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C-5 conversion topic of base meeting

The proposal to convert to C-5's in FY88 was the topic of pre-conversion meetings held Oct. 29-Nov. 1 at Westover.

A total of 75 representatives of C-5 elements of the Military Airlift Command, Air Logistics Command, Air Force Reserve and Air Training Command participated in working sessions on the conversion throughout the base.

According to the coordinator for the meeting, Mr. Edward Lusk, a program analyst with the Director of Plans and Programs AFRES, "The meetings brought together a representative from each functional area of the C-5 operation with their counterpart from Westover. They covered every aspect of the C-5 operation and how it will effect the base and it's personnel. We looked at requirements in maintenance, security, supply, operations, civil engineering and

training."

"The meetings brought out concerns on construction timetables," Lusk pointed out. "Nothing, however, that we don't have a work around solution."

Questions addressed during the meetings included training requirements that would change the mission from tactical airlift to strategic airlift.

"When you get to the C-5 it's a big airplane that requires approximately 20,000 line items of supply. Obviously, the C-5 will be a major change for Westover affecting almost every aspect of the daily operation," Lusk said.

There will be some realignments of units at Westover should the proposed C-5 conversion go through. The 439th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, with a hefty increase in manpower, will be divided into three squadrons. The three squad-

rons will cover field maintenance, organizational maintenance and avionics maintenance.

There is also a proposal to change the 439th Combat Support Group to an Air Base Group and the Tactical Hospital to a U.S. Air Force Clinic. The 42nd Mobile Aerial Port Squadron will be converting to a strategic aerial port squadron.

The 74th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron will continue to operate out of Westover with other AFRES units providing C-130 aircraft for training flights.

While the proposed C-5 mission was the topic of the meetings, Lusk warned that "The only problem that the unit faces immediately is one of anticipation of the conversion. The unit still has to fly the C-130's and continue to maintain its present high state of readiness in that aircraft."



Casino Gambit brought KC-10 and C-141 aircraft into Westover during a September joint readiness exercise with U.S. Army airborne units. A total of 43 missions originated and returned during the three week exercise involving aircrews from Barksdale AFB, La.; McGuire AFB, N.J.; McChord AFB, Wash.; and Charleston AFB, S.C.

(USAF photo by Capt. Philip Weber)

EDITORIAL**Mobility lines and the bottom line**

The next time that you stand in a mobility line, the chances are that you'll actually be traveling somewhere.

Recent Military Airlift Command directives have placed greater emphasis on mobilization and deployment training. That's why the 439th will actually deploy to Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y. during the November Combat Capability Exercise.

Sharpening our mobilization and deployment skills as a unit is obviously a very sound idea. After all, as a Ready Reserve unit, we're expected to go — and go quickly — when called upon.

Just as the whole equals the sum of its parts, the Wing's readiness depends upon the quick response of each and every Reservist who serves in it. The bottom line, then, really comes down to a question: "How ready am I?"

Ask yourself that question and you'll understand why the new directives make such good sense. It's easier to prepare for a real deployment if you process through a mobility line that actually goes somewhere. Establishing a forward operating base at a location other than at "Dogpatch" challenges your ability to adapt to the unexpected.

"How ready am I?" It's a question that generally begets other questions: "Are my uniforms in order?" . . . "Can my spouse handle our financial affairs?" . . . "Where are my line badge and dog tags?" . . . "Why did I put off doing my will and power of attorney?" . . . "Who will provide day care for the kids?"

Making us ask — and answer — those questions is what mobility and deployment exercises are all about. The success of our unit's mission depends upon our collective ability to do so.

"How ready am I?" It's a question that can only be answered by one person. Hopefully, each of us will know the answer the next time a mobility line forms at Westover.

Capt. Rick Dyer
Public Affairs Officer

Air Force adds toll-free

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AFRNS) — With the recent addition of an 800 number, the Air Force fraud, waste and abuse office can now take commercial toll-free calls 24 hours a day.

Officials say the new hotline number gives Air Force members an after-hours alternative to calling the Department of Defense toll-free number. The new number for the Air Force inspector general is (800) 538-8429.

Air Force Reservists are still encouraged first to report suspected cases of fraud, waste and abuse at the lowest possible level before calling the toll-free number.

