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"Byron's Buddies" boosts space shuttle blastoff

By Capt. Rick Dyer

When Maj. Byron Lichtenberg departed on a recent mission, a few of his buddies decided to see him off at the plane.

It wasn't your ordinary mission or plane, however, and it wasn't your ordinary type of send-off.

Major Lichtenberg, a pilot with the Massachusetts Air National Guard's 104th Tactical Fighter Group in Westfield, was one of six astronauts who blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Fla. Nov. 28 aboard Space Shuttle Columbia.

Among the 50,000 spectators on hand at the John F. Kennedy Space Center to view the liftoff were a contingent of 104th Guardsmen, Air Force Reservists from the 439th TAW, and their employers.

The trip was sponsored by the Massachusetts Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

"We had a dual purpose," said Stanley Zucker, an Agawam, Mass. business executive who heads the employer support committee. "We wanted to show Byron some 'home-town support,' and we also wanted to show some appreciation to our employers."

Twenty-three bosses from all walks of life accompanied their blue-suited hosts on the trip. There were doctors, lawyers and even a pair of chiefs.

Raymond J. Boudet, chief of the Springfield Fire Department, was the guest of TSgt. Steven Silpe of the 104th. MSgt Ted Erhardt of the 439th hosted his boss, Chicopee Police Chief Ed Dowd.

During the trip, the citizen-airmen and their employers had the opportunity to discuss the part-time military

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At the command of "Lift the Pole", Westover Reservists from the 905th CES install a 30 foot flag pole at Bowie Elementary School as part of a civic assistance program during the December UTA.

(USAF photo by Maj. Bob Carroll)



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Patriot selected best USAF newspaper

"The best newspaper in the Air Force."

That's what the judges in the Air Force Media Contest decided about the *Patriot* last month when it selected the paper for its top award in the funded, offset category.

"We are obviously delighted, particularly since we were competing on a world-wide basis with all other regular, Reserve and National Guard publications," said MSgt. Lawrence Lentz,

Patriot editor. "Every member of our staff is responsible for this honor."

The publication had won first place honors in 14th Air Force competition and was one of the finalists in the AFRES Media Contest.

In a congratulatory letter, Col. Thomas Diamond, Director of Public Affairs for the Military Airlift Command, cited the public affairs staff. "We are proud of our MAC-gained units and this proves once again the great contribu-

tions you make to our public affairs program," he wrote.

Two members of the Public Affairs staff also won individual awards in the AFRES media contest.

Capt. Rick Dyer won first place in the sports writing competition and finished second in the news writing and journalist of the year categories.

Capt. Phil Weber earned a third-place award in the photojournalism division.

Guard and Reserve and the space shuttle mission . . .

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duties performed by the Guardsmen and Reservists.

"It was a great experience, and a wonderful chance for the civilian bosses to learn what their personnel do in the Guard and Reserve," said Zucker.

Mission memento

Prior to the launch, the chairman met with Major Lichtenberg and gave him a flag bearing the employer support committee's insignia. It was one of the mementoes which the astronaut took with him on his 10-day space voyage.

Major Lichtenberg, a biomedical engineer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, performed a number of experiments in the shuttle's space laboratory during the flight. It marked the first time that the space lab was used in an orbital mission.

Thanks to the major, members of the Massachusetts contingent watched the 11 a.m. launch from a special VIP viewing area.

Lift-off

They had been promised that the lift-off would be a spectacular sight, and they weren't disappointed.

Following a flawless countdown, Columbia hurtled from its launching pad, enveloped in the massive ball of flame produced by its thundering rockets. As huge columns of smoke settled over the launch area, and the ground shook from the force of the blastoff, Columbia streaked into the sky like a meteor.

Within 30 seconds, the space shuttle was out of view, having sped 90 miles down-range. By the time the visitors returned to their bus ten minutes later, Columbia was over Nova Scotia.

"It was such an impressive sight," said Chief Boudet, whose fire department has 25 members serving in either the



Mr. Stanley Zucker holding employer support flag with Byron Lichtenberg during a September press conference.

104th TFG or the 439th TAW. "It was the thrill of a lifetime," he added.

After the launch, "Byron's buddies" were treated to a tour of the Space Center and lunch at nearby Patrick AFB. The Bay Staters were flown to and from Florida aboard a C-130 piloted by Col. James Thomas, the 439th's deputy commander for operations.

