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(photo by SrA. Christine Mora)

**DUTY CALLS --** Members of the 439th Military Airlift Wing process into active duty Dec. 3 through a mobilization line in the Base Hangar. The 841 reservists will serve at Westover to support Desert Shield.

## 841 members of 439th MAW called to active duty

by Maj. Rick Dyer

Like their colonial ancestors more than 200 years ago, 841 reservists from Westover's "Patriot Wing" have heeded the call to active duty.

The reservists--members of the 439th Military Airlift Wing and 439th Combat Support group--were mobilized Dec. 3 for up to 180 days. Most of

them will serve at Westover, operating the base around the clock in support of Operation Desert Shield.

For the past three months, the base has served as the northeast stage area for transport aircraft carrying troops and equipment to the Persian Gulf. With the base expecting up to 20 flights a day during December and January, Air Force officials decided to call-up key

support personnel to support the Desert Shield operations.

"This just legitimizes our role here," said Brig. Gen. Frederick D. Walker, 439th MAW commander. "We were no longer able to continue running the base with the volunteer services of our reservists."

General Walker was mobilized and  
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## EDITORIAL

## The grinch who didn't

When Maj. Gen. Vernon Kondra visited Westover Dec. 6 to meet with 337th MAS aircrews and view Desert Shield operations here, the MAC director of operations warned that the holiday season might be nonexistent.

"Unfortunately, it's the grinch who stole Christmas," General Kondra told Westover personnel.

To a large extent, the MAC DO's comments were prophetic. Westover saw 11 aircraft arrivals and 19 departures Dec. 25 as the "surge to Saudi" continued here. Our aerial port workers, aircraft maintenance technicians and a variety of support personnel were busier than Santa Claus on Christmas Eve as they hustled to keep the big cargo planes flying on time.

Approximately 70 military personnel passed through the base's passenger terminal--they'll remember this Christmas as the day they left the United States for the sand, heat and uncertainty of service in a far away desert.

Many 337th aircrew members were also separated from their families, flying "down range" to the Persian Gulf with tons of military equipment and vital supplies.

So, in many ways, Christmas Day 1990 was just another hectic Desert Shield workday for many of the men and women who serve at Westover.

But not even Saddam Hussein--a modern day grinch and perhaps the world's nastiest Scrooge--could kill the spirit of the season here. In fact, a number of selfless people made this Yuletide at Westover very special indeed.

The aircrew members, the Red Cross volunteers, the apprehensive kids in desert cammies, the freezing aircraft mechanics and aerial porters, the dedicated dining hall workers and hundreds of other lonely men and women who worked at Westover Christmas Day knew a thing or two about giving.

So too did the thousands of area citizens--from school children to senior citizens--who sent tons of donations to Westover for distribution to the troops.

In the end, countless acts of kindness and sacrifice made a bleak time brighter. No Christmas at Westover this year?

Bah, humbug!

by Maj. Rick Dyer  
Public Affairs Officer

## Briefs

### Making TIME

The 16 C-5 aircraft which belong to Westover's 439th Military Airlift Wing are usually on time. This week, one of them is in TIME. The Dec. 24 issue of TIME Magazine features a photograph of a Patriot Wing C-5A Galaxy delivering cargo to Saudi Arabia in support of Desert Shield. The photo, which was taken by civilian photographer Thomas Hartwell, appears with an article about Desert Shield on page 20.

### McPeak new chief

President Bush has named Gen. Merrill A. McPeak to be the chief of Staff of the Air Force, succeeding Gen. Michael J. Dugan.

General McPeak is currently the commander in chief for Pacific Air Force at Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

A native of Santa Rosa, Calif., General McPeak graduated from San Diego State College in 1957. A distinguished graduate of the Reserve Officer's Training Corps program, he entered the Air Force in November of 1957 and received his pilot wings in January 1959. The general has been PACAF commander in chief since July 1988.

Prior to that, he was 12th Air Force commander and commander of U.S. Southern Command Air Forces at Bergstrom AFB, Texas.

### Tenants activated

Army medical and Marine infantry reserve stationed at Westover were activated in November for Desert Shield duty.

Following training at Fort Devens, the 51 members of the Army's 173rd Medical Group flew out of Westover to Saudi Arabia in December. The unit provides command and control for medical services.

The 65 Marine reserve infantrymen of Company A, 1st Battalion 25th Marines are training at Camp Lejeune, N.C. The marines left Westover on charter buses for the 15-hour trek to the main East Coast Marine base.

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# Operation Desert Shield: World's largest airlift

by Maj. Rick Dyer

Save those Desert Shield pins and patches--they're memorabilia from the largest military airlift effort in world history.

Thus far during Operation Desert Shield, U.S. aircraft have flown 2.18 billion ton miles bringing troops and cargo to the Persian Gulf.

During the entire Berlin Airlift in 1948, U.S. transport planes logged 697.5 million ton miles. The operation to resupply the blockaded German city was previously regarded as history's biggest airlift.

According to MSgt. Chuck Jones, a Military Airlift Command public affairs spokesman, ton miles are computed by multiplying the number of cargo tons carried by the number of miles they are

flown.

Through Dec. 20, MAC aircraft had hauled 252,000 passengers and 273,000 tons of cargo on approximately 7,900 Desert Shield missions. Approximately 16 percent of those flights were flown by commercial aircraft under contract to MAC through the Civilian Reserve Air Fleet program.

Westover, which is the northeast stage area for the massive airlift effort, has processed 1,250 aircraft, more than 45,000 tons of cargo and in excess of 19,000 troops through Dec. 20. During the Berlin Airlift--which was dubbed "Operation Vittles,"--2,323,067 tons of food and supplies were flown to Germany. Although that number far surpasses the amount of cargo transported thus far during Desert Shield, the 7,500 mile distance from the United States'

East Coast to the Persian Gulf has given the current operation a vast lead in ton miles flown.

More than four decades ago, Westover also played a major role in building the airbridge to Berlin. The base was a stage area for "Operation Vittles" and many of the humanitarian flights to Berlin originated here.

Figures supplied by MAC reveal that Air Force C-5s--including the 16 Galaxies based at Westover--have been bulwarks of the Desert Shield airlift.

Since the operation began last August, C-5s have flown 27 percent of all the MAC missions to the Middle East.

The huge C-5s have airlifted 20.7 percent of the passengers and 47.1 percent of the cargo sent overseas thus far during Desert Shield.



