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Arrivederci Italia . . .



Lt. Col. Jerry Bryant, mission commander, accepts a plaque of appreciation from Lt. Col. Mario Baiguera, commander of the 50th Squadron at Pisa Air Base. Members of the 46th Aero Brigado.

(USAF photo by SSgt. Gordon Newell)

**Story and photos
by
SSgt. Gordon Newell**

"I'd have to say the entire operation was an absolute success," said Lt. Col. Jerry Bryant, commander of the 337th Tactical Airlift Squadron.

He was speaking of the recent deployment of some 150 Westover Reservists to Pisa, Italy.

During the last week of September, eight C-130s from the 337th TAS, 12 aircrews and support personnel left Westover for Pisa, which is located in the west central region of Italy, called Tuscany.

Once there, support units from Andrews AFB, Md., Willow Grove, Pa. and Youngstown MAP, Ohio joined the Westover group in a two-week long deployment.

"One of our biggest worries," said Colonel Bryant, "was our squadron working under a different Wing headquarters (the 459th from Andrews). We weren't sure how things would go and we were a little apprehensive. The bottom line though, is that we accomplished our mission, in fact, we far exceeded expectations as far as flying was concerned."

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Westover saves money by hosting course

By Tsgt. John Wallace Spencer

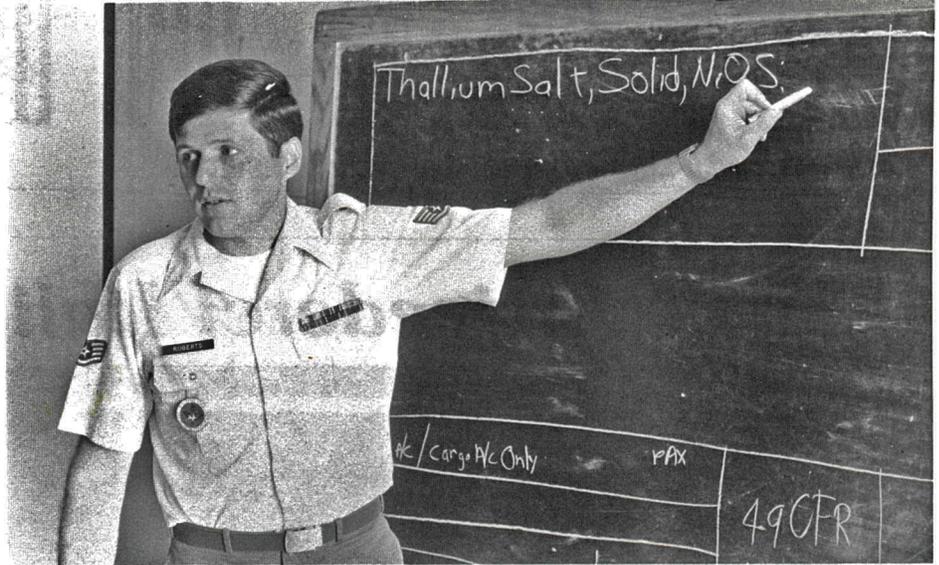
"It's cost efficient," is how CMSgt. Eugene Longfield, 439th Tactical Airlift Wing, chief of consolidated training, described the Airlift of Hazardous Materials Training Course held at Westover September 17-19.

The chief said 22 Reservists from Westover, Niagara Falls IAP, N.Y., Pittsburg IAP, PA and Hanscom AFB, Mass., attended the refresher course.

Chief Longfield explained, "By holding the class here, the taxpayer is saved thousands of dollars. An airline ticket to Sheppard AFB, Texas, where the course is usually held costs about \$450. round trip. Instead of sending the 22 Reservists to Texas, the Air Training Command sent an instructor, SSgt. Charles E. Roberts to Westover."

Sergeant Roberts, an air cargo specialist, drilled the class on safe airlift, characteristics of hazardous materials, safety and packing requirements and proper marking, labeling, accepting, transporting and storage of hazardous materials.

"It's a requirement that all personnel who handle, or will handle hazardous materials for air shipment, be recertified



SSgt. Charles E. Roberts, Air Training Command instructor, illustrates a point during the Hazardous materials course.
(USAF photo by Capt. Philip Weber)

every two years," said Sergeant Roberts. I'm just one of several instructors who travel the world conducting these courses for all branches of the military."

Chief Longfield said that Westover is the central location for Airlift of Hazard-

ous Materials Certification Courses for Reservists and DOD civilian personnel from all over New England, New York and Pennsylvania. He went on to say, "The next courses, both the one week basic and three day refresher, are scheduled at Westover in February.

Moran gets lieutenant bars



2nd Lt. Donald F. Moran

"I had very mixed emotions about leaving my old unit. I have a lot of respect for the people of the 58th MAPS who work so professionally. But I also was looking forward to the new oppor-

tunity," said newly commissioned 2nd Lt. Donald F. Moran.

He just had exchanged his master sergeant stripes for gold bars at ceremonies, on Sept. 9 at his former unit. Lieutenant Moran received his promotion through the Deserving Airman Commissioning Program and now serves as wing executive support officer.

