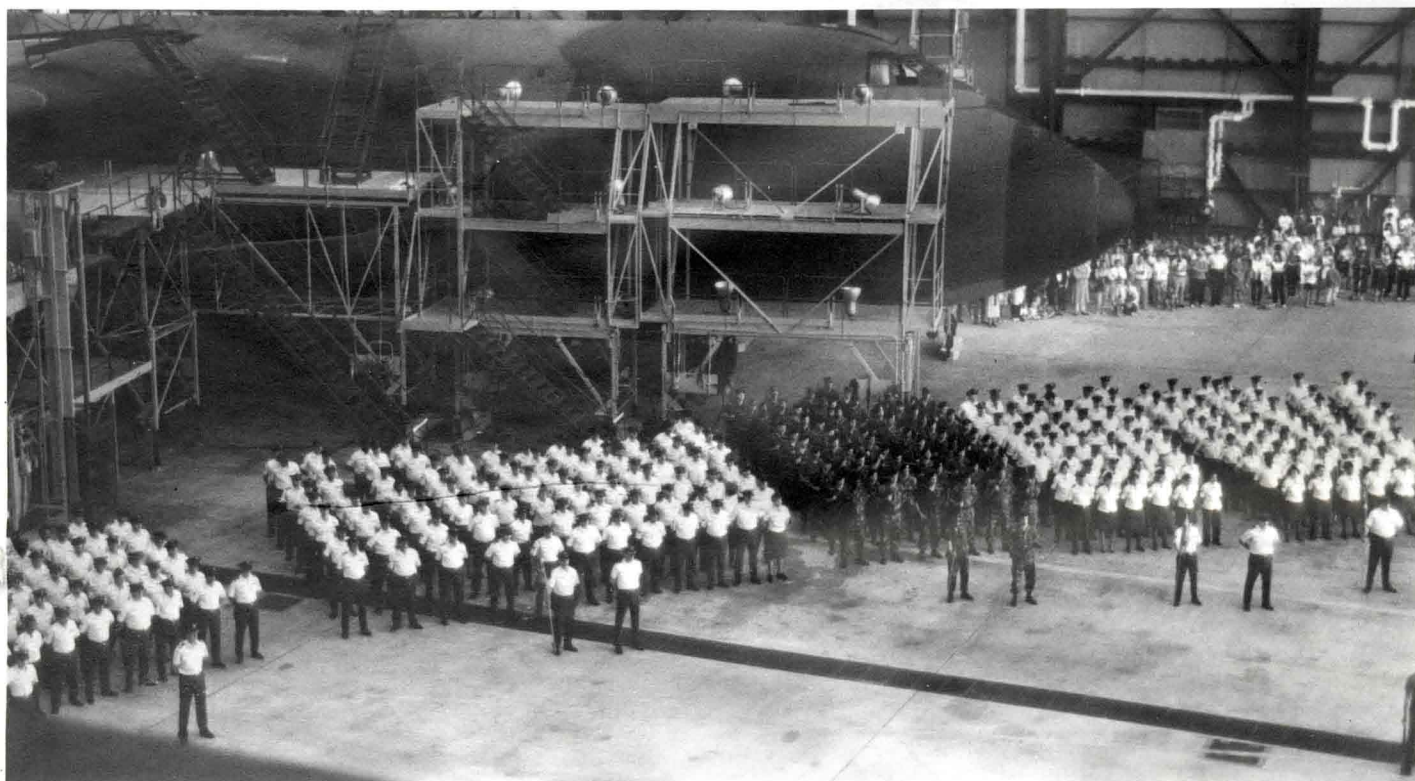


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WING FORMATION —The men and women of the 439th MAW stand in unit formation in the C-5 Hangar to receive recognition for exceptional performance during Operations

Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Also attending were civilian employees and community supporters. The event was held in the hangar due to rain throughout the day.

Wing receives Outstanding Unit Award

By TSgt. Tom Allocco

The Patriot Wing's sacrifices and successes during Operations Desert Shield/Storm were recognized during Patriot Recognition Day ceremonies highlighted by the presentation of the Outstanding Unit Award.

The 2,400 reservists of the 439th Military Airlift Wing stood in ranks July 13, to accept recognition of their efforts in the greatest airlift in history. The polish of the Westover Honor Guard, the martial music of the Air Force Reserve Band and the roaring fly-over of a pair of C-5s set the backdrop as the wing celebrated its achievements.

Maj. Gen. John J. Closner III, chief of the Air Force Reserve, presented the red, white and blue streamer to Brig. Gen. Mike Walker, wing commander, who tied it to the staff of the wing flag. Among those who came to Westover to applaud the wing's achievements in the Middle East war were Lt. Gen. Robert L. Rutherford, vice commander of the Military Airlift Command; and the Honorable Michael Reardon, deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force for Reserve Affairs. The ceremony, witnessed by civilian employees and community volunteers, was moved from the ellipse to the pull-through hangar due to rain.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Sandy Van Nor-

den, opened the ceremony with an invocation of thanks.

General Rutherford noted that at the height of the airlift one aircraft landed at Westover every hour.

Addressing both reservists and civilians, he said "the spirit of Westover impresses me, the spirit in the hearts and minds of the people..."

"Everyone's heard of the 'Westover welcome,' you brought them home in style," the MAC vice commander said.

Mr. Reardon, a native of Newton, Mass., declared "Total Force is more than a concept. It's a reality and a great success.

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EDITORIAL

Volunteer spirit thrives

We knew it was there, but until Westover went to war, no one had any idea how strong was the community's support for the men and women of the Patriot Wing.

The stressful conditions of the national emergency released an untapped well of volunteer spirit. From the first harried, anxious days of Desert Shield, volunteers turned out in unexpected numbers. They were housewives and World War II veterans, students and business executives. The unifying theme was a contagious, unstoppable enthusiasm to do something — almost anything — to contribute.

They called base officials, the Red Cross, the USO, the Salvation Army and other organizations to offer their services. When the Base Hangar opened to the public they were there 24 hours a day, if only to make fresh coffee for the troops. Amid the national undertaking it became a point of honor to be a member of the Westover family in any capacity, as long as they were sharing in a common effort.