(photo by TSgt. Sandi Michon)

**DESERT SHIELD ART --** Helen Casey of Posters Inc., in Holyoke, and Jeff Spear, vice-president of the Galaxy Community Council present Brig. Gen. Frederick D. Walker, wing commander with a poster depicting the con-

tributions of the men and women in the U.S. Armed Forces to the Desert Shield mission. The poster was the idea of Maurice Casey and was created by artist Bill Duke of Westfield.



## VIPs tour Westover to view Desert Shield operations

by MSgt. Gordon A. Newell

General H.T. Johnson Jr., commander of the Military Airlift Command and the United States Transportation Command, visited Westover Air Force Base Nov. 28 and had high praise for the people of the 439th Military Airlift Wing for their efforts during Operation Desert Shield.

"Every place I go in the system, people are saying good things about Westover," he said. "You have set the standard as a staging base and should be very proud of what you've accomplished," he said.

General Johnson spent about three hours at Westover, visiting the passenger terminal and maintenance complexes before addressing unit commanders.

"I'm sure that General Johnson is in our corner," said Brig. Gen. Frederick D. Walker, commander of the 439th Military Airlift Wing. "He is aware of our needs and will do everything he can to help solve our problems."

After returning to his headquarters at Scott AFB, Ill., General Johnson wrote a personal note to General Walker in which he stated, "The personal quality you and your wing are giving to our forces enroute to Desert Shield is outstanding and greatly appreciated. The infectious determination and dedication reflect the concern and emphasis you and your team have for our men, women and families of our armed forces."

Since Operation Desert Shield kicked off in August, Westover has been a focal point for VIP visits.

In addition to General Johnson, the base hosted Maj. Gen. John J. Closner, commander of the Air Force Reserve on Nov. 17.

Popular singer John Denver, the son of a career Air Force officer toured Westover on Dec. 2. Wearing an Air Force flight suit, Denver greeted troops headed for Saudi Arabia, toured a C-5 and took an orientation flight in an Army National Guard helicopter. The singer performed in Springfield that night.

U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass. visited the base on Dec. 6. "I'm enormously impressed with what



(photo by MSgt. Gordon Newell)

**GRAND TOUR --** General H.T. Johnson Jr., commander of the Military Airlift Command and the United States Transportation Command, is greeted by Brig. Gen. Frederick D. Walker, commander of the 439th Military Airlift Wing, during his visit to Westover on Nov. 28.

we've seen out here at Westover," the senator said. "Once again this facility has been absolutely extraordinary."

Massachusetts Governor Michael S. Dukakis toured the base on Dec. 8.

Rounding out the list of distinguished visitors were Maj. Gen. Ver-

non Kondra, director of operations for MAC, who was here Dec. 6 on his second visit since Desert Shield began, Maj. Gen. John M. Nowak of MAC, Maj. Gen. Shirley (Sam) Carpenter, mobilization augmentee to CINCMAC and Brig. Gen. Robert S. Messer, MA to General Nowak.



# Country boy visits Westover



**DENVER DAZZLES** -- Entertainer John Denver, pilot and self-proclaimed "Air Force Brat," began his whirlwind Westover visit on Dec. 2 by riding an Army Cobra helicopter around the base. He received a genuine flight jacket and an honorary promotion to Colonel. "Col." Denver toured a C-5 and greeted departing Army MPs before addressing hundreds of reservists in the Base Hangar.



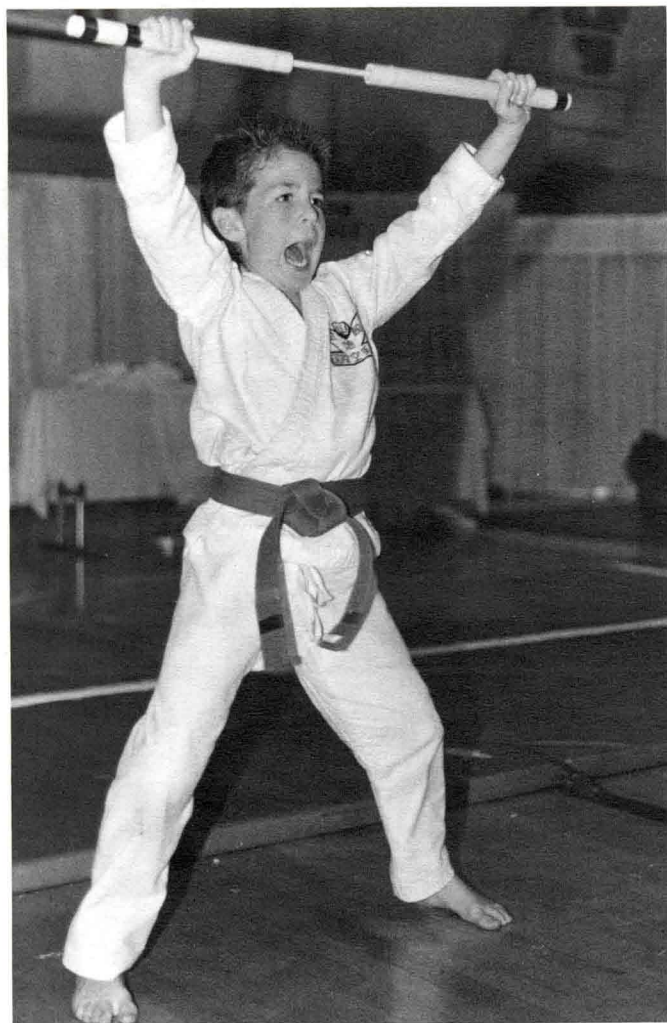
*(photos by TSgt. Sandi Michon)*





**SPINNING CIRCLES** -- Gymnasts from the Pioneer Gymnastic School in East Longmeadow perform their routines

"on stage" at Westover's family festival. Nearly 500 people attended the two-day fair.



**KARATE KID** -- Wade Rivest, 10, of Chicopee, demonstrates Nunchaku Kata form as a member of the Cantin School of Karate at the festival.

## FAMILY FESTIVAL

*(photos by TSgt. Sandi Michon)*

Westover's Morale Welfare and Recreation staff sponsored a ten-station family festival Nov. 17 and 18 at the base gym. The fair featured Shriner clowns, safety exhibits and demonstrations, gymnastic and Karate performances, fingerprinting, Girl Scout exhibits, T-shirt paintings and refreshments.



**DUNKING REWARD** -- Nicholas Dube, son of Eugene and Danielle Dube of Granby, is soaked but happy as he consumes his prize.





(photo by SSgt. Vin Blanchard)

**GOODIES** -- Students from the 5th grade class of Mrs. Theresa Pete at Selser School in Chicopee decorate goodie baskets at Westover's Desert Shield Support Center. The

center distributed the baskets to needy service families during the holiday season. The baskets and contents were donated by merchants at the Fairfield Mall.

