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337th crews lead Air Force C-5 units in Desert Shield time

by Maj. Rick Dyer

Aviators from the 337th Military Airlift Squadron are averaging more Desert Shield flying hours per aircrew than any other Air Force C-5 unit.

During the period from Aug. 7-Oct. 18, Westover crews logged 2,717 hours on missions to the troubled Persian Gulf region.

There are currently 20, eight-member aircrews in the 337th. Each flew an average of 135 hours in support of Desert Shield during the first three months of the operation.

Other bases which have more than one flying squadron have compiled more total flying hours. But the 337th leads both active duty and reserve C-5 units in the number of flying hours averaged by each crew.

"We're flying a healthy schedule, but everybody is holding up pretty well," said Lt. Col. James Gallin, commander of the 337th MAS.

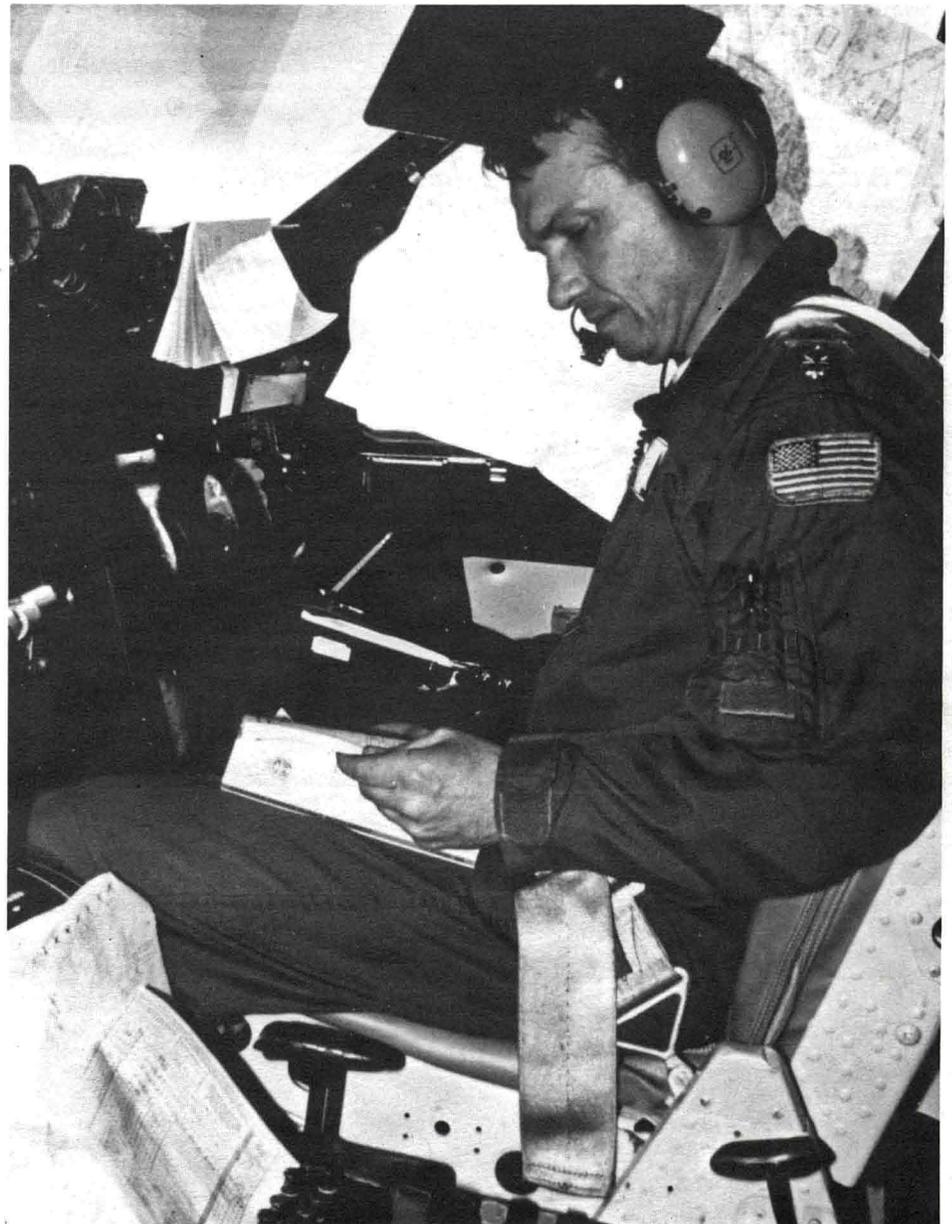
According to Colonel Gallin, the unit would have normally flown 1,100 hours during the same time frame. "Desert Shield has more than doubled our flying schedule," he said.

The 337th has been a major participant in the Desert Shield airlift effort since last August. President Bush called the 207-member unit to active duty Aug. 24, three weeks after Iraq invaded Kuwait.

Even before the call-up, Colonel Gallin's crews were hauling heavy equipment and troops to Saudi Arabia on voluntary status.

The squadron commander said that there are several reasons why the 337th is playing such a prominent role in the Desert Shield operation.

"Part of it has to do with the fact that



(photo by TSgt. Dave McLeod)

BY THE NUMBERS -- Maj. David A.M. Roberts, a pilot with the 337th Military Airlift Squadron, looks up proper clearances and coordination needed for a Desert Shield mission.

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EDITORIAL

The need for vigilance

"Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom."

As world tensions escalate in the wake of the Persian Gulf crisis, that old saying seems particularly appropriate these days.