Having experienced together the two strong emotions of anxiety during the build-up and joy during the homecoming, let's keep strong the bonds with the volunteer supporters of Westover. For now, the anxious days are past and nearly all the troops are home, but the volunteer supporters of the Patriot Wing will always have a role to play at Westover. Now is the time to build on the close relationship that has been established with the volunteers.

Their energy can be channeled to benefit the Patriot Wing and the neighboring communities in numerous ways. In the coming year Westover will sponsor the largest airshow in New England. Plans are underway to establish a visitors center on base to display military history going back to 1940. The Galaxy Community Council has an ongoing effort to boost Westover. All these projects will require support at the base and from our friends in the community.

Desert Shield/Storm proved what we could do with the enthusiastic backing of our neighbors. They are a welcome addition to our Westover family. Each of us in our own way should express our thanks and let these gracious friends know what a valuable role they play on our team. Together we can keep alive the spirit unleashed by the common effort of Desert Shield/Storm.

— Brig. Gen. Mike Walker
439th MAW Commander

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Briefs

Patriot mailing

The *Patriot* will not be mailed to reservists' homes for the remainder of this year.

The decision to temporarily stop mailing base newspapers to reservists was adopted as a method to save money.

From now on, the *Patriot* will be handed out in unit orderly rooms during UTA sign-outs. A limited number of extra copies will be available at the Public Affairs Office in Building 1850.

Units renamed

Westover's three maintenance squadrons have been renamed by order of the Secretary of the Air Force.

The 439th Avionics Maintenance Squadron is now the 439th Component Repair Squadron, the 439th Field Maintenance Squadron becomes the 439th Equipment Maintenance Squadron and the 439th Organization Maintenance Squadron will be called the 439th Aircraft Generation Squadron.

New gym hours

Westover's base gymnasium will be operating under new hours now that base units have been deactivated.

Monday through Friday, the facility will be open from 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and for a short time, the gym will be closed on Sundays.

Top enlisted post

CMSgt. Charles F. Joseph, Air Force Reserve Senior Enlisted Advisor, has been named the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs.

He assumed his new post at the Pentagon Sept. 1, replacing Navy Command Master Chief Larry D. Rhea, who has retired.

Gallin named vice commander; Trent leads 337th MAS

By TSgt. Tom Allocco

Col. James Gallin was appointed vice wing commander and Lt. Col. Terry Trent succeeded him in August as commander of the 337th MAS.

In a change of command ceremony in the base hangar during the August A UTA, Colonel Gallin passed the squadron flag to Colonel Trent to symbolize responsibility for the squadron of more than 200.

Colonel Gallin succeeded Col. Ralph Oates who was named 14th Air Force vice commander at Dobbins AFB, Ga.

As vice commander of the 439th MAW he helps oversee operations at Westover and also the 914th TAG, Niagara Falls, N.Y., and 911th TAG, Pittsburgh, Pa., which fly a total of 16



Col. James Gallin

C-130s. As such, he is participating in "a time of change and challenge," he said.

"Westover and the wing gained prestige during Desert Shield/Storm, particularly in the eyes of those at MAC. We're redefining the role of Westover in the future in light of the strategic importance that has been recognized," he said.

Commissioned in 1966, Colonel Gallin flew "Puff the Magic Dragon" AC-47 gunships as a pilot in the 3rd Air Commando Squadron, Bien Hoa, Vietnam. During his year-long tour he flew more than 250 combat sorties, logging 1,000 hours of flying time.

Between 1969 and 1973 he flew B-52 bombers with the 346th Bomb Squadron at Westover and in Southeast Asia. The more than 100 B-52 combat missions which he flew included six missions over Hanoi during Linebacker II in December 1972.

In 1973 he took a position with Digital Equipment Corp. in Westfield and joined the Reserve as a C-123 pilot with the 731st TAS, Westover. He later flew C-130s with the 337th MAS and was named squadron commander in 1987.

Under his command, the 337th MAS underwent the smooth conversion from C-130s to C-5s, followed by duty in Operation Just Cause and Operations Desert Shield/Storm.

A command pilot with more than 8,000 military flying hours, Colonel Gallin wears the Distinguished Flying Cross with three oak leaf clusters and the Air Medal with 15 oak leaf clusters. He is a 1990 graduate of the Air War College.

He and his wife, Louella, reside in Holyoke.

Colonel Trent assumed command of



Lt. Col. Terry Trent

the 337th MAS after serving as the squadron's reserve operations officer.

Following his commissioning through the ROTC program at Notre Dame in 1969, Colonel Trent flew 118 combat missions in AC-130 gunships in Southeast Asia in 1971-72. He joined the 731st TAS as a C-123 pilot in 1975 the same year he received a master's degree in business administration at Boston University.

With more than 4,000 flying hours, Colonel Trent has earned two Distinguished Flying Crosses, eight Air Medals and the Meritorious Service Medal.

He is employed as manager of manufacturing services at Loral Infrared and Imaging Systems Inc., Lexington, Mass. He and his wife, Gertrude, reside with their two daughters in Billerica.

Members of the 74th AES help Russian immigrants find home

By TSgt. Tom Allocco

When a Russian immigrant family with seven children needed help in their new home, they found that 74th AES members were among those Americans who responded.

Four Westover nurses and med techs provided standby first aid coverage and other help when a volunteer organization renovated the family's dilapidated home on the north side of Springfield.

About 30 members of Habitat for

Humanity spent a week beginning July 30 making the home livable for the parents and their seven children in age from six-months to eight-years-old. Habitat for Humanity is best known for former President Carter's carpentry efforts as a volunteer in recent years.

Members of the local branch approached the 74th because of a policy to have first aid coverage on such projects. Those who responded for two- to four-day stints were Capt. Margaret Lewis, 1st Lt. Catherine Manning, MSgt. Mark Johnson and TSgt. Brian Major.

Habitat for Humanity volunteers, ranging from teenagers to retirees, built a porch, put in windows, made a new doorway, laid a walkway and did other work on the house.

"Everyone was very enthusiastic. They were hammering, sawing, pouring concrete. You name it, they did it," said Sergeant Johnson.

"The father was there and he was working hard with the volunteers.

