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Col. Budinoff takes command of 337th TAS

By TSgt. Tom Allocco

Lt. Col. Jerold Budinoff, a graduate of the Air Force Academy and winner of the Distinguished Flying Cross and nine Air Medals, has been named commander of the 337th Tactical Airlift Squadron.

He succeeds Col. Walter Holliday who commanded the squadron for 16 months. Colonel Holliday, in turn, was named a special assistant to Brig. Gen. Jack Ferguson, wing commander.

Colonel Budinoff joined the 337th TAS as a navigator in 1974. He served as squadron tactics officer, alert officer, instructor navigator and assistant flight commander before he assumed the position of wing chief of operations plans in 1982.

A native of Stamford, Conn., Colonel Budinoff earned his navigator's wings following graduation from the Air Force Academy in 1964. He served on active duty for six years, including tours in Vietnam and Clark AB, Philippines from 1966 to 1968.

He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross in 1966 as a navigator in a C-130 which landed at an abandoned World War II airfield in Vietnam near the Laotian border to assist a surrounded Army unit. The aircraft landed at night under fire to light the field for a re-supply mission.

Colonel Budinoff logged about 900 flight hours over Vietnam.

He also served at Tan Son Nhut AB as an airlift planner and coordinated the re-supply of the besieged Marine base at Khe Sanh.

Colonel Budinoff later taught as an engineering instructor at the Air Force Academy and was a gunship in-



An omen of Westover's future aircraft conversion? Actually, the nose of a C-130 rests in a C-5's front end at Rhein-Main Air Base, West Germany. The nose section, taken from an aircraft that crashlanded last year, will be combined with the body of a C-130 that also crashed in the Azores. The finished C-130E, with a repair cost of about \$1.7 million, will be used with the adverse weather aerial display system.

(AFNS, USAF photo)

structor at Rickenbacker AFB, Ohio. While on active duty he earned a master's degree in astronautics from Purdue University.

He is president of STM Technology Inc. of Sudbury which he founded three years ago. The firm develops and markets health care computer systems.

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EDITORIAL

A matter of survival

The next time that I wrestle with a rubber life raft or gasp for breath under a soggy parachute during water survival training, I'll be thinking of Jim Siegal.

Who's Jim Siegal?

Well, he's a great guy, and he's my insurance agent, but all of that is irrelevant.

Jim Siegal served in the Navy during World War II. He doesn't wear his war record on his sleeve but he will, if prodded, discuss some of his experiences back then.

I've been thinking a lot lately about some things that happened to Jim more than 40 years ago.

Siegal, then a skinny 19-year-old, enlisted in the naval aviation program in 1940. He spent the better part of the next five years as an aircrew member in the Pacific Theater hunting Japanese submarines.

It was, to say the least, risky business.

On one mission, an enemy sub surfaced and peppered his aircraft with machine gun fire. The plane crashed into the ocean, and the 13-member crew spent two weeks drifting under a blistering sun in tiny life rafts. Several of Jim's comrades died during the ordeal.

"We were supposed to have high-energy, food substitute pills on board those rafts," he recounted. "But they were chocolate covered, and chocolate was scarce during the war. We often filched them from the rafts during long missions, so when we crashed, there weren't many left."

Months later, Jim had a second aircraft shot out from underneath him, this time by a Japanese "Zero." Everyone survived, but Jim and his crewmates spent seven days in the drink.

Jim Siegal learned the hard way what unforgiving enemies the sun and the sea could be. I'm grateful that he shared his courageous survival sagas with me, because I learned from them, too.

The next time that I'm scheduled for survival training or a chemical warfare class, I intend to be sitting in the very front row.

I'll be the guy who is taking notes. I'll probably be smiling, happy in the knowledge that the Air Force cares a great deal about my safety and well-being.

I know that I'll take a moment or two to remember what happened to my friend in the South Pacific many years ago.

And then I'll listen to that instructor as though my life depended on every word he said.

Capt. Rick Dyer
Public Affairs Officer

Briefs

Base gym has new exercise machines

Eighteen new Nautilus machines and Life Cycle exercise bicycles have recently been installed at the base gym. The Nautilus machines help tone muscles by working negative as well as positive resistance. The Life Cycle is a computerized exercise bike that simulates a realistic training route while allowing variations in difficulty and time. Gym personnel are available to teach proper usage of each machine, and special sheets are available to monitor fitness progress. The gym is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m.-8 p.m., and from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on non-UTA Saturdays.

Remodeling

"Clothing Issue" in the Base Supply Building has a brighter look and more convenient arrangement following completion in December of a five-month remodeling program.

The \$104,000 project gives the Individual Equipment Unit, commonly known as Clothing Issue, "the look of a department store," said MSgt. James Faye, warehouse manager.

"It is a big improvement. I haven't seen a better facility in any Reserve and active duty bases I have been on," Sergeant Faye said.

Remodeling included the construction of a new entrance and the addition of a vestibule to the original doorway, installation of new carpeting and three dressing rooms. Among the other improvements are additional lighting, paneling and a new display case. New office furniture and bins will complete the remodeling.

WSSF takes fourth place

The shooting team of Maj. Frank McCormack, 439th WSSF commander, and MSgt. Gerard Farrell of the flight captured fourth place in MAC pistol competition at Kirtland AFB, N.M. in November.

They fired the .38 caliber pistol in competition among MAC Reserve, National Guard and active duty security police from across the U.S. and some overseas bases. Their score was 319 out of a possible 336.

In individual competition, Sergeant Farrell took 9th place and Major McCormack placed 13th.

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Q and A with Brig. Gen. Jack P. Ferguson

Brig. Gen. Jack P. Ferguson is the Commander of the 439th Tactical Airlift Wing. During an interview, Gen. Ferguson had the following responses to questions.

