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## Great New England Airshow features Italian jet team

By SSgt. Christine Mora

The Italian Air Force will send its demonstration team, Frecce Tricolori, to Westover AFB for the Great New England Airshow July 24-26, according to Brig. Gen. Sandro Ferracuti, Defense, Air and Defense Cooperation Attache at the Italian Embassy in Washington D.C.

"The visit was decided in consideration of celebrations planned for the five-hundredth anniversary of Columbus in 1992," said Ferracuti.

The 10 Aermacchi MB-339 PANs have been used by Frecce Tricolori since 1982 and will be joined by two Italian C-130s carrying a support team. The two-seat trainers are powered by a Rolls Royce Viper turbojet engine and can fly at 575 miles per hour.

"The exclusive Northeast visit will be very significant considering all the Italian-Americans in the area," said CMSgt. Charlie Fusco, 439th Military Airlift Wing senior enlisted advisor.

Last fall, after learning of Frecce Tricolori's possible visit to the Great New England Airshow, legislators sparked by State Rep. Anthony Scibelli, and several Massachusetts and Connecticut Italian organizations flooded the Italian Embassy with letters of encouragement.

A broad spectrum of aircraft, from historical to futuristic, will take part in Westover's three-day airshow. More than 70 different aircraft have been invited to participate, said Lt. Col. Gale French, airshow project officer.

The U.S. Army's Golden Knights parachute team, as well as the Navy Leap Frogs, have also been requested, said the colonel.

Vintage aircraft, a big attraction at the 1990 airshow, are expected to return and proposed attractions include two B-17

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**PATRIOT WARRIOR** — Amn. Thomas Rondeau of the 639th SPF seeks protection behind a wooden barrier and razor wire during a Patriot Warrior exercise at Camp Swift, Texas on Feb. 7. Story on page 5.

SrA. Mike Lyman



## EDITORIAL

# Thanks, Boss

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## Briefs

### Safety winners

SSgts. Jerry Leamy and Mike Shea, members of the 59th Aerial Port Squadron, were recently recognized for outstanding safety performance by their unit.

The awards, created internally by the 59th APS and safety office, are presented to members who demonstrate conscious awareness or some act of safety, according to TSgt. Al Correia, NCOIC.

Presenting their certificates were Maj. Stephen Gross, commander of the 59th, Lt. Col. Gale French, chief of safety and Maj. Alan Goldstein, OIC of the 59th.

### Pair recognized

Two members of the 58th Aerial Port Squadron have been recognized for their performances while deployed during Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

SSgt. Ken Backlund received a Certificate of Appreciation as well as a Letter of Appreciation from the United States Central Command for his service during Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf's change of command ceremony at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

TSgt. James Plushner received a Letter of Appreciation from the United States Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia where he was assigned to the 4409th Transportation Squadron for two months.

### ROA scholarships

The Reserve Officers Association is currently accepting applications for scholarships and will make selections during the first week of June.

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# Air Force names Diffley civilian budget officer of the year

by TSgt. Sandi Michon

The wing commander and the base commander gathered the Comptroller Division staff and summoned Base Budget Officer John Diffley. The announcement was obviously going to be important, and many feared bad news about impending budget cuts. After a dramatic lead-in, the general's tone was solemn as he began to read the document.

When he announced that the Air Force had chosen Diffley from among thousands of budget officers, the gathering suddenly resembled a family celebration.

"I was totally and completely stunned!" said Diffley, as even the memory brought a flush to his face. "I've always strived to do my best, but never in my wildest dreams expected such an award."

Humility and hard work have been the benchmark of Diffley's nearly 40 years in the finance and accounting field. After 20 years of active duty Air Force service, and nearly 18 years of civil service, he stresses that his current assignment is clearly the best. "This is the best team I've ever worked with. The combined experience level has been key to finding creative solutions to difficult problems," said Diffley.