The ruthless Iraqi dictator has called for a world-wide "Holy War," and has threatened to export his own brand of thuggery and murder to all parts of the globe.

Because of our vital role in the Desert Shield Operation, we all must be aware that Westover is a possible target for terrorist activity.

Our security and law enforcement personnel have increased their level of activity on the base. Unfortunately, that can mean some minor inconveniences, such as delays at the gates while IDs are checked.

But dealing with the possibility of terrorist attacks--and preventing them--is not just the responsibility of Westover's security force.

Everyone on the base can--and must--help.

Be alert. Keep buildings and storage areas locked. Call the police (extensions 3211 or 2915) if you spot a suspicious package or person. Be judicious in your conversations (remember that loose lips CAN sink ships).

It's unfortunate, but the threat of terrorism is a stark reality because of who we are and what we do.

Each of us has to be eternally vigilant.

--by Brig. Gen. Frederick D. Walker
Wing Commander



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Briefs

PEP promotions

A total of 10 Reservists from Westover Air Force Base have been elevated under the Promotion Enhancement Program as of Oct. 1.

Pinning on senior master sergeant stripes are Peter McCavick of the 337th Military Airlift Squadron and Barbara Ledom of the 439th Combat Support Group.

Making master sergeant are Paula Browning of the 439th CSG and David Perrault of the 74th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

Elevated to technical sergeant are Joseph Bellabona of the 439th USAF Clinic, Dennis Bromery of the 439th Security Police Squadron, Lillian Cote of the 58th Aerial Port Squadron, Anthony Delduco of the 439th Civil Engineering Squadron, Martin Talbert of the 439th Maintenance Squadron and James Plushner of the 58th APS.

Commander's Hotline

A new Commander's Hotline has been opened at 557-2097.

The hotline is answered by a machine and callers may remain anonymous.

Anonymous questions will be answered in the *Patriot* or directed to a specific work area indicated by the caller. If the caller includes a name and number, they will receive a response. The hotline may also be used to make Fraud, Waste and Abuse reports.

"The Commander's Hotline is designed to be a convenient avenue of communications for everyone as part of our Total Quality Management (TQM) program at Westover. I encourage anyone to use it without fear of reprisal," said Brig. Gen. Frederick D. "Mike" Walker, wing commander.

Pay raise

WASHINGTON AFNS -- A 4.1 percent pay raise for military and civilians was proposed by Congress and now is headed to the president for final approval.

The raise is effective Jan. 1 and gives military people an across-the-board 4.1 percent raise in basic pay, basic allowance for subsistence and basic allowance for quarters.

Fill 'em up

Westover workers fuel airlift effort around the clock

by Maj. Rick Dyer

The Persian Gulf crisis has turned Westover into a busy oasis for fuel-thirsty, desert-bound aircraft.

Since Westover became a major stage base for Operation Desert Shield, officials here have been scurrying to meet dramatically increased demands for jet fuel.

"We've been working flat out, 24-hours a day, seven days a week," said Wilfred Mathieu, chief of the 439th CSG's fuels management branch.

Prior to last August, base workers pumped about 650,000 gallons of JP-4 jet fuel during an average month. The numbers began to skyrocket immediately following the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

"We pumped two million gallons in August and 4.2 million gallons in September," Mr. Mathieu said. "During the first five days in October, we dispensed 650,000 gallons. I expect we will peak at approximately five to six million gallons per month."

With huge cargo aircraft enroute to Saudi Arabia landing at Westover around the clock, the refueling spigots never seem to close.

"Each C-5 takes on about 30,000 gallons per fill-up, and some times we handle 10 or more of them a day," said MSgt. Harry J. Ledbury, NCOIC of the fuels branch. "It's a lot of gas."

In order to meet the crunch, fuels branch staffers have been working 12 hour shifts. Eleven civil service workers are being assisted by 14 reservists--several from other bases--who have volunteered for active duty.

The hulking Galaxies are regarded as the "backbone" of the Desert Shield airlift, and Mr. Mathieu knows that he and his staff are responsible for the operation's "lifeblood."

"We've gotta keep them flying," he said.

Topping the tanks of an incessant parade of military aircraft involves constant logistical planning.

According to Maj. David Kennedy, a special assistant to the base commander, Westover's fuel tanks can hold approximately 650,000 gallons. The

tanks, which are partially fed by a pipeline that originates in New Haven, Conn., supply a flightline fuel hydrant system.

Since two days of Desert Shield activity at Westover can drain the tanks here, Major Kennedy keeps a close watch on fuel supplies and demands, plus the availability of alternative sources.

"We also purchase additional quantities of JP-4 from a civilian operation in Ludlow, and from a tank farm in Rhode Island," the major said. "The Ludlow facility currently stores 250,000 gallons, and they intend to use some tanks which previously held home heating fuel to take on an additional quantity of aircraft fuel."

Running one of the Air Force's busiest service stations is not a totally new experience for Mr. Mathieu. The fuels branch chief is a retired Air Force master sergeant who served with Westover's 99th Bomb Wing during the Vietnam War.

"When I was stationed with the 99th in Guam during the height of the B-52 bombing raids in 1972, we'd sometimes pump three million gallons of JP-4 in a day," he said. "I am used to this type of workload."

Mr. Mathieu added that the increased demand for jet fuel has been accompanied by a tremendous jump in its cost. "We were paying about 55 cents per gallon for JP-4 in October 1989," he said. "It's almost double that now."