Q. As we start off the New Year, what are some of your thoughts about the future of the unit?

A. The exciting things that occurred to the unit last year come to mind first. The C-5 conversion announcement last February started the planning cycle that will continue throughout this year. It is important that this year we pull ourselves together as a unit. We've got a big year ahead of us with the continuation of our conversion planning as well as our C-130 operational mission. We still have to remember that we still have commitments to our nation's defense. With the Andrews AFB reserve unit converting from C-130's to C-141's and our Niagara unit converting to C-130E models this year, it has placed an additional workload upon C-130 units throughout AFRES. The C-130 operation has to be foremost in our minds while we continue planning for the conversion. There's not any one part of our unit that can do the job by themselves that's why we really need to pull together and make all this happen. I look upon it as a very exciting year and it's going to be a very busy year.

Q. With the proposed conversion will come an increase in manpower for the unit. We will be involved in a lot of C-5 training programs this year?

A. We will be recruiting to 125 percent in operations and maintenance to prepare us for the conversion. We're going to be trying to get to that goal primarily in the areas that are peculiar to the C-5 operation. We'd like to end the year manned at 125 percent in those areas. To do this will require each of us to assist our recruiters. Our success in our recruiting efforts will dictate just how much



training we have this year. Obviously with a mission change it would be fiscally irresponsible for us to send someone off to a C-130 school when the aircraft they'll be working on will be different. The cross training into the C-5 for our members already trained in the C-130 operation probably will not start until the beginning of 1987.

Q. Do you foresee any new construction at Westover this year?

A. Primarily in 1986 we'll continue to be in the planning stages for much of the proposed new construction at the base. Aside from the new civil engineering complex which is already underway, the new fire station is the only other new structure scheduled to be started this year. We'll probably start some of the internal remodeling that will take place within the flying squadron and maintenance but that won't be visible to everyone.

Q. Will the new mission bring about a greater number of promotion opportunities for our enlisted personnel?

A. Anytime you increase the number of people or increase the number of units your going to get an appropriate share of increased stripes. Yes, there will be an increased opportunity in almost all areas on the base because of the increase in overall personnel. I don't, however, expect that we will have a finalized unit manning document until the latter part of this year.

Q. Is there anything else you'd like to say to our unit members?

A. Conversions are never easy. People don't like to convert. It's like moving from a comfortable home to a new house. Anytime you go into a conversion to a new aircraft people have a reluctance to do that. That is human nature. However, it is up to each of us to insure that this conversion takes place safely and efficiently. If it were not for our past record of achievement, Westover would not have been selected for this major conversion. I have every confidence in the world that all of our personnel will respond to this new challenge and opportunity to excel.

Sgt. Spencer, *Patriot* win media contest honors

TSgt. John W. Spencer — author, radio announcer and television weatherman — recently added another title to his resume.

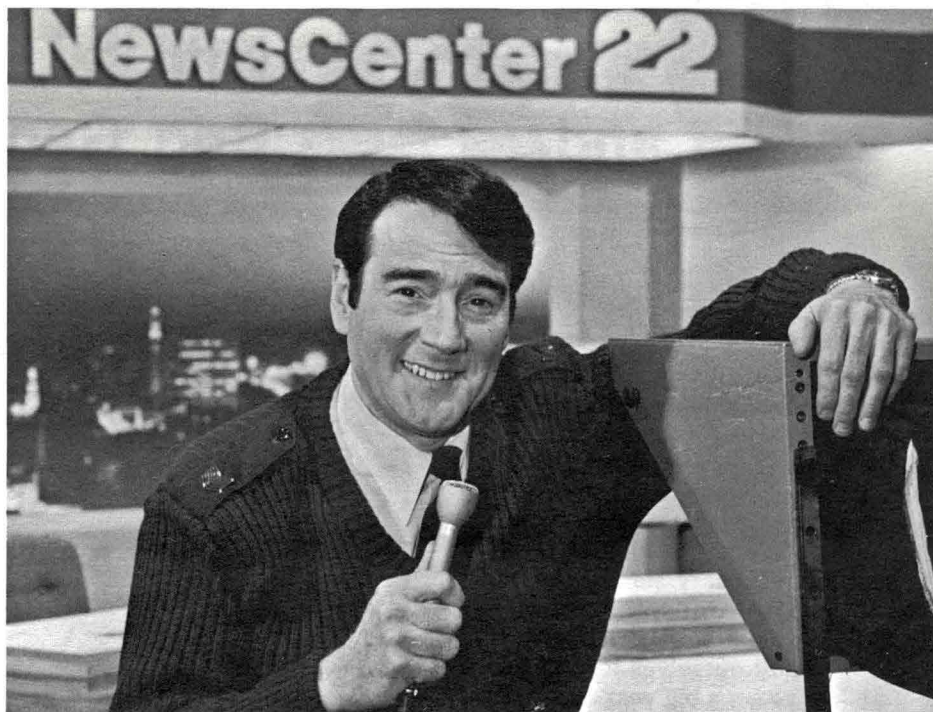
Sergeant Spencer, a member of the 439th TAW public affairs staff, was selected as broadcast journalist of the year in both the Air Force Reserve and Air Force media contests.

The *Patriot* also won awards in both contests. The publication, edited by MSgt. Larry Lentz, was named the best unit newspaper in AFRES for the third consecutive year, and finished second in the Air Force-wide competition.

"We are proud of our entire staff, and especially John," Maj. David J. Keefe, wing public affairs officer said. "It's really quite an accomplishment for a Reservist to be named the best broadcast journalist in the entire Air Force."

The veteran Reservist was honored for writing and producing a radio broadcast titled "A Gathering of Eagles."

The program, which aired on station WACE in Chicopee and on the Armed Forces Network, was based on Sergeant Spencer's interviews with aviation heroes from World War I, World War II and the Korean and Vietnam Wars.