The lieutenant lives in Belchertown with his wife, Paula, and two children, Heather, 6, and Kymberly, 2.

His former commander, Maj. Andrew Kasznay, Jr. said, "It's gratifying that qualified and dedicated people are recognized for their efforts in the Reserve system. I hated to lose Lieutenant Moran, but the Air Force Reserve is richer for this."

Heather was equally delighted — for another reason. Previously, she had watched her father receive the Air Force Commendation Medal at similar ceremonies. After seeing the two bars placed on his shoulders, she proclaimed, "Daddy, I'm really proud of you. This time you got two medals."

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Aircrew spouses take to the air

Story and photos by TSgt. Alan J. Sorensen



Barbara Sullivan, (l.) wife of TSgt. John Sullivan, and Judy Haugen view the scenery from the C-130 cockpit.

Maj. Lichtenberg has reservations on the Columbia

One of Westover's neighbors will be blasting off for outer space in the near future.

Maj. Bryon Lichtenberg, a pilot with the 104th Tactical Fighter Group of the Massachusetts Air National Guard in Westfield, is one of the astronauts who will participate in the next flight of the space shuttle Columbia.

The major is a biomedical engineer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During the mission, he will conduct experiments designed to help cure the problem of "space sickness" among astronauts.

Major Lichtenberg, 35, was a fighter pilot during the Vietnam War. He has been a member of the 104th TFG since 1973.

The 104th is based at the Barnes Municipal Airport in Westfield, and often conducts joint training missions with the 439th TAW.

A number of Western Massachusetts dignitaries, including representatives from the wing, are expected to be present at Cape Canaveral in Florida when Major Lichtenberg departs on his historic space journey.



Frisbees fly over Cape Cod. Capt. Tom Frisbee and his wife, Jeanena, enjoy an aerial view of Cape Cod.



Art Murphy, Chief of Airfield Management, briefs air crew spouses prior to their orientation flight.

"Now I know why my husband spends so much time with his head in the clouds, literally," said Kathleen M. Custer after her first flight in a C-130. Mrs. Custer, the wife of Maj. Edward C. Custer, Jr., was one of the 12 wives participating in the new Patriot Spouse Program in September.

Patriot Spouse is a Reserve program that allows spouses of air crew members to take an orientation flight to better understand the air crews' job in the Reserve.

"This program gives the husband or wife of a Reservist an opportunity to see how important the Reservist's job is to our unit," said Col. James P. Thomas, deputy commander of operations. "It also helps the spouse feel more like a member of the team."

Although Patriot Spouse flights are currently restricted to air crew spouses, Colonel Thomas said efforts are being made to open the orientation flights to the spouses on non-flying Reservists.

Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen was the pilot for the first Patriot Spouse flight. It was also the general's last military flight. The general would like to see these flights take place on a regular basis. "I feel this program can help boost family involvement in the Reserves," said General Haugen. "It definitely gives the spouses a better understanding of our mission."

The wives all enjoyed their flight. Jill Ragucci, wife of loadmaster TSgt. Richard E. Ragucci, summed up the spouses' feelings. "I loved the flight. I would definitely do what I could to go up on another flight."

Flight crew members interested in future Patriot Spouse flights should contact the 337th TAS operations section.

MSgt. George E. Conway appointed wing first shirt

MSgt. George E. Conway, former ancillary wing training NCOIC, became the wing's new first sergeant on the October UTA.

The Norwalk, Conn., resident has been in the Air Force Reserve since 1978 with nine years prior active duty service.

Sergeant Conway said his goal is to reach 100 percent effectiveness in wing training and mission accomplishment.

In civilian life, he is a senior data systems analyst with IBM in White Plains, N.Y. He is married and has three children.



Col. Louis Paskevicz and MSgt. George Conway discuss redrafting the Wing's 400 plan.

(UAAF photo by Capt. P. Weber)

Know Your Entitlements

ROBINS AFB, Ga. (AFRNS) — Air Force Reservists and their dependents are authorized numerous rights, benefits, privileges and entitlements based on the member's training or duty status when a particular situation occurs: e.g., member is injured, contracts a disease, retires or dies. You and your spouse or other family members should be aware of the provisions of current laws. You should review these and also advise your dependents that they must notify the unit of assignment of a deceased member immediately in order that casualty assistance representatives may assist them in obtaining appropriate benefits.

The following true/false test highlights some of the major programs affecting Reservists. After you've completed this, check your answers. Your Personnel Services representative can provide additional information.

