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SSgt. Vin Blanchard

INCREASED TRAFFIC — Base officials expect to see more transient aircraft at Westover in the near future. The base facilities will be used with increased frequency as a result of

the removal of the MAC detachment from Goose Bay, Labrador, and the closing of Pease AFB, N.H., and Loring AFB, Maine.

Expanded role for Westover anticipated

By TSgt. Tom Allocco

In the flight plans of a growing number of aircrews, Westover is becoming the last chance for gas for 3,000 miles. The removal of the MAC detachment, from the Canadian air base at Goose Bay, Labrador, makes Westover's runways the last stop for aircrews to Europe and the first land they touch coming home.

The success of the 439th MAW and the base's strategic location in the Northeast earned Westover national attention and increased prestige during the Middle East airlift. The recent closing of Goose Bay as a transit point between Europe and the U.S. means Westover will likely take over the role as a refueling stopover for trans-Atlantic military flights.

"I believe every C-130 going to and coming from Europe will be passing through Westover, along with many of the other military aircraft, including C-5s and C-141s," said Robert Motley, chief of airfield management. "Aircraft that previously used Goose Bay as a fueling stop will be coming to Westover, especially those from the West Coast," he said.

Before Desert Shield/Storm about 100 to 120 aircraft a month passed through

Westover while traveling to and from Europe, or other locations in the U.S., and during training missions. That number has been growing and could double in the near future, according to Mr. Motley.

The defense belt tightening that is closing other bases is ironically expanding the role of Westover.

"Goose Bay was a vital fueling stop. It was the last stop before heading across the pond. Now with the closing of Pease AFB, N.H. as an active duty base and the anticipated closing of Loring AFB, Maine, Westover is the closest major Air Force base to Europe," Mr. Motley said.

During Operation Northern Viking exercises in July and August in Iceland the C-141s carrying troops and other cargo aircraft passed through Westover. The C-130 squadrons which rotate for temporary duty in Europe are using Westover as a transit point. In the past they would have flown into Goose Bay, the airfield manager said.

Another factor in increased air traffic here is Westover's consistent reputation as a good base to come for training missions.

"A lot of units passed through West-

over during the Gulf War. They liked what they saw and now they want to come back here. We anticipate an increase in training missions coming and remaining over night," he said.

Westover's expanding role means more work for Mr. Motley's transit alert team of Leslie Squires, Joseph Rudolph and Richard Gingras. They arrange parking, fueling, delivery of power units and minor maintenance.

"The workload is increasing, but unfortunately, not the number of people or funding. We're lucky to have people with the skills and dedication to get the job done properly," Mr. Motley said.

"During the Gulf war, Westover had the best turn-around record in MAC. I'm sure that's a big part of the reason aircrews prefer to transit through Westover," he said.

Since the end of Desert Shield/Storm, operations at Westover have been conducted from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., with quiet hours observed at night. The limits on operational hours are similar to those at other air bases in the U.S. and Europe, and shouldn't seriously affect the base's role as a transit point," Mr. Motley said.

EDITORIAL

None for the road

Arrests for driving under the influence of alcohol on Westover Air Force Base skyrocketed from four in 1989 to 14 in 1990. So far in 1991, the figures aren't much better with 10 arrests through September.

The increase in activity on the base during 1990 because of Desert Shield/Storm cannot be used as an excuse. These statistics are unacceptable.

I want to make it perfectly clear that drunk driving on Westover will not be taken lightly. Air Force regulations direct that bases must comply with state law regarding consumption of alcohol. In Massachusetts as well as many other states, that means that to legally drink alcoholic beverages on base, a person must be at least 21 years of age. You should also be aware that Massachusetts State Police have jurisdiction on base property.

I am sure that by now, everyone old enough to drive a motor vehicle knows that being arrested for driving under the influence can be a very expensive proposition. It will cost thousands of dollars, quite possibly a stretch in jail and most assuredly loss of driver's license. Ultimately this could also lead to job loss for some.

This all can be avoided by using a little common sense. The Air Force rank structure is not waived because we are in a social setting. The senior-most person still is responsible for the conduct of subordinates in his or her presence.

We must take care of each other and that means preventing anyone in our company from getting behind the wheel drunk.

Col. Thomas G. Hargis
Base Commander

Briefs

Wing's role in war: free books coming

Every member of the 439th MAW who served during Desert Shield/Storm will have their contributions recorded in the 160-page book, *Westover: The Eye of the Storm*, to be published in October.

The wing's record of airlifting the troops and tools of war and operating the Northeast C-5 staging base is illustrated in the book by personal reminiscences and 120 photographs. The names of all members are recorded with their units in the book.

Written by Maj. Rick Dyer, wing public affairs officer, the book was designed and edited by Nora MacKay, with photos contributed by the Patriot staff and other wing members.

BDUs mandatory

Starting Oct. 1., the old-style green fatigue uniform will no longer be worn by Air Force personnel.

Camouflage battle dress uniforms become mandatory wear on that date.

Clancy to speak

Tom Clancy, author of *Red Storm Rising* and several other spy thrillers, will be the guest speaker Nov. 2 at the Officers Dining Out at the Inn of Northampton. Tickets are available at \$27.50 each from Lt. Col. John Riley, ext. 3370.