## Desert Shield Support Center offers help on the homefront

by TSgt. Sandi Michon

A new family advocacy center opened on Dec. 6 in Building 1310 to service families affected by Desert Shield.

The center is staffed by a full-time director and assistant director and is relying on volunteer help to supplement services. The center offers information, referrals, education, special seminars, spouse employment information, budget counseling and financial assistance.

Any families from activated area Army, Navy and Marine units have access to the family center. Most DoD entitlements and benefits are the same for all services, but other services personnel will be referred to any special programs specific to them.

"One of our highest priorities is to promote social contact among the dependents so they have a support network available," explained Capt. Colleen

Steel, temporary family center coordinator. "The critical need is to diffuse the panic families may experience due to the disruption in their lives."

She said they are still assessing the needs and welcome any input or suggestions. A toll-free phone line is expected

**Karen Craig was recently named coordinator of the Desert Shield Support Center. Ms. Craig previously worked in Westover's casualty assistance office and replaces Capt. Colleen Steel, who was the center's temporary coordinator.**

to be in place by the end of January and the local number is 557-CARE. The center is open 12 noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The key contact person in each unit is

the unit representative. Each of the commanders from the 11 units affected assigned a unit representative, and a dependent to act as liaison on family related matters. These liaison personnel are knowledgeable about family entitlements and benefits and have the necessary information for referrals.

According to Captain Steel, the commanders are key to the success of the program. "There is a need to re-orient the Reserve families and unit commander support is vital," she said. The Desert Shield Support Center is expected to evolve as needs are discovered and personnel is generated. "We basically need to make important information readily available to the people that need it to make a difficult situation a little easier."

The center hopes to circulate newsletters featuring relevant benefit information and provide an on-going agenda of activities for dependents.



# Dining hall fills Desert Shield menu

## *Westover Prime RIBS captures second Hennessey award*

by SrA. Kymberly Saganski

If it's true that an army travels on its stomach, then the Air Force is getting plenty of mileage out of Westover's

dining facility.

The 439th Civil Engineering Squadron Prime RIBS members were spurred to immediate action Aug. 13 when 19 C-130s and their crews de-

scended on Westover's flightline at the onset of Operation Desert Shield.

Calls went out to local vendors who scrambled to lend their support and provide necessary supplies.

Nineteen RIBS volunteers produced 741 boxed meals, in addition to feeding crews and passengers as Operation Desert Shield became a reality for Westover.

The skeleton crew served diligently for over two weeks until small relief arrived early September in the form of additional RIBS workers from Dobbins AFB, Niagara IAP, Andrews AFB and Rickenbacker AFB.

Since August, the dining hall staff has dished out more than 95,000 hot and boxed meals to desert-bound troops and other military personnel. An around-the-clock in-flight kitchen provides boxed lunches at a moment's notice.

In addition to other RIBS responsibilities--laundry, billeting, linen exchange, and mortuary affairs--the over-taxed Prime RIBS men and women combine hard work, 3,000 pounds of meat and poultry, 300 loaves of bread and 275 gallons of milk weekly to serve members stationed here, as well as troops traveling east.

The desert-bound GIs, many of whom may spend months living on MREs, are eating in a dining facility recently named best in the Air Force Reserve.

Westover's Prime RIBS captured the coveted Hennessey award for the second time in four years after coming in a close second in 1989 and 1990.

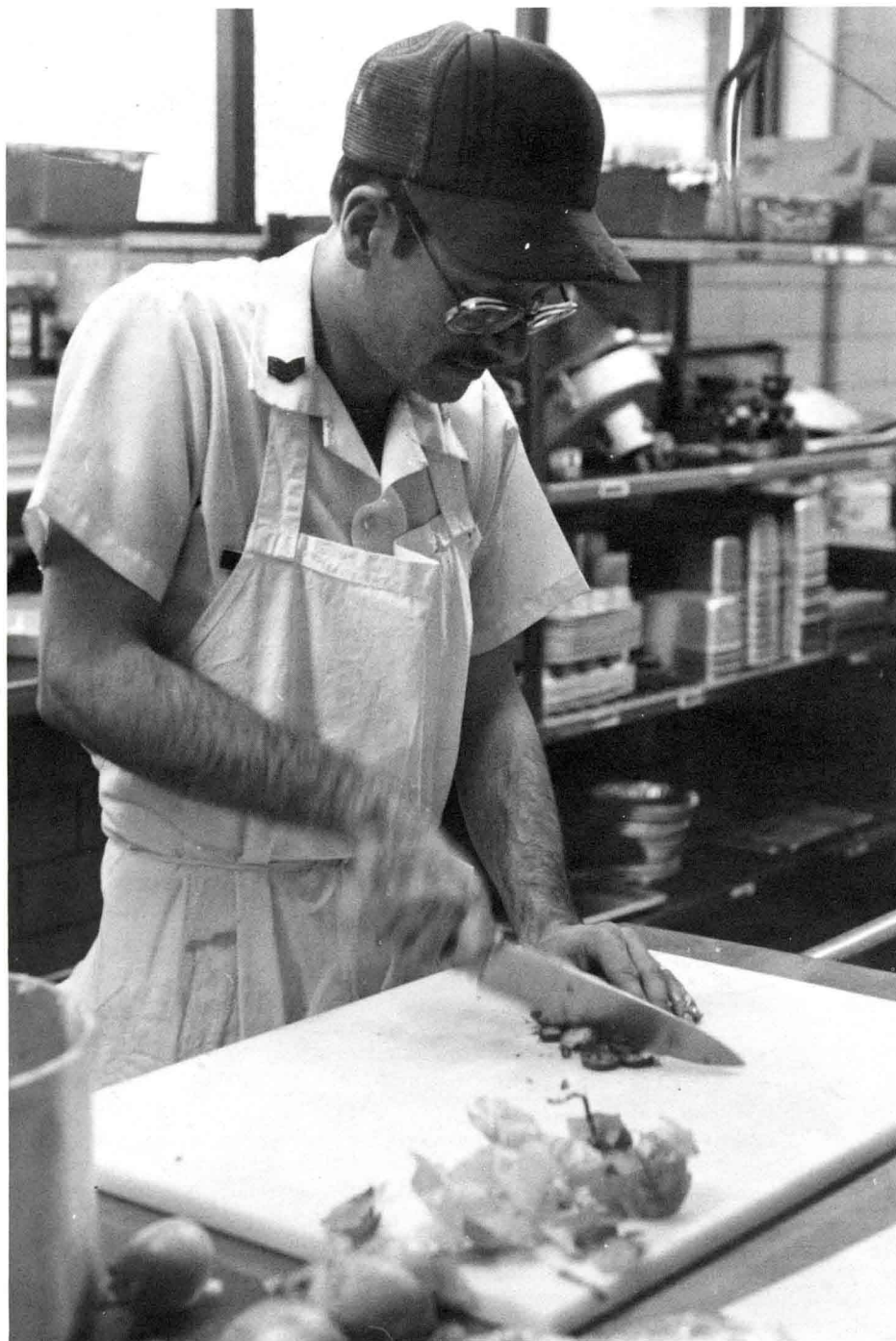
"This is like the Oscar," said CMSgt. Ronald Perrault, food service manager.