TSgt. John W. Spencer

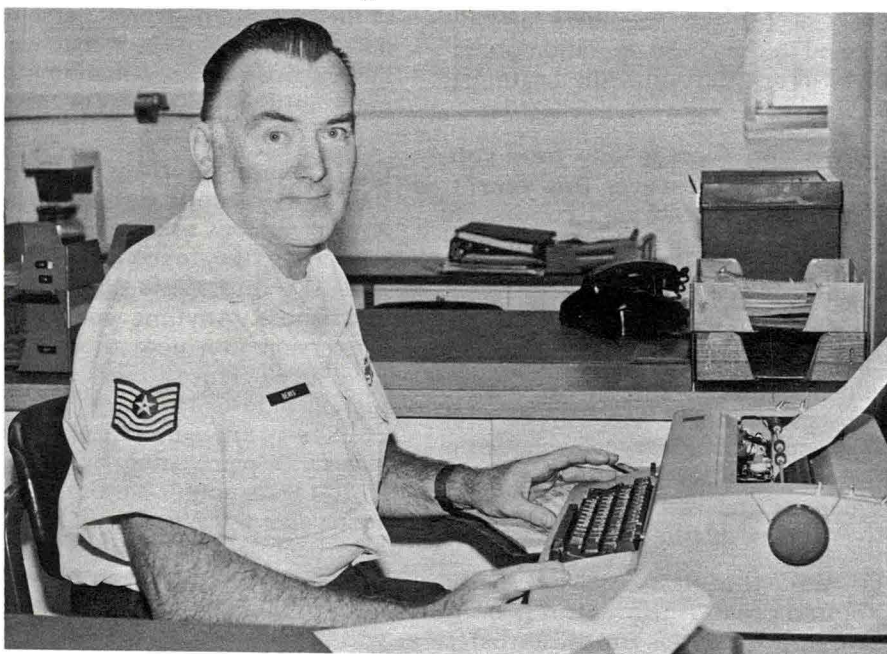
A member of the public affairs staff since 1980, Sergeant Spencer has authored several non-fiction books and is a weatherman with station WWLP TV in Springfield.

Other public affairs staffers winning awards in the AFRES media con-

test were SSgt. Sandi Michon and Capt. Rick Dyer.

Sergeant Michon was selected as the best photojournalist, while Captain Dyer placed first in the sports writing category and second in the editorial competition.

"Patriot People"



Name: GLEN BEMIS

Rank: MSgt.

Age: 58

Address: 57 Lake Ave., Walpole, MA

Unit: 439th CSG

Position: Group Training Manager

Civilian Occupation: Printing Pressman

Favorite Food: Baked Macaroni

Favorite Beverage: Grapefruit

Favorite Sport: all sports

Favorite Hobby: woodworking

Ideal Vacation: quiet place away from it all

Best Way to Relax: listening to good music

Preferred Entertainment: concerts

Favorite Celebrity: Doris Day

Favorite Music: the 40's

Favorite Book: Green Mansions

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Car: "one that runs"

Pet Peeve: not enough patience

Best Thing About Westover: people

Worst Thing About Westover: time

Capt. Nagahiro is new intelligence officer

By TSgt. Tom Allocco

Who would believe a movie script about an "Air Force brat" whose first experience with real fear was learning her father's B-52 had gone down over Vietnam and whose great thrill was an opportunity to enter the Air Force Academy?

If the story evolved that the youth was among the first women to enter the Air Force Academy six months after an act of Congress, no one would believe it.

That is the true story of Capt. Lynn Nagahiro, 337th TAS intelligence officer. By the age of 18 she had personally experienced two major Air Force milestones.

Captain Nagahiro's father, retired Col. James Nagahiro, was pilot of a B-52 shot down in December, 1972 when his daughter was a Spokane, Wash. high school freshman. She will never forget the POW homecoming the following March.

Among those she has met here is Maj. Charles Brown, 337th TAS pilot, who shared prison time with her father. The two POWs knew each other at the "Hanoi Hilton" prison in North Vietnam's capitol.

Growing up as one of four children in an Air Force family never far from the sound of aircraft, she developed an affection for the way of life early.

That's why it was "like a dream come true," she remembers, when Congress passed legislation opening the Air Force Academy to women during her senior year in high school.



Capt. Lynn Nagahiro

Six months later she was among the 170 women in the class of 1980 undergoing "doolie" basic training at the Colorado Springs Academy.

When gold bars were awarded she and 97 other women were in the graduating class.

Following her commissioning, Captain Nagahiro completed intelligence school at Lowry AFB, Col. She served three years as a foreign affairs analyst for the Defense Intelligence Agency at the Pentagon.

She then served two years as chief of operations intelligence for the 9th Tactical Intelligence Squadron at Shaw AFB, S.C. before coming to Westover, last August.

She is the 337th TAS intelligence officer as both Reservist and air reserve technician.

Captain Nagahiro is the first person to serve full-time in the position. The expanded duties reflect MAC's increased emphasis on intelligence, she said.

Rourke assumes duties as new Secretary of AF

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Russell A. Rourke assumed duties Dec. 6 as Secretary of the Air Force, after confirmation of his appointment by the Senate.

Mr. Rourke had been assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs since May 1981. He was sworn in as Air Force Secretary during ceremonies conducted by Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger on Dec. 10.

Commenting on his selection Mr. Rourke said, "I am honored by the

confidence demonstrated by President Reagan and the Senate. Both the White House and the Congress have been most supportive of recent Air Force strategic and tactical upgrades. I hope to sustain the fine gains made by Secretary Verne Orr and to further increase the American public's confidence in the Air Force's professionalism and integrity."

Mr. Orr, who retired last month, served as Secretary of the Air Force for nearly five years. He has returned to Pasadena, Calif.

As Secretary of the Air Force, Mr. Rourke will direct all policies of the one million military and civilian member Air Force.