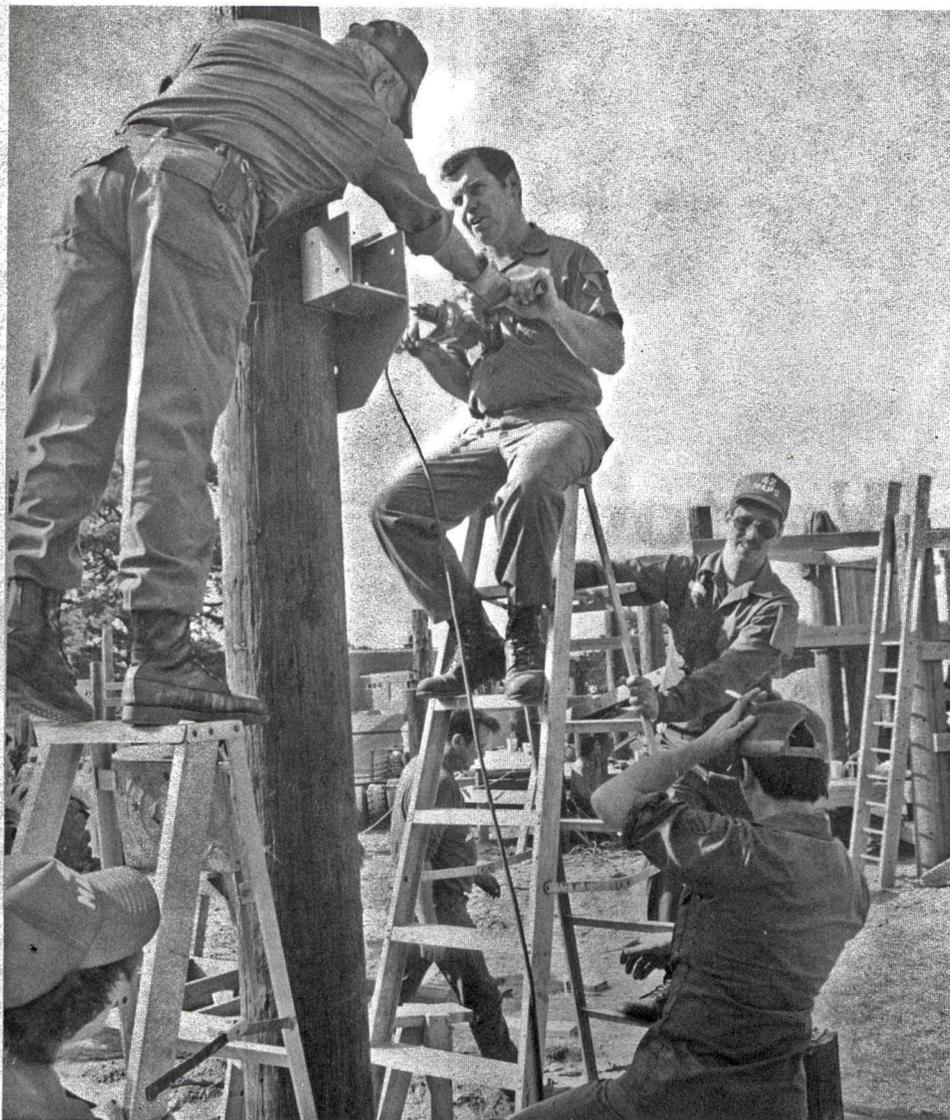
QUESTIONS

- Survivor benefits will not be paid unless applied for.
- A member must be complying with an order specifying active status for a period of more than 30 days for either dependents or survivors to be authorized medical benefits under the Uniform Services Health Benefits Program (USHBP).
- Enrollment in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) is required for any dependent to receive medical treatment.
- The Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP) enables you to provide a monthly annuity of up to 55 percent of your retired pay to your survivors should you die.
- Final pay and allowances, the death gratuity and Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) proceeds cannot be disposed of under the terms of a will.
- You may designate anyone to receive final pay and allowance.
- The death gratuity is a sum equal to six months pay but not less than \$800 nor more than \$3,000.
- Reservists are authorized to receive advance payment for death gratuity.
- SGLI provides for automatic coverage of \$35,000 (unless member elected lower amount or declined coverage) on a full-time basis for ready Reservists.
- Reserve members who die while performing inactive duty training are provided mortuary services at government expense.
- The survivors of Reserve members who die while performing inactive duty training are authorized the issue of the dependent ID card (DD Form 1173).
- Reserve members are entitled to the same medical care authorized members of the regular component during the period of duty specified in orders while on active duty or active duty for training.
- For the purpose of medical and disability entitlements, a member is considered in a travel status upon departing residence with the intention of going directly to or from the place where ordered to perform duty and terminates upon direct return to residence upon completion of the tour of duty (while performing active duty or active duty for training).
- Medical care is not authorized for injuries incurred while traveling to or from inactive duty training or before, between or after periods of inactive duty training.
- SGLI terminates at age 61 or on receipt of retirement pay, whichever occurs sooner.

True is the correct answer to all questions except #8, which is false. (Information provided by Hq. AFRES Personal Affairs Division.)

Those who didn't get 100 percent may get the right answers at CBPO Customer Service Center, Building 1850.

Reservists help with playscape



Westover Reservists help construct a playscape at the Bowie Elementary School. From left are Sgt. Debbie Howard, TSgt. Don Morin, TSgt. Lewis Carter, and SSgt. Helmut Smuck.

(USAF photo by Capt. Phil Weber)

There are a lot of smiling faces at the Bowie Elementary School these days — thanks in part to a contingent of Westover Reservists.

Volunteers from the 439th recently helped construct an innovative playscape at the school, which is located just outside the base's main gate, and is operated by the Chicopee School System.