The award, sponsored by the National Restaurant Association in conjunction with the Air Force, is the most prestigious honor presented to reserve dining halls.

All reserve facilities are evaluated yearly by AFRES in categories ranging from the cleanliness of the facility to the appearance of the food and the attitude of line-workers, Chief Perrault said.

"The base shares in what we've won," said CMSgt. Ted Erhardt, services superintendent.

"We exist for your benefit," added Chief Perrault. "We look for input and constructive criticism and we try to ac-



(photo by SrA. Christine Mora)

**CHEF IN ACTION --** SSgt. Richard Doty slices and dices vegetables that will go into the salad and deli bars.



commodate special requests whenever possible."

As a result, "the wing and base commanders take every opportunity to show off the dining hall," he said. "Almost every dignitary that's come through Westover has eaten here."

Singer John Denver, son of an Air Force lieutenant colonel and self-proclaimed "Air Force brat" was impressed with how far dining halls have come since he was a child. The dining services staff really seem to go out of the way for the troops, he said.

According to MSgt. Michael Spano, Westover's food production manager, holiday meals or theme days make a special impression on evaluators as well as the morale of the troops. "We try to help everyone be a little more cheerful around the holidays," he said.

The Oktoberfest and Thanksgiving dinners were huge successes, and according to the troops filing through the dining hall on Dec. 25, the Christmas dinner followed suit.



(photo by SrA. Christine Mora)

**ON-LINE --** TSgt. Ron Kelly faces the seemingly endless chore of assembling box lunches for aircrews and others who have to eat on the run.



(photo by SrA. Christine Mora)

**TODAY'S ENTREE --** Slices of roast beef are prepared by AIC Amy Morin in the serving line. Since August, the

dining hall has dished out over 95,000 hot and boxed meals to desert-bound troops and other military personnel.



**Active Duty**  
Monthly Basic Pay Table  
Effective Jan. 1, 1991

**Years of Service**

PAY GRADE	<2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	26
<b>Commissioned Officers</b>														
O-10	6159.00	6375.60	6375.60	6375.60	6375.60	6620.10	6620.10	6987.00	6987.00	7486.80	7486.80	7988.10	7988.10	8485.80 *
O-9	5458.50	5601.30	5720.70	5720.70	5720.70	5866.20	5866.20	6110.40	6110.40	6620.10	6620.10	6987.00	6987.00	7486.80
O-8	4944.00	5092.20	5212.80	5212.80	5212.80	5601.30	5601.30	5866.20	5866.20	6110.40	6375.60	6620.10	6783.30	6783.30
O-7	4107.90	4387.20	4387.20	4387.20	4584.00	4584.00	4849.80	4849.80	5092.20	5601.30	5986.80	5986.80	5986.80	5986.80
O-6	3045.00	3345.30	3564.60	3564.60	3564.60	3564.60	3564.60	3564.60	3685.50	4268.10	4486.20	4584.00	4849.80	5259.90
O-5	2435.10	2859.30	3057.00	3057.00	3057.00	3057.00	3149.40	3318.90	3541.50	3806.70	4024.80	4146.60	4291.50	4291.50
O-4	2052.60	2499.60	2666.40	2666.40	2715.90	2835.60	3029.10	3199.20	3345.30	3492.00	3588.60	3588.60	3588.60	3588.60
O-3	1907.40	2132.70	2280.00	2522.70	2643.30	2738.10	2886.30	3029.10	3103.50	3103.50	3103.50	3103.50	3103.50	3103.50
O-2	1663.20	1816.50	2182.50	2255.70	2302.80	2302.80	2302.80	2302.80	2302.80	2302.80	2302.80	2302.80	2302.80	2302.80
O-1	1444.20	1503.30	1816.50	1816.50	1816.50	1816.50	1816.50	1816.50	1816.50	1816.50	1816.50	1816.50	1816.50	1816.50
<b>Commissioned Officers With Over Four Years Active Duty As An Enlisted Member Or Warrant Officer</b>														
O-3E	—	—	—	2522.70	2643.30	2738.10	2886.30	3029.10	3149.40	3149.40	3149.40	3149.40	3149.40	3149.40
O-2E	—	—	—	2255.70	2302.80	2375.70	2499.60	2595.30	2666.40	2666.40	2666.40	2666.40	2666.40	2666.40
O-1E	—	—	—	1816.50	1940.70	2012.10	2085.00	2157.60	2255.70	2255.70	2255.70	2255.70	2255.70	2255.70
<b>Warrant Officers</b>														
W-4	1943.40	2085.00	2085.00	2132.70	2229.60	2328.00	2425.50	2595.30	2715.90	2811.00	2886.30	2979.60	3079.20	3318.90
W-3	1766.40	1916.10	1916.10	1940.70	1963.20	2106.90	2229.60	2302.80	2375.70	2446.50	2522.70	2620.80	2715.90	2811.00
W-2	1546.80	1673.70	1673.70	1722.60	1816.50	1916.10	1988.70	2061.60	2132.70	2207.70	2280.00	2352.00	2446.50	2446.50
W-1	1288.80	1477.80	1477.80	1601.10	1673.70	1745.70	1816.50	1891.50	1963.20	2036.40	2106.90	2182.50	2182.50	2182.50
<b>Enlisted Members</b>														
E-9	—	—	—	—	—	—	2260.80	2311.50	2364.00	2418.00	2472.30	2520.30	2652.60	2910.60
E-8	—	—	—	—	—	1896.00	1950.00	2001.60	2053.50	2107.80	2156.10	2209.20	2338.80	2599.20
E-7	1323.60	1428.90	1482.00	1533.60	1585.80	1636.50	1689.00	1741.50	1820.40	1872.00	1924.20	1949.10	2079.90	2338.80
E-6	1139.10	1241.10	1293.00	1347.90	1398.30	1448.70	1502.10	1579.50	1629.00	1681.80	1707.30	1707.30	1707.30	1707.30
E-5	999.30	1087.80	1140.60	1190.10	1268.40	1320.00	1372.50	1422.90	1448.70	1448.70	1448.70	1448.70	1448.70	1448.70
E-4	932.10	984.30	1042.20	1122.90	1167.30	1167.30	1167.30	1167.30	1167.30	1167.30	1167.30	1167.30	1167.30	1167.30
E-3	878.10	926.40	963.30	1001.40	1001.40	1001.40	1001.40	1001.40	1001.40	1001.40	1001.40	1001.40	1001.40	1001.40
E-2	845.10	845.10	845.10	845.10	845.10	845.10	845.10	845.10	845.10	845.10	845.10	845.10	845.10	845.10
E-1**	753.90	753.90	753.90	753.90	753.90	753.90	753.90	753.90	753.90	753.90	753.90	753.90	753.90	753.90
E-1***	697.20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

\*Basic pay is limited to \$8,441.70 by Level V of the Executive Schedule.