Patriot mailing

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

The decision to temporarily stop mailing base newspapers to reservists was adopted by HQ AFRES as a money-saving method.

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

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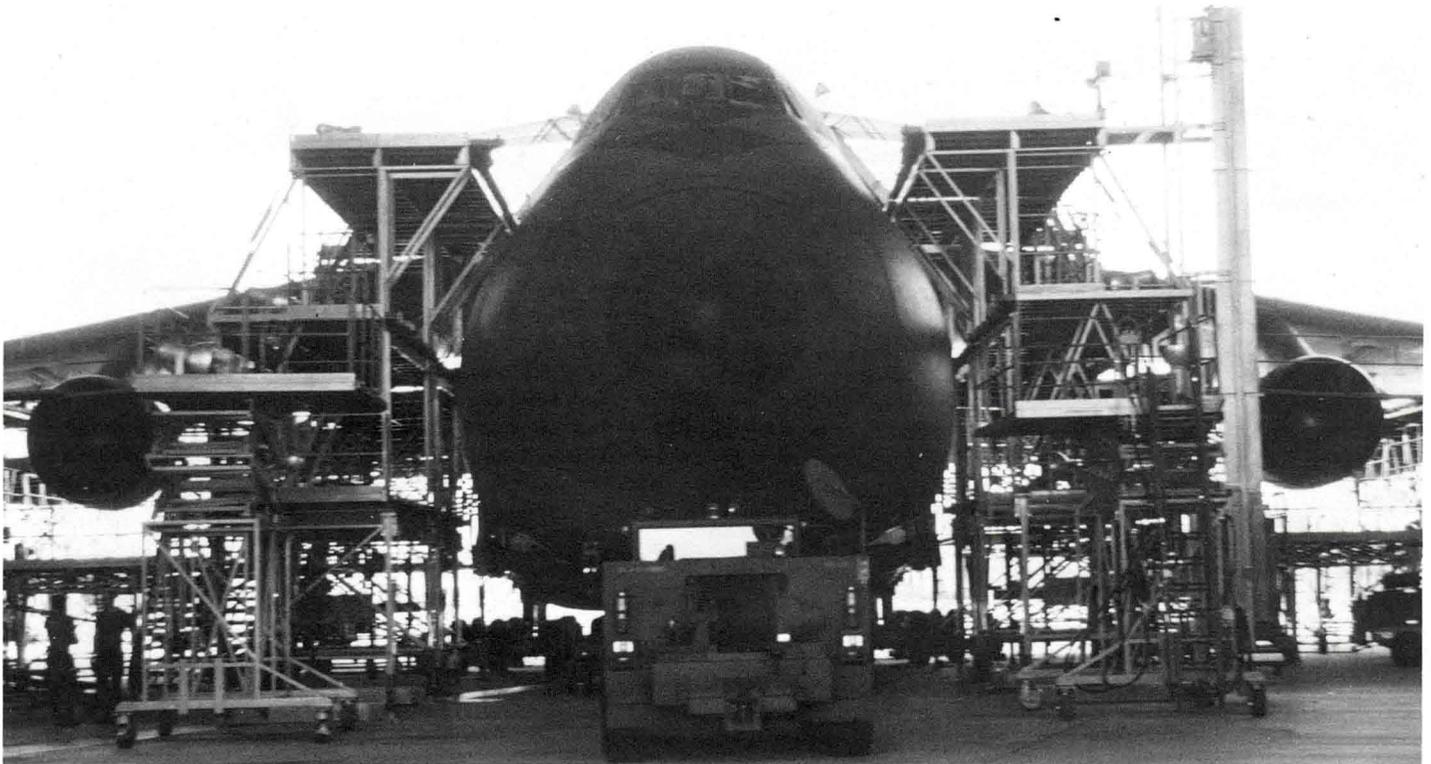
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'ISO' INSPECTION COMPLETED — Westover's three maintenance squadrons — the 439th AGS, the 439th EMS and the 439th CMS — successfully finished their first C-5A

inspection using the new isochronal maintenance stands. The 34-day inspection was completed on schedule and was marked Sept. 4 by an unofficial ceremony.

Maintenance completes first "ISO" inspection

By A1C Michael Lyman

An unofficial ceremony was held Sept. 4 in Westover's pull-through hangar to mark the completion of the base's first C-5A inspection using the new isochronal (ISO) maintenance stands.

The highlight of the event was the rollout of aircraft #68-219.

The ceremony was attended by Col. Harold L. Lawrence, deputy commander for maintenance, and members of the 439th Aircraft Generation Squadron, 439th Equipment Maintenance Squadron and 439th Component Repair Squadron.

The 34-day inspection was completed as scheduled Sept. 3, according to MSgt. Henri Drenthe, supervisor of the aircraft inspection section.

"A slight delay was caused by Hurricane Bob," Sergeant Drenthe said. "The hurricane forced us to prepare the aircraft to be removed from the hangar. This involved removing the T-tail section and repainting the aircraft," he added.

"Normally, an inspection takes approximately 18 days. But as a result of Desert Storm, our people haven't done this sort of work for a year," he explained.