The following numbers can be used to make FW&A hotline calls:

- Air Force Autovon: 487-4460
- Air Force toll-free: (800) 538-8429 (Virginia callers: (800) 468-6661)
- DOD Autovon: 223-5080
- DOD toll-free: (800) 424-9098

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Briefs**Evasion drill**

The Life Support Section of the 337th TAS staged an escape and evasion exercise, Patriot Premium 85-3, on Sept. 21-22.

The drill, planned by MSgt. Paul N. LaRochelle, took place at Knightsville Dam, Huntington, Mass. Members of the 74th AES and 439th WSSF participated in the exercise, in which a total of 29 Westover Reservists were involved.

Six two-person security teams pursued the "downed" aircrew and medics through thick woods high in the Berkshire Mountains. The exercise area covered more than four square miles. Sergeant LaRochelle and others involved termed the exercise "very successful."

439 MSF at Shaw

The 439th Mobility Support Flight performed its two-week annual tour at Shaw AFB, S.C. from June 16-30. Led by Capt. Robert C. Dutton, 44 members of the flight augmented the 363rd Tactical Fighter Wing's supply squadron during the tour.

Flight members worked in their normal duty functions of supply, fuels, vehicle maintenance, personnel, accounting and finance, and disaster preparedness. They earned a letter of appreciation from the 363rd commander, Col. Bruce J. Lotzbire.

First sergeant

MSgt. Edward R. Guenther is the new first sergeant of the Wing Headquarters Squadron. He replaced MSgt. George Conway, who moved to St. Louis.

A 15-year active duty and Reserve veteran, Sergeant Guenther was 59th APS chief of administration. He is a sixth grade teacher in Madison, Conn. and serves as one of the town's police commissioners.

ROA results

Capt. Jack M. Sanocki of the 439th Combat Support Group was recently elected President of the Westover chapter of the Reserve Officers Association. He succeeds Col. Walter Holliday.

Other new officers include Lt. Col. Jerold E. Budinoff, vice president; Capt. Linda F. Lear, treasurer; 2nd Lt. Patricia J. Noiseux, secretary and Maj. Mary Griffin Bales, officer-at-large.

Q and A with Lt. Col. James Handy

Lt. Col. James H. Handy is the Commander of the 439th Combat Support Group. He has been the base commander at Westover since May. During an interview, Col. Handy had the following responses to questions.

Q. What is your initial impression of your new assignment?

A. It certainly has been a challenge in coming from an operations background into base operations support. I've seen where there is a great deal of pride in this base on the part of both the full time and reserve work force. It isn't always articulated everyday, but it really comes forth when we have a special event such as the recent open house, the National Model Airplane Championships or the deployment of the FB-111's from Pease Air Force Base this summer. Everybody pitches in to get the job done and it's great to see.

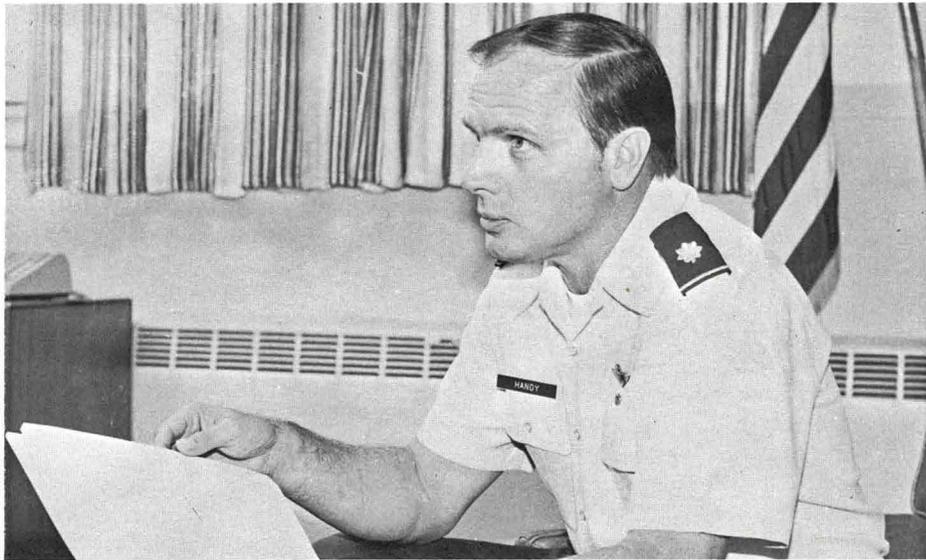
Q. What are you expecting from your NCO's and civilian managers?