\*\*More than four months

\*\*\*Less than four months

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**Monthly  
Basic  
Allowance  
for  
Quarters  
Rates**

(effective Jan.1, 1991)

Pay Grade	Without Dependents	With Dependents	Pay Grade	Without Dependents	With Dependents
<b>Commissioned Officers</b>			<b>Enlisted Members</b>		
O-10	661.50	813.90	E-9	401.40	528.90
O-9	661.50	813.90	E-8	368.70	487.50
O-8	661.50	813.90	E-7	314.70	453.00
O-7	661.50	813.90	E-6	284.70	418.50
O-6	606.90	733.20	E-5	262.50	376.20
O-5	584.40	706.50	E-4	228.60	327.30
O-4	541.50	623.10	E-3	224.40	304.50
O-3	434.10	515.70	E-2	182.40	289.80
O-2	344.40	440.10	E-1	162.00	289.80
O-1	289.80	393.30			
O-3E	468.60	553.80			
O-2E	398.40	499.80			
O-1E	342.60	461.70			



### National Guard/Reserve Four Days of Drill Pay (Weekend Pay)

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#### Years of Service

PAY GRADE	<2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	26
<b>Commissioned Officers</b>														
<b>O-10</b>	821.20	850.08	850.08	850.08	850.08	882.68	882.68	931.60	931.60	998.24	998.24	1065.08	1065.08	1131.44 *
<b>O-9</b>	727.80	746.84	762.76	762.76	762.76	782.16	782.16	814.72	814.72	882.68	882.64	931.60	931.60	998.24
<b>O-8</b>	659.20	678.96	695.04	695.04	695.04	746.84	746.84	782.16	782.16	814.72	850.08	882.68	904.44	904.44
<b>O-7</b>	547.72	584.96	584.96	584.96	611.20	611.20	646.64	646.64	678.96	746.84	798.24	798.24	798.24	798.24
<b>O-6</b>	406.00	446.04	475.28	475.28	475.28	475.28	475.28	475.28	491.40	569.08	598.16	611.20	646.64	701.32
<b>O-5</b>	324.68	381.24	407.60	407.60	407.60	407.60	419.92	442.52	472.20	507.56	536.64	552.88	572.20	572.20
<b>O-4</b>	273.68	333.28	355.52	355.52	362.12	378.08	403.88	426.56	446.04	465.60	478.48	478.48	478.48	478.48
<b>O-3</b>	254.32	284.36	304.00	336.36	352.44	365.08	384.84	403.88	413.80	413.80	413.80	413.80	413.80	413.80
<b>O-2</b>	221.76	242.20	291.00	300.76	307.04	307.04	307.04	307.04	307.04	307.04	307.04	307.04	307.04	307.04
<b>O-1</b>	192.56	200.44	242.20	242.20	242.20	242.20	242.20	242.20	242.20	242.20	242.20	242.20	242.20	242.20
<b>Commissioned Officers With Over Four Years Active Duty As An Enlisted Member Or Warrant Officer</b>														
<b>O-3E</b>	—	—	—	336.36	352.44	365.08	384.84	403.88	419.92	419.92	419.92	419.92	419.92	419.92
<b>O-2E</b>	—	—	—	300.76	307.04	316.76	333.28	346.04	355.52	355.52	355.52	355.52	355.52	355.52
<b>O-1E</b>	—	—	—	242.20	258.76	268.28	278.00	287.68	300.76	300.76	300.76	300.76	300.76	300.76
<b>Warrant Officers</b>														
<b>W-4</b>	259.12	278.00	278.00	284.36	297.28	310.40	323.40	346.04	362.12	374.80	384.84	397.28	410.56	442.52
<b>W-3</b>	235.52	255.48	255.48	258.76	261.76	280.92	297.28	307.04	316.76	326.20	336.36	349.44	362.12	374.80
<b>W-2</b>	206.24	223.16	223.16	229.68	242.20	255.48	265.16	274.88	284.36	294.36	304.00	313.60	326.20	326.20
<b>W-1</b>	171.84	197.04	197.04	213.48	223.16	232.76	242.20	252.20	261.76	271.52	280.92	291.00	291.00	291.00
<b>Enlisted Members</b>														
<b>E-9</b>	—	—	—	—	—	—	301.44	308.20	315.20	322.40	329.64	336.04	353.68	388.08
<b>E-8</b>	—	—	—	—	—	252.80	260.00	266.88	273.80	281.04	287.48	294.56	311.84	346.56
<b>E-7</b>	176.48	190.52	197.60	204.48	211.44	218.20	225.20	232.20	242.72	249.60	256.56	259.88	277.32	311.84
<b>E-6</b>	151.88	165.48	172.40	179.72	186.44	193.16	200.28	210.60	217.20	224.24	227.64	227.64	227.64	227.64
<b>E-5</b>	133.24	145.04	152.08	158.68	169.12	176.00	183.00	189.72	193.16	193.16	193.16	193.16	193.16	193.16
<b>E-4</b>	124.28	131.24	138.96	149.72	155.64	155.64	155.64	155.64	155.64	155.64	155.64	155.64	155.64	155.64
<b>E-3</b>	117.08	123.52	128.44	133.52	133.52	133.52	133.52	133.52	133.52	133.52	133.52	133.52	133.52	133.52
<b>E-2</b>	112.68	112.68	112.68	112.68	112.68	112.68	112.68	112.68	112.68	112.68	112.68	112.68	112.68	112.68
<b>E-1**</b>	100.52	100.52	100.52	100.52	100.52	100.52	100.52	100.52	100.52	100.52	100.52	100.52	100.52	100.52
<b>E-1***</b>	92.96	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

\*Basic pay is limited to \$1,125.56 by Level V of the Executive Schedule.

