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PAT Creates guide for Westover's future

A whirlwind visit in early October by a seven-member Planning Assistance Team has produced a 100-page study of land use patterns and recommendations for the future of Westover.

The PAT guidelines will be the basis for a comprehensive long-range plan for airfield and installation development over the next two or three decades.

After six days of interviews and observations, the team led by Maj. Kenneth F. Schnell, a civil engineering planner based at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, has recommended consolidating some activities and creating buffer areas between incompatible zones.

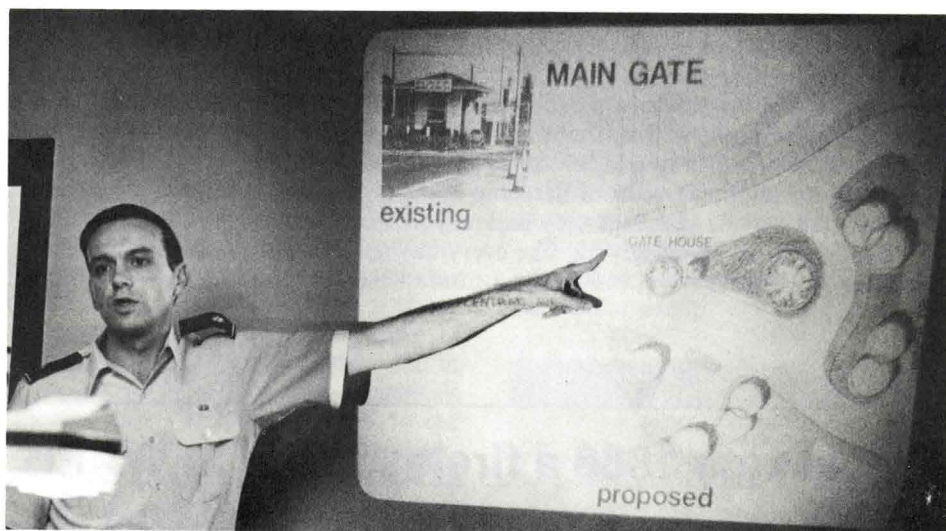
"Westover is a beautiful installation," said Major Schnell, "it's physical development in many areas represents that of the ideal Air Force base."

The team recommended removing industrial activity from the north ramp, consolidating administrative functions around Ellipse Drive, removing community commercial activities from the flightline and continuing development of community uses on the western side of the base.

The proposed conversion to C-5 aircraft sparked recommendations for heightened security, some taxiway improvements and additions, and the temporary relocation of Army aviation activities to the DRMO buildings along the north ramp.

The team recommended demolishing the Special Projects facility in Bldg. 1900 which has been unoccupied for 15 years, and construction of a new 439th TAW headquarters as an addition to Bldg. 1850, the 439th CSG headquarters.

"Inappropriate flightline administrative functions such as Disaster Pre-



Maj. Kenneth F. Schnell of the Air Force Institute of Technology briefs key Westover officials on results of Planning Assistance Team analysis of land use patterns.

(USAF photo by Frank Faulkner)

paredness, Social Actions, Naval Reserve offices, etc. should be relocated to the old wing headquarters facility," according to the study.

The Shopette and service station should be moved to the western side of the base, and the team recommended constructing a new facility for the 439th TAC Hospital.

"What we're trying to create is a 'rainbow' effect," said Major Schnell. "There should be stripes of compatible activities from flightline uses, industrial facilities, administrative functions, recreational areas and community use facilities. And open-space buffer areas should be used between incompatible areas."

The report identified many scattered functions which should be consolidated during future construction and recommended some changes to road and traffic patterns.

"Sign clutter abounds at Westover,"

according to the report. "Visitors are overwhelmed with directional signs at every intersection...sign clutter on base must be reduced." Citing the proposed conversion to C-5s and increased manning levels, the study recommended an aggressive sign program and adoption of international traffic signs.

The requirement for back-in parking should be eliminated and improvements should be made to many parking lots, especially at areas near the flightline.

The study recommended new gates and roadway improvements, such as extending Austin Road from the bowling alley to First Avenue to reduce base exchange and consolidated open mess traffic now routed along Outer Drive.

Working with Mr. Conrad "Buddy" Lafleur, 439th CGS/DEE, PAT members interviewed more than three dozen

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EDITORIAL

A season for thanks

It's November — already! Few leaves remain on the trees, frost covers the ground and families start heading home for Thanksgiving.

For some, Thanksgiving only means the "rat race" of the holidays is just around the corner. But, for others, it's a poignant time. A time for family and, of course, food. But also, it's a time to reflect.

To see each face around the table and note how special they are. To remember the family member that survived that terrible accident last summer, or maybe the miracle of the new baby in your home.

As we push away from the dinner table, we think of the plenty we enjoy, our jobs or our leisure activities. We sit in our comfortable homes but the television keeps bringing in today's relentless reality: terrorism, drugs, earthquakes, hunger, tyranny and oppression.

In the Seventeenth Century, reality for the Pilgrims was different — but no less vivid. The tyranny of England was still fresh in their minds, their difficult voyage was complete. Yet, they faced cold, hunger, disease and the constant threat of attack. Many had left loved ones behind. Others didn't survive the crossing or the first months of hardship in the new world. But they gathered to thank God for the blessings they had and trusted Him for the times ahead.