"Once our people become familiar with the section, the whole operation should run like clockwork," Sergeant Drenthe said.

"During the inspection, nearly 1,500 discrepancies were found and repaired on the aircraft," he added. "These repairs included everything from stress fractures to loose screws."

Before the ISO dock became operational on July 19, Westover C-5As were flown to Dover AFB, Del., for routine inspections that are required for each aircraft every 300 days.

Westover's runway helps provide the gift of life

By A1C Michael Lyman

The Westover Metropolitan Airport recently assisted in an organ donation transfer, giving a child in Milwaukee the ultimate gift — life.

Westover's runway was used Aug. 23 for Scott Air Charter's Lear 25 to transport medical staff from the Children's Hospital, Milwaukee, Wis., to receive an organ donation from nearby Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. The medical team arrived at 9 a.m. and was immediately transported by ambulance to Baystate Medical Center to remove a donated heart and prepare the organ for transportation to Milwaukee.

The team included cardiac surgeons James O'Rourke, M.D., and Leonard Klienman, M.D., and registered nurse Patricia Ries.

According to Ms. Ries, there were no complications in removing the heart. Once removed, the heart was placed in a cooler and packed with ice. This procedure, Ms. Ries said, preserves the heart for up to four hours.

The team returned to Westover at 11:45 a.m., and hastily departed on Scott Air Charter's Lear 25 for the one-hour 40-minute return flight. The flight would be followed by the Children's Hospital's first heart transplant operation.

Desert war over; Iceland beckons Patriot Wing

By TSgt. Tom Allocco

A Patriot Wing aircrew accustomed to the 105 degree weather in Saudi Arabia had to adjust to a wet, chilly 45 degrees in July as part of Exercise Northern Viking '91.

Lt. Col. John Riley was commander of an aircrew that moved soldiers and helicopters to the Navy base in Keflavik, Iceland, for the Joint Chiefs of Staff exercise.

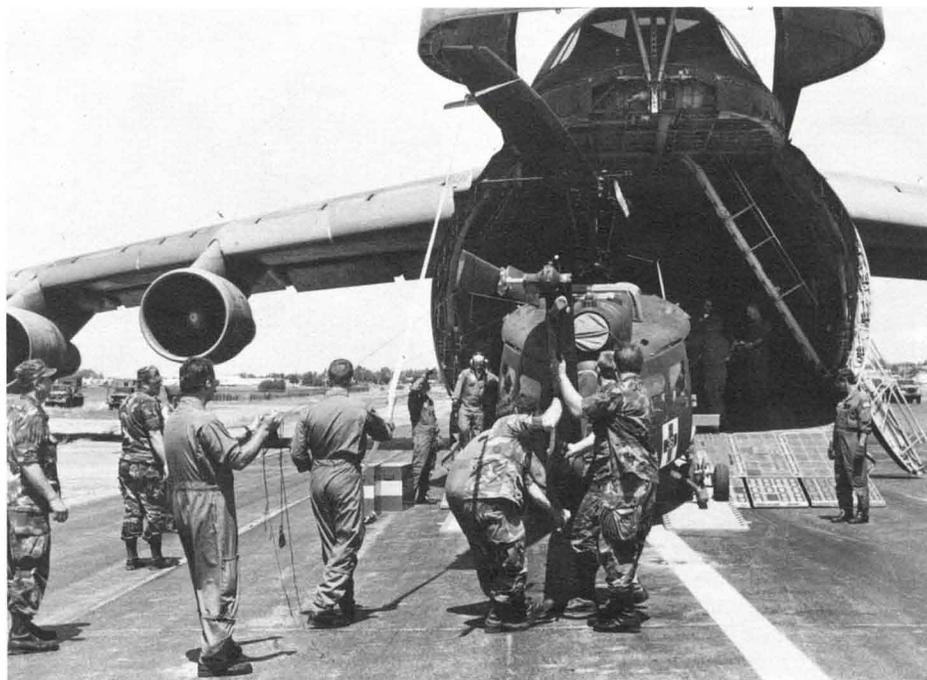
They left a humid heat wave at Westover and landed on the North Atlantic island where the rocky, treeless countryside lies under heavy clouds during most of the summer. Landing at midnight, they saw light in the sky where the day lasts almost 20 hours. Before departing the next day, several aircrew members had the opportunity to see hot springs near the small town of Keflavik outside the base. Hot springs are a source of energy and a tourist attraction on the island.

The aircrew also had the opportunity at the air base to sample "ysa," a popular national cod dish in a country where fishing is the leading industry. Among the best selling items were woolen goods in the Base Exchange, where the crew members could also purchase Icelandic horse-hair throw rugs.

Northern Viking was a practice deployment of more than 700 Army Reserve and National Guard troops to the NATO air base at Keflavik. The base, with P-3 Orions and RAF Nimrods, is an important eye on the North Atlantic for NATO. One element of the exercise included defending radar sites in the mountainous northeast and northwest sectors of the island just below the Arctic Circle. Colonel Riley's aircrew flew the only 439th MAW aircraft in the fleet of 16 planes that used Westover as a staging area for the exercise.