The equipment — an imaginative maze of telephone poles, tires, ladders, slides and wooden configurations of every size and shape — was purchased with funds raised entirely by the Bowie students.

Reservists from every unit on the base joined forces with Westover Job Corps members and Bowie parents and students to erect the playscape on Sept. 24.

"It was a real community effort, a modern-day barn raising," said Col. Roy E. Ayers, base commander. "Everybody pitched in, from the kindergarten kids to senior citizens in the neighborhood," he said.

"I really enjoyed it," said SSgt. John Szewc, Mobility NCO with the 42nd MAPS. "It was fun helping those kids, and the playscape is really something to behold."

Colonel Ayers said that he was proud of the Westover volunteers, and pleased that Westover could "make such a positive contribution to the surrounding community." "I'm always glad when we can help our neighbors, particularly with a project as worthwhile as this one," he added.

MILITARY NEWS . . .

First Interservice Bust

— An aircrew from the Air Force Reserve's 433rd Tactical Airlift Wing, Kelly AFB, Texas, has been praised by the U.S. Coast Guard for its help in the First Reserve U.S. Coast Guard interservice drug arrest.

A C-130B Hercules aircrew was returning to Kelly after completing an aeromedical evacuation training mission in Florida. While enroute, Coast Guard officials asked for help in finding a suspected drug smuggling vessel in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Air Force Reserve crew searched a 300-square-mile area in the Gulf, finding about 20 vessels. One in particular caught their attention because it was motionless. Directed to the location, Coast Guardsmen seized the 60-foot boat with 15 tons of marijuana and took the crew into custody.

In a message, the Coast Guard said, "As a result of your timely assistance the fishing vessel 'Captain Buck' was seized with 15 tons of marijuana on board. . . . Well done."

A spokesman for the Coast Guard's Eighth District in New Orleans, which had requested Air Force Reserve assistance, confirmed that the incident was the first time Reserve aircraft had cooperated with the Coast Guard under a new interservice agreement.

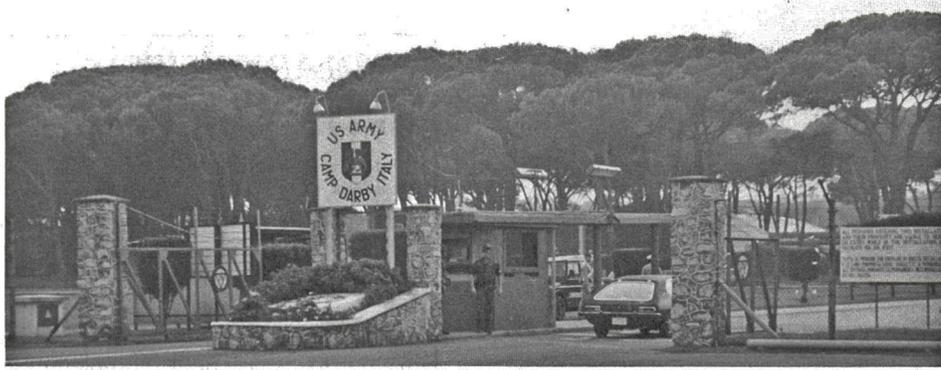
The operation was conducted by the National Narcotics Border Interdiction System, composed of coordinating federal agencies, as part of the president's war on drugs.

USAFR personnel strength

The Air Force Reserve expects to reach its highest ever personnel strength of more than 66,600 people in September according to AFRES officials. The final congressional funded drill pay level for fiscal year 1982 was set at 63,736. AFRES surpassed the congressional funded drill pay level for five consecutive years and is expected to increase about 2,000 more in FT 84.

Aerial spray missions

Three Air Force Reserve C-123K aircraft from the 907th Tactical Airlift Group, Rickenbacker AFB, Ohio, continued aerial spray missions in the western counties of Minnesota fighting an increase of encephalitis-carrying mosquitos.



The entrance to Camp Darby, Italy.

... Hello Westover

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When the trip was being planned, the 337th was informed that flying would be done only during daytime hours because the Pisa Air Base was not equipped with runway lights. Upon arrival however, the US Air Force in Europe (USAFE) had given the okay to use portable lights and the workday was suddenly expanded to a 24-hour operation.

"Once our planes were incorporated into the USAFE system," explained Colonel Bryant, "we were really put to the test."

Apparently the squadron passed with flying colors.

During the employment phase of the operation, 337th aircraft flew a total of 207 sorties and were in the air for a total of 414.8 hours.

They carried 416.2 tons of cargo, 2079 passengers and dropped 4.3 tons of cargo and 701 troops, all of whom were Italian paratroopers on training jumps.

During deployment, the planes racked up another 114.1 hours of flying time and during re-deployment, 127.3 for a grand total of 647.9 hours.

Missions were flown to sites in West Germany, England, Norway, Denmark, Turkey, Cyprus and Sicily, all in support of the on-going NATO exercise, "Autumn Forge."

During the entire time, only two

breakdowns occurred that prevented flying for any length of time.

"It's a real tribute to our maintenance people," said Colonel Bryant. "With such an ambitious schedule, as many as ten major breakdowns would have been acceptable. The record was remarkable."