Enjoyment at Thanksgiving, like every day, then and now, lies not in what we have or do not have, but in the attitude we embrace as we face each new season.

Happy Thanksgiving
SSgt. Sandi Michon

Fiscal year 1986 a fireless year at WAFB

Fire Chief Haskel Jenkins reported during Fire Prevention Week that Westover has completed FY 1986 without a single fire and the base now has seven consecutive years without a reportable fire loss.

Certificates of achievement for fire prevention activities were presented by Chief Jenkins and Lt. Col. Thomas G.

Hargis, base commander, to Terie Reynolds of Base Civil Engineering; John L. Petrizza, manager of the Base Exchange; Bob Motley, chief of airfield management, and Dale Altman, chief of transportation.

The theme for Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 7-13, was "Learn not to burn."

POWs, MIAs honored

America's prisoners of war and those missing in action were remembered Sept. 19 during military ceremonies at Westover.

During the observance, the POW/MIA flag was raised on the base flagpole by Col. Frederick D. Walker, 439th TAW commander, and Lt. Col. Thomas G. Hargis, base commander.

President Reagan had proclaimed Sept. 19 as National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and American military installations throughout the world were urged to schedule observances.

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Richard Miesel gave the invocation and TSgt. John W. Spencer of the 439th TAW read the Presidential Proclamation.

Voelker cited

Chief Harold Voelker of the Westover security force received a citation from the Chicopee Board of Aldermen in honor of his contributions as business manager of the American Legion Post 337's championship baseball team.

The chief's charges won the Western Massachusetts crown this summer and finished second in the state-wide Legion tournament.

Lloyd retires

Arthur L. Loyd recently retired as head of the OLC, 1998th Information Systems Group at Westover.

The communications support unit for the base maintains the control tower, navigational aid systems, ground computers and phone systems. Although the unit's 39 personnel are all civilian, the OLC (operating location C) is actually an active duty unit attached to McGuire AFB, N.J. since 1983.

Mr. Lloyd retired from federal service after 25 years. He resides in South Hadley with his wife, Jane.

Robert J. Mayo will assume command of the OLC, 1998th ISG. He has been with the communications group for 11 years.

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Maj. Gen. Scheer is nominated Chief of Air Force Reserve



Maj. Gen. Roger P. Scheer

WASHINGTON (AFRNS) — President Reagan has nominated Maj. Gen. Roger P. Scheer for appointment as Chief of Air Force Reserve and AFRES Commander. The Senate has

confirmed the appointment.

General Scheer, currently commander of 10th Air Force at Bergstrom AFB, Tex., will replace Maj. Gen. Sloan R. Gill, who completed his four-year statutory tour in the Pentagon position Oct. 31.

General Scheer, 51, was born in Akron, Colo., and received his bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1957. He was awarded a master's degree in business administration from Central State University in Edmond, Okla., in 1977.

Commissioned through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program, he completed pilot training at Webb AFB, Tex., and Moody AFB, Ga., and flew F-86Ds, F-100s and F-105s from bases in West Germany, North Carolina, Turkey, Okinawa and Thailand. He completed 168 combat missions during the Vietnam War.

He separated from active duty in 1970 and joined Loewi and Co. in Chicago as a stockbroker. Eighteen months later, he went to work in the A-10 marketing division of the Fair-

child-Republic Company in Farmingdale, N.Y.

When he learned the Air Force Reserve's 507th Tactical Fighter Group at Tinker AFB, Okla. would be assigned F-105s, General Scheer joined the unit as an Air Reserve Technician in 1972. He assumed command of the Group in January 1973 and held that position until May 1974, when he was named commander of the 301st Tactical Fighter Wing at Carswell AFB, Tex.

In April 1983, he became Deputy to the Chief of the Air Force Reserve. He assumed his current position in May 1985.

A command pilot with more than 5,000 flying hours, General Scheer is married to the former Sandra Foster of Glencoe, Ill. The Scheers have three daughters, Lisa, Lauren and Paige.

General Scheer's replacement as commander of the 10th Air Force has not been named.

Reflections as head of Air Force Reserve: Sloan R. Gill

Maj. Gen., USAFR

"On Oct. 31 I completed my four years as your Chief of Air Force Reserve. As I was preparing to pass the reins of more than 78,000 hard-charging, dedicated Reservists to Maj. Gen. Roger P. Scheer, I realized that I had one very important piece of unfinished business.

"There is a profound statement that says a leader is no better than the people he leads. I'm a great believer in that statement. And that says something about each and every one of you — the men and women of the Air Force Reserve. You're very, very special. You have become a recognized role model for what a Reserve component can be. It wasn't the chief who won Gun-smoke, Volant Rodeo or the SAC Navigation Competition — it was typical Air Force Reservists doing what they do best. You won the victories, passed the ORIs, MEIs and every other standard of measurement used to judge our war-fighting capability, including Grenada and Libya. And never once did you come up short. I received the glory and recognition, but you earned it.

More important, however, is the fact that these successes proved the value of the Air Force Reserve to the Total Force program. They removed the doubts of the few remaining skeptics. The Air Force Reserve is a real combat-ready machine.