"It was something that everyone could feel good to be a part of and know they were doing some good," he said.

Reservists proud to serve country

The aftermath of Desert Storm: DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

By TSgt. Sandi Michon

The winds of war are like a hurricane. People prepare the best they can, weather the storm, and pick up the pieces after the storm blows over.

Some homes are utterly destroyed, some assess minimal damage, but no one comes out completely unscathed.

As Desert Storm blows over and the last of Westover's activated reservists return to civilian life, it is time for a damage assessment. Everyone has paid a price to serve in Desert Storm, but some have paid dearly.

Desert Storm passed over Maj. Andrew Monteiro's life with fierce winds and left behind a shell of a house. Major Monteiro, chief of aeromedical services at the 439th USAF Clinic, was a private practice family physician in Harwich, Mass., when he was activated Dec. 3. Seven months of active duty have cost him his practice.

"There was no longer money going into the business account, but a lot of money was flowing out," explained Major Monteiro. There was still overhead to pay, and he had to keep personnel on board to help his patients access their records.

The Cape Cod doctor is the son of Air Force parents and a veteran of three and one-half years active duty service. "The military has been very good to me," he said. "It paid for my medical schooling and I feel a sense of commitment for that privilege." His strong sense of patriotism was instrumental in his Air Force involvement and is part of the reason he is returning to active duty. He left Westover in August to transfer to active duty at Hanscom AFB.

"I have no bitterness about what happened. I was not naive about the possibilities when I joined the reserve program," the major said. His only regret is leaving behind his patients. He received thousands of letters during his activation from patients reassuring him that they would be patient until he returned to Harwich. "I feel like I turned my back on them, but financially I have no other choice," he said.

"Anyone in a service business feels the harsh impact of activation," said Lt. Col. Arch Battista, wing flying safety officer and C-5 pilot. Colonel Battista is a Springfield, Mass., lawyer as a civilian



Artwork by Sylvia Staples

and knows firsthand the realities of activation. "When you are gone for seven months, people who need your services tend to go elsewhere out of necessity," he said.

Colonel Battista said that almost everyone is very understanding about reservists unavailability due to serving in Desert Storm. He said the current public reception is very different from his experiences when he served in Vietnam in 1970-1971.

Another professional to lose his practice was Capt. Chris Donovan, 337th MAS intelligence officer. Captain Donovan began his private law practice in Amherst, Mass., in 1989 and was called to active duty on August 24. He had to withdraw from many of the cases he was involved in and when he left for

three months in the Persian Gulf he had to tell the courts he could not perform any cases for an undetermined period of time. Much of his practice was built on court appointed cases. While the court system was very understanding, it still cost him whatever practice he had built over the past year.

For Captain Donovan, activation cost him his law practice, but as a single dad, his family life became a real challenge. His normal care arrangements for his nine-year-old son, Liam, continued until he was deployed. A local family took care of him until a difficult pregnancy caused the mom to be unable to care for him. He then went to stay with his dad's sister in Maine.

"I've been applying for jobs and hope to hear some positive news," said Cap-

tain Donovan. In the meantime, father and son are spending the dwindling summer days on a cross-country trip. "It's something we always wanted to do and it will be great to spend time together."

Captain Donovan maintained frequent contact with his son, but his case represents the scenario of hundreds of reservists who struggled to keep their families intact through Desert Storm.

For the Flynn family, activation represented a series of changes they will long remember. When MSgt. Glenn Flynn, 337th MAS flight engineer was activated on Aug. 2, his wife and two children had to cope with his frequent and extended TDY trips because of Desert Storm. A new challenge was issued when SSgt. Valli Jo Flynn received her orders to report on Dec. 3.

With both sets of grandparents employed fulltime, the Flynn family grappled with how to keep the family together. "I'm one of those moms who likes to put my kids to bed myself," said Sergeant Flynn, 439th USAF clinic medical technician. Faced with tough decisions, the Flynn family moved from Providence R.I., in December to Holyoke, Mass. They were fortunate to find quality daycare, but Valli Jo admits it was a long haul.

The Flynn family, who celebrated their first wedding anniversary in May, shared an unexpected present when they discovered she was newly pregnant. Now

the Flynn family is trying to resume "normal life" as they move back to Rhode Island. She is already experiencing readjustment problems with her employer who is questioning their responsibility to provide medical coverage for her pregnancy.

"What a year this has been!" said Valli Jo. She said activation has helped her clarify her priorities. "I found out I'm not 'super woman' after all," she said. She raved about the support she received from the 337th MAS and the clinic and said they have been like family.

Sergeant Flynn went to the 439th legal office for advice on dealing with her employers and scores of other reservists have sought out their counsel. "We've dealt with many types of questions about reemployment, taxes, real estate and rental agreements, wills, citizenship, adoption, divorce and banking," said Maj. Bob Bersak, deputy staff judge advocate. He said 75 percent of the cases are resolved, while the remainder are referred to other agencies.

Desert Storm represented a time to reevaluate major issues in life. There were marriages, divorces and changes in vocations. For many, the change in vocation was not optional.

Lt. Col. Fred Castle, 337th MAS reserve chief pilot, was employed with Digital Equipment Corp. when called to active duty in August. As employers

dealt with the ever-expanding active duty time frame, many had to fill absent reservists' positions. Colonel Castle's position was filled after he had been gone for three months. Although he returns to Digital, he returns to a different position. He is grateful to have a job but laments, "I really liked the job I had."

Many pilots and aircrew members are taking a serious look at the reality of their reserve commitment especially in light of the increased reliance on Reserve airlift. According to Lt. Col. Terry Trent, new 337th MAS commander, 10 pilots have left the squadron since deactivation. "Half of those leaving had just gotten off active duty, accepted a civilian position and were placed back on active duty. The other half were simply no longer willing to jeopardize their civilian job progression because of reserve requirements," he explained.

In the aftermath of war, many reservists also feel the physical effects of the storm. After reservists have hung up their fatigues, they still feel the fatigue of the frenetic pace of long hours, the disruption to their lives and the energy it takes to readjust. Many said they didn't feel the full effect until the pace slowed down. For those who spent time in the desert, fatigue symptoms are common. According to Maj. Wayne Pettito, ALCF

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A silver lining in every cloud

Even a hurricane can represent an advantage to the right people in the right places. If you sell plywood, tape, or clean-up supplies a hurricane could be a gold mine.