Maj. Thomas Mauzaka, Maj. Wayne Petitto and MSgt. Thomas O'Brien of the 439th ALCF coordinated the flow of aircraft and equipment through Westover. As part of the exercise they instructed the soldiers in preparing vehicles and aircraft loads. The troops and their HUMVEEs and trucks were loaded by 22 volunteer aerial porters from the three Westover squadrons.

The Patriot Wing C-5 carried 29 members of the Army Guard's 283rd Transportation Co. and a Jeep Blazer to Bangor, Maine. Before proceeding to



TSgt. Tom Allocco

NORTHERN VIKING — Westover aircrew members and Army Guard members load one of three UH-1 Hueys aboard a Patriot Wing C-5 at Bangor, Maine, as part of the Northern Viking exercise that practiced airlifting troops and cargo to reinforce U.S. forces in Iceland.

Keflavik they picked up 38 Guard members of the 192nd Aviation Battalion and three UH-1 helicopters.

The one hour flight from Westover to Bangor was delayed by the late arrival of the jeep. Like the instruction given by the ALCE members, the delay was seen as part of the learning experience of Northern Viking.

"That's OK, that's why we're doing this," according to Colonel Riley. "The Army and the Air Force are learning to work together. The next time there will be better understanding," the aircraft commander said.

The two services worked together during a long afternoon on the Bangor flightline as the Patriot wing loadmasters winched the Huey troop carrying helicopters onto the aircraft. MSgt. Garth Parker, MSgt. Thomas Mellor, SSgt. James Evans and SrA. Julie Blank guided Army troops in the detailed task of safely loading the helicopters.

Meanwhile, maintenance members SSgt. Ron Sliwa, SSgt. David Dix and SSgt. Ralph Dawkins added oil to the engines and made other preparations for the four-hour flight to the Iceland coast.

Others in the aircrew were Maj. Daniel

Nichols, pilot, and flight engineers MSgt. Glenn Flynn and TSgt. Jean Beadle.

As a staging area, Westover handled 14 C-141s carrying troops from New England's 94th Army Command to Keflavik. A 436th MAW C-5 from Dover also participated in the exercise, including the transportation of CH-47 helicopters.

Exercises similar to Northern Viking are conducted every two years.

Iceland, with a population of about 250,000, is the only NATO country that does not have a military force of its own. The United States, under a 1951 defense agreement, is responsible for defending the strategic island.

"The major objective of Northern Viking '91 is to exercise the plans and procedures for the defense of Iceland," according to Navy Lt. Joseph Quimby, public affairs officer at Keflavik. The exercise included rapid runway repair, emergence refueling and the deployment of troop to bases across the Iceland.

At the conclusion of Northern Viking '91 in the first week of August, the 700 troops again passed through Westover when coming home aboard the 14 C-141s.

USO beginning a new chapter at Westover

By A1C Michael Lyman

The story has been the same for many years, volunteers donating their time and money to provide free or discounted services to military people all over the world. The story is the United Services Organization (USO), and it is beginning a new chapter in building 5305 here at Westover.

"We're actually in the process of becoming an official USO office," said Exie Holl, director of the USO, on base. "Though we have been in this office since late August, our branch won't become official until we have our programs in operation.

"Like other USO branches, our chief function will be to provide services at a discounted rate or free of charge to military people in the area," Ms. Holl said. "These services include on-base as well as off-base activities.

"At present we are concerned with exposure. Basically letting people know where we located and what we have to offer," Ms. Holl said. "This is the reason why we are primarily concerned with on-base programs," she added.

"Presently, our programs include a food service in the Oasis Room and establishing a base library," Ms. Holl said.

"The Oasis Room, located in barracks 5103, will be open on UTA weekends from 7 p.m. on Friday until 10 a.m. on Sunday, providing hot food and nonalcoholic beverages to reservists," Ms. Holl said. "The Oasis Room will be able to provide food safely and more cheaply because people won't have to risk leaving



A1C Michael Lyman

HELPING HANDS — USO personnel discuss new programs for military people and their families. Members are (from left) volunteers Donna Thomson and Bill Simmons, Exie Holl, Westover USO director, and volunteer Bea Arsenault.

the base for late night meals. While we plan to close the room at 2 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday, we will remain open around the clock should the need arise. All of the proceeds will be put towards future USO activities," she added.

"In addition to the food service, we will provide a game room in building 5305 which will include ping pong and

card tables. We are also accepting books to establish a base library which will also be located in building 5305," Ms. Holl said.

"We are also coordinating base activities such as softball games and road races in addition to soliciting area attractions, such as sports events, for free passes for military personnel," Ms. Holl said.

"The most important thing now is for us make people aware that we are actively seeking volunteers to help with our present programs," she said. "While we presently have nearly 130 volunteers, we will need many more volunteers to support our ever-growing list of programs," Ms. Holl said.

"Anyone interested in our programs can call 557-2522 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Application forms will be provided. We also encourage people to call to give us some ideas of programs and activities we can provide for them," Ms. Holl said.

Full time USO volunteer members include Bill Simmons of Watertown, Conn., Bea Arsenault of Ware, Mass., Donna Thomson of Westfield, Mass., and June Loftus of Holyoke, Mass.

Briefly noted...