A. I expect my NCO's and civilian managers to get involved with their people and get them the recognition that they deserve for their contributions to our mission. If we can instill that pride of accomplishment into all areas of our operation, it will create a fantastic working place. We've got to be more people oriented to make that happen.

"Westover is a part of the community, not just a defense installation."

Q. What is your initial observation of the physical plant at Westover?

A. My initial observation is that it is exceptionally large for an AFRES base. You would expect this base to be an active duty base because it is so large and does all of the functions that an active duty base does without a large full time staff to accomplish the job.



Q. With the proposed C-5 operation coming to Westover what do you see in the bases future?

A. We're working very closely with the City of Chicopee, and the Westover Metropolitan Development Corporation in the development of the airfield. With the proposed C-5A operation there is obviously going to be some major construction taking place in the very near future. The local community is beginning to realize that Westover is a national asset with a great future both as a defense and civilian aerodrome. Our nation's defense planners too, are realizing more and more the importance of this base.

tion change. I think it's important that we are not only briefing the public on the proposed change, but also are asking for their input into the whole process which makes us better neighbors. It's important for us to remember that 50 percent of our membership is living in the neighboring communities. This base is not only the environment in which we have to work, but is also the environment where our families are living. Westover is a part of the community, not just a defense installation. We've always got to remember that!

Q. Why are all the moves taking place on the base?

A. The moves are designed to realign our present tactical airlift operation into a strategic operation. The first move will take the Comptrollers to building 2400. That move took place during the first part of October. The Civilian Personnel and Administration functions will be trading buildings with the 74th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. That move will take place in November. In December, Resource Plans and Public Affairs will be moving into new buildings. All of these moves are designed to further align us for the proposed C-5 operation.

Q. What was your impression of the C-5 Environmental Impact Statement Scoping meetings held at Chicopee's Bellamy School on Sept. 26?

A. I was amazed that the majority of those in attendance showed a genuine concern for the environment and the quality of life in the area. That concern is something that we should take very seriously. In the past, we would not be briefing the public on a mis-

CES practices runway repair during bivouac

439th Civil Engineering Squadron training took on added realism with its two-day bivouac at Westover's Dogpatch area during the October UTA. Half of the 230-person unit set up a tent city and practiced setting up runway matting used to repair damaged runways.

"The exercise simulated, as closely as possible, the environment in which the squadron would find itself if activated," explained Capt. Rock Desilets, the bivouac's project officer. "Our Prime BEEF and Prime RIBS teams would be sent to a base in a foreign country in advance of the aircrews' and support personnel's arrival. As these bases, most likely, would not have enough housing and facilities for the 439th, we would have to provide them ourselves."

"On Saturday, we assembled nine octagonal and three all-purpose tents. We also identified our water source and positioned water purification, shower, latrine and electric generator facilities. Most of our efforts, however, were concentrated on the runway repair project. If a forward oper-



Rapid runway repair takes teamwork, TSgt. Jim Lambert (with crow bar) assisted by SSgt. Richard Labrecque (left) and TSgt. John Mailo (center) place a runway mat into position while other members of the 439th CES observe the training. (USAF photo by MSgt. Larry Lentz)

ating airbase was damaged, we first would fill in the craters. Then, instead of repaving the area, we would quickly position interlocking aluminum plates and secure them."

Heavy showers on Saturday afternoon, as if planned, added the final touch of realism and a lot of mud, turning the bivouac area into "Camp Swampy."

Test your Westover intelligence quotient

All right, so you think you're an expert at "Trivial Pursuit." You remembered Beaver Cleaver's locker number (27), and you were able to dredge up the name of Marshal Dillon's horse (Buck).

But here comes the supreme test. What's your W.I.O. — Westover Intelligence Quotient?

The *Patriot* staff recently went through 11 years of back issues to compile a list of 20 brainteasers dealing with the base and Wing. The answers appear on page 5.

A score of 13-16 correct answers qualifies you for the next available slot in the Wing Historian's office. A tally of 17-20 earns a genius' rating (you've got a photographic memory, not to mention great taste in what you read).

Good luck!

1. Who checked into the "Hanoi Hilton" without a reservation?
2. When was the last time the Air Force Thunderbirds performed at Westover?