(photo by SSgt. Vin Blanchard)

CASH OR CHARGE? -- TSgt. John Cascamisi, of the of the 439th Mobility Support Flight, hoists a fuel hose as he prepares to fuel a C-5 Galaxy on Westover's flightline.

Veteran of ART program ends long career

by SrA. Kymberly Saganski

Lt. Col. George W. Caldwell remembers the days when Air Reserve Technicians could only dream of making \$5,000 a year, would fly TDY with no per diem and had to "scrounge" for much-needed equipment.

As he retires this fall, the colonel takes pride in the fact that he survived the "tough times," and made what was supposed to be a temporary job into a fulfilling lifetime career.

"I joined the ART program when it was still brand-spanking-new, Colonel Caldwell said. "AFRES was testing the program and our jobs were only supposed to last four or five years. You can imagine there were a lot of changes and we all withstood some growing pains."

The system was a huge success. Now, the excellence of the Air Force Reserve depends heavily on the skill and dedication of air reserve technicians.

Colonel Caldwell, former wing logistic plans officer, is one of the individuals who has helped make the ART system shine.

Although his first ART position was with the 905th TAG at Bradley Field, Conn., the then enlisted man transferred to Westover as a material control supervisor when his unit became Westover's 905th TAG.

"When we first started at Bradley, we didn't have any money to buy our own equipment," he said. "We had to fly into airbases that were closing down and pack up the equipment they were going to throw away. When we went to Ethan Allen AFB in Vermont, we brought 18 of our C-119s and loaded them with everything from sleeping bags to flightline fire extinguishers. Most of our office furniture was taken from Billy Mitchell Field in Wisconsin."

We all had such pride then, just like we do now. We did what we could without official funding because we didn't want to let the unit down, he said.

Once at Westover, the new ARTs faced a different set of problems.

The base was being run by the 8th Air Force and, according to Colonel Caldwell, there was a definite lack of confidence that reserve technicians

could support the mission of the C-124 Globemaster IIs.

"With personal diplomacy and perseverance, we convinced them that we were here to stay," he added with a proud smile.

Air reserve technicians have recently taken on much more responsibility than the 8th Air Force, and perhaps any active unit anticipated in the 1960's.

"I think Operation Desert Shield pointed out the true value of the ART program," said Colonel Caldwell. "When we got the word that something was happening, we had a core of quality people right on the spot who could do the job no matter what kind of clothing they were wearing--air force uniforms or blue jeans.

"It seems evident that in times of crisis or peace, supplying the troops with necessary clothing and equipment is one of the most critical functions of a support unit.

During the Cuban missile crisis, Caldwell's unit was recalled and spent three weeks at Stanley Field in Florida to ensure that vital equipment would be available at a moment's notice.

The early 1970's brought another great change for Colonel Caldwell. His then supervisor, Lt. Col. Roy McCord, encouraged MSgt. Caldwell to apply for a direct commission. The bid was successful and Caldwell left his position in material control to pin on Captain's bars in 1972.

The Colonel's career, though full of positive growth and accomplishment, was not without its low points.

In 1964, Westover lost a C-119 when an engine failed and fell off of the aircraft. The plane crashed into a lake and two of Caldwell's good friends were killed. Although no one was to blame, it still takes a long time for a unit to overcome something like that, he said.

During his 24 years as an ART at Westover, Colonel Caldwell has had many challenges to face and rise above but there are no regrets as he ends his military career.

"I think that with the active role the base has been playing in Desert Shield, Westover's future is pretty certain, he said. "I think the potential for the ART program is unlimited and I