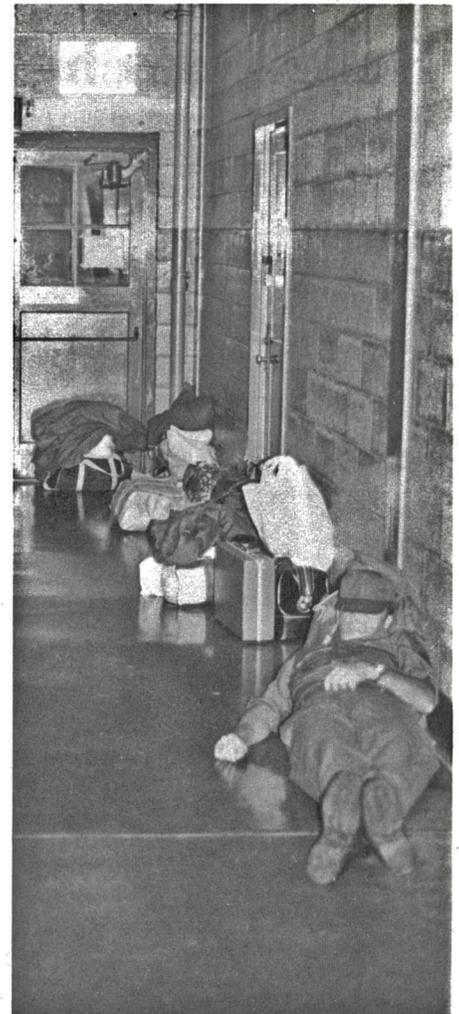
Both of the problems involved fuel systems. One plane was on a mission to Rhein Main in West Germany and was repaired there. The other occurred in Pisa and was taken care of by 905th personnel with an able assist from their Italian counterparts.

"Our maintenance people have been on hundreds of these exercises and they just keep getting better at their jobs all the time," enthused Colonel Bryant.

The deployment was the first time the Air Force Reserve and the Italian Air Force had taken part in a joint venture using the Pisa Air Base.

"The experience of operating from an Italian Air Base in a full-scale exercise such as this has been invaluable," said mission commander Brig. Gen. Charles E. Jones, who is commander of the 459th TAW at Andrews.

"I have been on exercises like this one in many places around the world, but I've never seen more co-operative people than I've met here. The entire exercise was the epitome of NATO forces working together to get a job done," he added.



SSgt. Carleton Lavin, catnaps in the hallway of base operations in Lajes, Azores on the way home.



CMSgt. Paul Dube of the 905th CAMS holds the squadron's newly adopted mascot at Pisa AFB.



SrA. Wood deflates a survival raft.
(USAF photo by Sgt. Sandra Michon)

"Patriot People"

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 Feeding Hills, MA 01030
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 instructor
Civilian Occupation: same (ART)
Favorite Food: Lobster
Favorite Beverage: Beer
Favorite Sports: Football
Favorite Hobby: Four-wheeling

Ideal Vacation: Backpacking in
 Canada
Best Way To Relax: Playing drums
Preferred Entertainment: Sports
Favorite Celebrity: Richard Pryor
Favorite Music: Disco/jazz
Favorite Magazine: Off Road
Favorite Book: Jeep Maintenance
 Manual
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Car: Jeep
Pet Peeve: Tests
Best Thing About Westover:
 Dogpatch

Form here to a certainty

By TSgt. John Wallace Spencer

Just about every Reservist has been faced with the perplexing problem of what forms are required before and after various duty assignments. To help us with this dilemma, several typical situations are briefly examined:

RESCHEDULED UTA: There are two instances when a Reservist's regularly scheduled UTA can be rescheduled. The first is when a unit is scheduled for a special training exercise on dates other than the regularly scheduled UTA.

The other is when the commander needs a Reservist for the benefit of the unit on dates other than the Reservist's regularly scheduled UTA.

If Reservists know in advance that they will have a problem attending a particular UTA, they are advised to contact their commander and explain the situation.

If the Reservists' UTA can be rescheduled for the convenience of the unit, the commander initiates a "Reschedule of Unit Training Assembly (UTA) Letter."

The rescheduled UTA dates must be accomplished after the previous UTA and completed before the next regularly scheduled UTA.

For example, if the August UTA is rescheduled, it must be accomplished after the July UTA, and completed before the September UTA.

At the completion of a rescheduled UTA, Reservists must sign an **AF Form 40a**, "Authorization for Individual Inactive Duty Training."

MISSED UTA: When a Reservist fails to report for a scheduled UTA weekend without notifying their unit in advance, three copies of **AFRES Form 130**,

"Reserve Training Request and Authorization," will be immediately mailed to their home address.

Upon receipt of the forms, the member must complete Section I and return all copies by mail in the provided enclosed addressed envelope.

If the forms are not received by Reservists seven days following the missed UTA, their commander will be notified by the orderly room.

This is extremely important because if the completed forms are not received by the CBPO 21 days following the missed UTA, the Reservist will be charged with four unexcused absences. Five unexcused absences could result in downgrading, while nine unexcused could result in being dropped from active status.