MSgt. Taylor involved in TV hostage program

Retired MSgt. Chuck Taylor is hoping to see himself portrayed on an upcoming episode of the CBS program "Rescue 911." Sergeant Taylor, who retired as Combat Arms NCOIC in April 1990, after 39 years service, is an investigator for the Passaic County, N.J. prosecutor. He dispatched a fellow officer who disarmed a gunman during during a hostage incident last year.

The nationally televised program will air at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Octoberfest

The 1991 Enlisted Dining Out Committee will sponsor an Octoberfest celebration Saturday, Oct. 5 at the Galaxy Dining Facility.

Because of the Gulf War, the 1991 Dining Out was cancelled but the committee decided to sponsor this event as a morale booster and fundraiser.

Two American Airline tickets to London which were donated by American Airlines, will be raffled off during the evening as well as other valuable prizes.

Music will be provided by Mark's Rolling Dance Revue DJ. Admission is free.

439th SPS reservists train to fight war against drugs

By Capt. Dan Allen

As the nation's anti-drug efforts intensify, Westover reservists are keeping pace. During the last week of August, 31 security police members attended Counterdrug Operations training at Camp Swift, Texas.

The week-long, 12-hour sessions covered 13 areas of counterdrug operations. Each was designed to prepare trainees for the Department of Defense's increasing role in drug transit detection and in providing indirect support to counterdrug agencies. For SSgt. Ronald Busch of the 439 SPS, some of the topics were good refresher training while others, such as drug identification, constitutional limitations and rules of engagement, were beneficial and fascinating.

"Learning the limits of authority for different federal, state and local authorities and the vast differences in each was extremely interesting," said Sergeant Busch. While some of these limitations may keep Westover reservists out of some exciting positions, Sergeant Busch also explained the limitations can be beneficial. "While a National Guard unit may have the authority to cut down a marijuana field, we might not. So we can watch while they do the work," Sergeant Busch said.



The training environment came as a little surprise to the reservists. All classes were conducted outside and numerous unwanted participants — spiders and red ants by the hundreds — kept everyone alert. But even with the unwelcome distractions, the course received excellent marks from security police members.

For some, this training is already being put to use. Sgt. Roland LaCroix of the 439th SPS is on a 90-day tour in El Paso, Texas. He is augmenting a counterdrug operation, according to Capt. Daniel Mays, 439th SPS operations officer. Another seven are preparing to go to

Puerto Rico for similar tasking.

Captain Mays said Westover reservists may provide surveillance assistance as well as security of counterdrug operation equipment, supplies and aircraft. "Depending on the particular operation and location, our people can find themselves at the forefront of a situation. This special training is designed to insure their safety and success in their drug interdiction mission," he said.

While the National Guard has been involved with counterdrug operations for some time, the Air Force Reserve stepped up its role about one year ago. "It is something Westover takes very seriously. Our reservists made up over 25 percent of the training class and several members of the 639th SPF are scheduled to attend in February 1992," Captain Mays said.

This training puts graduates on "priority placement" for DOD involved counterdrug operations according to the Office of the Chief of Security Police at HQ USAF.

While Kimberly Busch, Sergeant Busch's six-year-old daughter, doesn't necessarily like her Dad being on priority placement, security police members report they are excited and ready to perform this very important peacetime responsibility.

Wing Commander tells Westover story at PA conference

By TSgt. Sandi Michon

Every member of Westover deserves to take a bow for their hard work and can-do attitude and a recent AFRES conference underscored that truth.

Brig. Gen. Mike Walker, 439th MAW commander, was a guest speaker at the 1991 AFRES Public Affairs Conference held Aug. 22-25 in Denver, Colo.

In his speech before 225 members of public affairs staff from the Pentagon, numbered air forces and individual units, General Walker treated the audience to an audio-visual review of Westover's history and its more recent shining moments.

As Westover's success list grew longer, the general risked redundancy by repeating over and over how Westover's team effort earned a deserved 'well done.' "Our reservists possess a wealth of dif-

ferent talents," he said. "We located various talents and let our people do what they know best — and the outcome was outstanding."

The general also gave high praise to the community for support that "far exceeded our wildest expectations."

Both prior to and after the general's presentation there were universal compliments regarding Westover's accomplishments. Some had personally returned through Westover and many others had visited the base for a personal look.

After the general finished speaking, one man who had returned through Westover's welcome hangar after four months in the desert spontaneously stood up and shared his feelings about Westover. "I've seen and experienced a lot of things, but few things hit me with the emotional impact of Westover's welcome," he said. He

then shook the general's hand as a personal thank you on behalf of hundreds of others.

Many later revealed being deeply moved just from watching the Westover homecoming video the general presented at the conference.

The homecomings were perhaps the most visible achievement but many other areas were also mentioned in the profuse praise list. Westover's PAX terminal, maintenance, and reliable turnaround times were among the highlights. As public affairs staffers traded war stories and experiences, it became more apparent what Westover had achieved in multiple areas.

While Westover reservists and personnel possess an intrinsic pride for a job well done, they now can be doubly assured that thousands of others know they earned it.

Chiefs Council gives out 10 scholarships

By A1C Michael Lyman

The Westover Chiefs Council presented scholarship awards to 10 wives, sons and daughters of Westover reservists at an August luncheon at the Consolidated Open Mess.