"It would be impossible to ever tell you what an honor and a privilege it has been for me to have served as your chief. Let me tell you, when someone has 78,000 Reservists like you, leadership is easy, and it's a pleasure.

"If there has been one disappointment, it is my failure to meet our goal of accident-free flight operations. Some look upon that goal as the impossible dream, but I personally feel that it must always remain as goal number one — we owe it to the families of our members.

"As my wife, Losey, and I prepare to leave, we have nothing but the highest respect and admiration for each and every one of you. YOU are what makes the Air Force Reserve what it is — GREAT. You're second to none. You're dedicated and motivated



Maj. Gen. Sloan R. Gill

military professionals. Thanks for four really great and special years. Losey and I give you a well-deserved final salute."

Weight control program aim: healthier, happier Reservists

By Maj. Rick Dyer

Wing officials are beefing up their efforts to cut down on the beef at Westover.

Colonel Frederick D. Walker, 439th TAW Commander, has issued directives to improve the weight management program in effect since April 1982.

The emphasis of these efforts, he said, is to ensure that Reservists are healthier and happier.

"We are taking positive steps to deal with potential health problems," said Colonel Walker. "The weight standards are not punitive. They were established to decrease the risks associated with being overweight."

"Leaner Is Better"

To promote the "leaner is better" policy, the wing commander has ordered that:

- Col. Walter Holliday will oversee the weight control program to monitor compliance and assist unit commanders;
- each Wing unit will receive a calibrated scale to conduct weigh-ins;
- unannounced weight checks will be staged periodically.

Air Force Reserve Regulation 35-11 mandates that all personnel meet weight standards based upon height. Reservists who exceed the limit receive a medical evaluation, diet and exercise counseling, and are placed in the weight management program.

According to MSgt. Mary L. Paradise, 439th CSG personnel technician, 68 Westover Reservists were listed on the weight program roster as of the October UTA. Other names might be added in the future, she said.

"Spot Checks"

"We will be doing spot checks during UTA sign-ins," Colonel Holliday said. "People who appear to be overweight will be asked to step on the scale, and if they are over the weight limit, they'll be referred to the program."

"My job is to implement the policy uniformly and fairly throughout the unit, without exception," Colonel Holliday added.

Reservists assigned to the program are required to meet weight-loss goals each UTA (five pounds for men, three

pounds for women) until they meet the limit. Once they achieve the required weight, they are monitored for an additional six months to ensure ongoing compliance.

Those who fail to comply can receive sanctions, including reprimands, "red-lining," and, ultimately, discharge from the service.

Base officials, however, are more interested in stressing the positive aspects of the weight management program.

"It's a fact of life that overweight people generally have more medical problems and don't perform as well as those whose weights are within acceptable limits," said Lt. Col. Thomas G. Hargis, base commander.

The base commander, who is six-foot, four inches tall and weighs 228 pounds, admits to a personal interest in the weight control effort.

"I'm one-half pound under the limit and I'm the kind of person who gains two pounds if I even sniff a doughnut," Colonel Hargis said.

To keep the scales tipped in his fa-

vor, the base commander walks five miles a day, rides a bicycle and watches what he eats. "It seems like I'm always on a diet," he said.

Col. (Dr.) Ronald Neal, commander of the 439th Tactical Hospital, agrees with the approach taken by Colonel Hargis.

"A good diet and proper exercise are the key to any weight control program," Colonel Neal said. "As far as the calories go, my favorite diet is 'half as much, half as often.'"

The hospital commander believes that weight control is in everyone's best interest. "Obesity greatly increases the risk of heart disease, diabetes, stroke and other health problems," he said.

Colonel Hargis said that he is exploring the possibility of establishing such a support group for problem eaters at Westover. He has also enlisted the aid of the dining facility and the base gymnasium in the fight against fat. (See related article, page 5.)



(artwork by SrA. Donna Young)

An encouraging word . . .

By Maj. Rick Dyer

Since the inception of the 439th's weight management program, several Westover Reservists have been fighting the battle of the bulge — and winning.

CMSgt. Eugene Longfield, chief of consolidated training for the 439th CSG, dropped 17 pounds in 30 days in order to satisfy the weight standard.

Just how did the chief become "Lean Gene?"

"I went to Weight Watchers and participated in their 'quick start' program," he said. The veteran NCO, who is now three pounds below the limit, also credits some counseling that he received from Maj. (Dr.) Yash Malhotra of the 439th Tactical Hospital.

"Doctor Malhotra's diet advice was very helpful," Chief Longfield said. "He made me realize that I had to change my eating habits. I have."

TSgt. Howard Garbarsky of the base photo lab found that a change of diet and a change of jobs helped him drop pounds.

"When I was referred to the weight control program, I was a traveling

salesman. I wasn't getting enough exercise and I was eating junk food."

Sergeant Garbarsky says his new position as a mechanic enables him to get more exercise, and he carefully monitors his caloric intake. Since originally entering the weight program more than two years ago, he has trimmed his weight from 217 pounds to 187 pounds.

"I feel a lot better now than I did then," said Sergeant Garbarsky.

TSgt. Robert P. Drake, logistics plans specialist with the 439th TAW, lost 43 pounds in six months. He is now three pounds under his maximum weight of 211 pounds.