MAKE-UP OF MISSED UTA: Reservists desiring to make-up missed UTAs must complete Section II of the **AFRES Form 130**. Specified make-up dates must be within 60 days of the missed UTA.

At the completion of each make-up UTA day, Reservists must sign an **AF Form 40a**, "Authorization for Individual Inactive Duty Training."

Reservists are limited to four UTA periods make-up training for pay, during a single fiscal year. Also rescheduled and make-up UTA dates must be completed within the same fiscal year as the originally scheduled UTA.

ANNUAL ACTIVE DUTY TOUR: When requesting an annual active duty tour, **AF Form 1289**, "Application for Active Duty Training," must be filled out.

Upon completion of the annual tour,

One copy-set of **DD Form 1351-2**, "Travel Voucher or Subvoucher," must be filled out and submitted with four copies of the Reservist's orders, to the Travel Pay section.

Also, **AF Form 458**, "Statement of Tour of Duty," must be filled out in duplicate and submitted with two copies of the Reservist's orders, to the unit of assignment for certification and processing.

SCHOOL TOURS AND SPECIAL TOURS: When requesting school or special tours such as Man-Days, **AFRES Form 175**, "Application for Utilization of Man-Days Order Request," must be filled out.

Upon completion of a school or special tour, two copies of the Reservist's computerized orders, with the "Statement of Tour of Duty" portion filled out, must be submitted to the supervision of the training for certification and processing.

DD Form 1351-2 must be filled out as described for annual active duty tours.

When regular orders are cut, follow the procedure outlined for annual active duty tours.

MSgt. Paul D. Wood, NCOIC operations support branch, Hq., 439th TAW said, "No one enjoys paperwork, but it's absolutely necessary. The final objective is an orderly process of details and a satisfied Reservist."

"The best way to make any person happy is to pay them what's due, without unnecessary delay. Westover people are fortunate because we have the finest military pay and travel pay sections in the Air Force Reserve."

Engineers rough it in readiness campout

story and photos by
Maj. Robert Carroll

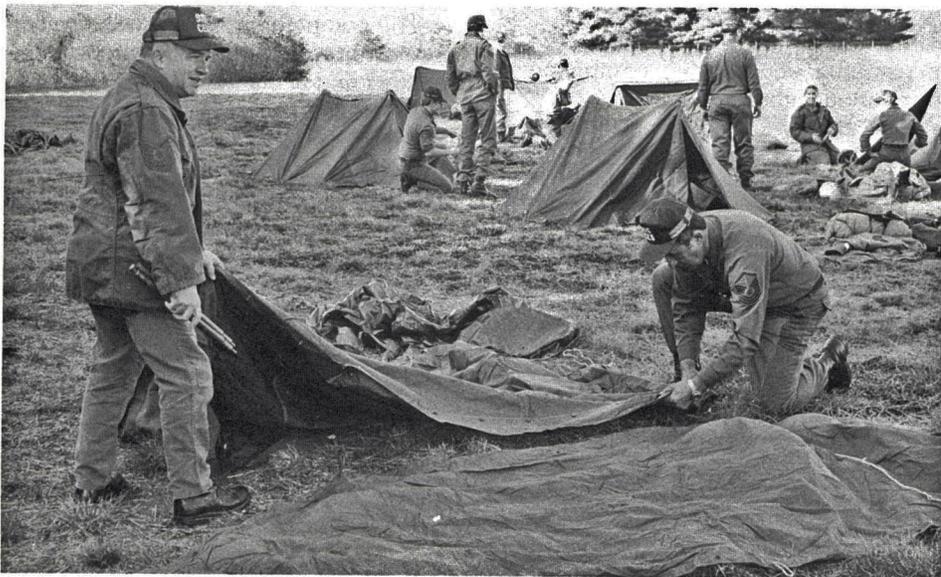
The frost was on the pumpkin, and the Canada Geese were heading south, but the 905th CES was not deterred from conducting an overnight field training exercise during the October UTA.

As part of their annual training requirements, 104 men and women picked up their mobility kits and moved into the base's Dogpatch area to experience eating and sleeping under the stars. After much laughter and a few banged hands, more than 50 pup and command tents were set up along with a fully equipped field kitchen.

Maj. William Garrity, unit commander, noted that this was a new experience for many of the unit's personnel, and a very good orientation to the



SSgt. Guy Anderson uses an air pump to pressurize a field stove in preparation for dinner.



MSgt. Paul Lombardi and SMSgt. Frank Notturmo set up their tent.

equipment in their mobility bags. "It is something we'll do regularly to have the readiness necessary for our mission," he said.

The 905th must be able to deploy worldwide with their personnel and equipment. They are required to be self sufficient and operational, supporting their Prime Beef civil engineering mission.

Once the camp site had been established, the unit had a hot meal prepared by their own food service personnel. Afterwards, additional training was conducted in the '3-Rs' (rapid runway repair); bomb damage repair and chemical warfare.

The next morning, after an early breakfast, they broke down the camp and returned to their permanent quarters.



TSgt. Dawn Schile and A1C Lori Lester stow their gear.

