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## Paskevicz leads Wing; Haugen retires

By Capt. Rick Dyer

Col. Louis Paskevicz assumed command of the 439th TAW on Aug. 31 when Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen retired from military service.

Colonel Paskevicz, 48, has been serving as the wing's vice commander since 1981. A native of Watertown, Conn., he is a veteran pilot and a former commander of both the 337th TAS and the 731st TAS.

General Haugen's retirement capped a 32-year career in the Air Force and Air Force Reserve.

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"The five years I've spent at Westover with the 439th have been extremely happy ones for me and my family," General Haugen said. "Westover is truly an outstanding national resource, and I just can't say enough about the men and women I've had the pleasure to know and work with here."

The general came to Westover in 1978. He had previously served as commander of the 459th TAW at Andrews AFB, MD.

Under his leadership, the wing was expanded to include the 914th TAG at Niagara and the 911th TAG at Pittsburgh. He also oversaw the unit's conversion from C-123 aircraft to an all C-130 inventory.

General Haugen, 52, was also credited with doing much to improve base-community relations during his tenure. He worked actively with local chambers of commerce and received several awards for his civil involvement.

A command pilot with over 8,000 flying hours, 172 of them on combat mis-

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Firefighters William C. Brush and Robert M. Church give Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen the traditional hosing down following his final military flight.

(USAFR photo by TSgt. A. Sorensen)



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**Col. Louis Paskevicz**

(USAF photo by Maj. R. Carroll)

sions. General Haugen flew his final C-130 mission in late August. Following the flight, he received the traditional "wet down" from the Westover fire department.

Like his predecessor, Colonel Paskevicz is no stranger to the cockpit. Most of his flight experience has been in multi-engine aircraft.

The colonel received his commission and pilot wings from the Aviation Cadet Training School at Reese AFB, Texas. After initial duty as a B-47 pilot, he flew C-124 Globemasters and C-141 Starlifters at McChord AFB, Washington.

In 1965, Colonel Paskevicz cross-trained as a B-66 pilot. He served with the 436th Tactical Reconnaissance Group at the Royal Thai AB in Thailand in 1967. From there, he flew 100 combat missions over North Vietnam.

Following his combat tour, the colonel left active duty and joined the Air Force Reserve. He has served at Westover as a Reservist since 1970, piloting C-123, C-124 and C-130 aircraft, and holding a number of staff and command

positions.

He led the 337th TAS in 1977 and became commander of the 731st TAS the following year. He was promoted to colonel and selected as vice commander in 1981.

"This will be a new challenge for me, to say the least," Colonel Paskevicz said. "Under General Haugen's leadership, we've become one of the best units in the Air Force Reserve, and I'm eager to continue that tradition."

Colonel Paskevicz holds a bachelor's degree from Iowa University and has completed a number of professional military education courses, including the Air Command and Staff School and the Combined Air Warfare course.

His military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal with 11 clusters, and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Married and the father of three sons, Colonel Paskevicz resides in Fairfield, Conn.

## NCO Dining Out announced

The 9th Annual 439th TAW NCO/Airman Dining Out will be November 5 at the Consolidated Open Mess. The event will begin with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m. followed by a prime rib dinner at 7. The theme will be "Patriotism."

Formal ceremonies will include presentation of annual wing enlisted and work center of the year awards. CMSgt. Larry Huyett, HQ MAC, will give a presentation titled "Appeal to Patriotism." Prior to his MAC assignment, Chief Huyett was the Commandant of the NCO Academy at Robins AFB, Ga.

Of Chief Huyett, MSgt. Marshall Hathaway, committee spokesman, said, "He must be super. Since 1971 he's honored about forty speaking requests each year. I've heard nothing but superlative remarks about his speech."

Tickets, on sale by each unit representative, are \$15.



**Dining out Committee Chairman SMSgt. Richard Rehnberg, 337th TAS flight engineer updates one of the annual wing awards plaques.**

### AFSA to Hold Tag Sale

The Air Force Sergeants Association will host a tag sale during the October UTA in the old hospital parking lot across from the Base Chapel on Central Avenue.

Tag sale items will include antiques, lawnmowers, furniture, and many other donated items. They will be on display from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

Reservists are encouraged to browse during the lunch hour and enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, soda and popcorn available at very reasonable prices. All proceeds from the sale will go to the Chapel Window Fund.