"I admire their willpower and determination," Lt. Col. Thomas G. Hargis, base commander, said of the three NCOs. "Like everyone in the program, they had to do most of this on their own."

Although many Reservists are only at Westover several days each month, base officials are eager to help them in the "fight against flab."

The base gym recently scheduled

aerobic courses and offers other activities and facilities to help keep people trim.

"We are also willing to work individually with anyone to help develop an appropriate exercise program," said TSgt. Peter Barbuto, of the gym staff.

Westover's dining facility is also counting calories carefully, according to SMSgt. Ron Perrault, 439th CSG food service superintendent.

"We now offer only low-fat milk, and we have a salad bar and plenty of fruit and vegetables available at every UTA meal," said Sergeant Perrault. "We are also trying to serve more fish and poultry."

Sergeant Perrault also had some words of advice for weight conscious patrons at Westover.

"It's okay to ask for half-portions or to substitute an extra helping of vegetables or salad for the bread or potatoes," Sergeant Perrault said. "You don't have to eat everything that's offered along the serving line."

Donating blood provides satisfaction for Reservist

by SSgt. Patricia A. Rathay

SSgt. John Hoerner and the Red Cross have gotten to be good friends since 1968, when he donated his first pint of blood while in the Air Force.

In 18 years, he has rolled-up his sleeve 56 times. "I am proud my donor card is completely full," he said. "I give blood because it's a good feeling, knowing that I'm helping somebody."

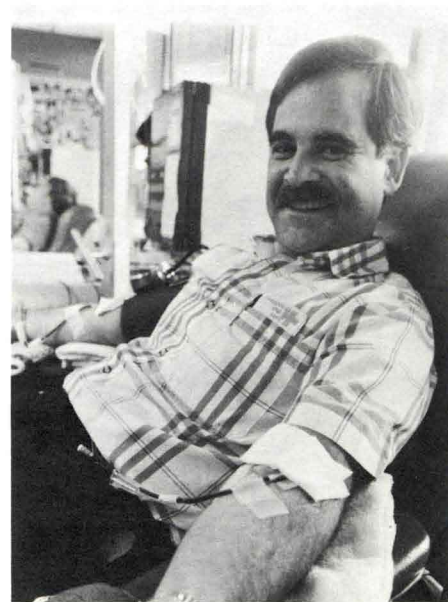
Sergeant Hoerner works on base as an occupational and safety health specialist during the week and is a ground safety technician in the 439th CSG.

"In 1979, while donating blood from one arm, I noticed a woman lying down with both arms out. The nurse explained the woman was donating platelets through a process called pher-

esis. Ever since then, I also have been in that program."

"Pheresis is the process of extracting plasma, platelets, or leukocytes (white blood cells) from whole blood," explained 2nd Lt. Elaine D'Aprile of the 74AES, who is also a nurse with the Red Cross. "Platelets and leukocytes are given to leukemia victims. One pheresis procedure can provide eight to ten units for a victim."

Hoerner said, "I donate platelets because you can do so monthly, while whole blood donations can only be done seven times a year. I feel great personal satisfaction," he said as tears welled in his eyes. "I'm going to keep on donating. I don't ask for much in return, just a simple thank you."



SSgt. John Hoerner donating platelets.
(USAF photo by Maria Bull)

Volant Partner: The Learning tour

Articles and photos by
SSgt. Tom Allocco

The Italian air force fighter pilot was skillful and perhaps a bit lucky when he found the 439th TAW C-130 over Lake Garge in northern Italy. After making mock firing passes, he could report successfully intercepting the plane from Westover.

The day before, his fellow pilots had not been so fortunate and the camouflaged C-130s had eluded them.

Americans and Italians on the ground and in the air learned from each other during two weeks of Volant Partner in September and October.

Following the intercept, the C-130 continued on its mission which was to deliver cargo to northern Italy. It was one more episode in the Volant Partner exercise which saw Westover Reservists carry out NATO support missions throughout Europe.

The four Westover aircraft went to Oslo, Norway; Adana, Turkey; R.A.F. Mildenhall, United Kingdom, and Athens, Greece, anywhere that the



TSgt. Steven Holloway, left, and SSgt. Joseph LeMoine of the 439th CAMS correct an engine problem.



Westover and Willow Grove Reservists use recreation time to tour the aircraft carrier Forestal in the port of Livorno.

military airlift command needed a job done in Europe.

"We are trained to deploy overseas, operate under basic conditions, and be available to MAC," said Lt. Col. Jerold Budinoff, 337th TAS Commander.

Reservists and C-130s from Westover and the 913th TAG at Willow Grove, Pa., did the job for which they were trained.

Command post, operations and CAMS members from both units set up a program which deployed six aircraft throughout Europe each day. They were supported by the 439th Tactical Hospital, 74 AES, 439th WSSF, 439th MOBSF, and base transportation members. Colonel Frederick D. Walker, 439th TAW commander, headed the exercise which was under the control of the 322nd Airlift Division at Ramstein AB, Germany.

They kept the planes flying and delivered passengers and cargo under the challenge of field conditions, supply problems, language barriers, shortages of vehicles and all the problems of moving to a new environment.

"It's a good learning experience for our people," said Lt. Col. Gale French, wing safety officer.