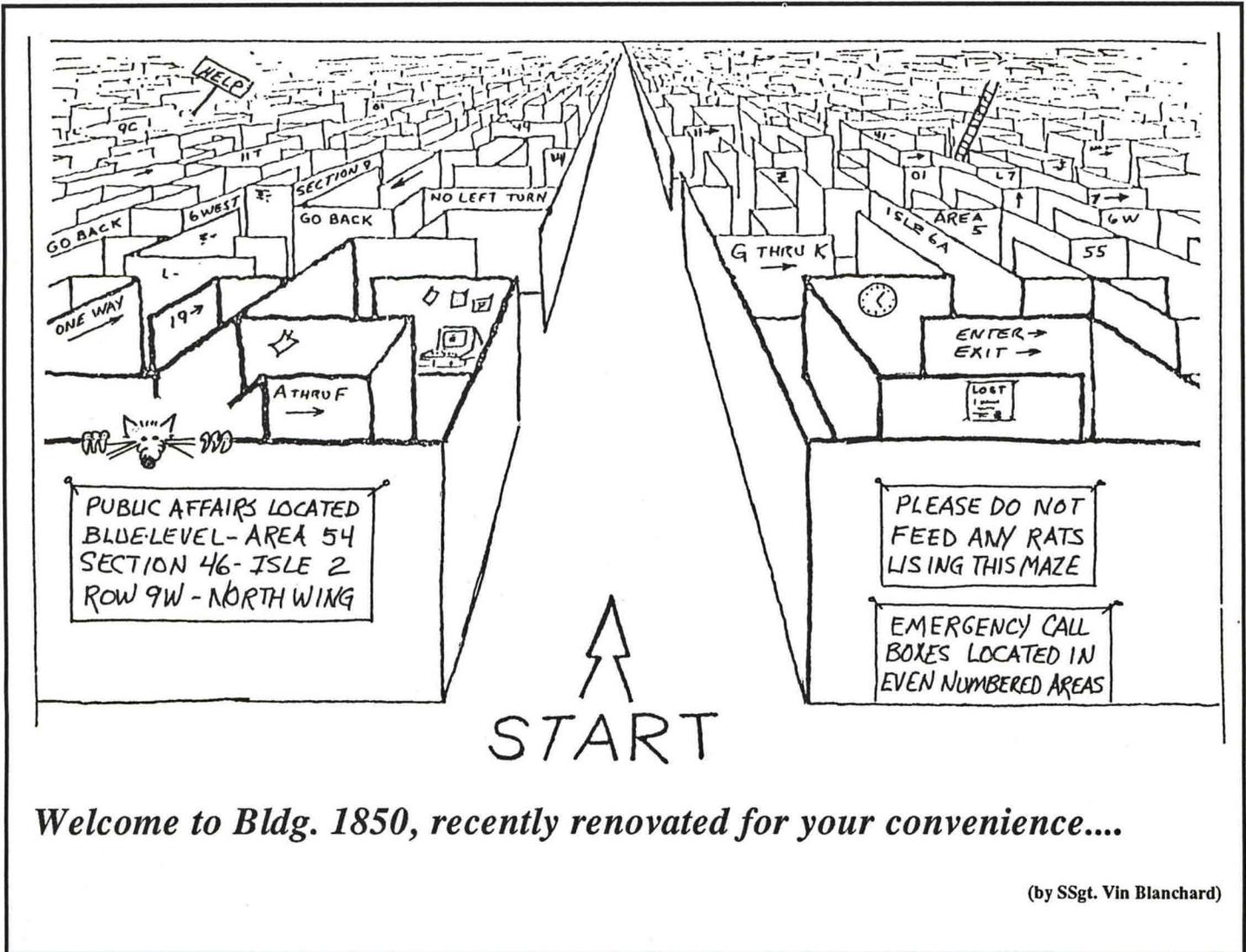
CIVILIAN RETIREE -- Lt. Col. George Caldwell, the logistics plans officer for the 439th Military Airlift Wing, retired from his civilian position as an air reserve technician after 18 years. The colonel will continue as a reservist in the 439th MAW.

see nothing but bigger and better things in store for the base."

"The program has been good to me," he added. "I'm going to miss the people and being a part of the Wing. There's a sense of loss that you're not aware of until it's there. The Air Force has been my life since I was a young man and it's very difficult to say goodbye to that."

Retirement does not mean a drop in activity for Colonel Caldwell. His busy schedule includes everything from attending his stepson's graduation from the post-graduate school of the U.S. Naval Academy, to driving his motor home to the rivers of Wyoming for trout fishing.

The Colonel resides in Chicopee with his wife, Marilyn Caldwell, Westover's traffic management officer.



Welcome to Bldg. 1850, recently renovated for your convenience....

(by SSgt. Vin Blanchard)

Local economy reaps \$13 million from Westover contracts

by TSgt. Tom Allocco

When Westover needs new pencils, fuel or cleaning services it turns to local vendors, which is good news for the area economy. New England companies and individuals who offer services to Westover reaped a record level of nearly \$13 million in contracts last fiscal year, according to recently compiled figures.

They represent the largest service contracts awarded since Westover became a reserve base in 1976, according to Michael LaFortune, base contracting officer.

The contracts provide for goods and services needed in the day-to-day operation of the base, from office renovation to heating oil.

Westover has more than 40 standing contracts with busi-

nesses in Chicopee, Holyoke and Springfield. One of the larger contracts is for cleaning services by Sunshine Village which is in its fifth year.

Mr. LaFortune attributed the record setting \$12.7 million in service contracts during fiscal year 1990 in part to the C-5A mission and the Desert Shield airlift.

Westover awarded \$7 million in service contracts in Hampden County alone, he said. Chicopee businesses received \$4.3 million in business and Springfield vendors were awarded contracts totaling \$1 million.

The total of \$12.7 million in contracts included a \$2.1 million contract to a Connecticut contractor for renovation of an underground steam pipe system.

Desert Shield places 439th CSG at center stage

by TSgt. Sandi Michon

To say that beautiful violin music is the result of all the strings in fine-tuned order is to only scratch the surface in describing how Westover's 439th Combat Support Group has worked together in support of Desert Shield.

Like the strings on a violin, the various units that make up the 439th CSG have learned to harmonize while being stretched. After years of practice sessions, the real performance is spectacular.