"It was a very pleasant trip, and the members of the two units really enjoyed the opportunity to get to know each other better," Colonel Thomas said. "It was also nice that we had the opportunity to do something special for the employers who have done so much to help us."

"Byron Lichtenberg is a perfect ex-

ample of the type of dedicated professional who serves in the Guard and Reserve," Chairman Zucker said. Obviously, not all of our people are astronauts, but all of them do make important contributions to our nation."

"We try very hard to make one point with employers—that Guardsmen and Reservists protect them, and that they in turn must help to protect the jobs of the Guardsmen and Reservists," Zucker continued. "People like Byron Lichtenberg make our job a lot easier," he added with a smile.

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Tactical training weekends maintain proficiency



By SSgt. Gordon A. Newell

Flight personnel at Westover AFB are firmly committed to the old saw, "practice makes perfect".

The 337th Tactical Airlift Squadron, which operates 16 C-130E's out of Westover, consists of 78 enlisted men and 102 officers involved in the operation of the durable and hard-working planes that are a mainstay in the Air Force's air cargo fleet.

To keep their flying proficiency at the same level as an active duty aircrew member, members of the squadron participate in Tactical Training Weekends in addition to on-going training, operational missions and the one-weekend-a-month Unit Training Assembly that is required of all Reservists.

Major James Gallin, a veteran 337th pilot, explains why tactical training sessions are so important. "It gives us the opportunity to practice proficiency in tactics and maneuvering that might be required in a combat situation. It also helps us to maintain our skills in case we are called to active duty during an emergency."

"Tactical training time also affords us the chance to fulfill requirements for training in such areas as low level flying, air drops, formation flying procedures, tactical approaches and landings," he said.

Reservists play key role in Grenada

(AFRNS) — An Air Force Reserve crew brought the first American evacuees from Grenada to Charleston AFB, S.C., following hostilities in that island nation. Students from the St. George's School of Medicine were evacuated from the island by a C-141 flown by the 315th Military Airlift Wing for their return to the United States.

Other Reserve crews and augmentees flying with active duty Military Airlift Command crews completed the airlift, bringing back 622 U.S. and 87

The aircraft wait on the ramp for the next training phase.

(USAF photos by Capt. Phil Weber)



Reserve aerial port members of the 85th APS at Hanscom AFB and loadmasters from the 335th MAS at McGuire AFB prepare cargo pallets at Westover's loading docks during the joint tactical weekend Nov. 18-20.

Major Gallin explained that Westover planes are allowed by Federal Aviation Administration regulations, to fly as low as 1,000 feet over populated areas, 500 feet over sparsely populated areas and 300 feet over wilderness areas. During tactical training, he said, Westover C-130's often utilize these altitudes.

Nov. 18, 19 and 20, for example, three Westover aircrews were joined by three C-130's from the 61st TAS from Little Rock AFB, Ark., two from the 700th TAS from Dobbins, AFB, Ga., and one from the 758th TAS from Pittsburgh, Pa., to practice tactical flying and air drops, using Westover's facilities.

After flying night missions on Friday, the nine turbo-prop planes flew in trail

from Westover to north central New Hampshire, a familiar route for Westover crews. While the three planes from Westover headed east to the Maine wilderness area to practice low level (300 feet) flights, the visiting aircraft headed back to Massachusetts to sharpen air drop skills at Westover's drop zones that are situated in the "Dog Patch" area at the north end of the base.

As dusk approached, all nine planes again congregated on the runway at Westover and continued practicing air drops into the Westover drop zone. In all, the crews were in the air for five hours that day. Again on Sunday, all crews completed a busy schedule of training before the visitors headed back to their respective home bases.

"This type of training gives us the opportunity to operate with multiple aircraft both during the day and at night," Major Gallin said. "It's the real thing and it's invaluable."

In addition to flight crews, support personnel are essential to the success of a Tactical Training Weekend.

"The whole thing is a fairly large cooperative effort," said Major Gallin. "When you take into consideration transportation, feeding, billeting, maintenance and recovery crews for the drop zones, you're talking about a lot of people. And it is excellent training time for all of them."

ROA meeting set

There will be a Reserve Officers Association meeting on Jan. 8 at 11 am at Westover's Open Mess.

The guest speaker, Lt. Col. Alan T. Reed from the 104th Tactical Fighter Group, Mass. Air National Guard, at Westfield. The mission of the A-10s at Barnes Airfield will be discussed.

