eight-hour classes during the April UTA. The second class will be offered in May. Both have been coordinated by Maj. Carla Decker, chief nurse. Then they will teach similar classes to members of their own units.

"The classes are divided into five sections," explains SrA. Thomas Stark. "Control of bleeding is taught by TSgt. Sandra Hodge. She explains the various types of wounds and their treatment. SrA. Kathleen Cosgrove discusses how to recognize and care for patients who are in shock while TSgt. Susan Cotnoir demonstrates various dressings, bandages and splints. "The

unit representatives also will learn how to properly transport the injured to facilities where more medical assistance is available. In this section, MSgt. Raymond Cosness covers the use of litters and the fireman's carry."

"I, too, am an instructor," continued Airman Stark, "My presentation on nerve gas exposure, covers the recognition of a chemical warfare attack and the stops that must immediately be taken to ensure survival."

"The students have been very enthusiastic about the classes. Because of their interest we hope to offer classes in CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation)."

Sergeant Cotnoir added, "Our goal is to teach basic first aid and present information which not only would be of immediate benefit in a military situation but has practical use in everyday life."

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