The \$300 scholarships were awarded based on academic achievement to college students.

The 10 recipients are:

- Travis Rhodes, son of MSgt. James Harrelson, Worthington, Mass., 439th MAW
- A1C Kimberly Allen, 439th CES
- Joseph Payette, son of MSgt. Roger Payette, Sterling, Mass., 439 CES
- Laura Murphy, wife of MSgt. Timothy Murphy, Springfield, Mass., 439th SPS
- SSgt. Deborah Sammataro, 59th APS
- Kelly O'Dell, daughter of MSgt. Robert O'Dell, Winsted, Conn., 59th APS
- Julie Fimbel, daughter of SSgt. William Fimbel, Wilbraham, Mass., 439th CSG/LGTM
- Melanie LaFrance, daughter of CMSgt. Joseph LaFrance, Moosup, Conn., 439th CSG



A1C Michael Lyman

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED — The Chiefs Council presented scholarships to (back) Julie Fimbel, A1C Kimberly Allen, Michele Garceau, Travis Rhodes and Joseph Payette, and (front) Deborah Sammataro, Laura Murphy, Melanie LaFrance and Kelly O'Dell.

- Michele Garceau, daughter of TSgt. Michael Garceau, Woodstock, Conn., 439th CES.

The scholarships were made possible through the Chiefs Council fund raising activities. The Chiefs Council will begin taking applications in the spring for the

next scholarship presentation for which students in all grade levels will be eligible.

CMSgt. Vincent Viglione, 439th EMS equipment maintenance superintendent, served as the scholarship committee chairman.

MWR offers full slate of fall, winter activities

by TSgt. Sandi Michon

As summer slides into fall, Westover's Morale Welfare and Recreation section gears up with a line-up of activities.

Westover's three main recreation providers are the base gym, the bowling center and the outdoor recreation rental supply store.

BASE GYM 557-3958

The recreation complex/gym offers a wide variety of activities from racquetball, basketball, volleyball, weightlifting, ping pong, billiards and aerobics. The gym also has an in-house video club offering a wide variety of movies for \$2 daily rental fee.

Co-ed aerobic classes are offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 4:30 - 5:30 at a cost of \$2 per class or \$20 per month.

Men's and women's intramural volleyball leagues are scheduled to begin early October. Anyone interested may form a team or join an existing team.

Selected workout equipment, nutritional supplements and drinks will soon be for sale at the gym.

The gym offers ski lessons in January and normally have discount ski tickets available at the front desk. Special recreation ski trips are usually planned by MWR and publicized

when available.

BOWLING CENTER 557-3990

Monday - Saturday: 11 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Sunday: 12 noon - 9:30 p.m.

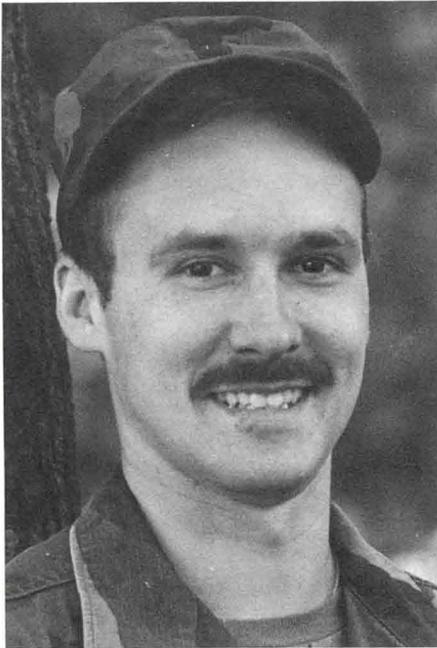
Westover's bowling center offers 16-lane ten pin bowling with recently installed computerized scoring equipment. A full service snack bar is available during operation hours and breakfast is offered Monday through Friday from 6:30 - 8:30.

Bowling leagues operated from September through May in the evenings and Saturday morning. Ladies morning and afternoon leagues are now forming. Call the bowling center for more information. Bowling shoes can be rented at the center and a variety of equipment such as balls and shoes are for sale as well.

OUTDOOR RECREATION SUPPLY (Four Seasons)

557-2974 Mon. - Fri.: 10:30 - 4:30 Sat.: 9 a.m. - noon

The recreation supply store has recently moved to Building 1832 (directly across the field from Building 1850.) The recreation supply store has rental equipment for throughout the year. Campers and recreation vehicles are available until the end of October, and downhill and cross-country skis and related equipment are in demand through the winter. Skimobiles are also available through the supply store. Full brochures listing equipment and prices are at the store.



SrA Nancy Wilochka

SrA. John Templeman

Airman saves life of choking woman

By TSgt. Tom Allocco

An aircraft metal technology specialist with the 439th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, saved a choking woman's life in the Hu Ke Lau Restaurant in July when he used techniques he had learned in a Westover CPR course.

SrA. John Templeman, and his fiancée were ordering take-out service when he heard a commotion. People tried to call 911 after the woman slumped over in a booth. A piece of meat was lodged in her throat and she couldn't breathe or speak.

Because she was in the booth and he couldn't get behind her, Airman Templeman rolled the woman on her back and pushed. She started gasping, but then again stopped breathing.