3. Name the Westover Reservist who competed for the United States in the 1958 Pan American Games, and the sport in which he participated.
4. What was the winning score in the infamous chemical warfare softball game which was played at Westover on Nov. 1, 1980?
5. Whose civilian job made him a "keeper of Camelot"?
6. Who was known as "Mr. Titan"?
7. What was the weight of the world's record single load which was airdropped by a 337th TAS C-130 crew?
8. Who was the last person to win the Westover Turkey Trot Road Race before Celio Hernandez?
9. Which officer has served as commander of the 731st TAS, the 337th TAS, and the 439th TAW?
10. What was the motto of the 731st TAS?
11. How many tons of cargo did

- the 439th TAW airlift during 1984?
12. What is the maximum takeoff weight of a C-5 aircraft?
13. Where did retired Lt. Col. Ed Lincoln once spend two days with his aircraft stuck in the mud?
14. What four 731st TAS commanders went on to become generals?
15. Who led the 439th TAW contingent that won two first-place trophies at Volant Rodeo '82?
16. What was the name of the C-123 that was riddled with bullets in Vietnam and was later enshrined in an air museum following its service at Westover?
17. Who recorded the tune "Peacetime Heroes"?
18. What was nicknamed the "Pinball Machine"?
19. What is the number on Col. Warner E. Jones' license plate?
20. When was the first issue of the *Patriot* published?

Social actions sergeant hopes to find gold bars

The Air Force wants TSgt. Deborah Elliot behind bars.

Sergeant Elliot, a social actions technician with the 439th Combat Support Group, isn't going to jail, however.

Instead, the veteran Westover Reservist reported to Lackland AFB, Texas on Oct. 10 where she hopes to earn her second lieutenant's gold bars at Officer's Training School.

The 27-year-old NCO, who is married to MSgt. Alan Sorensen of the 439th Tactical Airlift Wing, will spend three months at OTS. After graduation, she'll attend supply operations school in preparation for a four-year tour of active duty.

"I'm excited about all of the opportunities that will be available to me as an active duty officer," Sergeant Elliot said. "The toughest part is being separated from my husband and son while I'm at Lackland."

While Sergeant Elliot attends OTS, her husband will remain in Holyoke caring for Elliot, the couple's two-year-old son. The family will be reunited once the new officer is assigned to technical school.



MSgt. Al Sorensen buffs his wife Debbie Elliot's shoes in preparation for her entrance into Officer's Training School.

(USAF photo by MSgt. Larry Lentz)

Awards Night honors top teams and weightlifters

By TSgt. Tom Allocco

Top Westover softball and basketball teams and three weightlifters were honored at the annual Sports Award Night sponsored by MWR at the Consolidated Open Mess on Saturday evening, Oct. 5.

Trophies were presented to the top three men's and women's softball teams and men's basketball teams which participated in the MWR intramural sports program.

The leading men's softball teams were the Wizards, first place; Navy,

second; and Eagles, third. Eleven teams played during the season.

Women's softball team trophy winners were the She Devils, first; Wonder Dolls, second; and The Better Half, third. Newly Constructed completed the four-team league.

The men's basketball teams which received trophies were the Bubblers, first; Rockets, second; and Generals, third. Seven teams competed.

Three weightlifters received trophies in a series begun by Michael McNicholas, chief of recreation services, to recognize those who bench press more than 300 pounds.

Those honored were Steve Rivera, 26, a bowling center employee who bench pressed 420 pounds; Verber "Bo" Ealum, 26, a base theater employee, 410 pounds; and Steve Senerchia, 24, recreation aide 350 pounds.

The trophies were presented by TSgt. Richard Oliver, assistant recreation director, in the ballroom of the open mess.

'Patriot Pursuit' answers

1. Maj. Charlie Brown, Westover Reservist and former POW.
2. July 18-19, 1980.
3. CMSgt. Jack Murdock, judo.
4. Maintenance, 13- Flying squadrons, 10.
5. Former MSgt. Peter Colerico, an aide at the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston.
6. Paul Burke, weightlifter and former 439th CSG recreation specialist.
7. 42,300 pounds.
8. Navy Petty Officer Charlie Gruhzt in 1980.
9. Col. Louis Paskevicz.