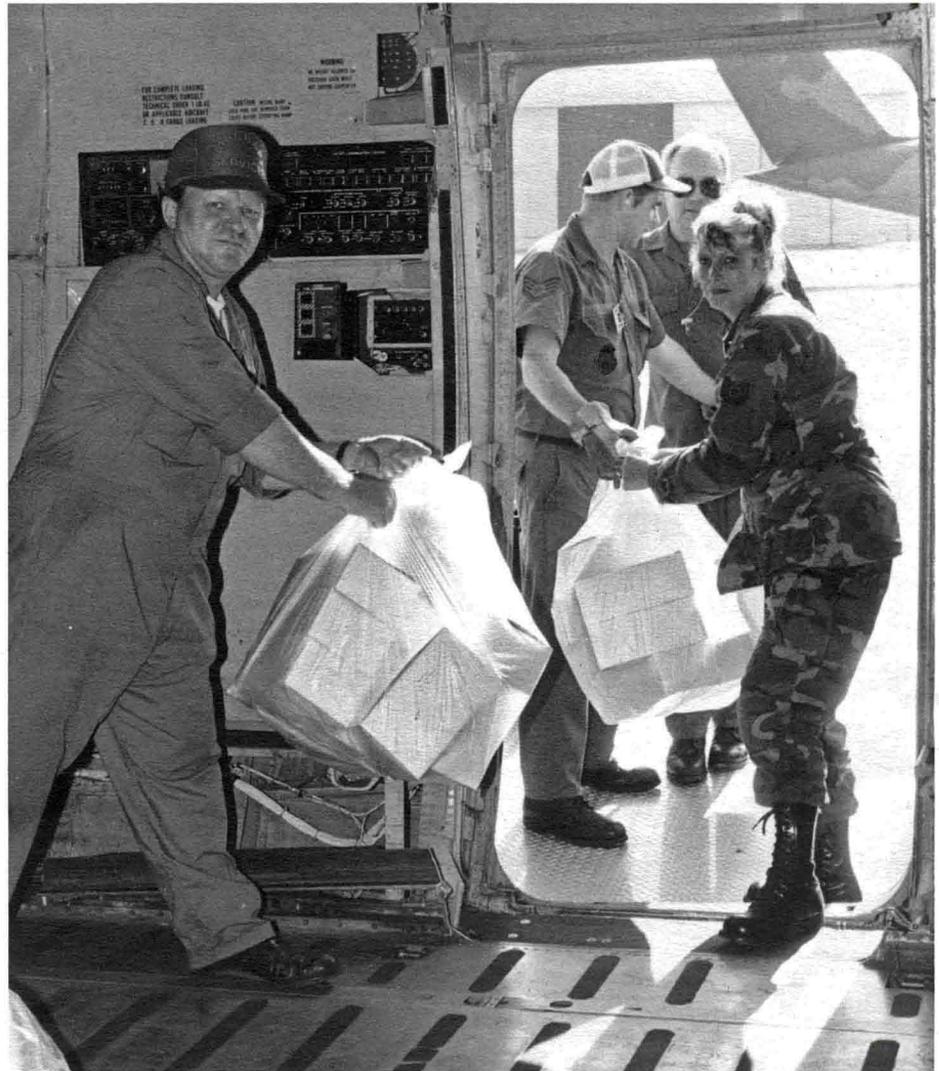
"It's been lots of hard work and long hours, but the combat support group has surpassed any normal expectations in their support of Desert Shield," said Col. Thomas G. Hargis, 439th CSG commander. "The feedback has been overwhelming," he said. "It doesn't surprise me when people compliment us, because we have earned the praise."

Colonel Hargis spoke of the CSG like the proud father that drags guests into the parlor to hear a child's recital number. He spoke of the years of UEIs and ORIs that routinely test the readiness of the base and glowed as he related incident after incident of how the group had met the real-life challenge. "In meeting the challenge, we have matured a great deal," he said. "The Combat Support Group has taken its place with the operations and maintenance people as an integral function of Westover."

According to Colonel Hargis, the CSG is functioning like an active duty Air Force unit since the start of Desert Shield, and it has kept pace with little more than normal staffing. "All of the units that comprise the CSG have been required to be functional 24-hours-a-day," he said. "People are doing whatever it takes to get the job done."

Doing what it takes can mean anything from issuing orders, feeding troops, running the switchboard, providing supplies, transporting people around the base, aircraft services, security, or maintaining the airfields, just to name a few. The combat support group provides a comprehensive support system that keeps operations and maintenance happening.

More than 18 units make up the combat support group and most are run by a combination of civilian and reserve



(photo by TSgt. Sandi Michon)

TEAMWORK -- Dick Hamilton, a motor vehicle operator, and TSgt. Marilyn Dube, transportation supervisor are assisted by aircraft specialists SSgt. John Dukstikalnis, and SSgt. Fran Wysocki as they upload meals for C-5 passengers bound for duty in the Middle East.

members. Only the civil engineering branch, supply, contracting, and civilian personnel are strictly civilian. The 439th Communications Group is a civilian unit but is augmented by the 439th Communications Squadron which is reservist-operated.

During peacetime, all of CSG units support the 439th MAW, but during mobilization, the Military Airlift Command would gain the 439th Mobility Support Flight, the 439th CES, and parts of CBPO, the communications squadron and security police.

Although all of the CSG units have been affected by Desert Shield, some are harder hit than others. "The biggest impact has been on our Prime RIBS unit which is the food services section of the 439th CES," said Colonel Hargis. The dining hall has been tasked to respond to a 24-hour, seven-day requirement to feed troops. Since the start of Desert Shield they have prepared thousands of flight lunches, and hot meals for hundreds of troops, often with little notice and in the middle of the night.

As a past Hennessey award recipient,

the dining hall was recently evaluated by the Henessey team for this year's award. "While the dining hall put on an impressive spread over the weekend, the Henessey evaluators were much more impressed with the ongoing operation at the dining hall in support of Desert Shield," commented Colonel Hargis. The entire operation is run by reservists serving in a volunteer status. "There are a lot of sacrifices being made to keep up the pace we've set," said the colonel. "In the past two months, there has been a greater sense of purpose and reality to the mission. We are no longer in a training mode," he said.