\*\*More than four months

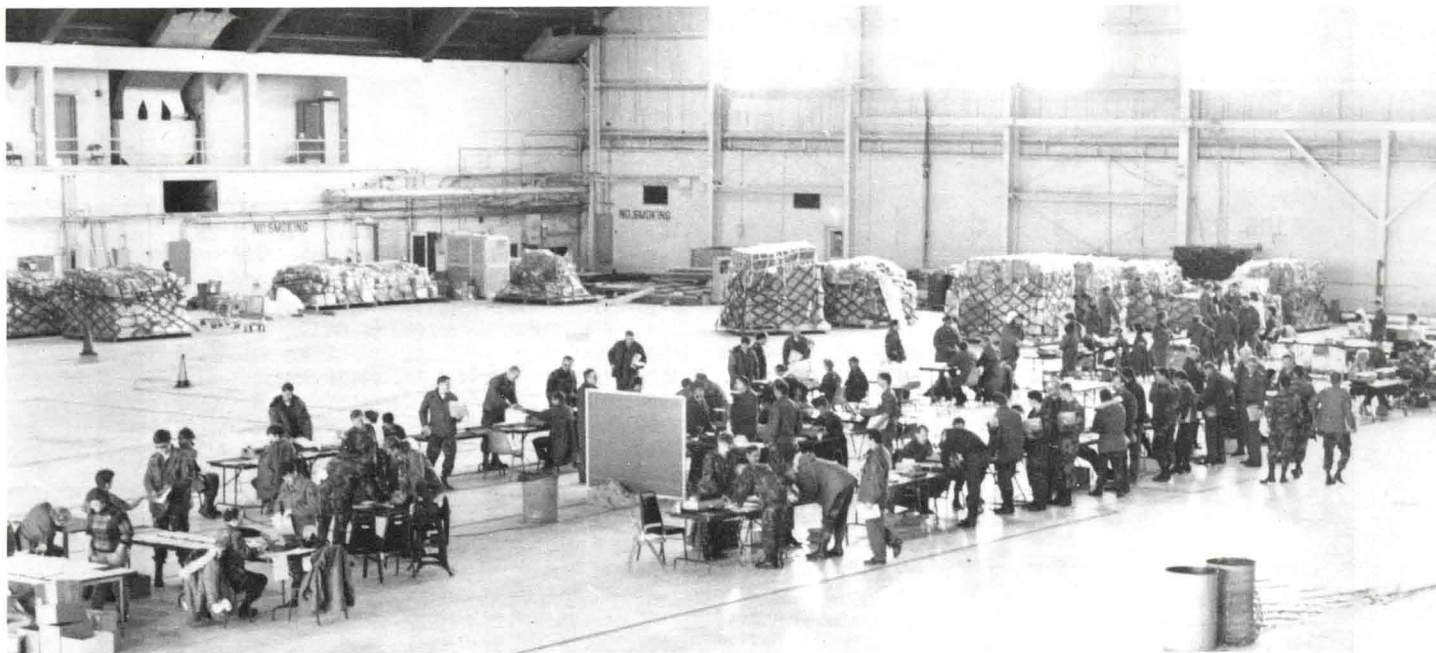
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### Monthly Basic Allowance for Subsistence (effective Jan.1, 1991)

	Cash/In Kind		Cash/In Kind	
<b>Officers</b>	\$129.00/Month		<b>When rations in-kind are not available</b>	
<b>Enlisted Members</b>	E-1, Less Than Four Months	All Other Enlisted	<b>When assigned to duty under emergency conditions where no messing facilities of the United States are available</b>	
<b>When on leave or authorized to mess separately</b>	\$5.68/Day	\$6.15/Day	\$6.41/Day	\$6.94/Day
			\$8.50/Day	\$9.20/Day





(photo by SrA. Christine Mora)

**IN PROCESSING --** Reservists from the 439th Military Airlift Wing process through the mobilization line Dec. 3.

Transformation to active duty involved many steps, including a review of military, medical and financial records.

became the first Air Force Reserve flag officer called to active duty for Desert Shield service.

On Dec. 3-4, reporting reservists streamed through mobility lines and completed the processing which trans-

formed them from "citizen-airmen" into active duty Air Force members.

The 841 reservists who were mobilized in December joined 204 members of Westover's 337th Military Airlift Squadron and approximately 40 reservists from the 74th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron who were already on active-duty status.

The 337th MAS was activated by President Bush Aug. 22, and its aircrews have flown hundreds of Desert Shield missions to the Middle East since then.

The latest call-up meant that almost half of the 2,313-member 439th MAW is now on active-duty status. Those activated have plenty of work to do.

The base is operated around-the-clock, seven days a week. Most personnel here are working twelve-hour shifts to provide services for the massive airlift.

Through Dec. 27, Westover has processed 1,329 aircraft, 20,093 passengers and 48,352 tons of cargo. The base has also pumped 24,302,206 gallons of JP-4 jet fuel into desert-bound aircraft.

Military Airlift Command officials said recently that Operation Desert Shield is the world's largest airlift effort and that more than 2.18 billion ton miles have been flown since the operation began.



(photo by TSgt. Sandi Michon)

**PAPERWORK --** Waiting their turn in the mobilization line are, from left, MSgt. Paul LaRochelle, aircrew life support supervisor, Lt. Col. Gale French, chief of safety, Lt. Col. Paul Torpey, aircraft flight instructor and Capt. John Welch, command and control officer.



## Demonstrators arrested during protest at base gates

by Maj. Rick Dyer

Thirty eight persons were arrested outside Westover's two primary gates Dec. 1 during a protest of United States' involvement in the Persian Gulf.

There were no injuries during the four-hour demonstration, which attracted approximately 600 protesters.

All of those arrested were charged with disturbing the peace and arraigned in Chicopee District Court.

The protesters had threatened to completely shut down access to the base, which is the northeast staging facility for Operation Desert Shield. However, base officials said that the demonstration did not disrupt operations or interfere with Desert Shield missions.

"We launched a large number of Desert Shield flights on Dec. 1," said Gordon Newell, base public affairs officer. "They (the protesters) didn't prevent us from doing our job."

Westover officials decided to close the James Street Gate during the protest, and 11 of the demonstrators were arrested outside of the Industrial Gate



(photo by SrA. Christine Mora)

**ON GUARD --** An Air Force security police officer stands guard near Westover's main gate during a protest held outside the base Dec. 1.

when they briefly blocked the entrance there.

State and local police were on hand for the demonstration, along with Air

Force security police personnel from Westover, Pittsburgh IAP and McGuire AFB.