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# 905th MOBSF completes tour at Pease AFB

The 905th Mobility Support Flight recently completed their annual tour at Pease AFB, N.H., where they trained with their active duty counterparts in the 509th Bombardment Wing. They had the opportunity for excellent and unique training, not normally available at Westover.

### In the air

Some of the members of the 905th were able to fly on, and observe, an Air National Guard air refueling exercise from the "pit", or refueling control area, of the KC-135. They flew over the Great Lakes and watched the procedure involved in refueling a C-141.

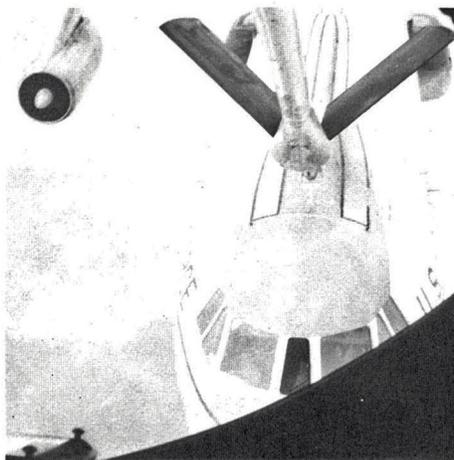
"A person doesn't realize how much is involved in refueling until they see it happening," said TSgt. Thomas P. Valley, one of the 905th members on the KC-135. "The whole thing was fascinating."

### On the ground

On-the-ground training was just as fascinating for TSgt. Greg Zakrzewski, 905th NCOIC of vehicle maintenance. He had the chance to train on a dynamometer, an electric vehicle testing device that has the capacity to check virtually all vehicle malfunctions.

"Bill Bodak, the civilian transporta-

photo and story by  
TSgt. Claire Gaudreau  
905th MOBSF



The view some members of the 905th MOBSF had as they watched a C-141 being refueled from the "pit" of a KC-135.

tion supervisor at Pease, trained me on the machine," said Sergeant Zakrzewski. "He would sometimes leave a connection loose so that I would have to search and find the problem on my own."

Since Westover recently received a dynamometer, similar to the one at Pease, Sergeant Zakrzewski's training provided

him with an excellent foundation for teaching 905th personnel.

### Global Shield

During the last two days of the tour, 905th members participated in this year's Global Shield exercise. Since one of the purposes of Global Shield was to test around-the-clock alert forces in ground and air communications and disaster preparedness, 905th personnel worked 12-hour shifts.

"When we arrived at Pease," said Capt. Robert C. Dutton, 905th MOBSF commander, "Maj. James McGann, the chief of supply, told us that we would be treated just like his own. We were, and the training this year was excellent."



**AF 36 years old**

## Westover experiences a crime wave... temporarily

The crime rate at Westover rose drastically during the third week of August... the simulated crime rate, that is.

More than 400 young adults from seven states gathered on base Aug. 15-21 for an Explorer training program in all aspects of law enforcement. Over 100 advisors provided realistic training situations by staging police calls such as road violations, sniper attacks, domestic disputes, robberies and drug raids.

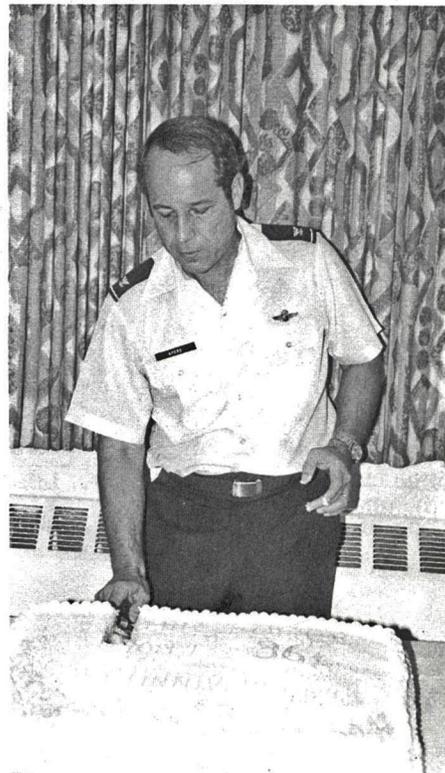
The Explorers made their headquarters at the rear of the base security police building, and their specialties included a SWAT team. All Explorer officers had to defend their arrests in a mock court situation.