While Desert Storm has a long list of casualties, some reservists have enjoyed positive fallout from the storm.

TSgt. Gene Dumont, 74th AES medical technician, was activated on Jan. 25. After 12 years with a Hartford, Conn. construction firm, he was laid off in November. "Getting activated was a job provision for me," said Sergeant Dumont. "At that time of year, I would have never found work."

Sergeant Dumont spent a month in the Persian Gulf and before getting off active duty was able to secure a position with another construction firm in Connecticut.

TSgt. Robert Oliveri's employer was in the news at the height of Desert Storm and he reaped the benefits. Sergeant Oliveri, 74th AES medical technician, is a Patriot missile engineer with Raytheon corporation. "Because of the tremendous success of the Patriot missile, I was paid 100 percent during my activation and retained full benefits," he explained. He looks forward to getting back to work and commented that the Patriot missile's budget allocation had increased significantly.

While Desert Storm disrupted the education plans of

many reservists, activation and subsequent veteran status made education attainable for many reservists. SSgt. Chris Lussier, a 337th MAS loadmaster, plans to pursue an engineering degree starting in the fall semester and said his veteran status made it possible. "I was able to save money during my active duty time," Sergeant Lussier said. He explained that long trips and the short down time at stages meant spending less money.

For some reservists, just the status of being a Gulf veteran has become an advantage. Maj. Jim Hosey, 337th MAS pilot, faced a possible relocation when he returned to his sales job with Cincinnati Milacron, a metal-cutting equipment manufacturing firm. "I absorbed almost a 50 percent pay decrease during Desert Storm, but was relieved to learn I could reclaim my Northeast sales territory with my company." He said he has to regain the sales momentum he lost during active duty, but said being a Gulf veteran has proved to be an open door to several new sales prospects.

As public opinion remains high towards those who served in Desert Storm, serving as a buffer to those buffeted by the storm. While the reality of hardships are present, there are also benefits. Many reservists now carry the pride of military service and the confidence they can do the job. Many things previously taken for granted are now considered precious.

Haskel Jenkins to end 40-year firefighting career

By SSgt. Christine Mora

Westover Fire Chief Haskel Jenkins closes the book on a 40-year personal firefighting history that encompasses three wars, numerous continents and more than his fair share of plane crashes when he retires Nov. 30.

The South Carolina native enlisted in the Air Force in 1951 during the Korean War and began his fire protection career at Randolph AFB, Texas. After a stint in Germany, something happened that would change his life.

The year was 1962 and TSgt. Jenkins stepped off a plane that had just arrived at Westover. "It was a Friday and the fire chief called me into his office. To my surprise, he told me to report for duty Monday morning as Westover's assistant fire chief."

Chief Jenkins marks this as one of the most pivotal experiences of his life. "Being given that opportunity to perform opened doors for me," said the chief. "If I hadn't been given the exciting challenge, I would have retired as a master sergeant and don't know what path I would have taken."

As it turned out, Westover kicked off his career as a fire chief, and that's why he intends to wrap up his illustrious history here.

After his first Westover assignment, Chief Jenkins was sent to Vietnam as Chief of Fire Protection at Cam Ranh Bay AB, where he earned the Airman's Medal for rescuing two crew members of an F-4 that crashed amid heavy gunfire and bombing.

Upon returning to the United States, he became the deputy fire chief at Scott AFB, Ill., and later served there as fire chief until 1971.

Chief Jenkins then headed to Headquarters Air Force as fire protection superintendent where he was a member of the USAF Aircraft Crash Rescue Field Assistance and Evaluation Team. While at the Pentagon, the chief was influential in the reorganization of training for Air Force firefighters. Previously, many firefighters had gone directly to their duty assignment from basic training because technical training was not compulsory. Chief Jenkins was involved in the evaluation that soon made technical training mandatory.

The chief concluded his 22-year military career in 1973 and joined the Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Airport as fire protection and law enforcement/special operations officer.

In 1974 Chief Jenkins rejoined the Westover family to face the first of many challenges. "When I first arrived, the base commander called me in to inform me that flying had been curtailed because there was no fire protection support. Within 72 hours after my arrival, planes were flying again," he said.

The chief explained that one of his biggest challenges was the C-5A conversion at Westover. "We faced an immense overhaul of the whole unit," he said. "We needed more personnel, more equipment and a tremendous amount of training to adjust to the different firefighting mission."

"The systems on a C-5 are much more sophisticated. They have more components and our firefighters have to go inside and learn where to go and how to react," said Chief Jenkins.

"Now we're well ahead of the ball game, largely due to the fact that we have a few civilian firefighters that are reserve aircrew members," he said. "We've utilized their talent and knowledge to train our firefighters."

The unit boasts the lowest fire loss rate in the Air Force for the past 11 years.



Michael Gordon, Springfield Union-News

STATE OF THE ART — Fire Chief Haskel Jenkins shows off Westover's newest Air Force firefighting crash trucks. The P-15 was delivered to Westover July 1990.

"Being given that opportunity (to work at Westover) opened doors for me. If I hadn't been given the exciting challenge...I don't know what path I would have taken."

— Chief Haskel Jenkins

When Westover was designated an alternate landing site for the space shuttle in 1985, the chief was faced with yet another challenge. "We had to start a new training program because of the special procedures and tools needed for rescue techniques," he said. "The space shuttle uses different fuels and contains many different systems that our firefighters had to adjust to." The training was similar to the C-5 conversion and some of the equipment acquired in shuttle rescue techniques was also used for the C-5 mission.

Besides the many duties Chief Jenkins has held as Westover's fire chief, he is also the base's Black Employment Manager and a member of the Club Advisory Council, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Air Force Sergeant's Association, and the town of Ludlow Housing and Partnership Commission.

After retirement, he plans to move to South Carolina with his wife of 34 years, Shirley, and will offer fire protection consulting on a "free agent" basis.

Base civil engineers schedule \$9 million in improvements

By TSgt. Tom Allocco

A \$9 million program of improvements is scheduled for the coming year that will reach every corner of Westover, from runways to barracks buildings and the firing range.