He is quick to pass on praise to coworkers and their feelings are mutual. "John is a true gentleman; a real down-to-earth, family man. No one has a problem working with him," said Ray Gilbert, financial management and comptroller. "I was tickled pink when I heard the news of John's award," he said. Gilbert was meeting with someone when he took the award message and recalled being embarrassed as a tear trickled down his cheek because of the joyful news.

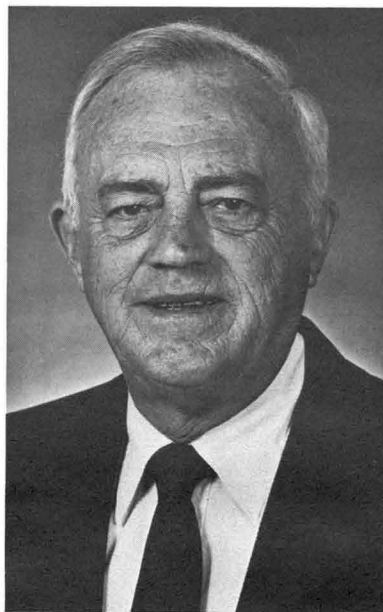
Such emotion is an indication of the family-type atmosphere typical for the 24-member finance team, and Diffley spoke with pride about the obstacles overcome in fiscal year 1991.

As budget officer, he is responsible for coordinating all monies allotted to run the base. Diffley's job could be compared to balancing a multi-million dollar checkbook, coordinated through multiple banks, satisfying the needs of multiple users.

"Our typical yearly budget averages \$60 million and every penny must be accounted for," said Diffley. He said that involves proper management, accurate reporting and keeping all the categories straight. There are also special items beyond the normal budget that must be guided through appropriation channels as Westover vies for congressional funding to AFRES.

The budget requirements of Desert Storm pushed Diffley and his staff to their limits, but they responded with their usual level of excellence. They immediately went to a 24-hour, 7-day-a-week operation and fund disbursement increased 400 percent. There was a 97 percent increase in contract actions and monies now had to be allocated and tracked through AFRES, MAC and a special Desert Storm account.

To avoid the growing potential for misappropriation



**John Diffley**

of funds, Diffley, assisted by his staff, created a computer-driven tracking system which aided in management and reporting of fund categories. He also used his system expertise to reduce problems associated with activation as reservists transferred to different pay systems. All in all, Desert Storm created new demands, emergency requests and problems.

For Diffley, no problem is insignificant. "Every problem we deal with usually involves someone's life - income, travel pay, equipment needs, the ability to accomplish their mission," he said. For many, budget figures are just numbers, but Diffley's creative, caring and 'can-do' approach make his job a ministry.

"Team player" was a term frequently applied to Diffley as he worked with the commander and the 16 unit commanders and their resource advisors during the crunch of Desert Storm. Gen. Mike Walker, 439th MAW commander, praised Diffley. "He was essential in solving our funding challenges during the explosion of Desert Storm activity. I'm delighted that he is being recognized for these

efforts and for his long service to Westover AFB," he said.

Col. Thomas G. Hargis, base commander, was profuse in his praise of Diffley. "During Desert Shield John translated all the conflicting funding messages and gave us an appropriate method for achieving our goal," he said. "John is one of those behind-the-scenes people that probably will never get full credit for everything he did to support our mission."

Gen. H.T. Johnson, CINCMAC, spoke of the excellent financial support provided by Westover. According to Westover's financial manager Ray Gilbert, several of Westover's budget solutions were adopted as AFRES policy. As Westover's activated reservists returned to reserve status, their evaluations consistently praised budget office support.

Diffley seems overwhelmed and still surprised by the flow of letters from his many friends and higher headquarter representatives recognizing his achievement. Although he maintains he was "only doing his job," he said he draws on past experience to solve current problems.

In his 20 years with the Air Force, he served in all phases of the comptroller function. He served in Korea, Panama, Germany, Japan and spent five years at Westover before retiring. In 1967, he served as budget officer with the Eastern Communication Region at Westover. The job was abolished in 1970 and he spent seven years in private accounting and insurance.