"Our aircrew staff started in San Guisto and flew from Italian airspace through French, Spanish, and German airspace. Each has different flying

rules, such as altitude; the controllers all speak in English with different accents. With six of our eight aircraft flying every day, we had to work very hard at safety."

It wasn't just the pilots who went to Italy to learn.

"Normally, I specialize in logistics," said SSgt. Debbie Malek, an administrative specialist, at the command post. "Here we're doing the combined function of an operational command post, resource management, airlift control elements and more."

"That's why we're here, to iron out problems we never would have thought of until we actually encountered them while doing the job," she said. Volant Partner consisted of both training, such as the intercepts and parachute drops, and "real world" delivery mission.

Westover and Willow Grove planes kept moving, such as delivering a fire engine to Germany or 500-lb. practice bombs to Balikesir, Turkey.

Flying highlights of Volant Partner included dropping Navy SEALs in Scotland, members of the Italian Folgore (lightning) Para Brigade near the foot of the Apennine mountains, and U.S. Army Rangers in northern Italy.

The six 337th TAS aircrews will long remember their experiences of low-level navigational missions at 500 feet in the mountainous valleys of northern Italy.

in Pisa

"We learned a lot about the difficulties of coordinating and flying procedures," said Colonel Budinoff. "Zinging through tactical control areas and Italian air control sectors required constant communication.

"We worked with the Italian air force's 46 Aero Brigata which flies C-130s out of San Guisto. The Italians showed us they are real professionals. We learned from each other," Col. Budinoff said.

Before the Reservists began the deployment, Col. Walker advised them that America's adversaries would watch Volant Partner and the ability to deploy C-130s. Toward the end of the exercise, the commander gave them highest marks.

"I have the highest regard for what everyone has done. It's always hard moving to a new situation but our people put their shoulder to the wheel and they made things happen," Colonel Walker said.



SSgt. Patrick Whelan, left, and Sgt. Thomas Kent, right, of the 439th WSSF exchange berets with members of the 46th Aerobrigata Area Defense force.

Friendship is a byproduct of Volant Partner

Friendships between Americans and their Italian counterparts were cemented during Volant Partner in numerous individual encounters marked with animated conversations and unit patch exchanges.

The Americans came home with the wolf and raven patches of the 46th Aerobrigata and the 50th Gruppo, their hosts at San Guisto. They left countless patches with the Italian airmen.

Members of the 439th WSSF, TSgt. George Hoagland, SSgt. Patrick Whelan, SSgt. Renan Flores, SSgt. Scott Buchanan and Sgt. Thomas Kent, brought home the grey berets worn by their security counterparts. The two security forces had traded berets as a token of the friendships formed during long hours together on guard duty.

Other Westover Reservists returned with a good feeling about Italy.

SMSgt. Sal Palumbo, 439th CAMS first sergeant, is the first generation Italian-American who speaks the language.

After sharing a table in the Italian NCO dining hall, he couldn't walk

down the street without being greeted.

"Once you break the barrier, they want to know all about life in the U.S. One thing I told them is that eating in the Italian dining hall is heaven. It reminds me of my mother's cooking."

Knowing the language gave SMSgt. Acquillina "Bil" Lucia, command post technician, the opportunity to help fellow Reservists.

He was in a restaurant when someone at a nearby table ordered "La Tripa" because it sounded good. "He turned two shades of blue when I told him he had ordered cow stomach," Sergeant Lucia said. "Luckily the owner took it back."

Two weeks in Italy introduced the Reservists to countless new experiences. They found doors that open inward, narrow streets crammed with small cars and bicycles, stores filled with dozens of hanging hams and blocks of cheese, restaurants that charge for a glass of water and wine in the Italian Air Force dining hall. They discovered a warm, relaxed attitude among a people who often spend evenings crowding streets as though each night was a festival.

Among the things Italians learned from the Americans was an introduction to smokeless tobacco during the going away party for the Reservists. American chewing tobacco caused screwed up faces among the young Italian airmen and peals of laughter from other Italians.

A friendship helped CMSgt. Charles Fusco, 439th CAMS maintenance superintendent, do his job.

"Three times I needed parts and was able to borrow them from an Italian maintenance NCO. I knew him from a Volant Rodeo competition where we became friends," he said.

"The Italian NCOs think the same way we do. They're proud of their Air Force in the same way we are."

For TSgt. Lou Giovannucci, command and control technician, the deployment gave him an opportunity to visit relatives in his hometown. He was born in the Abruzzi region near Rome, and lived there until 13.

Sergeant Giovannucci was able to serve as interpreter in the command post, as well as helping those who had been previously ordering their meals by pointing at the menu.

Purple Heart Museum opens in Enfield, Conn.

by SSgt. Tom Allocco

A Westover Reservist has helped establish a museum memorializing those who shed blood in the national defense.

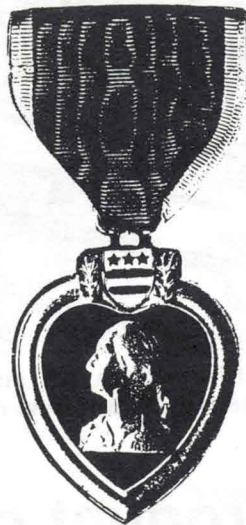
TSgt. John Shlatz, a 74th AES radio operator, is chairman of a veterans' group which opened a Purple Heart museum in Enfield, Conn. on Sept. 27. They hope to enlarge the small museum, now located in the town's Old Town Hall, into a showcase of the Purple Heart and memorabilia of those who have earned the nation's oldest military honor.