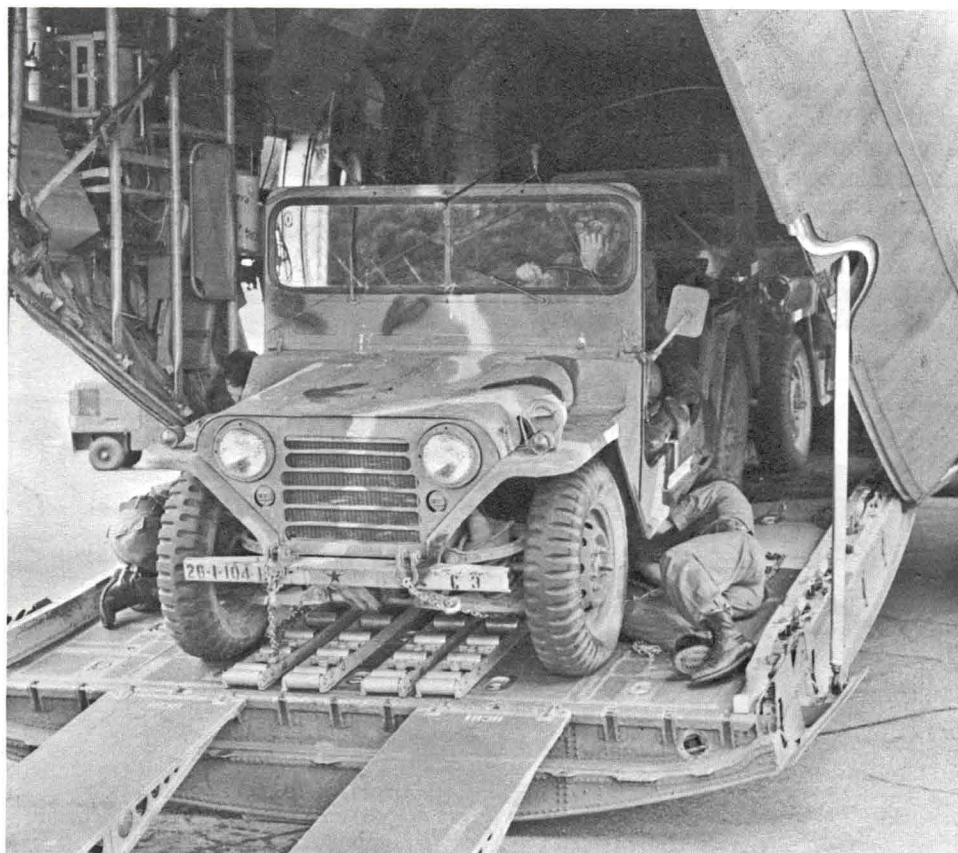
Mr. Rourke, 53, served as the principal adviser to Mr. Weinberger on congressional consideration of the Defense Department's legislative program. Maintaining direct liaison with Congress, the executive office of the President and other government agencies on defense legislative matters. He also was overseer of the military departments' congressional activities on defense matters.



The Air Force announced in February that C-5 Galaxies will be assigned to Westover in fiscal year 1988.

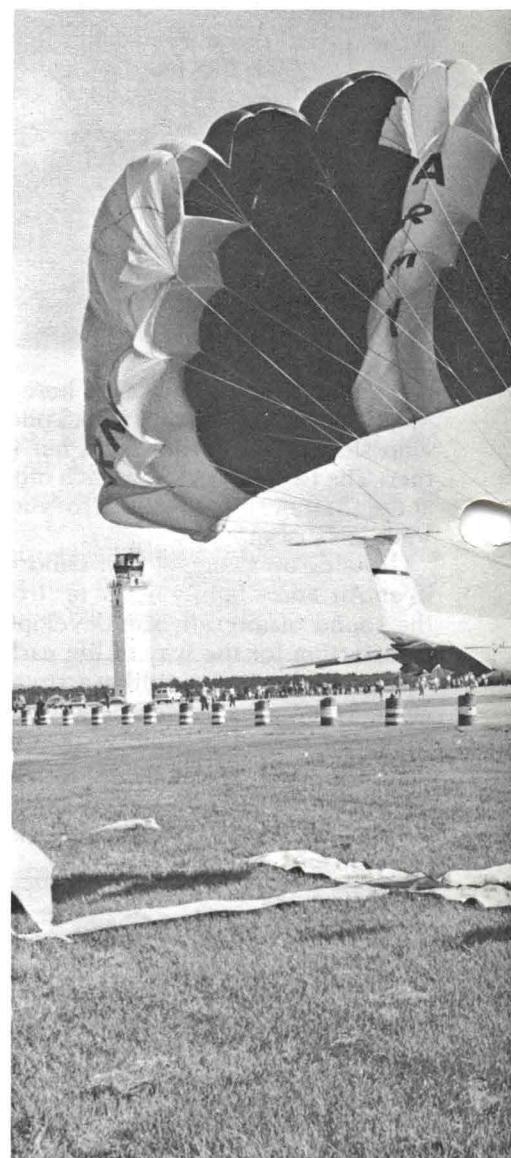
(USAF photo by Capt. Phil Weber)