**CAMEL-FLAGE --** You can't have an oasis without a camel and swaying palm trees. Setting the proper mood, TSgt. Kathleen Jensen, a graphics specialist with the 439th Combat Support Group, paints a colorful mural scene for the Oasis recreational area on the first floor of Billeting's dormitory 5103. (photo by SSgt. Vin Blanchard)



# "Mr. Disaster Prep" ends distinguished career

by TSgt. Tom Allocco

John Wilson, who first came to Westover as a C-124 navigator in 1958, retired as chief of Disaster Preparedness at the end of November.

Mr. Wilson's retirement closed a career which spanned more than three decades, including 12 years in the top position at Disaster Preparedness. He previously served as a base disaster preparedness technician for four years.

During his tenure as chief he was recognized as Air Force Reserve Outstanding Disaster Preparedness Manager three times. The Westover organization also earned six plaques as Best Disaster Preparedness Program in the Air Force Reserve during those years.

The period coincided with a growing emphasis on chemical warfare training and improvements in equipment.

"As our people face the possibility of exposure to chemical warfare in the Middle East, we can see that the preparation was worth the effort. I'm grateful to have had the support of dedicated civilian and reserve members in Disaster Preparedness," Mr. Wilson said.

While the recent focus has been on chemical warfare, Disaster Preparedness also prepares for response to nuclear and biological warfare and natural disasters.

Disaster Preparedness maintains mutual assistance agreements with local communities and medical facilities. The

plans were put into effect when 30,000 residents were evacuated following a chlorine gas spill in Springfield in 1988.

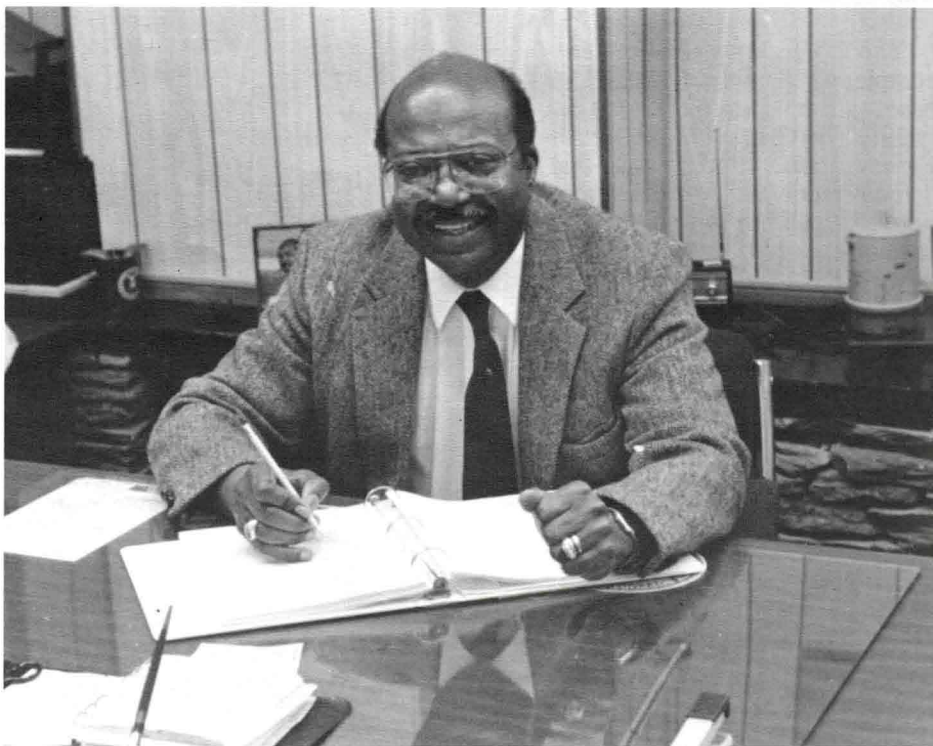
A native of Indianapolis, Mr. Wilson was commissioned after completing the ROTC program at Butler University. He served 16 years on active duty, beginning as a C-135 navigator.

From 1958 to 1965 he served with the 99th Bomb Wing at Westover AFB.

He earned the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster while serving as a squadron commander and EC-121 navigator in Korat, Thailand in 1968-69.

In 1981 he retired from the Air Force Reserve as a lieutenant colonel.

Mr. Wilson and his wife, the former Ethelyn May, reside in Springfield. They have five children and 12 grandchildren.



Mr. John Wilson

## Active-duty reservists entitled to privileges

ROBINS AFB, GA. -- Air Force Reservists called to active duty for Operation Desert Shield are entitled to full commissary and exchange privileges, according to officials at headquarters Air Force Reserve.

These privileges include shopping at commissaries and base exchanges and use of exchange mail-order catalogs, Class Six Stores, base theaters and other exchange facilities.

Family members of reservists on active duty may also use the commissary and base exchange an unlimited number of times as long as the sponsor is in active-duty status, said Bob Burnett, chief of the entitlements section at headquarters AFRES.

Reservists may use these privileges full-time if they

have:

--An Armed Forces identification card, DD Form 2AF (green active-duty card) or,

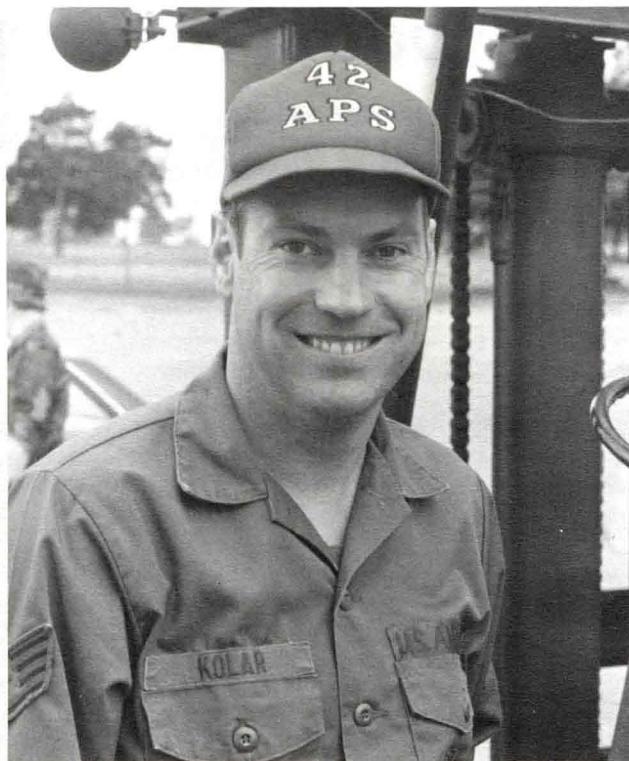
--A DD Form 2 (red Reserve forces card) and a copy of active-duty orders.