Also hit hard by Desert Shield is the fuels section which is part of the 439th MOBSF. "They've pumped more fuel in three months than in the past three years," said Colonel Hargis. The transportation section has also seen a dramatic increase in activity. The number of vehicles has increased and usage of vehicles has increased which has required more from the vehicle maintenance section. They provide shuttle bus services and support the transporta-

tion needs of the passenger terminal. With winter approaching, an expanded snow removal program is anticipated to keep up with the expanded usage of the base. Transportation also maintains records and reports and runs the Traffic Management Office which includes SATO and shipping responsibilities.

Aircraft services is part of transportation and is responsible for "fleeting" all aircraft. "This involves cleaning the aircraft systems, restocking passenger comfort items, loading passengers, loading lunches and galley supplies," explained CMSgt. Leonard Dube, air transportation manager. According to Chief Dube, prior to Desert Shield, the unit might fleet six to eight aircraft per week, and now they service up to 15 per day. He explained that each aircraft is defleeted upon arrival and upfleeted prior to departure. This means that servicing 15 aircraft a day requires at least 30 trips to the aircraft for aircraft services people. This is in addition to the LOGAIR commercial air cargo aircraft and transient aircraft which must also be serviced. Chief Dube said it is not a

glamorous job, but a vital job which is routinely praised by aircraft commanders passing through Westover.

Base Operations went from a 16 to 24-hour operation for Desert Shield with no additional personnel. Base operations is under the CSG and is responsible for all aspects of the airfield. They coordinate with pilots and their flight plans and provide communication with the destination stations. They provide information on any discrepancies on other airfield through a NOTAM system which posts any unusual airfield information such as repairs, problems, or shutdowns. During Desert Shield they provide NOTAMS for all international airfields. Base operations also has a three-member transit maintenance team which parks, fuels and performs minor maintenance on transient aircraft.

"Desert Shield has provided excellent training time for all our people," said Bob Motley, airfield manager. We have eight to ten international flight plans per day when we used to process three per month, he said. "Every person

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(photo by SrA. Christine Mora)

CHOW LINE -- MSgt. George Frangenes, a line server, and A1C Clayton Munchmeyer, a food service helper at the dining hall, fill lunch orders for a few of the thousands

of troops passing through Westover. The dining hall is tasked 24 hours a day and is staffed by many volunteers from the PRIME RIBS section of the 439 CES as well as other units.

Combat Support Group

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26-member unit has volunteered extra time to support Desert Shield," said Mr. Motley. "It shows their dedication to the reserve program.

Other CSG units affected by Desert Shield are MWR which has expanded recreation services and supports increased usage of the Club. Ground Safety is busy monitoring the increased ground traffic on the base, often by people not familiar with the base. Services, which handles billeting, has an obviously increased workload as does security personnel in providing security to more aircraft, staging crews and troops.

The public affairs office falls under the umbrella of both the Wing and Group. "The PA office has been a whirlwind operation since the start of Desert Shield," said Colonel Hargis. "As reservists, we depend on public support from the employers and the community. Public Affairs has generated immense support by telling our story and making our needs clear," he said. "The public support we have reflects credit on PA efforts." He said it was also important

The 439th Combat Support Group is comprised of the following units:

- Accounting and Finance
- Base Operations
- Chaplain's section
- Civil Engineering Squadron
- Communications Squadron
 - Disaster Preparedness
 - Information Management
- Military Personnel
- Mobility Support Flight
- Public Affairs
 - Safety
- Security Police Squadron
 - Services
 - Supply
- Transportation

that reservists understand the magnitude of what we do here on base, and to realize how their efforts are vital to

the big picture.

"To serve is our prime reason for existing," said Colonel Hargis.

"One reason Westover is a major staging area is because of our strong support system." He said that being involved in Desert Shield is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. "Our organization has never really been tested, but we have passed this test with flying colors," he said.

Colonel Hargis is reluctant to cite names of special achievers because there are so many and because he fears he will leave some out. "Desert Shield has made me aware of how important each of our people are. I may not know all the names, but I know that this volume and quantity of work does not happen without a total, all-out effort."

"Westover has celebrated its 50th anniversary with a military ball, a hangar dedication, and a spectacular airshow. It is only fitting we finish 1990 by excelling in the mission the base was built for -- to serve our country and protect the national defense," said Colonel Hargis.



(photo by TSgt. Sandi Michon)

FLIGHT COORDINATION -- SSgt. Robert E. Rys, an airfield management specialist with the Combat Support Group, conveys flight information at Westover's base operations. Sergeant Rys is also an air reserve technician and serves as an air traffic control specialist.



"Patriot People"

Name: Mary Rosen
Rank: TSgt.
Age: Classified
Address: Holden, Mass.
Unit: 439th CSG
Position: Operations supervisor
Civilian position: Administrative assistant
Favorite Food: Baked stuffed shrimp
Years of Service: 15
Favorite Sport: Swimming
Favorite Hobby: Cooking with my daughter
Ideal Vacation: Yucatan
Best Way to Relax: Reading
Preferred Entertainment: Concerts
Favorite Celebrity: Charlton Heston
Favorite Music: Soft rock
Favorite Book: *Albert Einstein: Creator and Rebel*
Favorite Color: Mint green
Favorite Car: Porsche
Pet Peeve: Lack of communication
Best Thing About Westover: Unity
Worst Thing About Westover: Problem solving skills



TSgt. Mary Rosen

Civil engineer gains national recognition

by TSgt. Tom Allocco

An exclusive national listing of computer professionals recently recognized the career accomplishments of Myron Popowski, CES industrial engineer.