The base civil engineers have prepared specifications and drawings for a series of contracts to enhance safety, comfort and efficiency of Westover facilities. The contracting office is soliciting bids and the contracts will be awarded by the end of the fiscal year in September.

The largest single project will be maintenance and repair of the instrument runway and north ramp.

New asphalt will be put on the 1,000-foot overrun at one end of the instrument runway. The overrun at the other end of the runway will be completely reconstructed.

The asphalt surface of the north ramp will be replaced in part with concrete and the remainder will be resurfaced with new asphalt.

Another large project will be the replacement of pipes throughout the base's natural gas system.

The doors and windows of the five enlisted barracks buildings will be replaced. The project to make the buildings more energy efficient will pay for itself through savings in heating costs.

The wires and equipment of the base's electrical overhead system, which date to the early days of the base, will also be replaced.

The drainage system on the C-5 ramp, which is four decades old, will be repaired.

The firing range's platform structure, berms and other facilities will be rebuilt.

Heaters will be replaced in the Base Hangar and Hangars 3, 5 and 9.

Other projects scheduled are:

- installation of liquid oxygen and nitrogen tanks.
- installation and alteration of the base's fire detection system.
- disposal of PCB transformers.
- installation of new covers for the hydrant fueling system.
- repainting of airfield and street markings.
- replacement of the base pool's gutter system.



HOW TO BEAT THE HEAT — Many in the Westover community took advantage of the base pool during the searing summer heat. According to Bob Schwaber of the base weather station, this summer saw 19 days above 90 degrees and three consecutive days above 100 degrees.

Varao lauded by Air Force

Joann Varao, the Quality Force personnel specialist who shared the long hours of the others in Westover's CBPO during Desert Shield/Storm, has been recognized Air Force-wide as the best in her field. After earning honors in 14th Air Force and the Air Force Reserve, she was named in August as Air Force outstanding military personnel specialist.

In her nomination for the recognition, she was cited for initiating improvements in Quality Force's officer promotions section and setting the highest standards for her own performance.

Her contributions ranged from reorganizing the officer performance reports program to developing a log to better track retirement packages. In addition, she has volunteered extra efforts from coming in to assist reservists on A and B UTAs to staffing booths during the 50th anniversary ball and airshow.

During Desert Shield/Storm she was part of the CBPO team whose extra efforts earned the appreciation of reser-

vists during mobilization and demobilization processing. Outside of the office, she volunteered to work in the Desert Shield Support Center and helped organize Thanksgiving and Christmas parties.

"Since she came here three years ago without CBPO experience, Ms. Varao has made herself an absolutely top performer and an indispensable part of the organization," said Capt. Denny Jobes, CBPO chief.

"That was only possible through her own initiative in teaching herself every facet of the job and a willingness to do above and beyond in anything she's asked to do. There's nothing she won't volunteer to do in aiding the overall success of the CBPO," she said.

Ms. Varao was formerly employed as a Northampton Veterans Administration Hospital medical secretary before coming to Westover's CBPO three years ago. She has twice earned sustained superior performance awards.

Wing receives praise and gives out

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"You have done yourself, the Air Force and your country very proud," he said.

Of those who made possible the welcome home ceremonies, he said "you have endeared yourself to a watching nation."

General Closner, who toured Westover several times during the airlift, said he considered the base "kind of my home. I've spent more time here than any base since I became chief.

"This greatly deserved award couldn't go to a better unit. You have participated in one of the most successful chapters in military history.

"I know your part. You've done the mission, set the standards...Westover and the air reserve component had an ORI bar none and passed with outstanding ratings," the chief of the Air Force Reserve said.

"You're setting the standards many people will emulate and setting goals for MAC and AFRES. You've given us plenty of good ideas," he said.

He offered special thanks to Westover aircrews who assisted other crews staging through Westover.

The Outstanding Unit Award he presented recognized "exceptionally meritorious service" during the period



TSgt. Sandi Michon

SYMBOL OF PRIDE — Brig. Gen. Mike Walker, wing commander affixes the red, white and blue Outstanding Unit Award streamer to the staff of the 439th MAW flag assisted by Maj. Gen. John J. Closner, chief of the Air Force Reserve.

June 15, 1989 to June 15, 1991. "Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm transformed the wing into one of the major enroute staging bases for C-5 operations, creating unprecedented workload and mission tasking levels," according to the citation.

The wing previously earned the Outstanding Unit Award for the period 1975-1976.

In accepting the award, General Walker told those assembled that "I'm proud to have had the privilege to have led you."

He reminded wing members that "when the country called for the largest, fastest mobilization since World War II you citizen-airmen answered the call. You rolled up your sleeves...and worked around the clock."

Westover aircrews logged more than five times the normal flying time and passed the mark of 100,000 of safe flying hours. Maintenance teams always had planes ready to go.

"The clinic served more than 17,000 people, you pumped 58 million gallons of fuel, handled 3,600 aircraft and



TSgt. Sandi Michon

PARADE REST — 439th MAW units stand in ranks during the Outstanding Unit Award presentation.

gratitude

63,000 passengers and did 96 tail swaps and you moved aircraft with the best reliability in MAC.

"Everything you were asked to do you did," the wing commander said.

"I want you always to be proud of what you accomplished. You were the airlift from the Northeast United States to the Middle East. I hope that 10, 20 and even 30 years from now you will be telling your children and grandchildren about your role in Desert Shield and Storm.

"You've earned bragging rights. Tell them that when the call came, you did all that was asked."

The ceremonies concluded with the Air Force Reserve Band's presentation of the Air Force Song and the flyover of two C-5s in formation under the command of 337th MAS pilots Lt. Col. Fred Castle and Lt. Col. Sandy Whittier.

Clambake serves up thanks to reservists

When wing members celebrated Patriot Recognition Day, they did it in the same exuberant style that they had welcomed home troops. More than 3,000 reservists and their guests enjoyed the cook-out and live music in a grand celebration of their efforts during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Despite a steady rain that moved everyone into the Base Hangar, steaks, lobster, kielbasa and corn were cooked under shelters outdoors.