Col. Roy E. Ayers, base commander, said that he was extremely pleased to have the Explorers at Westover for the second consecutive year. "Our input is

minimal. Westover's space and facilities alone make our base an ideal place for their training program," he said. "It's an impressive organization."

The Explorer Police Academy is a comprehensive and challenging program which utilizes law enforcement personnel to expose interested young people to all aspects of the law enforcement field. Local law enforcement officers from all over the country volunteer their time to share their practical experience with the Explorers.

Exploring is the young adult division of the Boy Scouts of America serving young men and women between the ages of 14 and 20. Each Explorer group is organized around a special interest such as a career field or hobby. Law enforcement exploring is the largest specialty.



Westover Reservists celebrated the Air Force's 36th anniversary early. Rather than waiting for the Sept. 18th date, MSgt. James Buell 439th Food Services Section, created a 30 pound pastry masterpiece for the September UTA. Col. Roy Ayers, base commander, did the honors cutting the first piece.

(USAF photo by Maj. R. Carroll)



**MSgt. Paul LaRochelle, NCOIC, Life Support, 337th TAS, makes contact with "friendly forces."**

The mosquitos, frogs and snakes have company in the swamp in the base's 'dogpatch' area. Since June, members of the 337th TAS Life Support Section, and the 905th WSSF, with help from members of the local Marine Corps detachment, have been conducting a new type of escape and evasion training for flight crews. The course is part of the wing's Combat Survival Continuation Training.

"In the past, we just taught the crews to survive," MSgt. Paul LaRochelle, Life Support NCOIC, said. "Now, we're

teaching them to survive, escape, and evade."

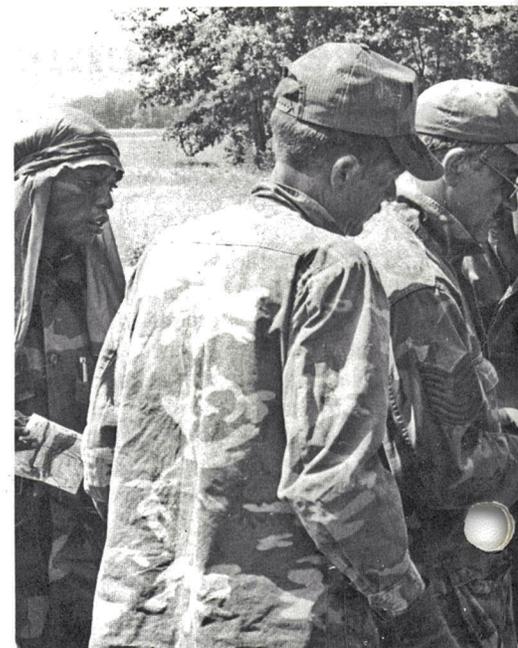
The two day survival course consists of classroom and field training and is conducted every two years. The E & E portion is four hours, three of which are spent in the swamp area trying to avoid capture by the aggressor forces. The crews are taught map and compass reading, radio techniques and methods by which to move through enemy lines. To allow the students to get the most from their training, class size is limited to ten.



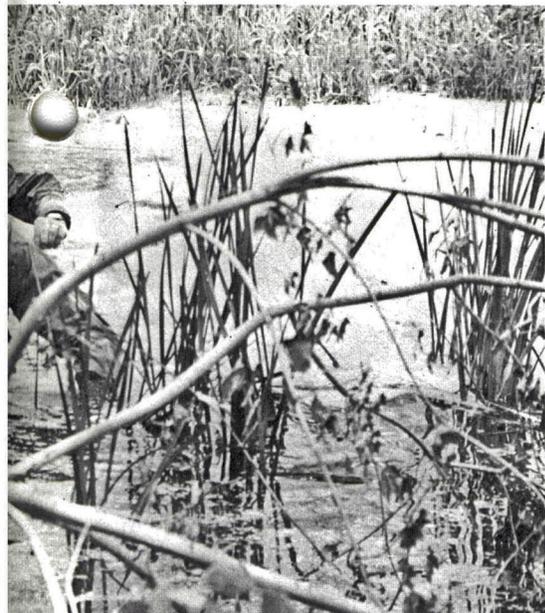
**MSgts. Andrew Lown and Paul LaRochelle, unknowingly head straight for the enemy on**