What will happen to your family?

by Sgt. Sandra Michon

Mobilization is normally an exercise, but if the real thing should happen, what would happen to your family?

This is a serious matter for all military personnel, but particularly for single parents and military couples with dependents.

"This requirement is receiving a lot of emphasis today," explained Maj. George W. Caldwell, installation mobility officer. "It's an Air Force-wide problem, and affects all the services."

According to AFR-35-59, the Air Force must have people in the right place at the right time, unencumbered and ready to perform the jobs for which they have been trained. The regulation reads, "Each Air Force member must make and maintain dependent care arrangements which will allow him or her to be worldwide available at all times. Personnel who fail to make and maintain such arrangements are subject to punitive action under UCMJ and/or involuntary separation."

Single parents and military couples with dependents are required to submit a completed AF Form 357, Dependent Care Certification. The form certifies that dependent care has been planned in the event of mobilization. "My concern," Major Caldwell commented, "is that people have submitted the forms, but have they really made the arrangements?" He related that the military was "lenient" in this area during deployments for the Berlin Airlift, but would



not make exceptions in any future deployments.

Dependents are not only unmarried children under 18, but also any elderly parents for which a Reservist may provide direct care.

The following dependent care counselor's checklist may help in planning dependent care that will not interfere with military responsibilities.

1. Who will care for dependents?
 - a. While on duty (normal hours, alert, recalls, extended duty hours)?
 - b. While TDY?
 - c. For extended deployment?
2. Necessity and importance of following documents:
 - a. Power of attorney authorizing medical care.

- b. Power of attorney for person designated to act in loco parentis.
 - c. Identification cards for all eligible dependents.
 - d. Will with guardianship provisions.
 3. The necessity to make financial arrangements with designee which will provide support for dependents.
 4. If the designee is not in local area, necessity of:
 - a. Temporary designee in local area until principal designee arrives of dependents are transported to principal designee.
 - b. Transportation arrangements for principal designee to location of dependents or vice versa.
 5. Services are available through the Red Cross, Family Services, Personal Affairs, Legal Office, Accounting and Finance and the Chaplain's office.
- "The American military has been the focus of current events lately," commented Major Caldwell. "This focus reminds us of the necessity to be ready. "Deployment is a traumatic experience," he continued. "You can't do your job at your deployment destination if you're anxious about your family and affairs back home."
- Reservists wishing additional information should contact their unit commander.

Comm flight collects for Soup Kitchen Christmas Present



SSgt. Ann M. Bilodeau and SRA Richard C. Messenger, of the 905th Communication Flight, load cans and boxes of food.

(USAF photo by Maj. Bob Carroll)

All members of the 905th Communications Flight had the chance to play Santa Claus during the December UTA.

They contributed food and/or money to a unit-wide Christmas gift for Kate's Kitchen, a soup kitchen for the poor and needy in Holyoke, operated by the Sisters of Providence. About 160 cans and boxes of everything from soup to nuts was collected along with about \$50 in cash.

The food will be put to good use, said Lucille Miller, a volunteer at the kitchen. "It will really help with every meal — really." Mrs. Miller said the kitchen has been serving an increasing number of people since it opened in 1981.

TSgt. G. Mark LaFrancis, who organized the drive, said, "The unit was far more generous than I expected. It's really a nice way for us to share our Christmas with others."

Served under General Patton

Mike Goldenberg retires after 43 years

By Capt. David Keefe

After 43 years of working for the U.S. military, Myer "Mike" Goldenberg, chief of supply at Westover AFB, is retiring.

A Holyoke native, Goldenberg, 66, began working for the military in 1941 at the Boston Naval Shipyard prior to going on active duty with the Army in 1943. As a soldier, he was a member of General George Patton's 3rd Army staff. A company stenographer, then TSgt. Goldenberg attended many of Patton's staff meetings which were held at 5 o'clock in the morning.

"Unlike the very vocal image actor George C. Scott portrayed in the movie," Goldenberg relates, "Patton was very businesslike in the staff meetings I attended, not that I didn't see him being very vocal in front of his troops. He was a very people oriented leader."