A pictorial of Westover



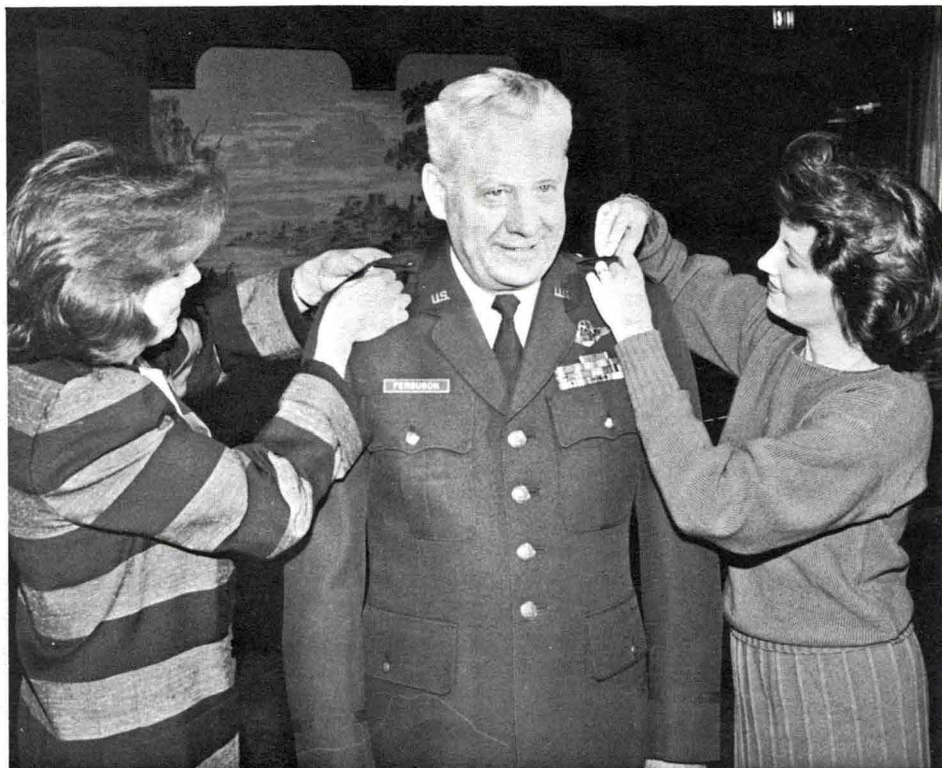
An Army jeep off-loads from a C-130 during a joint exercise with the 42nd MAPS and Company C, 104th Infantry Battalion, Massachusetts Army National Guard.

(USAF photo by SSgt. Sandi Michon)



A golden knight "hits the mark" just minutes before the base's 45th anniversary celebration.

al review er in 1985



Brig. General Jack P. Ferguson had his stars pinned on by his daughter Dianne Yarborough (left) and Jacqueline Lewis (right) in March.

(USAF Photo by Capt. Phil Weber)



after departing from the aircraft at 25,000 feet,
Open House.

(USAF photo by SSgt. Kathleen Lincoln)



One of nine FB-111 aircraft is serviced during a two-month deployment from the 509th Bombardment Wing at Pease AFB, NH.

(USAF photo by SSgt. Sandi Michon)

Current drill pay scale

PAY GRADE	UNDER 2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	26
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS														
O-8	139.72	143.90	147.32	147.32	147.32	158.30	158.30	165.78	165.78	172.88	180.18	187.09	194.59	190.83
O-7	116.10	123.99	123.99	123.99	129.54	129.54	137.06	137.06	143.90	158.30	169.18	169.18	169.18	169.18
O-6	86.05	94.54	100.73	100.73	100.73	100.73	100.73	100.73	104.15	120.62	126.79	129.54	137.06	148.65
O-5	68.82	80.82	86.40	86.40	86.40	86.40	89.02	93.80	100.09	107.57	113.75	117.19	121.28	121.28
O-4	58.01	70.64	75.35	75.35	76.75	80.14	85.60	90.42	94.54	98.69	101.42	101.42	101.42	101.42
O-3	53.91	60.27	64.43	71.29	74.70	77.39	81.57	85.60	87.71	87.71	87.71	87.71	87.71	87.71
O-2	47.01	51.34	61.67	63.75	65.09	65.09	65.09	65.09	65.09	65.09	65.09	65.09	65.09	65.09
O-1	40.81	42.49	51.34	51.34	51.34	51.34	51.34	51.34	51.34	51.34	51.34	51.34	51.34	51.34
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WITH OVER 4 YEARS ACTIVE DUTY AS ENLISTED OR WARRANT OFFICER														
O-3E	0.00	0.00	0.00	71.29	74.70	77.39	81.57	85.60	89.02	89.02	89.02	89.02	89.02	89.02
O-2E	0.00	0.00	0.00	63.75	65.09	67.15	70.64	73.34	75.35	75.35	75.35	75.35	75.35	75.35
O-1E	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.34	54.64	56.86	58.92	60.97	63.75	63.75	63.75	63.75	63.75	63.75
ENLISTED MEMBERS														
E-9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	63.88	65.33	66.81	68.34	69.86	71.22	74.97	82.26
E-8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	53.58	55.11	56.55	58.03	59.55	60.93	62.43	66.10	73.47
E-7	37.41	40.38	41.88	43.34	44.83	46.25	47.73	49.21	51.44	52.90	54.38	55.09	58.79	66.10
E-6	32.18	35.08	36.54	38.10	39.51	40.95	42.46	44.64	46.04	47.52	48.25	48.25	48.25	48.25
E-5	28.24	30.75	32.23	33.64	35.84	37.30	38.79	40.21	40.95	40.95	40.95	40.95	40.95	40.95
E-4	26.35	27.82	29.45	31.74	32.99	32.99	32.99	32.99	32.99	32.99	32.99	32.99	32.99	32.99
E-3	24.82	26.17	27.23	28.31	28.31	28.31	28.31	28.31	28.31	28.31	28.31	28.31	28.31	28.31
E-2	23.88	23.88	23.88	23.88	23.88	23.88	23.88	23.88	23.88	23.88	23.88	23.88	23.88	23.88
E-1	21.30	21.30	21.30	21.30	21.30	21.30	21.30	21.30	21.30	21.30	21.30	21.30	21.30	21.30

E-1 with less than 4 months — 19.69

NOTE — Drill pay is limited to 190.83 by Level V of the Executive Schedule.

Littlest Herk is big holiday fund-raising hit

By Capt. Rick Dyer

It will never roar down the runway or airdrop any cargo, but Westover's newest — and littlest — C-130 has already been involved in a "special mission" to aid disabled children.

The aircraft, a detailed, scale-model replica of the Hercules planes flown by the Wing, was raffled at the base during the December UTA to raise funds for the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children in Springfield.

It was built by SSgt. Anthony Corcione, who lives at Westover and is serving an active duty tour with the 103rd Tactical Fighter Group of the Connecticut Air National Guard.