# 337th TAS swamp

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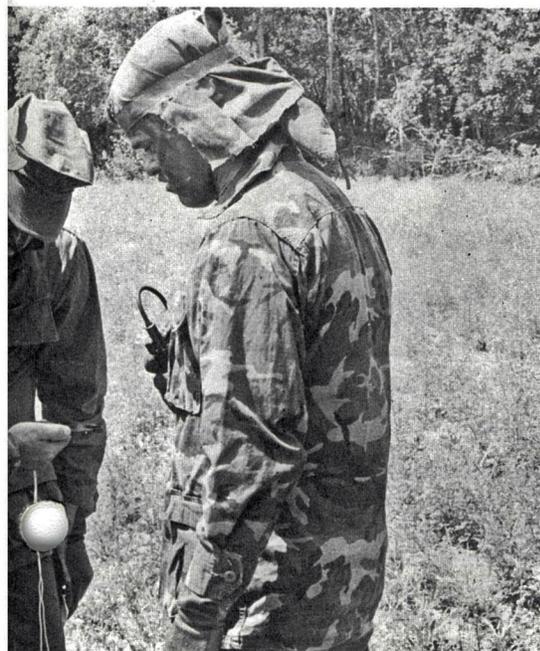
**MSgt. Paul Bergeron, Wing Life Support Section, teaches compass reading.**



TSgts. Robert Coccoran and Richard Kirkham  
the other side of the swamp.

# flyers get mped

photos  
ert Carroll



intendent (center) instructs crew members in

"We show them how to think on the move, not just survive in one area," said TSgt. Sharon Kirkham, an E & E instructor. "We present a very demanding, high threat situation that requires the students to be creative."

"In the beginning, they are a little reluctant to go into the swamp. "But in the end, they really get involved and nothing can stop them, even if it means walking neck high in swamp water," commented Sergeant LaRochelle.

"Also, the aggressors really do a great job in making the situations real," he said. "They are always changing their tactics at the last moment creating confusion among the students which helps make them more flexible in their escape."

"The E & E training is an on-going effort conducted from June until the weather turns 'bad.' We'll train until it snows. This will add even more realism to the course."



TSgt. Sharon Kirkham, (left) 337th TAS Life Support and SSgt. Norene Brown, both 337th TAS life support instructors discuss training plans before taking their students into the swamp for escape and evasion training.

## Largest AFRES fleet wins award

They drove almost a half million miles to get an award.

The 439th CSG Vehicle Operation Section competed against all other Reserve units to win the AFRES Vehicle Management Award for the third consecutive year.

"We had 282 vehicles traveling a total of 484,273 miles, with no reportable vehicle accidents," explained Dale Altman, base transportation officer. "We have the largest vehicle fleet in AFRES."

Mileage was only one criteria for the award. AFRES judges used MEI's, staff assistant visits and letters of commendation to assess the units. "We supported many events this year," explained Mr. Altman, "and received a lot of nice letters." Criteria includes mileage driven, conferences supported, vehicle and safety records and vehicle maintenance.

"Personnel is our greatest success factor," Mr. Altman continued. "Our staff consists of 18 people, which has both civilian and Reserve personnel." Mr. Altman gave special credit to supervisors James Oster, civilian vehicle operations supervisor, and MSgt. Leroy Johnson, Reserve vehicle operations supervisor.

Vehicle operations supported several special AFRES operations such as the Commander's Conference; the JAG Conference and the Logistics Conference. "We support inspection teams, transient aircrew, MAC ALCE teams, Civil Air Patrol, Boy and Girl Scouts, veteran groups and basically any group of visitors to Westover," said Altman.

Over 100 mandays were utilized to support base activities throughout FY 1983. Mr. Altman touted his people, "When my Reservists come to work, they don't worry about hours."



SMSgt. Raymond E. Cailler  
(USAF photo by Sgt. S. Michon)

## BRIEFS

### Two colonels complete course

Lt. Col. Allan Davidson, 439th Tactical Hospital administrator, and Lt. Col. Edward Lincoln, former 439th Air Operations officer, were two of 324 senior officers completing the Reserve Component National Security Course on July 29. The two week program is part of the National Defense University conducted at the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA. The course enhances the preparation of selected officers as managers and leaders of Reserve Component forces.

### Reservists honored.

Twelve members of the 42nd MAPS and 337th TAS were named the best Air Force unit in the Moosup, Conn. V-J Day Parade on Aug. 8. The delegation from Westover was led by SMSgt. Joseph LaFrance.