In 1783, Enfield resident Elijah Churchill received the first Badge of Merit — a forerunner of the Purple Heart — for service in the Revolution. General Washington presented the badge, which was the first award ever given to an American enlisted man for courage. The purple satin badge had "merit" sewn on it.

The award was revived in 1932 as the Purple Heart, with General Washington's profile, and was awarded to those wounded in World War I. About one

million Purple Heart medals have been awarded for combat wounds.

To put together a display worthy of the combat award, Sergeant Shlatz is asking for the support of Westover Reservists. He is asking members who earned the Purple Heart to donate the medal, citation, photographs or other memorabilia to the museum.



"This is something that veterans' groups in Enfield have been working toward for many years and it's now starting to come together. I'd like to see Westover Reservists to be a part of it," he said.

"I know there are people here who earned the Purple Heart. A donation to the Purple Heart Museum would be a way to pay tribute to all those who earned the award with their blood," Sergeant Shlatz said. "The dream is to establish a place where families can come and see on display the price paid by combat veterans."

Among the displays will be the medal earned by MSgt. Robert Patzel, 74th AES first sergeant, during the 1968 Tet Offensive.

Sergeant Patzel is the first Westover Reservist to pledge a donation to the museum. He earned the Purple Heart when hit in the shoulder by a bullet during a Viet Cong assault on Tan Son Nhut airfield. Sergeant Patzel served two tours as a C-123 crew chief in Vietnam.

Reservist saves victim

TSgt. Gary Josefiak, a 439th CAMS maintenance specialist, was driving home from work at Westover, on Route 2 in Lee, Mass., when he saw a car swerve off the road, smash into a telephone pole and burst into flames.

"I rushed over, saw the flames and pulled her out," said Sergeant Josefiak. "She was bleeding from the head and leg."

Firefighters soon arrived and put out the flames while the paramedics attended to the victim, Marlene Sciascia of Brookline. "They put on a neck brace and back brace on her before she was taken away in the ambulance," said Sergeant Josefiak.

Patrolman William Tierney investigated the accident and credited Josefiak with saving the woman from being badly burned or possibly being killed.

Said Sergeant Josefiak later, "I realized it was a very dangerous situation, but didn't give it much thought. I just knew I had to get her out."

Air Force Regulation 35-10 changes

(AFNS) — Several changes have been made to Air Force Regulation 35-10, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force personnel, of a result of recent Air Force Uniform Board approvals.

Aircrews may wear flight suits off base while eating at fast-food restaurants or during short convenience stops.

Changes are:

The aircraft and munitions maintenance badge will be worn in the same relative position as the aviation badge, our precedence will fall below the parachutist badge.

With all uniform combinations, women may carry a clutch-style purse no larger than 6.5 by 11.5 inches, and no smaller than 5 by 9 inches. The purse must have a concealed zipper, snap or facile, and be plain black leather or simulated leather. Texture may be smooth or scotch grain, no or-

namentation or high-gloss materials are authorized. The purse may have a wrist strap.

Women may wear blue hose stockings with all uniform combinations.

The new men's light blue short-sleeve shirt with epaulets and standard or dress collars may be worn with or without a tie.

Women may wear the new belted skirt which will be available from clothing sales stores.

T-shirts may be worn with the fatigue uniform on an optional basis.

The new poly-cotton or poly-wool women's blouse is authorized. On the blouse, the name tag is worn on the wearer's right, centered between the button and arm seam, not lower than the first button, and no higher than 1.5 inches above. Ribbons are worn on the wearer's left, center between the buttons and arm seam, in line with the name tag.

Lt. Col. Oates named vice-commander for 439th TAW

By TSgt. Gordon A. Newell

Lt. Col. Ralph H. Oates has assumed the position of vice-commander for the 439th Tactical Airlift Wing, replacing Col. Louis Paskevicz who retired in July.

Colonel Oates comes to Westover from Dover AFB, Del., where he was commander of the 709th Military Airlift Squadron (Associate).

"I know this is going to be a challenging position for me," said Colonel Oates. "But I'm really looking forward to being a part of the proposed conversion to C-5 aircraft."

Colonel Oates completed C-5A school at Altus AFB, Okla., in October 1981 and served as a Galaxy pilot with the 709th. He was named squadron commander in February 1983.

Distinguished Flying Cross

Colonel Oates was presented the Distinguished Flying Cross in 1983 for successfully landing a C-5 severely damaged by a flock of snow geese struck shortly after take-off.

"We were on a routine mission from Dover to Germany," he said. "We took off at 4:25 p.m. and were climbing when I pulled up the gear. That's when we were hit. At first, I didn't know what had happened. The number four engine had exploded but at the time, I didn't know it. Number two was heating up."

After learning that number four had indeed exploded and was on fire, Colonel Oates shut down the two damaged engines and returned to Dover. With 53 passengers, a crew of 14, and more than 100,000 pounds of cargo on board, Colonel Oates safely landed the plane.