SSgt. Ron Roman of the 439th Field Maintenance Squadron hydraulics shop, who attended the picnic with his wife, Chandra, was typical of those who appreciated what the picnic meant to Westover reservists and civilians.

"After seeing the welcome home celebrations for the troops, it was a good feeling to have our own celebration. We put in a lot of long hours during the war and the party was a good way to be told thanks," he said.

The celebration was made possible through donations to the USO and the efforts of reservists and civilians. Members of the 439th FMS welding shop built the grills to roast steaks and cook lobster. Aerial porters, civil engineers and others set up facilities and law enforcement members monitored the flow of guests through the service lines.

The party was organized by a committee of 18 under the direction of Col. Robert Kinley, commander of the 439th FMS. "We were proud to have the opportunity to thank our troops for a fantastic job and glad that everything came together like it did. I'm grateful for the hard work of those on the committee and other volunteers who made it work. There are too many people to try to thank everyone personally, but it really was a group effort," he said.



FESTIVE, FOOTWORK, FEED — (counter-clockwise from upper left) The Base Hangar was the site of a huge clambake held Saturday, July 13 to thank Westover's reservists for their role in Desert Storm. More than 100 people took part in the 'electric slide' and others danced to DJ tunes during the clambake. SSgt. Ara Shishmanian, air cargo specialist with the 58th APS, samples an ear of corn. Steak and lobster was prepared by base and community volunteers.

(Photos by TSgt. Sandi Michon)

ISO is oh-so helpful

By A1C Michael Lyman

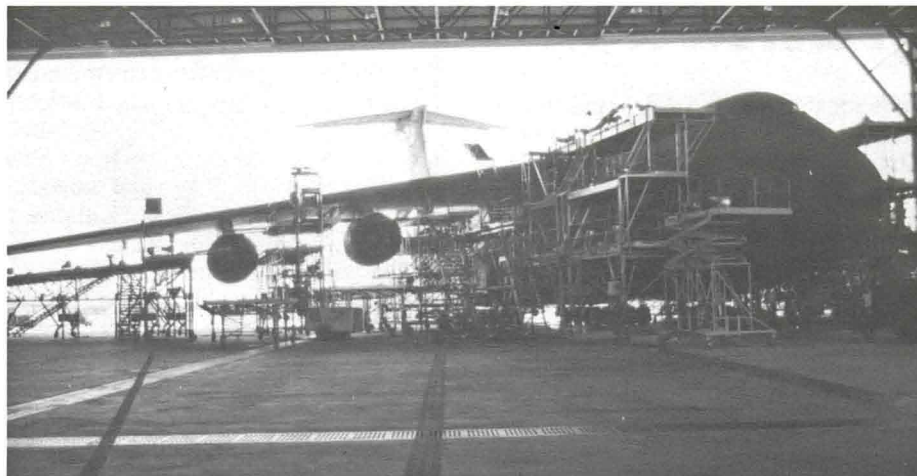
For the first time at Westover, C-5As will be coming apart at the seams.

Westover's C-5's will be inspected, repaired and able to fly more safely and efficiently with the help of the base's new addition — the isochronal maintenance stands.

"The ISO dock is designed specifically for C-5s and will allow Westover's inspection section and aircraft specialists to perform their own inspections in the base's pull-through hanger," said Henri Drenthe, aircraft inspection foreman.

"The ISO stands allow us to examine and repair parts on the aircraft, including chipped paint, stress fractures and loose screws, with ease," said Maj. Lynn Jobes, AGS maintenance supervisor. "Before the ISO dock became operational July 19, Westover's C-5A's would go to Dover AFB, Del., for routine inspections which are required of every aircraft every 300 days," Mr. Drenthe said.

"The ISO dock is actually a set of 40 independent wing and fuselage plat-



Nora MacKay

ISO-DOCK — One of Westover's C-5 Galaxies gets a thorough check-up with the aid of isochronal maintenance stands in the C-5 Hangar.

forms which are connected together like an external skeleton around the aircraft. The stands, along with the T-tail platform, will provide a continuous platform for the inspection section and aircraft specialists," Mr. Drenthe said.

"The 40 stands are electrically powered and move on 160 wheels," Mr. Drenthe said. "Yet it takes only a spotter and an operator to move the stands into place. Once the stand is in place, the platform itself can be raised or lowered using air pressure to make it fit snugly against the aircraft.

"Having our own platform is a big

advantage," Mr. Drenthe said. "With the work area fully secured, our staff can work without safety harnesses. This will reduce operational costs because work can be done more quickly in a safer environment. Additional money will also be saved by not having to send our Galaxies to Dover."

The stands also include over 80 air hose connections, 60 lights, three equipment lifts and countless electrical outlets.

"Eventually, the ISO dock will be moved to its permanent site in the south side of the DC hanger," Jobes said.

Desert Storm aftermath (continued from page 5)

operations officer, it was difficult to adjust to the cooler climate of New England after three months in the Gulf. Two members of the ALCF actually went for blood tests a few months after returning home because of constant fatigue. The tests were negative, but the symptoms real.

Maj. Pete Gray, 337th MAS instructor pilot, contracted viral hepatitis during Desert Storm and was out of commission for almost a month. Major Gray, whose blood pressure bottomed out at 75 over 40, attributes his low resistance to the physical drain of back-to-back flying missions typical during the stage operations.

As reservists continue to pick up the pieces of their life after the Storm, many find they have lost tangible items such as material gain, but the intangible areas of their lives have shown significant growth. While Desert Storm represented a major disruption in reservists' lives, every reservist interviewed expressed a deep pride in serving their country.

Author John Steinbeck touches on these attitude changes with the quote, "When a man is finally boxed and he has no choice, he begins to decorate his box."

So, while the winds of war have wrecked havoc on those who stood in its path, often the rebuilt structures are stronger than the originals.

RIDS will help eliminate skids

Is an ice-free winter possible here in New England?

Probably not, at least not without a four-month heat wave. But an ice-free main runway at Westover is a definite possibility, thanks to the Runway Ice Detection System (RIDS) that was installed in early July.