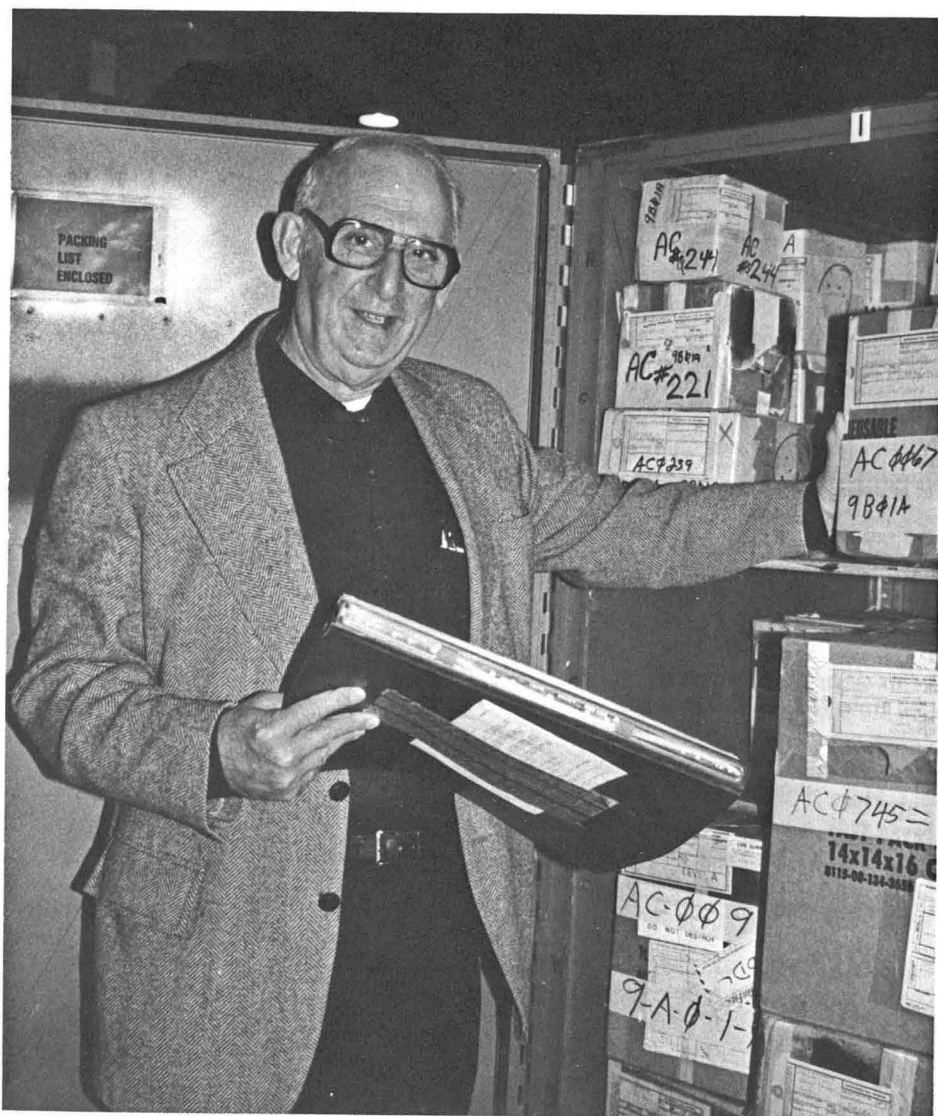
"The superior ORI rating was one of the proudest moments in my professional career."

Being people-oriented is also a trait of Mike Goldenberg. "I feel very close to each of the 62 people who work under me on the base and will miss the daily interaction in their lives that I presently enjoy," he said. "It's one of the main reasons I didn't retire earlier."

Goldenberg came to Westover's supply section as a civilian employee in 1946. Promoted to Assistant Chief of Supply in 1968 while the base was under Strategic Air Command, Goldenberg was promoted to Chief of Supply when the Air Force Reserve came to Westover in 1974.

His career at Westover reached its pinnacle in May 1983 when Supply received superior ratings for the ORI. "That was one of the proudest moments of my professional career," he said. "I extended my retirement date when I heard ORI was coming. We received 123 out of a possible 125 points, and it was a thrill. We missed a perfect score by only two points."

Goldenberg recalls the most active time for base supply was when the 99th



Myer "Mike" Goldenberg, chief of supply.

(USAF photo by Maj. Bob Carroll)

Bombardment Wing (SAC) was stationed at Westover. "We kept 129 aircraft in the air," he said. "It was quite a challenge."

Recently, Goldenberg's superior performance was recognized by Col. Roy E. Ayers, base commander. "Mike has total control of his area," he said. "His outstanding command of supply procedures has allowed Westover to operate as one of the Air Force's most efficient operations."