In 1977, he returned to Westover as nonappropriated funds financial management officer, and after a break in service due to illness, he became the base budget officer in 1987.

The Altoona, Penn. native brings his strong sense of family into his management style. His office is decorated with many snapshots of his family.

As he nears retirement, he is thrilled to have achieved this milestone. But whether at home, or at work, his ethic remains the same - hard work and caring for people.

## J. DIFFLEY

**BORN:** June 23, 1928, Altoona, Penn.

**MILITARY:** Ret. SMSgt. 1966, 20 years

**CIVIL SERVICE:** 18 years

**PERSONAL:** Married 1951 to Estelle (McKinney) of San Antonio, Texas  
Five daughters, Four grandchildren

**Resides in** Indian Orchard, Mass.



# Concerns of enlisted aired at AFA gathering

By TSgt. Tom Allocco

MSgt. Kelly Payne had to see in person the proposed changes in the Air Force uniform before she could appreciate them. Now, when she meets skeptics who have only seen pictures of the new uniform, she advises them not to be too quick to criticize the proposed changes.

The opportunity to help pass the word on such issues is one of the best parts of her recent assignment to the Air Force Association's Enlisted Advisory Council. When the 20 council members met in January, they opened the sessions to a wide-range agenda, from uniforms to pay, promotions, housing, and cutbacks in budgets and manpower.

All large organizations have to overcome problems with communication from top to bottom. That is true for the Air Force, with active duty, reserve and guard forces and a world-wide mission. The AFA Enlisted Advisory Council is made up of representatives of each major command who meet to discuss issues and make recommendations up the chain of command.

Payne was named to represent the viewpoint of the enlisted members of the Air Force Reserve after being named one of the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year last summer. Council members serve for one year during which they join together in four meetings to discuss issues.

The January conference in Orlando, Fla. was dominated by the impact of the reduction in forces, reorganization of major commands and uniform modifications. The conference was opened by Gen. Merrill McPeak, Air Force chief of staff, and CMSAF Gary Pfingston who promised that the interests of enlisted members will weigh heavily when

decisions are made about force cutbacks.

President Bush has proposed to Congress to reduce the armed forces by 25 percent over the next five years, although Air Force Reserve manpower would not shrink.

As an example of cuts, Air Force tactical fighter wings would be reduced from 36 active, reserve and guard to 26. Both the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard, however, would receive increased funding in the President's 1993 budget proposal.

"Questions about how the reduction in forces will be done and bonuses to leave active duty are the big issues," Payne said. "Chief Pfingston made an effort to assure council members that everything is being done to take care of people in light of the drawdown," she said.

"That attitude was the most rewarding part of the conference meeting. I can ask Chief Pfingston anything directly. I think they are sensitive to our concerns," Payne said.

She was also impressed by Chief Pfingston's reasoning in favor of the proposed polyester-wool uniform.

"The first thing everyone wanted to ask him about was the new uniform. He made a lot of sense. The higher quality of the new uniform will eliminate the tendency now of airmen to buy double knit uniforms because they are not satisfied with the uniform they are issued in basic training.

"The new uniform would be available in separates, so you could get a better fit. Also the material for the stripes and shoulder boards are a better quality," she said.

Sizes of badges would also be standardized and sewn patches and name tags



**MSgt. Kelly Payne**

would be eliminated from BDUs which would only have a plastic and Velcro nametag.

"I think the reason there has been a negative reaction to the blue uniform is that people have only seen it in pictures. When you view it in person, you can see it looks more professional and businesslike. It was designed in competition among fashion designers," Payne said.

"It's my goal to be prepared to knowledgeably represent the interests of reservists when the council meets again in June," she said.

"In many cases, the concerns of reservists are different from those of active duty members. But the council is designed to have all enlisted members heard and I know that it has an influence on decision making that will affect reservists," she said.

Sergeant Payne is an ART in CBPO and can be called at Ext. 3877.