10. "Eternal Vigilance".
11. 1,626.9 tons.
12. 769,000 pounds.
13. Tolatecha, Honduras.
14. Maj. Gen. Thomas Diab, Maj. Gen. Stephen Keefe, Brig. Gen. Donald Balch and Brig. Gen. Charles Parrott.
15. Lt. Col. Bob Motley.
16. "Patches".
17. SSgt. Peter Maille, 58th APS.
18. A World War II, RP 63 "King Cobra" fighter plane that a 337th crew airlifted to the Bradley Air Museum.
19. "439th".
20. Nov., 1974.

Reservist is helping victims of Tourette Syndrome

By SSgt. Sandi Michon

"It seemed like I was always angry; my son's behavior was so bad from age 12 to 14," explained SSgt. Paul Lemay, DA technician. "Then one night I saw through my anger to realize that my son was suffering and he needed help."

Sergeant Lemay's son, Michael, was suffering — from a neurological disorder called Tourette Syndrome. Tourette Syndrome is an involuntary movement disorder which begins in childhood between the ages of two and fifteen and remains chronic and life long. Many children and their families go through years of anguish and misdiagnosis before someone recognizes what it is.

Sergeant Lemay knows this anguish first-hand, and now wants to reach out to help others. "In treating Michael, we contacted the National Tourette Syndrome Association," said Sergeant Lemay, "and we began to meet other families who were affected by Tourette Syndrome.

"The consolation we felt talking to these families prompted us to start a local chapter of the Tourette Syndrome Association," he said. Their group currently has a dozen families actively involved and they get many inquiries from people who need more information. "Our primary goal is to be a support resource," he explained. "We especially need to raise funds so we can help families in a practical way.

"Aside from financial help, information is our other main objective. Since little is known about Tourette Syndrome, many physicians misdiagnose the disorder as a psychological problem," said Sergeant Lemay, "For the longest time, we thought Michael's behavior was a bid for attention."

The first symptoms usually are tics of the face, with eye blinking the most common, and the arms, limbs and trunk. The tics are frequent, repetitive and rapid. In addition, there are verbal tics — grunting, throat clearing, shouting, barking, etc. There may be echolalia (repeating the words of others or self), or coprolalia (saying obscene words involuntarily).

No exact cause of the disorder is known, but the suspected cause is

thought to be chemical imbalance of the basal ganglia portion of the brain. There is no known cure, and the national association suspects more than 100,000 people are afflicted to some degree with the disorder. There is a five to sixteen percent chance of possible remission. Symptoms can come and go, but when a symptom recedes, it is usually replaced by another symptom.

The disorder is not life threatening, but can be psychologically devastating. The individual can learn to suppress his symptoms, but only for a short time. When he finally relaxes at some later time, the symptoms will usually explode in a more severe

fashion.

Anyone suspecting Tourette Syndrome in an individual should contact the National Association at 41-02 Bell Boulevard, Bayside, New York, 11361 or their closest chapter to get more information, professional referrals, or just someone to talk to.

In the vicinity of Westover, interested people should write Sergeant Lemay at 87 Old Farms Road, Chippewa, 01020.

"At first, I didn't want to accept Michael's disorder," shared Sergeant Lemay, "but being more educated makes it a lot better for me, Michael and our entire family. We know how hard it can be and we want to help."



The LeMay family — from left, Paul Jr., Paul, Patricia, Patricia Ann and Michael.

(USAF photo by SSgt. Kathleen Lincoln)

Reserve commissary test ends

BOLLING AFB, D.C. (AFNS) — Commissary shopping privileges — similar to those allowed active duty members — will not be extended to reservists, the Department of Defense has concluded after an 18 month test of the idea. The military started a limited test on Jan. 1, 1984, the allowed reservists at seven locations, including those assigned to New England units, to shop at Commissaries for up to 14 days at any time throughout the year. In the past, Reservists have only been allowed to use the stores while on active duty.

With fewer than ten percent of the eligible Reservists using commissaries during the test, officials felt they "could not go to bat and argue for increased funds."

In a report to Congress in late June, Deputy Secretary of Defense William

H. Taft said the military was opposed to the change for reservists and based the decision on an Office of Management and Budget recommendation.

OMB opposed improved shopping privileges for Reservists mainly because "private sector grocers could legitimately claim that the military commissary system is now expanding its competition with them to their detriment."