Geese disable aircraft

Investigators discovered that between 60 and 80 geese had been killed in the incident. The plane had taken numerous hits and suffered severe damage from wingtip to wingtip, yet landed safely.

In addition to the DFC, Colonel Oates and his crew won the Air Force Association's President's Award, the General William Award, and was named MAC aircrew-of-the-year as well as the AFRES crew-of-the-year. All other members of the crew were awarded the Air Medal.



Lt. Col. Ralph H. Oates

(USAF photo by SSgt. Sandi Michon)

"It was totally a crew effort. It was a very interesting day, but not one I wish to go through again," he said.

"I flew C-130s for 17 years and I loved it. The C-130 is a great airplane. The C-5 is simply a bigger and more powerful version of the C-130. They are both workhorses," he said.

Colonel Oates first flew the C-130 in February 1964 when he attended advanced flying training and combat aircrew training at Sewart AFB, Tenn. He was then assigned to the 21st Troop Carrier Squadron at Naha AB, Okinawa. While serving with the 21st, he saw action in Vietnam and other areas of Southeast Asia.

From December 1966 until November 1968, he served as an aircraft commander on an RC-130 with the 1375th Mapping and Charting Squadron at Forces AFB, Kan.

Colonel Oates left active duty in November 1968 and joined Trans World Airlines and the Michigan Air National Guard, serving as an RB-57A pilot with the 172nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron in Battle Creek.

He returned to the C-130 cockpit in 1971 when he joined the 440th TAW at Billy Mitchell Field in Milwaukee as an Air Reserve Technician.

The colonel is presently a pilot with Piedmont Airlines, based at Norfolk, Va. and flying Boeing 737s.

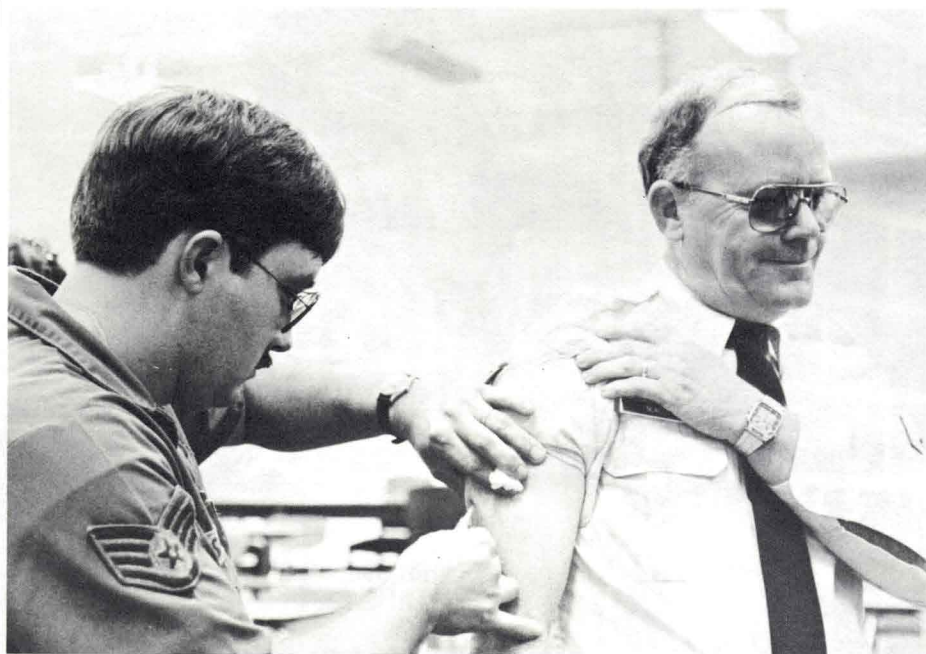
"I am absolutely delighted to have an officer of the caliber of Colonel Oates coming on board," said Col. Frederick D. Walker, commander of the 439th.

"When I went hunting for someone to fill this position I wanted someone with C-130 experience who also had gone through the transition to C-5. Colonel Oates fills that bill perfectly," he said.

"I'm looking forward to his good judgment and counsel as we prepare to get our first C-5s. He's a real down-to-earth person with a strong feeling for people. He's a welcomed addition to our staff."

Colonel Oates is married to Gay Elizabeth Pagano. He has two children, Cynthia, 17, and Timothy, 13. They reside in Virginia Beach, Va.

Flu Season



TSgt. Donald Sage administers shot to TSgt. Gordon Newell.

(USAF photo by SSgt. Sandra Michon)

The majority of Wing members received flu shots on the October UTA. Members from the 439th TAC Hospital and the 74th AES traveled to the units to administer the shots to help prevent Reservists from contracting type A and type B strains predicted for this season.

Symptoms of the flu are sudden onset of fever, sore throat, non-productive cough and a general ill-feeling that may last for days.

C-5 wing modification ahead of schedule

(AFNS) — Modification work on the wings of Military Airlift Command's C-5A Galaxy aircraft is ahead of schedule and \$100 million under budget, according to Air Force Logistics Command officials.

"To date, a total of 69 of the 76 aircraft to be modified have entered the program," said Harry Carter, deputy chief of the Airlift Aircraft Program Management Division at San Antonio ALC, located at Kelly AFB, Texas. "Sixty of those have been completed and the remainder are presently undergoing modification at Lockheed Aircraft Corporation's Marietta, Ga., facility. The work is running an average three weeks ahead of schedule."

the four-phase, \$1.4 billion program was approved by the Department of Defense in 1975. Phase IV of the project is scheduled for completion by July 1987.