## Westover troop carries 'Hope' to former Soviet Union

By Capt. Judy Longoria

Westover reservists are leading the way in bringing tons of food, medical supplies and clothing to the emerging nations of the newly formed Commonwealth of Independent States.

A Patriot Wing C-5A, commanded by Deputy Wing Commander, Colonel James P. Gallin, flew the latest series of sorties last month to the former Soviet Union as part of Operation Provide Hope. The Westover crew flew with a contingent of Air Force planes that completed more than 60 sorties from Rhein-Main Air Base in Frankfurt, Germany to the

new republics. Reserve aircrews from the 315th MAW, Charleston AFB, S.C.; 415th MAW, Norton AFB, Calif.; 514th MAW, McGuire AFB, N.J.; 349th MAW, Travis AFB, Calif.; 512th MAW, Dover AFB, Del.; and the 446th MAW, McChord AFB, Wash. are all joining the active force in airlifting emergency supplies and ferrying news media representatives.

The humanitarian relief mission, called Operation Provide Hope, is an effort organized by the State Department to deliver food and medicine to Moscow and 28 other destinations in response to

the public cry for help from the former Soviet Union. Teams comprised of officials from the Department of Defense, the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, and the Agency for International Development will ensure that the emergency supplies reach the neediest victims, such as those in orphanages and hospitals.

In December 1991, a Westover C-5 aircrew led by Wing Commander, Brig. Gen. Frederick D. Walker, delivered 150,000 pounds of emergency supplies to Moscow and earthquake ravaged Yerevan, Armenia.





**SUPPORT FIRE** — SSgt. John Moderacki (kneeling) and AIC Harry O'Donnell, both of the 639th SPF, provide supporting fire from behind a burned-out bus. They were

protecting an assaulting fire team during the urban combat exercise at Ft. Hood, Texas, on Feb. 9.

## ***Patriot Warrior provides challenge, excitement for SP's***

**Photos and article  
by SrA. Mike Lyman**

Chipped teeth, twisted ankles and knees, and severe ant bites aren't usually the norm for TDY training, but when members of Westover's security police force traveled to Camp Swift, Texas, for two weeks of ground combat training, they got all that and more.

Taking part in the Feb 2-15 Patriot Warrior exercise were 37 SPs from the 639th SPF, 16 439th SPS SPs and eight 439th LE SPs. In addition, three individual mobilization augmentees, assigned to the 3245th SPS, Hanscom AFB, Mass., were included in the training.

"The 12,000-acre Camp Swift training area allows trainees to use live munitions they have never used before, such as the Claymore mine, LAW rockets and M-60 machine guns, all of which are part of their wartime mission," said Maj. Francis Mungavin, commander, Ground Combat Readiness Center.

For the duration of the two-week training period, the SPs were divided into

three 16-man squads to learn the 127 skills required from the 30 full-time Air Reserve Technicians and 40 Reservist instructors.

The SPs began by learning the basics, including everything from physical conditioning, driving a HMMWV and a deuce-and-a-half, live weapons firing and navigation training, to combat and reconnaissance patrol using infrared equipment.

At the end of the first week, the flight traveled to Ft. Hood, Texas, to conduct extensive urban training at the \$10 million replicated German town. Upon returning from Ft. Hood, the training culminated with a three-day FTX drill where the flight applied all of the skills in defending an airstrip against aggressors.

Within a few days, a friendly competition emerged between Jerry's Kids, (named after squad leader TSgt. Jerry Renaud), Pop's Punks (named after squad leader MSgt. Frank Puolopo), and Doc's Dogs (named after squad leader MSgt. Winfred Dailey).

But in spite of the intra-squad competitiveness and the rigorous round-the-clock training schedule, it was the weather—four straight days of rain—that made the trip a real adventure.

"The first four days were real tough weather-wise," said SSgt. Richard Schmoke, 639th SPF security policeman. "Everything was cold and wet. I had real sore feet from the weather and the training, but I've learned a lot," Schmoke said. "The biggest challenge was overcoming the elements."