Popowski was named to the national "Who's Who in the Computer Industry," published in Great Neck, N.Y. He was nominated by one of his former college professors and named to the publication following a test and evaluation designed to select leaders in the field. Of all those who are nominated, no more than five percent are accepted to the "Who's Who" of about 500 computer professionals from across the nation.

The recognition follows four years as an industrial engineer and data base manager for the Civil Engineers.

Popowski recently earned a master's degree in engineering management with a minor in computer science after attending evening classes for three years at Western New England College, Springfield. He also holds a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering and two associate's degrees in engineering and computer science from Springfield Technical Community College.

As the Civil Engineers senior computer professional, Popowski is overseeing the engineers' transition to the Work Information Management System (WIMS), designed to replace all their files with an easily accessible computerized system.

The engineers are also expanding their Computer Aid Design (CAD) system. Besides enhancing their ability to scan and reproduce drawings and architectural renderings, CAD will link

the Westover engineers to computers at the Pentagon and Air Force Reserve Headquarters.

To Popowski, who is writing and maintaining data base management programs for the systems, WIMS and CAD are "a professional challenge to be welcomed by anyone in computer science. Within a year the Civil Engineers will be completely computerized, which will mean a tremendous increase in our computer capabilities, in speed, quality of reproduction and reliability. I'm glad I will be able to say I helped develop and maintain the programs here," he said.

Paralleling Popowski's career with the Civil Engineers is his home development of data base systems which he plans to market.

Popowski and his wife, Lisa, reside in Springfield.

Words of pride...

My name is SSgt Keith C. Dawson. I am a Chicopee native and I am presently assigned with the 498th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) stationed in Saudi Arabia. On Wednesday October 17th, one of the other soldiers in my unit stopped at Westover A.F.B. for a lay over while in route to the Middle East. When he arrived in Saudi Arabia and told me about his stop, it made me homesick, especially because I was on the plane before his which didn't stop until Spain. As he told me of his delay and the people he encountered my homesickness turned to pride.

He talked about the donated items such as food and books. He talked about the facility, the weather, and the Friendly frisbees with notes from children. But what touched me the most was when he boasted about the hospitality. He said it was the spirit of the volunteers that made it so nice, and he made it a point to tell me of the woman who, when giving him change for a dollar, would not take his money.

We've all heard told that the people in the Northeast are as cold as the weather, but myself and 47 soldiers that passed through Westover that day know better. Thank you for making a Chicopee native as proud as I can be about my home but most of all thank you for making this deployment a little more pleasant for all who pass through.

SSG KEITH C. DAWSON
Operation Desert Shield
 498th Med. Co.
 34th Med. Bn.

Sergeant retires after 37 years

SMSGt. Edward Galvin Jr., 74th AES senior administrator and former first sergeant, concluded 37 years in the Army and Air Force Reserve upon his retirement in October.

Sergeant Galvin joined the Army Reserve in 1953 and served on active duty at Fort Monmouth, N.J. from 1955 to 1957. He later served as first sergeant of a field artillery battery at Harvard University where most of the members were ROTC students.

In 1961 he joined the Air Force Reserve's 8310 Recovery Group at Boston. The unit's wartime mission was to decontaminate aircraft returning from a nuclear battlefield.

Sergeant Galvin later served with the 402nd Medical Services Flight at Otis AFB. He was first sergeant of the 67th Air Evacuation Flight when it transferred from Hanscom Field to join the 74th AES at Westover in 1974.

He served as first sergeant for 12 years before becoming senior administrator.

A refrigeration engineer for the State of Massachusetts, Sergeant Galvin resides with his wife, Carol Ann, and their two daughters in West Roxbury.

337th leads C-5 units

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Westover is a major stage area for the operation, and our flyers fill in gaps for available aircrews," he said.

"We have also adopted the philosophy of trying to keep 50 percent of our crews in the system (flying missions) at all times," Colonel Gallin added.

As Westover aviators rush tons of cargo to the Middle East aboard the huge Galaxies, fatigue is a constant concern.

Air Force regulations allow an individual aircrew member to fly up to 330 hours during a three month period.

"We are very concerned about the aircrew fatigue factor and ensure that our crews get the rest they need," Colonel Gallin said.

The journey from the Baystate to the desert is a tedious one.

Westover crews fly seven and a half hours to Europe, where they spend at least 12 hours in crew rest.

On the second leg of the journey, they fly another seven and a half hours to the Middle East.

After a three-hour stopover there, they make the grueling return flight back to Europe.

"The leg back is a real tough one,"

admits Maj. Gerald Vanlandingham, a 337th pilot. The major is a seasoned Desert Shield veteran, having flown more than 25 missions "down range" since August.

The C-5 crews spend from five to eleven days "on the road" during Desert Shield missions. The colonel said that once his crew members return to Westover, they are given at least 24 hours off before being placed on telephone alert for another mission.

"Our crews have been averaging three-four days between trips," he said. Then they fly off and the whole process starts all over again."

Base Transportation earns top honors in AFRES

Base Transportation won three top AFRES awards when the Annual Transportation Awards were announced in July.

The reserve and civilian transportation specialists earned plaques as best in AFRES in the categories of vehicle operations, vehicle maintenance and traffic management. It was the second year in a row that the traffic management office earned the top AFRES award.

Base transportation is responsible for more than 330 vehicles, including vans, staff cars, aircrew buses, trailer trucks, snow removal equipment and such material handling equipment as forklifts.