Building model aircraft is the NCO's hobby, and he recently decided to mix airplane glue with philanthropy in an attempt to raise money for the children's hospital.

He devoted more than 100 hours of painstaking effort creating the intricate model, which has a three-foot wing span, and sports a camouflage green paint job.

"I'm a member of the Masons, and one of our organizations, the



SSgt. Anthony Corcione displays the C-130 model that he built for a special mission.

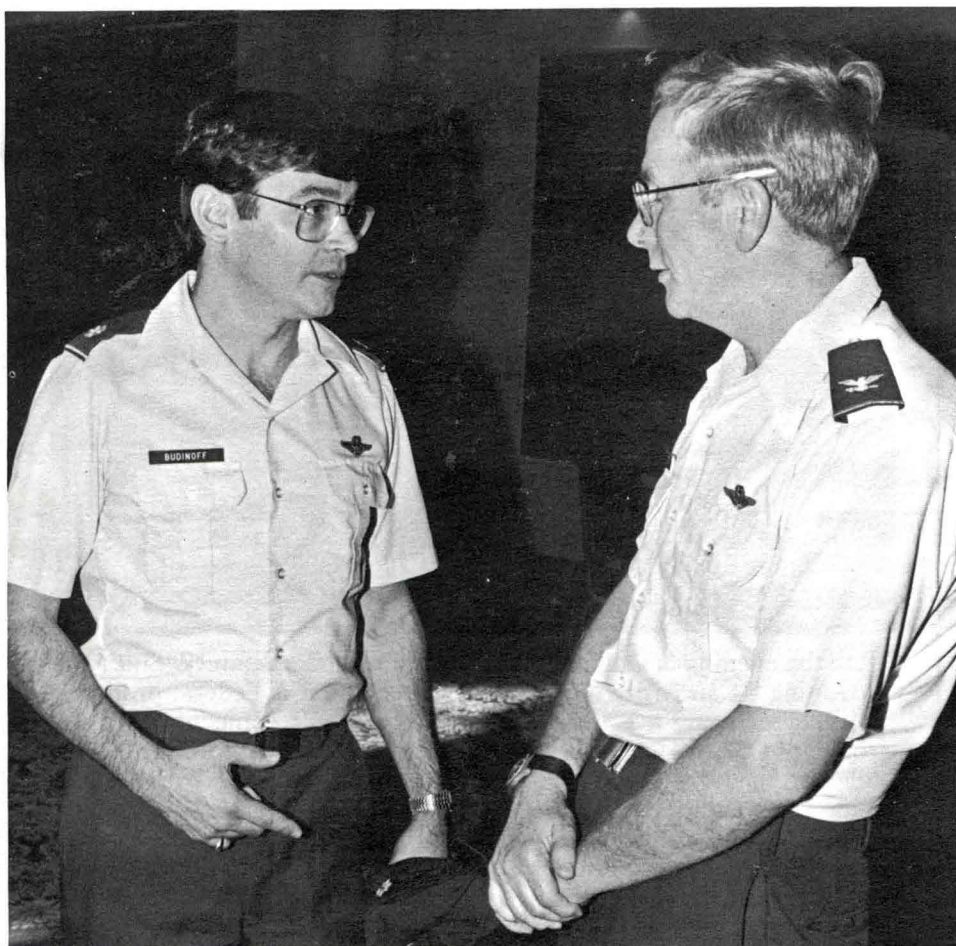
(USAF photo by Capt. Phil Weber)

Shriners, sponsors the hospital," Sergeant Corcione said. "I thought that this would be a good holiday project for me."

The sergeant's "labor of love" was apparently a hit with C-130 aficionados at the base. The raffle earned more than \$1,000 for the Shriner's facility, which treats children suffering from serious burns and physical disabilities.

Sergeant Corcione has constructed more than 100 aircraft models, and this wasn't the first time that he's used his hobby to help out at Westover.

In anticipation of the Wing's impending conversion to an all C-5 transport aircraft inventory, he recently presented a model of the Galaxy to Brig. Gen. Jack P. Ferguson, 439th TAW commander.



Lt. Col. Jerold Budinoff, left, discusses future plans for the 337th TAS with outgoing Commander Col. Walter C. Holliday.

(USAF photo by Capt. Phil Weber)

Seven awards are presented

Seven award recipients were honored during Commander's Call ceremonies at Westover on Dec. 8.

Lt. Col. James H. Handy, commander of the 439th Combat Support Group, received the Meritorious Service Medal, First Oak Leaf Cluster. The colonel was honored for "outstanding service" as operations officer with the 707th Military Airlift Squadron (Associate), Charleston AFB, S.C. from June, 1984 until May, 1985.

Also receiving the Meritorious Service Medal was **Maj. William H. Schoeck**. He was cited for his performance as transportation officer with the 42nd Mobile Aerial Port Squadron.

MSgt. Edward M. Sierzego was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal, First Oak Leaf Cluster, for "meritorious service" as first ser-

geant with the 58th Aerial Port Squadron.

Four Air Force Commendation Medals were presented to **Capt. Richard E. Collier**, **MSgt. Jimmy C. Huey**, **MSgt. Michael W. Schuell** and **TSgt. Robert R. Durand**.

Captain Collier was honored for his service as officer in charge, terminal services, with the 80th Mobile Aerial Port Squadron at Dobbins AFB, Ga.

Sergeant Huey received his medal for "outstanding professional skill, knowledge and leadership while assigned to the 58th APS.

Sergeant Schuell was recognized for his contributions as air transportation supervisor with the 59th Aerial Port Squadron and Sergeant Durand was honored for his work as a vehicle operator and dispatcher with the 439th CSG.

Westover once over

Editor's note: Below is a new "Patriot" feature which relates important historical events that occurred at Westover 25, 10 and five years ago. The feature will appear periodically on these pages.