The new system, which has been in existence only a few years, was installed by Surface Systems, Inc. of St. Louis, Mo. The system includes eight hockey-puck shaped disks linked to the base computer. They provide base officials with up-to-the-minute information on the condition and temperature of the runway.

"RIDS has two advantages," said Robert Motley, chief of airfield management. "First, RIDS will give base officials early warning for icy conditions. Second, instead of having to put ice-melting chemicals all over the runway, RIDS will provide information that will allow the 439th CES to put the chemicals in specific areas, thus saving the base money.

"Though the C-5As do not fly during freezing rain, RIDS will help the aircraft take-off and land under safer conditions," Mr. Motley added.

"With RIDS, we have an anti-ice rather than de-ice strategy," he said. "We now have the ability to prevent icy conditions from disrupting runway operations."



Summer Camp

Photos by TSgt. Sandi Michon

MAKING MEMORIES — Westover's MWR-sponsored children's camp was held July 8-19. The summer camp included swim lessons, arts and crafts, water slides, activities at Wade Lake, a C-5 tour, picnics and movies. The above photo shows Ryan and Emily Soucie and Carrie Marten enjoying the 35-foot water slide. Jason Gauthier, 11, (left) puts finishing touches on his custom-designed T-shirt. A huge nylon parachute (below) provided the right equipment for a "cat and mouse" game. When the parachute is lifted, the mouse runs under and the cat has a timed period to find the mouse under the folds of air.



Great New England Airshow becomes biannual event

By SSgt. Christine Mora

Westover will "keep 'em flying" every two years as the base kicks off a series of biannual airshows next summer with the first three-day international event proposed for July 24-26, 1992.

"A series of international airshows every two years will keep the importance of Westover before the public and will help local communities and businesses plan for the entertainment and

service needed by up to a million airshow spectators," said Brig. Gen. Frederick D. "Mike" Walker, wing commander, at a press conference held July 24, one year before the proposed 1992 airshow date.

Westover's Galaxy Community Council and base officials have established a board of governors to organize the Great New England Airshow and to seek input from local communities.

"Community participation in our last airshow was outstanding," said General Walker, "and many public service organizations have expressed interest in our next airshow."

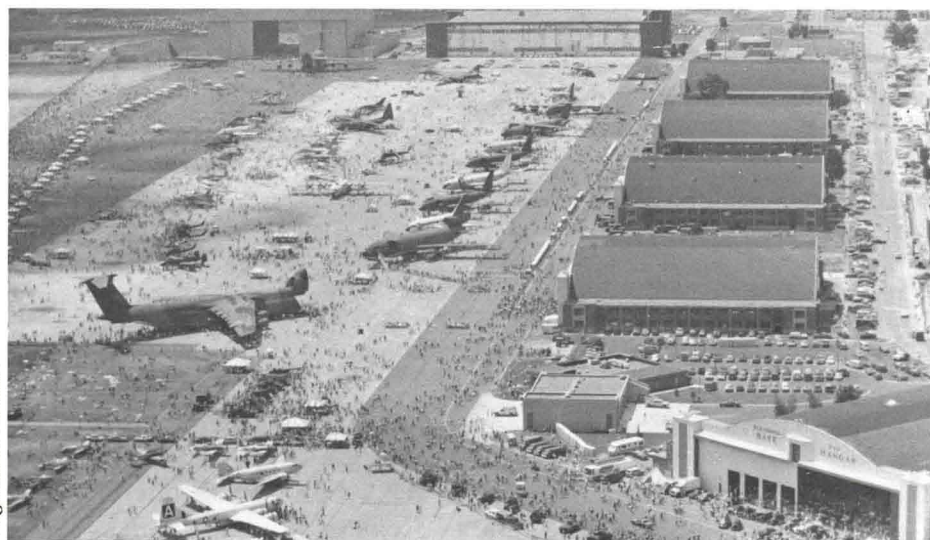
The board of governors has established a permanent airshow office at the base with a special telephone line, (413) 557-SHOW. Since the 1992 airshow was announced, the airshow office has received positive reaction from local tourist boards, chambers of commerce, and the Springfield Civic Center.

The office has also received calls from non-profit community service organizations that want to staff booths at the airshow.

In both aircraft and spectators, Westover's 1990 airshow ranked as the fourth largest in North America and the third largest in the United States.

More than 350,000 supporters "voted with their feet" at Westover's two-day airshow in 1987 when the base was converting from the turboprop C-130E Hercules to 16 fanjet C-5A Galaxies.

The base celebrated 50 years of flying last summer by attracting more than 700,000 visitors to a three-day anniversary of airshow featuring the Canadian Snowbirds, the U.S. Golden Knights parachute team, and an international array of 84 aircraft.



TSgt. Sandi Michon

AIRSHOW CROWDS — Westover announced in July the base will host an international airshow every two years. Last year's event drew more than 700,000.

23rd APSS officially joins Westover family

By TSgt. Tom Allocco

They are a TAC asset, MAC gained on a SAC base. They are a GSU, but have members using Westover as an operating location. To complicate things, they recently changed their name.

They could only be the 154 members of the 23rd Aeromedical Patient Staging Squadron, the stepchildren of the Patriot Wing family.

Like the C-130 squadrons at Niagara Falls and Pittsburgh, they are part of the 439th MAW. But despite service in Saudi Arabia, the squadron has a recognition factor among many Westover members somewhere between anonymous and the F-117 Stealth.

You can find the 23rd at Griffiss AFB, a SAC B-52 base outside the upstate New York town of Rome.

The members belong to a MAC-gained unit assigned to the 914th TAG,

Niagara Falls, N.Y., as a Geographically Separated Unit (GSU). When mobilized in the field they serve as a TAC unit, as they did in Saudi Arabia.

Stationed at Westover are 39 members of the squadron under Maj. Jane Sbardella. CMSgt. Raymond Gosnell, a veteran of 41 years in uniform, serves as medical services manager.

They oversee the unit's training with the 74th AES and the 439th USAF Clinic. Squadron members operate out of a section of the 74th AES building. The doctors, nurses, medical technicians, dietitians and mental health specialists are tasked to set up a 50-bed staging facility.

Organized in 1981, the 23rd APSS was assigned to Willow Grove for its first two years. Until last summer, the squadron was designated as the 23rd Medical Services Evacuation Squadron. Lt. Col. Joseph Lorenzetti, a doctor in

private practice, serving as commanding officer.