"The training alone was strenuous and difficult—up very early and very late—carrying 35-pound packs around all day in the mud," said TSgt. Bob Shedd, 439th SPS security policeman. "Everything was soaked. During the first day we did the individual movement course under water. In fact, we had to do the backstroke just to make it through the barbed wire obstacle," he said. "Make no mistake, this was no camping trip."

Living arrangements in cold trailers  
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**STREET FIGHTERS** — A fire team (above) moves stealthily towards another building. Sgt. Charles Gablas-ki of the 439th SPS, (below) provides a minimal target as he searches for the enemy.



## Patriot Warrior - strenuous, difficult

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also required a little adjustment.

"This is the first time I've been away," said SSgt. Michelle Bandy, 639th SPF administrative assistant. "The living conditions took a little getting use to—the confined quarters, the lack of privacy, sharing an unheated trailer with six men."

TSgt. Martha Costa, 439th SPS SP, took a different view. "In my trailer, it's me and 14 guys—no problem—it's an experience in itself," she said. "The guys have been very helpful."

"Once the rain stopped and the weather warmed everyone's spirits lifted," said Maj. Marilyn Bunker, 74th AES flight nurse.

When the training shifted to Ft. Hood, the security police were put through a series of drills to become familiar with movement, assault and defense techniques at squad-level and in four-member fire team units.

Training included entering and clearing a building, and selecting a hasty fighting position against hostile forces.

"Urban warfare is altogether different than fighting in a rural environment," said 1st Lt. Timothy Donnelly, commander, 639th SPF. "The casualty rate can be expected to be considerably higher in urban combat even against a small, yet well-equipped, entrenched enemy. Speed and teamwork are vital."

Following the initial exercises, the units were given orders to search, clear and occupy the town, held by eight "highly motivated" terrorists or aggressors, from the 442nd TFG, Richards-Gebaur FB, Kansas City, Mo.

Using everything from smoke

canisters, hand grenade simulators, and ground burst simulators to the multiple integrated laser system, or MILES, worn by combatants, the SPs and aggressors alike conducted a highly realistic game of laser tag.

"At first it was confusing, said SSgt. Steven Gilzinger, 439th SPS security policeman. "But after we developed a method, things went more smoothly. Close combat is real intense," he added. As the climax of Patriot Warrior came to an end, Base Commander Col. Thomas Hargis had nothing but praise for the flight.

"This type of training is critical for our people," said Hargis. "They got to see each other under (combat) stress, something they don't get at Westover. In doing so, they learned teamwork and built relationships."

"What we've accomplished during the exercise is essential to the success of the mission," said Capt. Robert A. Mooney, commander, 439th SPS.

"These simulated battles allow me to get a true evaluation of the flight," Donnelly said. "Overall, I'm very pleased. It's nice to see three different units work so well together," he said. "The squad leaders, the fire team leaders and the cadres did an excellent job."

The GCRC Operations Officer Capt. Harry Weirath agreed. "They came down with a great attitude and kept it up through the whole training," he said. "We just exposed them to the basic ground skills. Hopefully, they'll use this experience to build on in the future—there is still so much more to learn."





**EXERCISE EQUIPMENT**— SrA. Steve Theroux of the 639th SPF, (above) wears infrared night vision goggles prior to a reconnaissance combat patrol. SSgt. Patrick Whelan of the 439th SPS, (below) cleans the barrel of his M-16 after a long day of training. SSgt. John Moderacki of the 639th SPF, (right) grimaces as he storms a building during urban warfare drills on Feb. 8.



## ***Patriot 'warriors' excel in urban training***

The moonlit intruders cringe against the exposed wall as a broken shutter creaks open directly above them...in a whisper, the cool breeze passes through the enemy-held town and vanishes into the twilight...leaving a deathly silence.

From the distant shadows, an acrid, unearthly fog softens the scarred ultramarine buildings as it creeps through the barren streets, filling the air with apprehension.