25 Years ago

(January 31, 1961)

More than 250 Reservists from the 94th Troop Carrier Wing (a predecessor of the 439th TAW) at Hanscom Field are ordered to active duty for 21 days to ferry 45 C-119 "Flying Boxcar" aircraft from France to the United States. Among those participating in the mission are Sgt. Charles Fusco.

10 Years ago

(January and February 1976 Patriots)

The 439th TAW gained responsibility for the 914th TAG at Niagara. The transfer, from the 403rd TAW at Selfridge AFB, was less than 20 months after the Westover unit's own formation.

Westover began its year long series of events commemorating the country's bicentennial. Special recognition services included a flag raising and luncheon.

5 Years ago

(January and February 1981 Patriots)

Approximately 60 of the wing's officers enrolled in a new Air Command and Staff College program at Westover. It's the first time such a professional military education course is offered at a Reserve base.

TSgt. Roger Perrault, a Reserve recruiter, recruited his daughter, Theresa into the unit.

Reservist ignores options, spouse receives nothing

"I get absolutely nothing?" the widow asked tearfully.

"I'm very sorry to say so, but that's right," answered the retirement clerk.

But why?" she asked.

"Well . . . when we notified your husband that he'd be eligible for retired pay at age 60, he never made a choice under the Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan, or RCSBP as we call it. And he didn't change the beneficiary on his life insurance policy when he married you. His first wife will get the insurance money," said the clerk.

"Isn't there anything I can do?" she said.

"Only your husband could have done it," the clerk said. "He should have answered our notification and selected one of the three available options."

"What are they?" the woman asked.

"Option A," replied the clerk, "would have let him delay his choice until he reached age 60. Since he passed away at 58 without selecting any option, you aren't eligible for the annuity or any other benefits — no blue ID card, no commissary and no exchange.

"If he had chosen Option B, your annuity would have started on his 60th birthday, had he lived.

"Option C gives the most coverage. You'd have started receiving an annuity immediately, regardless of his age, if he'd selected this one.

"I'm really very sorry that he ignored our letter. It's left you with a tough row to hoe. Passing away at 58 left him with the same choice as Option A. He'd have had another chance to select if he'd live to age 60," explained the clerk.

"We here at the Air Reserve Personnel Center, along with consolidated base personnel office people in the reserve units, are trying to educate reservists through a lot of programs," said the clerk. "It's extremely important to make that choice and keep their records up to date."

The clerk didn't know what else to say. The widow was silent for a moment. Then she lowered her head, turned and slowly walked away.

Stolen . . .



On the evening of October 30, a painting by an Army helicopter pilot picturing a F-4 on the ground at OSAN AB, Korea was stolen from the Westover Consolidated Open Mess.

The painting by artist Craig Randall titled, "Flying Friends," was a part of the Air Force Art Exhibit that was on loan to Westover.

"It's really a shame," said Lt. Col. James H. Handy, Base Commander, "the display of 17 original paintings received some very favorable comments from club patrons who had seen the exhibit. To have one of them stolen questions the integrity of all members of the Westover

Military Community. Since the Art Exhibit is Federal property, if we don't come up with the stolen painting soon, we'll have to turn the case over to the FBI."

The exhibit is part of a series of art work on Air Force life that tours throughout the United States. While at Westover, the Art Exhibit was on display at the Club and the Fairfield Mall in Chicopee. The exhibition was curtailed when the painting was discovered missing.

Anyone with any clue to the whereabouts of the painting should contact Capt. Philip Weber in the Public Affairs Office or the Base Security Police.

Westover office locations change

More than 300 Westover personnel have recently changed office locations.

The 74th AES has switched buildings with Civilian Personnel and Administration. The 74th AES has moved from Building 1875 to Building 1408 and Civilian Personnel and Administration have moved from Building 1408 to Building 1875. The Chaplain's office is still in Building 1408.

The comptroller function has been consolidated in Building 2400 which is located near the DC Hangar. Accounting, budget and travel pay have moved from Building 1408 and mili-

tary pay has moved from Building 1850 to Building 2400.

The public affairs office moved from Building 1100 (Wing headquarters) to Building 1850 (Base headquarters) and Logistics is now in Building 1100.

All phone numbers have remained the same as before.

"The moves were accomplished to realign the organization for the impending C-5 conversion," explained Col. James H. Handy, base commander. The moves, which were completed by contract movers, help to distribute office space more appropriately to individual units.

Air Force Reserve Program for fiscal year 1986

Editor's note. The following are excerpts from a presentation by Maj. Gen. Sloan Gill, AFRES chief, to the Subcommittee on Defense, U.S. House of Representatives.

I am pleased to report that the Air Force Reserve attained an end strength of 70,318 in FY 1984, exceeding our programmed end strength of 69,880. All of our units are well-manned, well-trained, and capable of mobilizing in 24 hours and deploying within 72 hours. The keys to this effectiveness have been, and continue to be, modern equipment, meaningful missions, dedicated personnel and the strong support of the active force. These factors have instilled a sense of importance and pride of accomplishment in the performance of our mission around the world. Overall, the Air Force Reserve is stronger than it has ever been.

As of January 1985, all but two of our equipped flying units were combat ready. Both of these squadrons have a large number of aircraft undergoing depot level maintenance.

Each of the three KC-135 tanker squadrons remain in combat ready status and has crews standing daily alert. All six of our strategic airlift wings were combat ready, as were our two KC-10 tanker/cargo units.

The Air Force Reserve is continuing to pursue modernization of its airlift and fighter forces. This year we will activate our first equipped C-5 strategic airlift unit at Kelly AFB, Texas. In FY 1986, we will operate five C-5 aircraft while continuing to train our people. Then in FY 1987, as new C-5s are procured, we will continue to build the unit to its full complement of 16 aircraft. Placing C-5s in the Air Force Reserve will reduce their peacetime flying cost and extend their service life because we will fly them less than the active force.