"We are well aware of past criticism that commissaries offer unfair competition to private sector supermarkets," said Secretary Taft's report. It also said that defense leaders "are realistically concerned about changes in the commissary use patterns that may jeopardize this important benefit for all military members."

NCO Academy certificates, CCAF degrees awarded

NCO Academy certificates and Community College of the Air Force degrees were presented to Westover Reservists at a special ceremony on Sunday, Oct. 6 by Brig. Gen. Jack P. Ferguson.

The first NCO Academy Associate program ever held at Westover, produced 19 graduates, including one who has since been commissioned a second lieutenant. *fragment*

Robert A. Sousa traded his master sergeant's stripes for golden bars in ceremonies held in late June. The new lieutenant will serve as a Medical Service Corps officer with the 439th TAC Hospital.

"These people deserve a lot of credit," said CMSgt. Eugene Longfield, wing training NCO. "They gave up a lot of their free time and worked very hard to graduate. I salute their diligence."

Classes, which were held during lunch hours for 12 consecutive UTAs, included Air Force history, military law, NCO duties and responsibilities, the promotion system and the Promotion Enhancement Program.

Receiving certificates were: 2nd Lt. Sousa, of the 439th Tactical Hospital; MSgt. Robert Erhardt, TSgt. Michael Spano, and TSgt. Robert Harmon of

the 439th CES; TSgt. Earl Cole, TSgt. Theresa Potter, Elton Caudle and TSgt. Mary Michaud of the 439th Information Systems Squadron; MSgt. Joseph Kusiak of the 439th TAW; MSgt. Faith Longfield of the 439th CSG; MSgt. Allen Misner of the 439th WSSF; MSgt. Patricia Lougher of the 58th MAPS; SSgt. Theodore Grace of the 74th Aeromedical Evacuation

Squadron; and TSgt. Donald Anderson of MSgt. Theron Kelley of the 439th CAMS.

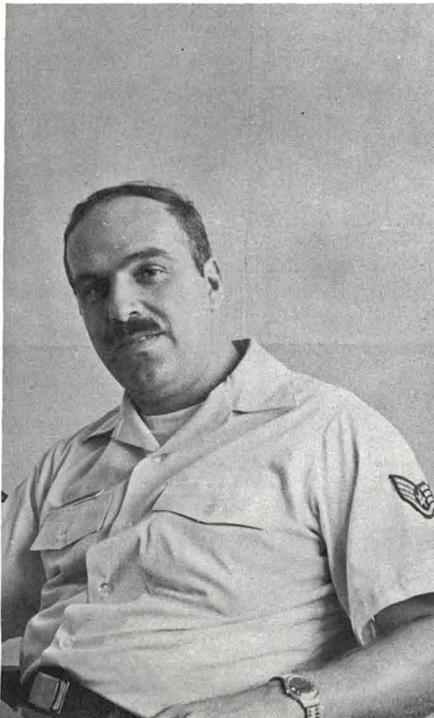
Receiving CCAF degrees were, Sergeant Budenas in Aerospace Ground Equipment Technology; Sergeant Cioffi in Logistics Management; Sergeant Grace in Health Sciences and Sergeant Long in Fire Science, MSgt. John Nagy, Logistics Management.



Brig. Gen. Jack Ferguson (left) presents NCO Academy Certificates to (front row left to right) TSgt. Elton Caudle, TSgt. Earl Cole, TSgt. Teresa Potter, 2nd Lt. Robert Sousa, MSgt. Faith Longfield, MSgt. Joseph Kusiak, (back row left to right) TSgt. Donald Anderson, SSgt. Theodore Grace, TSgt. Mary Michaud, MSgt. Allen Misner, TSgt. Robert Harmon, MSgt. Robert Erhardt and MSgt. Patricia Lougher.

(USAF photo by MSgt. Larry Lentz)

"Patriot People"



Name: THOMAS D'AMBROSIO

Rank: SSgt.

Age: 37

Address: 117 Woodland Rd.
Springfield, Mass.

Unit: 59th APS

Position: administration specialist

Civilian Occupation: Postal
Service Manager

Favorite Food: steak

Favorite Beverage: beer

Favorite Sport: hockey

Favorite Hobby: playing sports

Ideal Vacation: Hawaii

Best Way To Relax: sleep

Preferred Entertainment: music

Favorite Celebrity: Peter Ueberroth

Favorite Music: oldies

Favorite Book: In Search of
Excellence

Favorite Color: blue

Favorite Car: Datsun 280

Pet Peeve: people who are late

Best Thing About Westover:
close to home

Worst Thing About Westover:
lack of activities

Rourke named new AF Sec.