"I looked at her eyes and they had rolled back in her head. That was the scariest feeling I've ever had in my life," the airman said. He was later told that when that happens, a person only has a few minutes before suffering brain damage.

He then administered the Heimlich maneuver for what seemed like a long time before the woman again started gasping and a few minutes later was able to breathe normally.

"It was a good feeling. You never know how you will react to a situation until you're in that situation. I was glad I had just had a refresher course three months before," Airman Templeman said.

Airshow logo contest offers \$500 prize to art/design students

The Great New England Airshow and the Galaxy Community Council invite local art/design students to submit logo designs for the international airshow to be held at Westover AFB July 24-26, 1992.

The winning student designer will receive a \$500 award and will be invited to participate in events related to The Great New England Airshow. The logo will be used on promotional items such as posters, t-shirts, and souvenirs.

Designs must be submitted with a postmarked date on or before Oct. 21. Judging will take place Oct. 28-Nov. 11 and the winner will be announced in mid-November. The Great New England Airshow will hold all reproduction rights.

The Great New England Airshow has been established as a biennial event to keep the importance of Westover before the public and promote community participation.

Westover's Galaxy Community Council and the military have established a board of governors to manage the Great New England Airshow and to seek input from local communities. The board has a permanent airshow office open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a special telephone line, (413) 557-SHOW.

"Establishing the 'Great New England Airshow on a regular two-year basis will allow local communities and the many supporters of Westover to plan activities to capitalize on up to a million visitors to the Pioneer Valley," said Brig. Gen. Mike Walker, commander of Westover's 439th Military Airlift Wing.

Westover AFB is the nation's largest Air Force Reserve base and the home of 16 C-5A Galaxies, the free world's largest aircraft. The base celebrated 50 years of flying last year with an international airshow attended by 750,000.

Tourist

The past year has been a very busy one for Westover Air Force Base because of Operation Desert Shield/Storm but despite the increased level of activity, base tours remained a high priority. Through September, nearly 3,400 people had toured the base facilities. As always, the most popular stops are the C-5 static display and the base's new fire station. Here a young visitor tries on oxygen equipment at the fire station. Tours may be arranged by calling the public affairs office at 557-2020.



AIC Michael Lyman

Niagara NCO sentenced in Westover court-martial proceeding

By SrA. Kymberly Taylor

A supply specialist with the 914th Mobility Support Flight, Niagara IAP, N.Y., was court-martialed July 24 for cashing more than \$2,000 worth of bad checks at Westover's Consolidated Open mess and base exchange.

TSgt. Andrew Smolkovich, performing TDY with the 439th Mobility Support Flight since October 1990, passed 16 bad checks from April 26 through May 20 that were drawn on a Niagara Falls Federal Credit Union account.

According to testimony by credit union Manager Joseph D. Dudek, all checking privileges associated with that account were revoked April 10. His statement also indicated that Sergeant Smolkovich's account, opened September 1990, had negative balances for seven months from October 1990 to May 1991.

The accused, charged with 16 counts of "making, drawing or uttering a check,

Sergeant Smolkovich was found guilty of the lesser charge and was sentenced to three months confinement at Griffiss AFB, N.Y., reduction in pay by \$500 for three months and demotion to E-4.

draft or order without funds with the intent to defraud" (UCMJ Art. 123a), pled guilty to the lesser charge of "uttering a worthless check by dishonorable failure to maintain sufficient funds" (UCMJ Art. 14). He chose to have his case decided by the presiding military judge, Col. Robert Sears from Norfolk, Va., rather than by jury of officers or enlisted members from

Westover.

According to Colonel Sears, the maximum sentence in this case would have been six months confinement, reduction in pay by two-thirds for six months, demotion to E-1 and a bad conduct discharge.

Sergeant Smolkovich was found guilty of the lesser charge and was sentenced to three months confinement at Griffiss AFB, N.Y., reduction in pay by \$500 for three months and demotion to E-4.

"The proceedings were precedent setting," said Maj. Robert Bersak, judge advocate and prosecuting attorney. "This is the first time that a reserve base has had court martial convening authority and has prosecuted a court martial action in more than 30 years."

Westover applied for such convening authority when Brig. Gen. Mike Walker was activated in support of Operation Desert Shield.

Maj. Milroy takes over as new Base JAG

By A1C Michael Lyman

Westover Air Force Base has named an experienced judge advocate to be the base's new full-time lawyer.

Major Andrew G. Milroy, 39, became Staff Judge Advocate for the 2400th Reserve Readiness Mobility Squadron in August. He provides legal advice to the 439th Military Airlift Wing at Westover. Major Milroy replaces Major Eric E. Weiss, who had held the position since December 1988.

"My job is to provide accurate, timely legal advice to the Wing Commander and his staff," Major Milroy said. "Lawyers tend to be conservative when faced with innovation. There is plenty of innovation here at Westover. My challenge will be to help the base continue to work in ways that are smart and legal."

Major Milroy's military career began in 1974 when he received his commission from the United States Air Force Academy. His initial duty assignment was to navigator training at Mather AFB, Calif. from 1974 to 1975. He served as a KC-135A navigator and instructor navigator until 1979. In that year he was selected to attend law school under the Funded Legal Education Program.