Amid the thickening haze, two small fires burn brightly, like footlights on a stage, casting ominous black shadows in and around the town's hostile walls...enhancing the eeriness.

As if on cue, a column of four heavily-armed soldiers skulk out of the nearby shadows into the hazy fiery light towards a building on the far side of the street.

Abruptly, an enemy machine gun opens fire from a second

story window in front of the approaching column—triggering the “beeps” of laser designators—killing two men in the street.

In the chaos that follows, the two survivors make their way into the enemy-occupied building. Armed with M-16s and covered by supporting fire from nearby buildings, they methodically make their way to the second floor—toward the enemy-held room. Within seconds, the sound of a woman's voice shouting “GRENADE!” is heard above the panic and unorchestrated gunfire. The loud “thud” which follows signals the demise of the lone aggressor unit in the room—and, the successful completion of another episode in “Patriot Warrior.”

**SrA. Mike Lyman**



# NAV-AIDS become pilots' eyes in bad weather

By SrA. Mike Lyman

No one can doubt that landing an aircraft like the C-5A requires considerable precision and skill. For the pilots, landing "blind"—in rain, snow or fog—requires a great deal more. In fact, without navigational aid (NAV-AIDS) technicians, blind landings would be virtually impossible.

"In essence, the NAV-AIDS set up the runway approach for all aircraft using Westover's dual instrument landing systems (ILS)," said chief of electronic maintenance superintendent Errol Tripp.

"The pilots use the system to enhance their blind flying," Tripp said. "Although the ILS is designed to be used strictly during inclement weather, the pilots use the system repeatedly during their training sorties. The whole concept is for them to be able to fly blind anywhere in the world."

"What makes the NAV-AIDS' job so difficult is that every time a change in weather or loss of power causes the system's temperature to change, they have to readjust the output powers to meet exact tolerances," said NAV-AIDS Technician Ed Phipps. "The job is very demanding and very stressful."

"Specifically, the NAV-AIDS maintain a localizer which produces an imaginary horizontal bearing and a glide slopes which produces a vertical bearing for each runway approach," Phipps said. "Incoming aircraft follow the intersection point between the two signals to land blindly."

"The NAV-AIDS routinely check each degree of the glide path and center line signals using a portable ILS receiver to ensure the tolerances are exact," said NAV-AIDS Technician Bill Therrien.

"Though we now have six NAV-AIDS techs, during the war there were just two techs and myself responsible for covering all of the systems all of the time," Tripp said. "We just didn't have enough trained people."

"Even with all of the stress associated with the job, being a NAV-AID technician can be very rewarding," Tripp said.

"Two years ago I got a call at home at 7:15 on a Saturday morning asking if I could bring up the 05 (runway) system," Tripp said. "It was foggy and misting and there was a civilian airliner arriving from Sweden unable to land without the system. I got to the base at 7:30 and reset the 05 localizer while the plane circled overhead running low on fuel."



**READY TO RECEIVE** — NAV-AIDS technicians Mark Conovor, left, and Ed Phipps assemble a portable instrument landing system receiver prior to a ground check.

"Upon landing, the crew called the tower to give thanks for the effort," he added. "It was nice to know that my system brought them down."

"Our people are constantly going through upgrade training to use our state-of-the-art system," Tripp said. "Thus far I've had seven years of training and I'm still learning and updating my skills on a daily basis."

"I have always enjoyed the pressure associated with this job," Tripp said. "You're constantly on the edge. When the

phone rings at home my first thought is always: are all of the systems running correctly?"

"As a NAV-AID tech, you can really appreciate all of the training and hard work which goes into making a safe landing," Phipps said.

"It's very satisfying to watch millions of dollars worth of aircraft coming in for a landing and know that you were directly responsible for making it possible," Phipps added.

## Base hosts modeling championships in June

The skies over Westover Air Force Base will be crowded between June 20 and 28, not with the roar of C-5 Galaxies nor the thunder of supersonic fighters, but with buzzing of model airplanes.