### Female Brigadier General

Brig. Gen. Frances I. Mossman, mobilization assistant to the director of programs and evaluation, deputy chief of staff for programs and resources, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, has become the first woman

to be promoted to brigadier general in the Air Force Reserve. She is also the first woman in advance to the rank of general in an armed forces reserve component.

### Alma Griffin gets award.

A Sustained Superior Performance Award and a check for \$150 was presented to Alma Griffin by Col. Roy Ayers, base commander, on Aug. 16. As a custodian worker foreman, Ms. Griffin supervises 12 custodians for the billeting office. She has been at Westover for 13 years.

### 35-10 News

The wear of four-inch chevrons on the men's long-sleeve, dark blue shirt with epaulets is no longer authorized by Air Force Regulation 35-10. Enlisted members wearing sleeve chevrons on the uniform must now use the three-inch size.

Cotton fatigues will be phased out July 1, 1985, and replaced with permanent press fatigues. The phase-out was computed using a 14-month wear-date for the fatigues and leaving an adequate amount of time for members to purchase permanent press fatigues, if necessary.

## SMSgt. Ray Cailler retires after 29 years

SMSgt. Raymond E. Cailler retired in September after 29 years of military service.

Sergeant Cailler was the NCOIC of the 439th TAW Airlift Control Element operations section.

Sergeant Cailler entered the Air Force Reserve in 1954 and completed basic training at Hanscom AFB, Ma. Before coming to Westover, he was with the 94th MAW in the command post.

Sergeant Cailler was called to active duty during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1963. "It was amazing to see the transition occur during those 30 days in Florida," he said. "We proved we could be an effective force in supporting the active military."

Sergeant Cailler is a graduate of the NCO Academy leadership course. He was part of the first Air Force Reserve component to attend and graduate with distinction.

Sergeant Cailler is a Senior Production Supervisor at Honeywell, Inc., Lawrence, Ma. He is a native of Lowell where he resides with his wife Pauline and family.

## "New Look" at the Base Exchange: Renovations Complete

A more spacious, functional, and modern shopping area and an ability to stock 20 percent more merchandise is the result of a six month, \$350,000 renovation project at Westover's Base Exchange.

Many things have been done to better utilize floor space including new display and storage racks. "We now have modern retail fixtures," said Ronald Martin, base exchange manager. Smaller display racks display the same amount of merchandise while using less floor space, thereby increasing the total volume.

"We have new glass giftware display cases that are very attractive. Domestics such as towels and linens are now stored in glass cubes, clearly visible and more accessible than they had previously been on shelves," he continued.

Many improvements were made for the handicapped. An outside ramp into the barbershop and two fully ventilated 5 x 8' dressing rooms were built. Also, the restrooms were made more accessible.

"We made the exchange a more comfortable and attractive place for the customer to shop," explained Martin. The ceiling has been insulated which makes the store cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter. "People



An unidentified shopper browses through the newly renovated base exchange.

(USAF photo by TSgt. A. Sorensen)

already have noticed the difference."

In response to customer demand, the shoe, drug, and children's departments have been greatly expanded for a better selection.

Other improvements include new carpeting and floor tile, track lighting, administrative offices, and a new location for the check cashing and customer service sections.

It is particularly significant that the exchange employees have worked throughout the entire remodeling process. "In fact, some employees installed the store fixtures which sped completion and saved money," said Martin.

"We're happy with the renovations," he added. "It's our goal to keep up with the retail industry and provide the best possible service and facilities available."

## 905th lends Chicopee a hand



SrA. John P. Sevigny, 905th Communications Flight, mans a field switchboard, the unit provided a telephone network for the festival.

(USAF photo by Maj. R. Carroll)

Half of the 905th Communications Flight spent the September UTA smelling aromatic kielbasa and listening to brassy polka music.

The unit helped the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce at the 10th annual World Kielbasa Festival, held behind the Fairfield Mall.

For the fourth consecutive year, they established a telephone network within the festival grounds. Fourteen field phones and a field switchboard linked festival officials with ticket booths, gates and security police.

In addition, the unit's radio operation section set up a Military Affiliate Radio System station and transmitted short messages from festival goers to friends and relatives around the United States.

"Not only does the project help the Chamber, but it also provides our Reservists with a unique type of training," Maj. Alan Selus, 905th CF commander said.

### Commander's Call

Seven medals were presented to 439th Reservists by Col. Roy E. Ayers, Jr. during Commander's Call ceremonies held on Sunday of the September UTA.