Family members have the same privileges, with or without their sponsor. They need:

--A military dependent ID card, DD Form 1173 (Tan, active-duty dependent ID card), or

--An AF Form 447 (Air Reserve forces dependent ID card) or a current form of identification with a photograph, such as a driver's license or passport and a copy of the sponsor's active-duty orders.





SSgt. John Kolar

## "Patriot People"

**Name:** John Kolar  
**Rank:** SSgt.  
**Age:** 38  
**Address:** Baltic, Conn.  
**Unit:** 42nd APS  
**Position:** Ramp academic advisor  
**Civilian position:** Rural letter carrier  
**Favorite Food:** New England boiled  
**Years of Service:** 18  
**Favorite Sport:** Basketball  
**Favorite Hobby:** Stamp collecting  
**Ideal Vacation:** Skiing in Austria  
**Best Way to Relax:** Running  
**Preferred Entertainment:** Movies  
**Favorite Celebrity:** Bob Hope  
**Favorite Music:** Rock  
**Favorite Book:** *The Bible*  
**Favorite Color:** Brown  
**Favorite Car:** Dodge Ram  
**Pet Peeve:** Paperwork and red tape  
**Best Thing About Westover:** Meeting the commitment to taxpayers  
**Worst Thing About Westover:** Friends who are easily discouraged

## PAT on the back

### Reenlistments

SMSgt. Frank A. Brown  
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 MSgt. Gary W. Watson  
 TSgt. Warren E. Coleman  
 TSgt. Roland P. Gouin  
 TSgt. Gerald A. Grasso  
 TSgt. Kathleen A. Jensen  
 TSgt. William A. Staryarsky  
 TSgt. William S. Thorne III  
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 SSgt. John T. Barley  
 SSgt. Bruno M. DeBacker  
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 SSgt. Lex S. Johnson  
 SSgt. Sharon L. Lausier  
 SSgt. Albert J. Lefave  
 SSgt. Mark E. Lockwood  
 SSgt. Dale L. Simpkins  
 SSgt. Mark R. Theroux  
 SSgt. Bridget M. Williams  
 SSgt. Jongary Williams  
 Sgt. Selina E. Rains

SrA. Glenn D. Martin  
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 A1C William T. Francis  
 A1C Alan J. Robinson

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 SSgt. Kenneth MacDougald  
 SSgt. Stephen F. Reynolds  
 SSgt. Robert James Taylor  
 Sgt. Paul M. Cincotta  
 Sgt. Henry E. Germain  
 Sgt. Edgar J. LeBeau III  
 Sgt. Robert H. McDermod  
 Sgt. Michael S. Moreland  
 Sgt. Daniel T. Sullivan  
 SrA. Ronald R. Girard Jr.  
 SrA. Robert T. LaMotte  
 SrA. John P. Whitney  
 A1C Todd A. Bulger  
 A1C Thomas M. Kalantzis  
 A1C John S. Law  
 A1C Norman R. Malburn  
 A1C David F. Moran  
 Amn. Daniel E. Kibe  
 AB Heather A. Carrier  
 AB Troy D. Douglas  
 AB Daniel T. Dowd  
 AB Maurice A. Ritter  
 AB James M. Rober

## Fits to a tee

The newest Operation Desert Shield T-shirts are on base and they're selling like hot cakes, according to CMSgt. Charlie Fusco, 439th MAW senior enlisted advisor.

The shirt features a left pocket insignia of a shield with a C-5 banking right, said Chief Fusco. The American flag adorns the back of the shirt along with the silhouette of a GI, an M-1 tank, the USS Kennedy and an F-15.

"It really looks great," said the chief. "The woman who created the artwork, Linda Mogul, is a well-known aviation artist who has also designed 'artwear' for the crew of Air Force One and the Commander in Chief."

The T-shirts are being sold for \$10.00 each by MWR through the Chief's Council and the First Sergeant's Association.



# Advisory Council works to boost morale

by TSgt. Sandi Michon

When Westover members say they support Desert Shield participants, they put their words into action. The Morale Services Advisory Council exists to make that action happen.

The 21-member council began meeting in September when increased usage of the base indicated a need for expanded services. "With so many people at the base for long periods of time, our efforts are aimed at keeping morale high," said TSgt. Kelly Payne, personnel systems manager. She said the council has extensively reviewed the service areas like billeting, the dining hall and recreation services, and has already implemented changes.

Thanksgiving was a golden opportunity to honor our troops. The dining hall prepared an elaborate Thanksgiving feast for more than 300 "full-timers" and transient troops. When transient crews were unable to make it to the dining hall, full Thanksgiving dinners were delivered to the passenger terminal. A few women from billeting donated their time to prepare several individual apple pies which were added to the transient dinners. The council even arranged for interested military members to spend Thanksgiving with participating local

families.

"We can't cure the impossible, but we can work hard on the correctable," said Capt. Denny Jobes, CBPO chief. Captain Jobes reviewed the long list of accomplished projects and an equally long list of planned objectives which targeted virtually every service area on the base.

"Nothing is too small an effort," said Sergeant Payne. "When people are away from home, they appreciate the little things." She explained how some troops were uncomfortable eating alone in the

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***"We can't cure the impossible, but we can work hard on the correctable," said Capt Denny Jobes.***

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dining hall, so they arranged for take-out dinners.

The council has arranged special trips to Atlantic City, a madrigal dinner in Amherst and a shopping trip to Fall River, Mass. Base transportation now provides two shuttle buses and has posted bus stops and schedules.

With Christmas around the corner, the council recommended moving a mailbox to billeting, providing a stamp

machine and mailing Christmas packages through Information Management. "We provided a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings," said Sergeant Payne.

Members of the morale services advisory council are always on the lookout for new ways to serve the troops. "Our membership is in no way closed and we welcome any suggestions," said Capt. Jobes. The council meets at Building 1850 in Col. Hargis' conference room every other Thursday morning at 10 a.m.

"The changes will benefit everyone, military, civilian, people in transit and the more than 200 TDY maintenance members," said Sergeant Payne.

According to Sergeant Payne, the reaction to the council's changes have been very good. Most people are surprised that we could do so much in such a short period of time. The troops coming in from Europe are especially appreciative when they contrast our atmosphere to what was available in Europe.

The council still has a long list of objectives to meet but has already established a good track record. "It's hard to pinpoint our most important contribution because all the small details make the biggest differences," said Captain Jobes. "We don't do it for recognition, but it's important to help where we can."

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