Commanders' Call

Westover Reservists scheduled, during the October UTA Commanders' Call, to receive recognition for their contributions to their units and to the Air Force Reserve, were:

Air Force Commendation Medal:
MSgt. William R. Currier, 901st
CAMS
TSgt. L. C. Mays, Jr. 74th AES
TSgt. Barbara A. Morris, 59th
MAPS.

Air Force Achievement Medal:
MSgt. Glendon S. Bemis, 439th
CSG
TSgt. James F. Hniedziejko, 59th
MAPS
TSgt. Sidney H. Jones, 59th MAPS.

Westover's top athletes honored at awards banquet

By Capt. Rick Dyer

Westover's superstars received their accolades Oct. 15th when the Intramural Sports Awards Banquet was held at the Consolidated Open Mess.

The club resembled a trophy room as Col. Roy E. Ayers, base commander, presented a plethora of awards to the base's top athletes.

First Sergeant Wayne Smith and Mrs. Kathy Knichel received the 1983 Base Commanders Award for outstanding contributions to the Westover sports program.

Sergeant Smith, a Marine stationed at the base, was honored as a coach-player in the intramural basketball, volleyball and softball leagues, and was also cited for his extensive participation in Westover youth sports programs.

Mrs. Smith, an employee with the 439th CSG/DE, is a top-flight volleyball and softball player who has also worked closely with little league teams.

Sharon Foster was named MVP of the women's intramural softball league, while Paul Cooper won the award in the

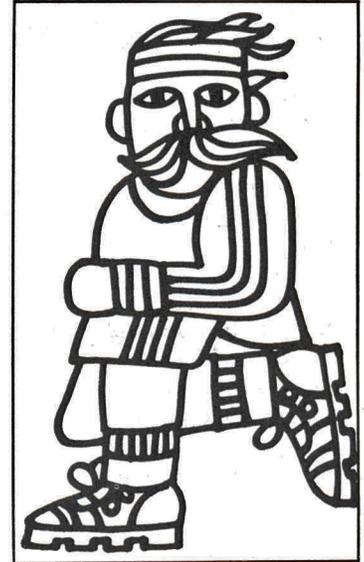
men's division.

The U.S. Navy "Wizards" softball team received a trophy as Westover's top men's squad, while the 439th CSG's "Working Women" were honored for capturing the ladies' league.

Mike McNicholas, director of recreation services, presented certificates of special appreciation to Dale Altman, transportation officer, the base fire department, the roads and grounds division of base civil engineering, and the I&I staff of the Marine detachment at Westover. The awards were given in recognition of special contributions to the sports program during the past year.

"The intramural leagues are the hub of the Air Force sports program here at Westover," McNicholas told the nearly 100 people attending the awards dinner. "We've had a very successful year at the base, and it's gratifying to see so many men and women competing in our various athletic events."

McNicholas served as master of ceremonies at the banquet, and Colonel Ayers was the featured speaker.



Record Turkey Trot field

A record field is expected to answer the starter's gun on Nov. 6 when the fifth annual Turkey Trot five-mile road race is held at Westover.

The competition, which will also feature a three-mile run for female competitors and a 1.5-mile run for children, will start at 11 a.m. in front of the base gym.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in a variety of categories. Post entries will be accepted on the morning of the race.

Celio Hernandez, a speedy technical sergeant with the 905th CAM, is the defending champion. Hernandez has won the race for the past two years and holds the course record of 25:27.

The event is sponsored by the base Morale Welfare and Recreation division, with Ron Turmelle serving as race director.

Football competition slated

A new youth sports program will be launched at Westover during the November UTA.

Mike McNicholas, director of recreation services, has announced that a "Punt, Pass and Kick" competition will be held outside the base gym on Saturday, Nov. 5, starting at 10 a.m.

The competition will be open to children ages 6-13. Prizes will be awarded to the first three finishers in a number of age categories.

McNicholas said that the base would also sponsor a "Dribble, Pass and Shoot" competition for youngsters during the basketball season, and a "Hit, Pitch and Field" event for budding baseball stars next spring.

Around the Air Force Reserve

The 1983 recipient of the Air Force's newly established Air Reserve Forces Transportation Award is the vehicle maintenance branch, 914th Tactical Airlift, Group, Niagara Falls IAP, N.Y.

The Air Force announced that the Air Force Reserve's 927th Aerial Port Flight, Selfridge ANGB, Mich., will gain an additional 74 Reservist positions and convert to an aerial port squadron. The 927th Civil Engineering Squadron there will gain 35 Reservist positions. Also, the 403rd Rescue and Weather Reconnaissance Wing will be transferred from Selfridge to Keesler AFB, Miss.

The Air Force satisfied another important phase of its electronic combat initiative with the Oct. 1 activation at Offutt AFB, Neb., of its second Air Force Reserve defensive command, control and communications countermeasures unit — the 8078th Electronic Security Squadron. The Reserve's first such unit, the 8075th ESS, Brooks AFB, Texas, was established in 1981. If mobilized, both squadrons would be

gained by the Electronic Security Command. Reservists will train for and conduct communications surveillance activities in support of the Strategic Air Command.