Squadron members train to set up an aeromedical staging facility as an intermediate point for patients as they move between field hospitals and aeromedical evacuation flights. They work with patients for up to 72 hours.

Last January, about two-thirds of the squadron members passed through Westover on their way to Saudi Arabia. Most served at King Fahd International Airport, southwest of Dhahran, where they helped set up a 150-bed medical staging facility. The participated in 97 aeromedical evacuation missions and treated more than 3,000 American and Allied patients. Other members served at Jubail on the Persian Gulf.

Chief Gosnell returned in March and walked down Westover's red carpet. He shared the same deep emotions as thousands who heard the cheers.



HELPING HANDS — Maj. David Doyle provides 'airlift' up the stairs to the C-5 passenger compartment.



MAKESHIFT BUS TERMINAL — Thousands of Clark AB personnel and their families fled the volcanic ash of Mount Pinatubo in June. Hundreds of families, amid their luggage, wait for transportation out of Mactan AB.

Westover aircrew transports U.S. personnel, pets to safety

Article by A1C Michael S. Lyman

Photos by SSgt. Gary D. Smith

A Westover Galaxy Presidential support mission turned into a rescue mission as a result of the recent volcanic eruption in the Philippines.

The June 12 mission, under the command of Maj. David Doyle, began as scheduled with the delivery of President Bush's limousines to Travis AFB, Calif. After arriving at Travis, however, the 12-member crew learned their cargo mission would be changed dramatically.

Instead of leaving for Hawaii for additional cargo duty, the Westover crew was diverted to Mactan Air Base on the island of Cebu in the Philippines to take part in "Fiery Vigil," a mission to aid the victims of the Mount Pinatubo eruption.

The aircrew delivered much-needed supplies, such as food, diapers and medical supplies during the two flights to Mactan June 14 and 15.

In addition, the crew was responsible for rescuing and transporting to Guam many people, most of whom were Air Force and Navy dependents from nearby Clark AB and Subic Naval Base. More than 100 dogs and cats, and one parrot were also airlifted to Guam. According to SSgt. Gary D. Smith, 337th MAS loadmaster, the cargo area acquired an unfavorable odor after airlifting the pets.

The second flight included two children with chicken pox who were allowed to ride in the crew quarters because the entire crew had previously had chicken pox.

Major Doyle described the mission as a very emotional experience. "The people looked like they had been through hell. They lost everything they owned, except for the bags and pets they brought with them," he said.

"It was nice to do something humanitarian for a change, especially after taking part in Desert Shield and

Desert Storm," said Major Doyle, who also took part in the relief missions to Armenia following the 1988 earthquake there.

Other crew members were pilots Maj. Kent W. Michaelsen and 1st Lt. Richard C. Tilburg; flight engineers MSgt. John C. Miller and TSgt. Donald R. Pare; loadmasters TSgt. Daniel J. Giddinge, Sgt. Joseph H. Carbonell, SSgt. Gary D. Smith and TSgt. Thomas A. Mellor; maintenance crew SSgt. Phil P. Head, SSgt. Ralph O. Dawkins and SSgt. James A. MacDonald.



ANIMAL SHELTER — More than 100 dogs and cats, and one parrot, were airlifted to Guam from Mactan AB, Philippines. The pets belong to personnel evacuated from Clark AB, Philippines.

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Hathaway's program called "phenomenal"

Wing Historian MSgt. Marshall R. Hathaway has compiled a remarkable track record. When the Wing History Office had its last Management Effectiveness Inspection in 1985, the 439th's History and Unit History Development Program was awarded a perfect score. At that time, Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Mike Walker announced, "Sergeant Hathaway has set the pace for the command."

Now six years later, Sergeant Hathaway is still setting the pace, and since that MEI, has produced ten consecutive Wing Histories which AFRES Headquarters rated "outstanding."

Regarding Sergeant Hathaway's last two efforts, Dr. Charles F. O'Connell Jr., HQ AFRES Historical services director wrote, "these are the most complete and detailed historical narratives seen to date and will serve as models for our historian trainees."

Sergeant Hathaway spent a week in July at Robins AFB, Ga., at the first command-wide history conference. As a program speaker, his presentation was directed on how to run a unit history development program. Dr. O'Connell indicated his impression of Hathaway's contribution, saying, "That was a phenomenal presentation."

Catching up in the fast lane

NOTE: As Desert Storm set a frenetic pace, some details fell through the cracks. Listed below are the promotions inadvertently omitted from PAT on the Back

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Brig. Gen. Mike Walker

"Patriot People"

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Position: Commander
Civilian Position: Self-described 'head janitor'
Favorite Food: Steak
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Ideal Vacation: Mountains of Wyoming/horseback
Best Way to Relax: Away from phones, beepers and bricks
Preferred Entertainment: 0800 Stand-up
Favorite Celebrity: John Wayne
Favorite Music: Easy listening
Favorite Book: Tom Clancy thrillers
Favorite Color: Rainbow
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Pet Peeve: Lack of communications/negative attitudes
Best Thing About Westover: Can-do people
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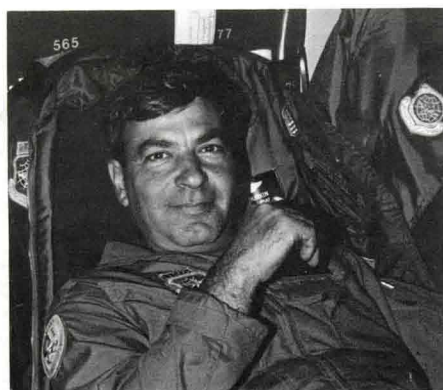


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PATRIOT PATRON — SSgt. Paul Savio reviews a *Patriot* with his grandmother, Leontine Savio of West Springfield. According to Sergeant Savio, his 93-year-old grandmother looks forward to reading the *Patriot* each month. Her hus-

band served in World War I and her only son joined the Air Force in 1947 at Westover. Her grandson, Paul, is a technician with the 439th Aircraft Generation Squadron and he delivers the latest *Patriot* to her on his weekly visits.

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