**TSgt. Albert R. Breton** received the Meritorious Service Medal for his work as NCOIC of the 439th CSG's Disaster Preparedness Office.

Air Force Commendation Medals were presented to **TSgt. Earl W. Cole Jr.** of the 905th CF, **TSgt. Raymond W. Gohra** of the 439th CSG/LE and **SSgt. Paul L. Frappier, Jr.** of the 42nd MAPS.

Receiving the Air Force Achievement Medal were **TSgt. John H. Speidel** of the 59th MAPS and **SSgts. Peter J. Murray and Zigmund Skawski**, both of the 42nd MAPS.

# WAFB is one of 24 sites

by Capt. Philip Weber

Westover Air Force Base is one of 24 New England sites that will be moving into phase two of the Department of Defense's Installation Restoration Program.

Protecting the Westover environment is the aim of the four stage Department of Defense Program that has been underway at the base since the fall of 1981.

## Phase One

At that time, a survey team from CH2M Hill Southeast Inc. of Gainesville, Florida went through a fact finding survey of the base to determine where waste sites may have been located and possibly what type of materials may have been disposed at those sites. The survey also took into account the type of units that historically were stationed on the base.

The Florida based firm also looked at engineering records as well as conducted interviews with people who had been associated with the base from the beginning. In addition, they surveyed the area to determine the geological profile of the base property.

## Phase Two

Phase Two of the program is the monitoring phase and will be conducted by the Air Force Environmental Health Laboratory at Brooks Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas. The Laboratory will contract with a civilian firm to carry out the monitoring program. The firm selected is scheduled to start the project at Westover in October with the drilling of monitoring wells throughout the areas determined by phase one of the program. The wells will be used to mon-

itor for oils, grease, phenols, volatile organics, radio nucleites, lead, iron, pesticides, chlorides and sulfates.

"We feel very confident that after this monitoring program is over with," said George Hunter, base civil engineer, "Westover will be taken off the program. Our own monitoring program has shown that the radiation level has remained the same in the targeted monitoring areas as background radiation levels recorded anywhere else within the Pioneer Valley."

## Westover has equipment

According to John Wilson, chief, disaster preparedness division, and the man responsible for the local monitoring program, "Westover has some of the most sophisticated radiation monitoring equipment in New England. In fact, we are often called upon by both municipal and state agencies to use the monitoring equipment under our joint assistance programs."

## No direct evidence

The initial conclusion of "Phase One" of the program stated that there was no direct evidence to indicate the migration of hazardous contaminants beyond the Westover property line.

In the event, however, that it is determined during this Phase Two monitoring period that Westover does have a problem, the base will move into Phase three of the DOD program and the Air Force Engineering and Services Center at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida would be called upon to provide an engineering solution for the problem. Phase Four of the program would be the removal of the problem from Westover.

## "Patriot People"



**Name:** RITA (LORRAINE) MOORE

**Rank:** SrA

**Age:** 31

**Address:** Wherever my family is

**Unit:** 439th TAW

**Position:** Base operations systems management specialist

**Civilian Occupation:** Statistical artist

**Favorite Food:** Mushrooms in butter and wine sauce

**Favorite Beverage:** Budweiser

**Favorite Sports:** My husband

**Favorite Hobby:** Making money

**Ideal Vacation:** Wilderness camping in Nova Scotia

**Best Way To Relax:** Breakfast in bed with the Sunday paper and my favorite sport

**Preferred Entertainment:** Ballet or a good play

**Favorite Celebrity:** Richard Pryor

**Favorite Music:** Talking heads

**Favorite Magazine:** National Lampoon

**Favorite Book:** Tolkein Trilogies

**Favorite Color:** Carmine

**Favorite Car:** 57 Chevy Convertible

**Pet Peeve:** Prejudiced people

**Best Thing About Westover:** Knowing it's here!

**Worst Thing About Westover:** The politics

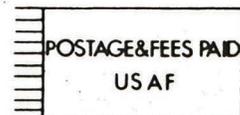
## Alcoholics Anonymous Group Meeting

As part of Westover's continuing drive against Drug and Alcohol Abuse, the base is sponsoring the first Alcoholics Anonymous Group meeting to be held on October 15.

Present plans call for a one hour meeting, persons wishing to attend are asked to call Social Actions Division at 3546 for the specific time and place of the meeting.

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