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — President Reagan has announced that he will nominate Russell A. Rourke to be Secretary of the Air Force. Mr. Rourke would succeed Verne Orr, who plans to retire Nov. 30.

Mr. Rourke has been Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs since Nov. 1981.

Born in New York City, the 53 year old lawyer has held a wide range of administrative positions in Washington, D.C. since 1960. He has been administrative assistant to three congressmen, special assistant to President Ford, and deputy to then Presidential counsel John O. Marsh Jr., who is now the Secretary of the Army.

After graduating from the University of Maryland in 1953, Mr. Rourke served for three years in the U.S. Marine Corps including a tour in Korea. He retired from the Marine Corps Reserve as a Colonel.

Dining hall renovations are underway

By SSgt. Glenn Bogart

Westover Reservists dined by "work light" during the October UTA. The long-awaited renovation of the dining hall was finally underway.

The \$300,000 project was begun in September. Most of the demolition work had been completed by the beginning of October, and the building work was about to begin. The project is expected to take five months to complete, according to Dave Michaud, base executive officer.

SMSgt. Francis E. Babin, dining hall superintendent, said the renovation has been contemplated for more than five years. "We've just been waiting for the necessary funds," he said. Many ceiling panels and lights had been torn out, and the chow hall looked like a combat zone during the early October drill. Bare light bulbs, covered with protective steel grills, dangled from the ceiling above the tables like so many Japanese lanterns.

One change for the better was immediately apparent, though. Few diners missed the customary steam bath formerly administered to hungry airmen by the "clipper", the dishwashing machinery which had been located next to the chow line. The clipper has been removed to the kitchen area, and the space made available will soon house rest rooms.

"The clipper was originally located close to the front door in the days when airmen bussed their own tables," Michaud explained. "Now that we have civilians to clear the tables, it makes sense to move the machinery back to the kitchen, and that has been accomplished."

Improvements to the dining hall will include wall-to-wall carpeting, new lighting fixtures, new windows, painting and wall covering, and even some permanent seating.

"It's 'early barn' decor right now," Michaud acknowledged, "but the dining hall should provide a much more appealing atmosphere once the work is completed. Reservists will be able to see more improvements each month."



Wind-tunnel model testing has been completed on the airborne early warning version of Lockheed's C-130 Hercules transport. Initial test results showed the airplane's performance with the addition of nose and tile radomes will be slightly better than anticipated, with no adverse handling qualities indicated. The proposed C-130 AEW is the latest of more than 40 versions of the Hercules aircraft developed by Lockheed-Georgia.

(Photo courtesy Lockheed-Georgia)

Westover retirees honored

By TSgt. John Wallace Spencer

Four Westover personnel were honored during a retirement ceremony held in the Base Hangar Oct. 5.

Presenting awards to the retirees and their wives was Brig. Gen. Jack P. Ferguson, wing commander.

One of the four retirees was Col. Stanley G. Maratos who was the Senior Air Force Advisor to the 439th Tactical Airlift Wing from Oct. 3, 1982 to Sept. 30, 1985.

Colonel Maratos, who served the nation for 30 years, was presented with the Legion of Merit for his leadership, exemplary foresight and ceaseless efforts which materially contributed to increasing the combat readiness capability of the wing.

A plaque was also presented to Colonel Maratos from the men and women of the 439th TAW in honor of his

service.

The other honorees and their retirement dates were: MSgt. Arthur R. Needham, Aug. 4, 1985; TSgt. Edwin R. Beston, Jul. 9, 1985; and TSgt. LeRoy W. Dennis, Sept. 27, 1985.

Wives of retirees received certificates of appreciation from General Ferguson. They were: Dorothy M. Needham, Beverly J. Beston and Alice T. Dennis.

As part of the ceremony, the "Colonel Jack H. Lykes Trophy," was presented to the 439th WSSF for taking three of five awards offered to reserve units during the annual Air Force-wide Security Police Unit Award Program for 1984.

The retirement ceremonies were instituted by General Ferguson in 1984 and are held twice yearly. The next is scheduled for May, 1986.

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