A graduate of McGeorge School of

Law, Sacramento, Calif., Major Milroy was admitted to the practice of law in California in 1982. His initial assignment as an Air Force lawyer was to Travis AFB, Calif. as an assistant staff judge advocate. He next served at Travis as an area defense counsel.

Major Milroy then served as medical law consultant at Clark Air Base, Republic of the Philippines from 1984 to 1986. He advised all United States military medical facilities in the Western Pacific regarding malpractice claims and child abuse.

He then served as deputy staff judge advocate at Norton AFB, Calif. This base led the Air Force in general Courts-martial at that time.

Prior to coming to Westover Major Milroy served as chief of the general law division at HQ 8th Air Force, Barksdale AFB, La. He was in charge of environmental issues, aircraft accident investigations, and release of information for 13 SAC bases.

"I jumped on the chance to transfer to Westover for two reasons," Major Milroy said. "First, the best job in JAG is being a staff judge advocate. The position here at Westover is great because I can spend more time as a lawyer than as



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Maj. Andrew Milroy

an office administrator. I expect to be very busy with environmental matters here. Environmental law is my primary area of interest. Second, I have wanted an assignment to New England for years. My wife, Denise, is from Waterbury, Conn. Living here gives me the chance to hunt, fish, ski, and sail, all of which I really enjoy."

Major Milroy and his wife, Denise, reside in Chicopee, Mass. with their two children, Alison, 11, and Krista, 10.

"Patriot People"

Name: James W. McHugh Jr.
Rank: CMSgt.
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Unit: 59th APS
Position: Air transportation specialist
Civilian position: Vice president of sales
Favorite food: Fish
Years of service: 39
Favorite sport: Football
Favorite hobby: Walking
Ideal vacation: Beach
Best way to relax: Reading a good book
Preferred entertainment: Theater
Favorite celebrity: Tom Jones
Favorite music: Country and western
Favorite book: *The Hunt for Red October*
Favorite color: Blue
Favorite car: Firebird
Pet peeve: Not enough time to complete work
Best thing about Westover: Working with people



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CMSgt. James W. McHugh Jr.

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Suggestion program pays

Ten Westover reservists and civilian employees who found ways to improve operations have earned cash awards and gifts for their suggestions.

Dean Sleeper of the Westover Fire Department earned \$250 when he suggested that aluminum cases be made to secure radios to the backpack of breathing apparatus. Capt. Brett Butler, CBPO, received \$200 for a computer program that he developed to produce a DD Form 214, which was previously completed by typewriter. Arthur Herring's suggestion of a tool to allow the safe use of the overhead system to fill fire trucks earned him \$150.

MSgt. Kelly Payne of CBPO developed an automated method to update immunization information. Her suggestion earned a \$100 award. An award of \$100 was made to Edwin Langevin for his suggestion that water coming into the base be treated to lower the Ph balance. Christopher Shulick received \$75 for his idea of small steel door chocks in place of wooden chocks for safety and efficiency.

TSgt. John Hoerner of the 439th MAW and Robert Krstyen each earned awards of \$25. Sergeant Hoerner suggested the installation of handicap parking signs in place of pavement symbols to give greater visibility to designated spaces. Mr. Krstyen suggested additional on/off switches be installed on boilers in Building 1411 to eliminate the need to climb up and down stairs to reach them.

TSgt. Paul Winnett received a Desert Storm "barrel bag" for his suggestion to replace a malfunctioning part in the C-5 interphone system, and TSgt. Cynthia Fairchild's suggestion to install additional pay telephones was recognized with a Westover T-shirt.

Suggestions can be made to unit suggestion program monitors or to Susanne Schmidt, Westover Suggestion Program manager, in Building 1850, ext. 2355.

Initial check completed on simulator "shell"

By A1C Michael Lyman

FlightSafety, the civilian sub-contractor responsible for building the C-5A simulator, made its initial acceptance testing Sept. 4 on the simulator "shell."

The inspection took place in the base hangar, the site of the temporary enclosure. The inspection of the shell was done by Dave Kuhns, FlightSafety director of quality assurance. The inspection was conducted as part of normal sub-contractor management practices, according to Mr. Kuhns.

"Though some discrepancies were found, nothing requiring a delay was revealed," Mr. Kuhns said.

"These inspections are done as required at least every 90 days to ensure that we are meeting our contract agreements," Mr. Kuhns said. "Our purpose is not to pass or fail the structure itself but to evaluate the progress to make sure the temporary enclosure will be completed as scheduled to allow the simulator to be installed and operational by May 1992.

"When completed, the temporary enclosure will support all of the computer, electronic, hydraulic and other systems required to keep the 30,000-pound, \$30 million simulator operational," Mr. Kuhns added.

"The simulator itself will be a complete replica of a C-5A cockpit," Mr. Kuhns said. "Pilots will be able to practice normal, as well as emergency procedures, under extremely realistic conditions without any danger to themselves or the aircraft."



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SIMULATOR SHELL—Carl Smith, site manager for FlightSafety, the company responsible for building the C-5A simulator in the base hangar, checks on progress in the simulator "shell."

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