A proud parent, Goldenberg's son Ric is an analyst for Sperry Univac in Hartford, Conn. while his daughter Elaine teaches the hearing impaired in the Springfield school system.

As for the future, he and his wife

Pearl plan to pursue their favorite hobby; traveling. The first trips will take them to the upcoming World's Fair in New Orleans and to Israel. He is also looking forward to taking a couple of accounting courses at Holyoke Community College.

A real sports fanatic, except for the war years, Goldenberg has not missed a Holyoke High School football game since 1929. Another activity he intends to devote a lot more time with is his long standing involvement with the Youth Baseball Program in Holyoke. "It's great to see the young kids grow, some of them have even become doctors and lawyers," he said proudly. "It's a good feeling to be a part of their youth."

Lester chosen top AFRES MWR Supervisor

MSgt. Robert P. Lester, NCOIC of sports and recreation, has received the 1983 AFRES Supervisor Award in the Reservist category.

Sergeant Lester was recognized for superior achievement in recreation program management, aggressive supervision and instruction of Air Force Reservists. He was nominated by the MWR chief and the base commander based on his job performance, leadership ability, training and AFRES school involvement.

He instructed portions of the AFRES MWR Accounting, Budgeting and Finance course held at Westover this past year. He also attended the AFRES MWR Management School at Pittsburgh IAP.

"My job involves scheduling both recreation activities and personnel, training—and every other thing that comes down the pike," Sergeant Lester explained. He has been with the Air Force Reserve for nine years, and has 12 years prior service with the Navy on active duty and in the Reserve.

Sergeant Lester is married, with three teenage children, and resides in Feeding Hills, Mass. He is an accounting teacher at the Agawam High School.

When he learned of the award, he said, "I was surprised, but very pleased."



MSgt. Robert P. Lester displays his AFRES award.

(USAF photo by Maj. Bob Carroll)



Taking advantage of new canteen truck service were (L to R) Elaine Christian, MSgt. Raymond Laurin, MSgt. Andrew Lown and TSgt. Sophie Bartosik.

Bun for the road

There's a new variety of fast food at Westover.

Since Nov. 19, the 'Running Chef' canteen truck has been bringing an assortment of sandwiches, snacks and drinks to offices and shops throughout the base.

"We realized that only the bowling alley and open mess served meals during the week and that many people were bringing their morning donuts or leaving for lunch," explains Mike McNicholas, MWR chef. "We thought of a canteen truck and bought a used one from Robins Air Force Base, when it became available, with Central Base Funds. Then, we invested another \$500 for needed repairs. Now, it's fully equipped."

The truck, called the "Running Chef" makes two daily routes coinciding with morning coffee breaks and lunch time.

Shelley Pepin and Elaine Christian prepare the coffee and stock the truck with a variety of hot and cold sandwiches, grinders, chile and snacks. They also serve soda, coffee, tea, and beer. Both are cooks at the snack bar and licensed food handlers.

The 'Running Chef' also makes the 'rounds' during UTAs.

"We're offering items at the same price as at the snack bar, but with the additional convenience of door to door delivery," continued McNicholas. "It's been successful since the start as we continue to meet the needs of everyone on the base."

AFRES adopts active duty rating system

by Sgt. Sandra M. Michon

The Air Force Reserve is adopting the Airman Performance Report system of their active duty counterparts.

"One of the reasons they changed over," said MSgt. Barbara Bender, chief of quality control, "is to parallel the Reserve with the active duty."

The present APR system uses computer generated forms. Beginning Jan. 1, 1984, AF Form 910 will be used for staff and technical sergeants, and AF Form 911 will be used for senior enlisted personnel. (Officers have always been under the active duty regulation, so there is no change.)

"The new forms are not drastically different," explained Sergeant Bender.

"There are now six categories instead of eight, but the information required is the same. Also, the rating will no longer be one through five, but zero through nine, nine being the highest.

"There are also administrative changes," she said. "Unit commanders will now be required to review or endorse every APR in their unit. Staff and technical sergeants must have an endorsement on their APR from a master sergeant or higher, while senior enlisted personnel must have APR endorsement by a full colonel. Every APR must have a minimum of two evaluators."

The new APR system will also incorporate the weight control program and the new fitness improvement program.

If an individual as of the close-out date of the APR, is making unsatisfactory progress in one or both programs, comments on the APR are mandatory, and the APR automatically becomes a referral. A referral requires additional administrative procedures.