In FY 1986, we will also establish our first C-141 equipped strategic airlift unit by converting our C-130E unit at Andrews AFB, Maryland to C-141s. We will provide 100% of the aircrews and maintenance personnel for our equipped strategic airlift units while continuing to supply 50% of the aircrews and 40% of the maintenance personnel for the C-141s and C-5s in the associate fleet.

On the tactical airlift side we'll expand our only C-130H unit from six to eight aircraft in July 1985 with the delivery of the two aircraft purchased for us in FY 1984. The FY 1985 procurement of eight additional C-130Hs will allow us to retire eight of our older C-130A models. The remaining

48 C-130A aircraft that we operate will average 28 years of age and are programmed to remain in the inventory until the mid 1990s when they are to be replaced by C-141s and newer C-130s transferred from the active Air Force inventory as a result of the purchase of C-17s. This is a workable plan but is obviously contingent upon timely procurement of the C-17. If the program is delayed, it will be very expensive, if not impossible, to maintain these 1950's technology C-130s. To preclude this from happening, I urge Congress to fully support the C-17 program to eliminate existing airlift shortfalls and provide replacements for our A model C-130s.

Our fighter force remains constant in FY 1986 with 216 aircraft. In FY 1987 we will begin to receive 24 production line F-16 C/D airlift at Luke AFB, Arizona. The F-16 and A-10 help to keep the average age of our fighter/attack force down, but the F-4D is still the mainstay of our force.

2 Westover officers promoted to colonel

The eagles have landed at Westover with the announcement that two of its lieutenant colonels have been selected for promotion. Lt. Col. James Handy, base commander, and Lt. Col. Gale French, wing safety officer, could be pinning on their 'bird' insignias next spring or summer.

Colonel Handy has been at Westover since last June. Previously, he served as air operations officer for 14AF Headquarters and at the 707th MAS at Charleston AFB, S.C. He is a University of Hawaii graduate and holds a masters degree in aerospace operations management from the University of Southern California. He also graduated from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

A 12-year veteran of Westover, Colonel French has served in a variety of assignments including 337th TAS operations officer. He received the coveted Koren Kolligian Trophy in recognition of his heroic landing of a C-123 engulfed in fire.

Enhanced fitness program delayed

The Air Force has delayed the start of its enhanced physical fitness program until late 1986. The program had been scheduled to begin in January.

According to Capt. Joseph Mazzola, chief of military fitness at the Manpower and Personnel Center, senior Air Force leaders are looking at alternative means of funding manpower slots needed to start the program.

He said the exact start date of the program will depend on the outcome of those options. The program probably will begin in about one year," he added.

Air Force began testing the enhanced fitness program in 1983. The program is designed to increase readiness and encourage members to par-

ticipate regularly in exercises such as walking, bicycling, jogging or swimming.

Under the program, running times for men are faster than the current standards, which were set in the late 1960s. Women's running times are nearly the same since they were implemented in the mid-1970s and based on more current data.

Sit-ups have been added to the program to encourage members to include a variety of muscle-building exercises in their personal exercise programs.

The stationary run will not be included, Captain Mazzola said. As it is not a credible method of testing fitness. The three-mile walk still will be optional, but only for people born in 1951 or earlier, he added. (AFNS)

Congressman predicts fiscal crunch for defense

By Capt. Rick Dyer

The nation's \$2 trillion deficit will pose some major problems for the defense program, U.S. Rep. Edward Boland told the Wing's officers during the December UTA.

The Springfield congressman, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, addressed the monthly meeting of the Westover Reserve Officer's Association.

"Just the interest alone on that deficit is \$12 billion a month," Congressman Boland said. "I look down the road a bit and see that the deficit will mean some major problems for both the defense program and domestic programs."

"DOD must either shrink its non-nuclear forces by one third prior to 1991, or attempt to maintain current staffing levels in the face of reduced revenues and funding for equipment."

Congressman Boland cautioned against the latter option. "We dare not construct a hollow force — one that looks good on paper but is inadequately supplied and maintained," he said.

"I want you to know that I will do everything in my power to help you to do your jobs the way you know how to do them," he added. "We must strive for a balanced response, and one way to accomplish that is by eliminating duplication between the services and by improving procurement."

Pointing to the Wing's impending conversion to a C-5 Galaxy inventory, the congressman predicted that the armed forces as a whole would be facing "years of change."

"The C-5 conversion indicates a commitment by the President and the Congress to equip you with the same types of tools and equipment used by your active duty counterparts," Congressman Boland said. "It's also indicative of the major changes that the entire military will face during the next five years."

In concluding his remarks, the congressman praised Westover's Reservists. "The defense of our nation has historically rested on the shoulders of its individual citizen-soldiers," he stated. "Your vigilance is the best guarantor of our freedom."



Congressman Edward Boland (right) is greeted by (left to right) Robert Swindell, Lt. Col. James H. Handy, and Maj. Thomas G. Costello prior to his speech to the Reserve Officers Association meeting at the Westover Consolidated Open Mess, Dec. 8.

(USAF photo by Capt. Philip Weber)

AFRES serious about weight control

ROBINS AFB, Ga. (AFRNS) — The Air Force Reserve isn't kidding about weight control. Reservists who fail to comply with the weight standards in Air Force Regulation 35-11, "Air Force Weight and Fitness Program," can expect to face involuntary separation.

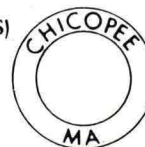
A master sergeant with more than 30 years' military service was discharged from the Reserve recently for failing to control his weight. He had been on the weight management program for more than three years, and at his last weight check still was 22 pounds over his maximum allowable limit.

An administrative discharge board convened at Headquarters AFRES had recommended separation. Loss of reserve membership for failure to adhere to weight control standards is considered to be within an individual's control and is grounds for removal from an air reserve technician position.

AFRES officials emphasize they will continue to enforce Air Force weight standards and take appropriate administrative action against those reservists who fail to meet them.

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