The unit's mission expanded when Air Force Logistics Command began logistics airlift (LOG AIR) operations at Westover in June.

As such, Westover serves as a relay point for delivery of Department of Defense cargo throughout New England.

The NCOICs and civilian managers of the award winning offices are SMSgt. John Basile and Howard Whitaker, vehicle maintenance; SMSgt. Stuart Degray and Marilyn Caldwell, traffic management; and MSgt. Billy Chaput and Tom Hill, vehicle operations. CMSgt. Leonard Dube is reserve transportation manager and Shari Macdonald is manager of the 45 civilians in Base Transportation.

PAT on the back

Reenlistments

SMSgt. Henry V. Spear Jr.
MSgt. Joseph M. Bara
MSgt. James T. Harrelson
MSgt. Walter W. Lagasse
MSgt. Peter P. McCavick
MSgt. Dennis M. Wallace
MSgt. Elton W. Wiehe Jr.
TSgt. Thomas N. Allocco
TSgt. Ronald N. Beaulieu
TSgt. Joseph A. Bellabona
TSgt. Glenn M. Flynn
TSgt. Paul G. Gillis
TSgt. Douglas M. Hayward
TSgt. Frank Lobianco Jr.
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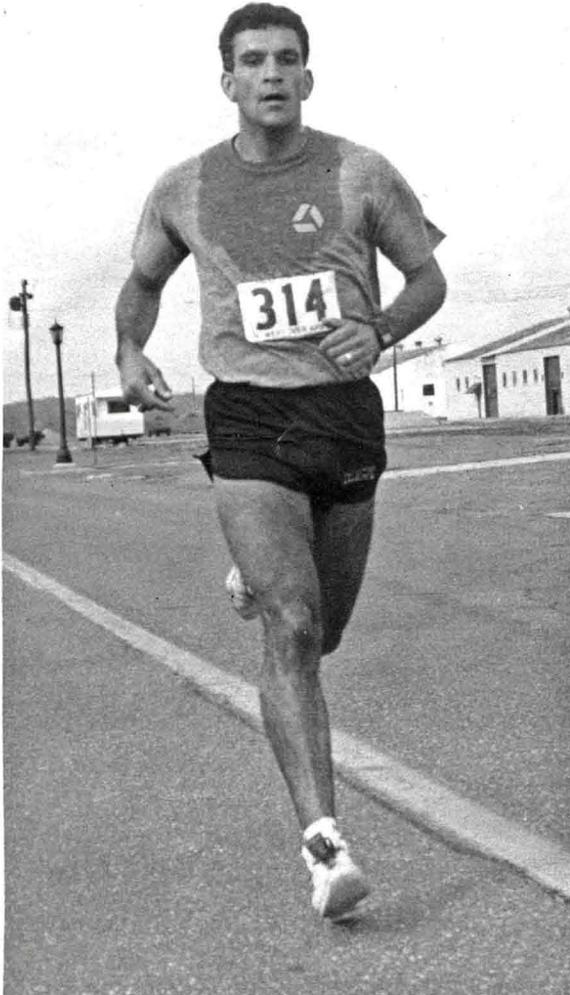
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Army NCO captures second straight Turkey Trot title

by TSgt. Tom Allocco



Army SFC Steve O'Connell

Two hours after running a 10-mile "warm-up," Army SFC Steve O'Connell, 32, of Chicopee won the annual Westover Turkey Trot Road Race in November. He completed the five mile course in 26:38, eight seconds more than his time last year.

This foot race marks the second time in as many years that the Springfield Army recruiter won a first place Turkey Trot trophy and turkey. A runner for 11 years, Sergeant O'Connell is a member of the All-Army Cross Country team. Earlier this year he won the 26.2 mile Holyoke Marathon in 2 hours, 39 minutes.

Also for the second year in a row, TSgt. Celio Hernandez, 37, 439th FMS, captured second place when he clocked 28:37. Sergeant Hernandez won the Turkey Trot every year between 1981 and 198

Mark Arnstam, 37, took third place in the men's 32 to 39 age group when he clocked 36:01.

Mary Hernandez, wife of Sergeant Hernandez, won in the three-mile women's 32 to 39 division.

Deborah St. Jacques captured first place in the women's 24 to 31 division with a time of 28:50 over a three mile course. In second place was Jennifer Gagne, 33:50.

SSgt. Linda Ryan, Base Clinic, ran the three mile women's 40 to 47 course in 28:50.

Jay Hurley, 17, ran the five mile men's 17 to 23 division in 30:37.

In the men's 40 to 47 category, Capt. John Adams, 44, Base Clinic, placed first at 40:01. Maj. Glenn Martin, 40, 58th APS, took second place.

SSgt. John Aukstikalnis, 53, 439th CSG, won in the men's 48 to 54 division with a time of 35:38.

Retired Marine Reserve CWO 4 Ted Buckhart, 63, former West over transportation officer, ran the five mile course in the men's over 55 division in 35 minutes. Herb Kaufmann, 60, clocked it in 36:23 and MSgt. Frank Sweryda, 59, 439th Communications Squadron ran the course in 44:19.

Brian Beauchamp, 8, ran the one-and-a-half mile children's 8 to 12 year old course in 10:39. Arielle Pelissier, 10, completed it in 15:01

Dea Nalesnik, 16, ran the 13 to 16 year old children's course in 8:38 and Todd Sweryda, 13, finished in 13:02.

First place winners in each division received a turkey and the first three finishers earned trophies.

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