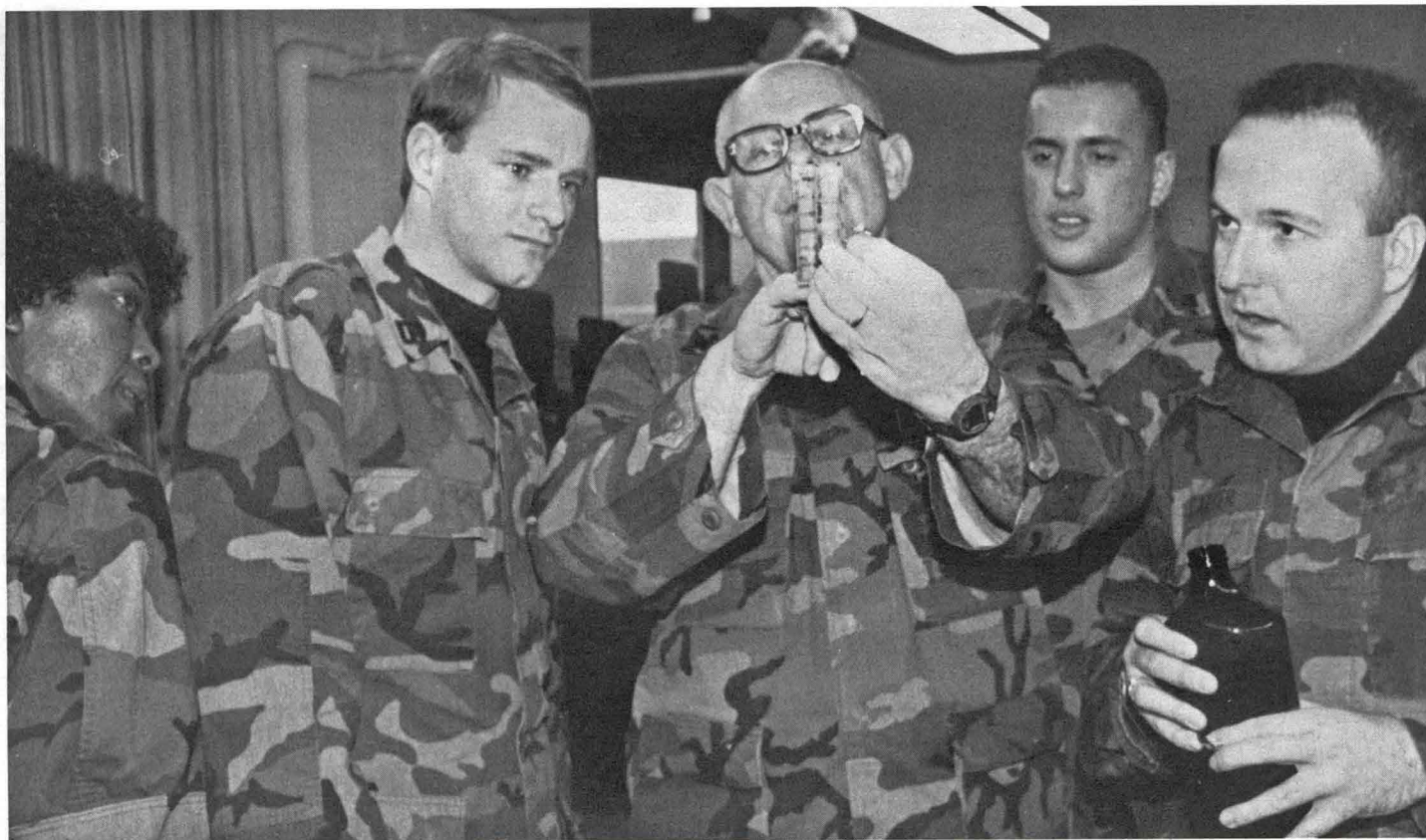
The Academy of Model Aeronautics will be conducting its Modeling Championships here with hundreds of flying events and displays scheduled over the nine days.