The 452nd Air Refueling Wing, March AFB, Calif., was honored as the Air Force Association's outstanding Reserve flying wing of the year during the AFA's 37th anniversary national convention. . . . According to the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, Air Training Command's Community College of the Air Force is now the largest multicampus junior, technical or community college in the nation.

The Air Force Reserve's 12th U.S. Air Force Contingency Hospital was activated at Travis AFB, Calif., on Oct. 1. It will support the David Grant U.S. Air Force Medical Center and four detachments. The 609 person hospital unit and its detachments will make Reservists trained in various medical skills available to take the place of active force medical professionals deployed during a contingency or national emergency.

Local G.E. plant gets Defense award

The General Electric factory in Pittsfield was one of the first area employers honored by the Massachusetts Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

A plaque and an Employer Support Flag recently were presented to the company by a military contingent which included Col. James Thomas, 439th TAW deputy commander for operations.

The award recognized G.E.'s program of employee support of those in the National Guard or a branch of the Reserves and its military pay assistance program in operation since 1897. Last year, the plant provided almost \$54,000 to 105 employees.

It was three of those employees who nominated G.E. and started the recognition process. The Arlington, Va.-based committee, in turn, selects the most deserving companies.

Members of Reserve units also may nominate their bosses by requesting information from the Massachusetts Committee at 53 Ramah Circle South, Agawam, MA 01001; or by calling Stanley Zucker at (413) 786-3994.



Col. James Thomas (left) and Col. Chester Gorski, 3rd Brigade Army National Guard, display the Employer Support Flag. Looking on is Donald Sherman, executive director for Massachusetts Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.



PROMOTIONS

Capt. Charles W. Fox
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ENLISTMENTS/REENLISTMENTS

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Chapel windows preserve precious memories.

When Sac's 99th Bomb Wing pulled out of Westover AFB, MA., in 1974, half of the base's land was turned over to the surrounding communities.

On one parcel sits the former Westover main chapel, deeded to the Chicopee Child Development Center. It is probably the most unique center in the nation because it is flanked on both sides by eight original stained glass windows, with three windows in the front. These windows, which depict Air Force history and represent Air Force people, no longer belong to the Air Force.

panels are memorial

The stained glass panels are a memorial to airmen who died in the line of duty and are gifts from SAC and Westover.

One of the windows in the front is especially significant. Rising from the floor of the choir loft, it is a memorial to Brig. Gen Donald W. Saunders, his crew and 14 national newsmen who were killed on June 27, 1958, in a crash during takeoff to England. It is now boarded up to prevent vandalism.

Not only has vandalism been a daily fear, but to make matters worse, private parties have expressed interest in purchasing the windows.

prior efforts

Previous efforts to make the chapel a national monument under the Department of the Interior and those of the Westover Chapter of Gold Star Wives (some of whom have loved-ones represented in the windows) to relocate them to an active-duty chapel have failed.

In early 1981, then AFSA Chapter 109 president, CMSgt. Joe Kulewicz (Ret.), picked up where everyone else



An example of the Chapel's stained glass windows.

(USAF photo by MSGt. Larry Lentz)

had given up, and the most ambitious joint AFSA and Auxiliary chapter project was launched.

Kulewicz discovered that the Westover chapel was built exactly like the one at nearby Pease AFB, N.H., which has only plain gold glass. He contacted the 509th Wing commander there and received his wholehearted support.

The chapters then began direct negotiations with the child care center. Eventually the center's directors voted to release the windows.

Basically the agreement asked for replacement of the stained glass windows with thermal pane, estimated to cost \$8,200, and a yet to be determined financial donation to the center.

The removal of the windows was the next problem to solve. Kulewicz located the company which originally designed and installed the windows who delivered a cost estimate for removal, shipment and installation at the Pease chapel — \$14,400.

Recently, SSgt. Suzanne Cordes, 439th CSG special services technician,

assumed the presidency of the local AFSA chapter and the efforts to find a new home for the windows.

"However, there's been an added complication. Officials at Pease, AFB have refused the windows because of fear of breakage and vandalism," Sergeant Cordes reports. "We're hoping, however, that the Air Force Museum at Wright Patterson AFB, Gunther AFB or Maxwell AFB will accept them."

And so the bottom line for AFSA Chapters 109 and A-109 is to raise \$30,000. "It's sad that the fate of the windows has entered a mundane realm of dollars," Helen Kulewicz, A-109 president said. "But it would be sadder still, if the chapters cannot meet their agreement with the center, and the windows fall prey to an unpredictable limbo."

If you would like to assist Chapters 109 and A-109 in this most noteworthy and charitable project, send you tax-deductible donation to: CHAPEL WINDOWS FUND, P.O. BOX 200, LUDLOW, MA 01056.

Col. Jones honored

Col. Warner E. Jones, commander of the 439th Tactical Hospital, was recently awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for his work at the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine at Brooks AFB, Texas.

The colonel was honored for his work at the school during the past three years teaching a quarterly course on battlefield medicine.

In civilian life, Colonel Jones is a physician who practices internal and aviation medicine in Springfield, Vt.

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