"The change is a positive one," commented Sergeant Bender. "It should encourage more accurate rating and provide a better review of all APRs."

"As always, supervisors should provide performance feedback to their subordinates throughout the year and not solely through the APR," Sergeant Bender summarized. "The APR ratings should never be a complete surprise to any Reservist."



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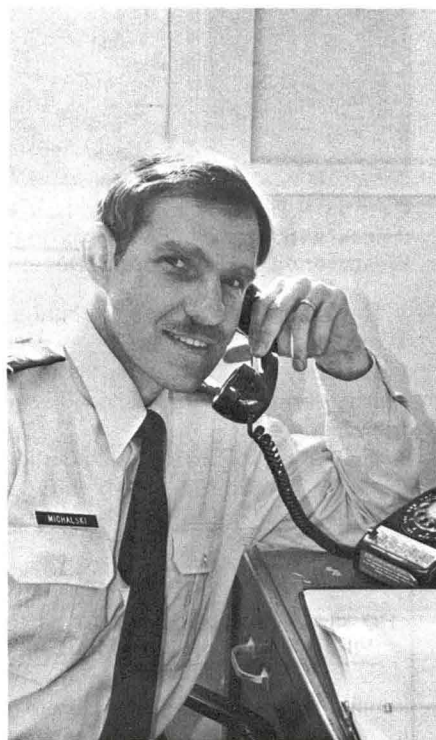
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Reminder . . .



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"Patriot People"



Maj. Ronald Michalski

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Favorite Beverage: Becks beer

Favorite Sport: Baseball

Favorite Hobby: Cross country skiing

Ideal Vacation: Bermuda

Best Way to Relax: Reading a good book

Preferred Entertainment: Plays

Favorite Celebrity: Rodney Dangerfield

Favorite Music: Neil Diamond

Favorite Book: 1984

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Car: Audi 5000

Pet Peeve: Getting up early

Best Thing About Westover: Friendship

Worst Thing About Westover: No air conditioning

RESERVE NEWS

Federal Pay Raises set

Military members and federal workers will get their pay raise Jan. 1. Military members will receive a four percent increase while most civilians can expect a 3.5 percent adjustment.

Air Force Relies on Reserve Forces

"The Air Force has placed increased reliance on the significant contribution of the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard to its overall combat and support capabilities," said Brig. Gen. Charles D. Metcalf, deputy director of budget (operations), comptroller of the Air Force, in a presentation to Congress. He showed a chart to the House Committee on Armed Services with the following statistics for Air Reserve Forces contributions to the Total Force in fiscal year 1984: TAC Fighter/Attack 32%; Tactical Reconnaissance 53%; Fighter Interceptor 66%; Tactical Air Support 33%; Special Operations (SP-OPS) Gunship 50%; SP-OPS Helicopter 25%; Air Refueling 20%; Air Rescue/Recovery 37%; Weather Reconnaissance 28%; Tactical Airlift 44%; Strategic Airlift (Assoc) 50%; Aeromedical Airlift (Assoc) 25%; Tanker/Cargo (Assoc) 50%.

EDITORIAL: OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE AIR FORCE RESERVE

By Lt. Col. Don Presar
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Modern equipment, meaningful missions, high-quality people and the strong support of the active force are keys to the effectiveness of the Air Force Reserve. Maj. Gen. Sloan R. Gill, chief of Air Force Reserve, testified this year in congressional hearing that "... the Air Force Reserve is stronger than it has ever been."

Reservists in well-trained units are accomplishing their primary mission of training for mobilization through dedication to the role of citizen-airmen, backed up by their families and communities.

Base firefighters "fence" with brush fire



Getting there seemed to be half the work as base firefighters had to scale two fences with their hoses to extinguish a brush fire which occurred just outside Westover on Saturday of the December UTA.

(USAF photo by Maj. Bob Carroll)

Reserve and civilian firefighters at Westover got a workout on Dec. 3 when they were called upon to extinguish a brush fire in a field adjacent to the base.

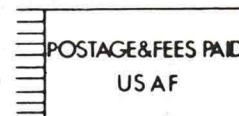
According to Chief Haskell Jenkins of the base fire department, the fire started in a field in Granby which adjoins the

fence along Perimeter Road. "The winds were blowing the fire towards the base, so the Granby department asked us to help handle it," the chief said.

The firefighters used ladders to scale the two fences which surround that portion of the base, and quickly extinguished the blaze.

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