"Phase IV is the actual modification," Mr. Carter explained. this in-

volves replacing three major sections of the aircraft wing: the center, inner and outer boxes. The new boxes are made of a corrosion-resistant aluminum alloy stronger than the ones being replaced. This modification will strengthen the wing and extend its service life by 30,000 flying hours without load restrictions."

Officials at AFLC headquarters, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, said people from the Directorate of Contracting and Manufacturing are playing an important role in controlling cost. The Fixed Price Incentive Firm contract awarded by the directorate includes provisions that encourage the contractor to achieve cost savings. The savings are then shared equally by the government and the contractor, along with the risks that accompany innovative techniques. The type of contract awarded, combined with the close surveillance by contracting and manufacturing staff members will be a major player in achieving these cost savings.

Westover Once Over

20 Years ago

Professional golfer Arnold Palmer visited Westover this week as a guest of the Federal Aviation Administration. Palmer flew his new twin engine Jet Commander here and, after a tour of base facilities, put on a golf clinic prior to the start of the FAA tournament held annually at Westover.

10 Years ago

Lt. Col. Jack P. Ferguson left his position as base commander at Westover to become commander of the 908th Tactical Airlift Group at Maxwell AFB, Ala. He is the first navigator in AFRES to assume the top spot in a flying squadron.

Five Years ago

The constant thunder in the skies and the incessant activities on the ground told the story during the final two weeks of August as Westover hosted Condor Redoubt '81, the largest Air Force Reserve exercise ever held.

"The national readiness exercise, the fifth in a series of such tests, brought 3,000 Reservists, 200 aircraft and a flood of distinguished military and civilian visitors to the base.

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Age: 48
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Unit: 439th CAMS
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Civilian Occupation: ART Material Expediter
Favorite Food: Vegetables
Favorite Beverage: Milk
Favorite Sport: Baseball
Favorite Hobby: Photography
Ideal Vacation: Traveling
Best Way to Relax: Boating at Lake Winnepesaukee
Preferred Entertainment: Dancing
Favorite Celebrity: Bob Hope
Favorite Music: Jazz
Favorite Book: Nutrition Material
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Car: Dodge Aries
Pet Peeve: Unconfident people
Best Thing About Westover: People

"Patriot People"



TSgt. Robert G. Hull

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 TSgt. Luis A. Cabrera, Jr.
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 SSgt. Barry L. Holt
 SSgt. Brian P. Major
 SSgt. Wayne R. Most
 SSgt. Edward R. Newton
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 SSgt. Paul M. Willig
 SrA. Gayle A. Gordon
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 TSgt. Mark G. Johnson
 TSgt. Stanley J. Kumor
 TSgt. Lana L. Lue

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 SSgt. Guy Pascarella
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 Sgt. Susan A. Pineault
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Turkey trot just the beginning of planned winter activities

If you like to run, ski or spend money, base recreation has a program for you during the next few months.

Their schedule of winter events begins on Nov. 2 when Westover hosts its Eighth Annual Turkey Trot. As in previous years, children will run a 1.5-mile course and compete in three age categories. Women will run three miles while men will cover five miles.

First place finishers in the children's categories and in four age groups in both adult divisions will win a turkey.

Second and third-place finishers receive trophies. Preregistration is required at the base gym anytime up to the start of the event at noon.

For those who like to run around shopping malls and do their Christmas gift buying early, base recreation has your ticket. A bus will leave Westover at 6 p.m., Saturday during the December UTA for the Enfield (Conn.) Mall and will return to the base about 10 p.m. There is no charge for this service but registration at the base gym is re-

quested.

Winter sports return with monthly ski trips planned to the Mount Tom Ski Reservation during Saturday evenings of the January, February and March UTAs. A bus will transport skiers at 6 p.m. and return at 11 p.m. Ski equipment is available at discounted prices at Westover's Four Season Shop. Westover skiers also will receive reduced cost tickets at the ski area. Again, bus reservations must be made at the base gym.



SO THAT'S HOW PLANES GET ON THE WALL — Mr. Dan Doherty, an AFRES photojournalist, uses the ramp of a 439th TAW C-130E as a stable platform to film another Hercules. Mr. Doherty visited Westover during the October UTA to illustrate three magazine articles.

(USAF photo by Frank Faulkner)

Westover's Future

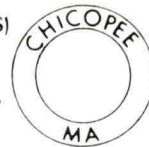
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base officials, plus planning board members from Chicopee, Ludlow and Granby. Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and Westover Municipal Development Corp. officials were also interviewed for the PAT study.

Members of Major Schnell's team were: Capt. Barry Williams, an AFRES civil engineering officer from 4th Air Force; Lt. Kenneth Tobin, a design architect from Tyndall AFB, Fla.; Mr. Winfred G. Dodson, a community planner from Air Force Regional Civil Engineering in Atlanta, Ga.; Ms. Jean Wilson Hale, a base traffic engineer at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; Ms. Deborah Howard-martinjak, a community planner at Robins AFB, Ga.; and Mr. John Laudun, a senior architect at England AFB, La.

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