The event, which was also held at Westover in 1983, is expected to attract between 3,000 and 5,000 participants and observers each day.

Flying demonstrations are scheduled to take place on the North Ramp, in the Dog Patch area, at the 'antenna farm' and inside Hangar One.

Activities will begin each day at sunrise and are slated to continue until sunset.





**TEST TIME** — HM-1 Rick Walker of the U.S. Navy's Fleet Hospital, which is assigned to Westover, teaches water test-

ing techniques to students during tri-service training held at the base in January.

## 74th AES hosts tri-service medical training

Article and photo by SSgt. Christine Mora

They use everything from boa constrictors to pigs feet, and it's all part of military education.

Since October, the 74th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron has hosted Tri-Service Sustainment training, a combined effort by all military services to improve medical training.

Bringing in a boa constrictor to illustrate potential injury, or using pigs feet to practice suturing, is all part of the hands-on training concept that is at the core of "Team Yankee," the Westover-based contingent coordinating the exercise.

Enhanced by guest lectures from subject-matter experts, the team provides combat critical training used by Army, Air Force, and Navy personnel. (Marine Corps personnel are treated by Navy medics.)

Training takes place one weekend a month for six months and is usually kicked off by a guest speaker on a topical subject. During the January session, Dr. Murray Hamlet, a world expert in environmental injuries, gave an entertaining and informative lecture on a variety of environmental treatments.

Students then delve into the classroom for hands-on refresher training taught by the team of instructors who provide a broad spectrum of medical knowledge.

"We try to provide the best possible instruction by drawing on Team Yankee's large bank of corporate knowledge," said Marine Col. Douglas Kulig, OIC. "The teaching core is composed of Air Force, Army and Navy personnel who have volunteered their time to develop an understanding multi-service program."

Team Yankee was the brain-child of Kulig, who is stationed at Newport Naval station in Newport, R.I. Upon his new assignment as a Marine liaison at the Rhode Island naval base, the colonel searched for an interesting project. At a military convention two years ago, he heard about the pilot medical training program and seized the idea.

The colonel scouted the region searching for a location that met the criteria for the program. The host must be a base that is represented by all four services. Westover fit the bill.

"If it weren't for the generosity and support of the 74th AES and the Armed Forces Reserve Center, the Tri-Service Sustainment training would not have become a reality," he said. "We worked together and created a curriculum that provides superb training for the medics who would otherwise not get this kind of opportunity."

Students will take part in a variety of combat medical training that will include a weekend deployment, field exercises and a list of expert guest speakers. In the past, the guest roster has included Navy HN John Mc Reynolds, recipient of the bronze star and purple heart during Desert Storm, HM John Treddin, who treated over 600 patients during the Persian Gulf War, Air Force Col. Ed Hubbard, a former prisoner of war and Cliff Turcott, an emergency room veteran from Cooks County Hospital in Chicago Ill.

Kulig said the true test of success will be this spring when Navy students take the difficult Basic Proficiency Exam, which the Tri-Service program has helped to prepare them for. "The test will be our litmus test," he added.



## Medics explore new educational opportunities

During the January UTA, members of the 74th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron explored new ways to gain a college degree.

Armed with college transcripts, the medics gathered to hear Susan Dewan, a representative from Regents College at the University of New York, lecture on alternatives to the traditional college route.

"Regents College realizes that adults learn in different ways, through a variety of sources," said Dewan. She explained that the college consolidates credits from as many sources as possible onto one status report to meet degree requirements.

"This is a great opportunity for those who have amassed many college credits at different institutions," said TSgt. Dan Donofrio, a med tech with the 74th AES. "It is a way to put all of your education together in one place and finally get that degree."

Donofrio was referred to Regents College through the base education office. After gaining his Physician's Assistant Certificate after five years of education, he discovered that he was still ineligible for a commission in the Air Force Reserve without a bachelor's degree.

"Regents College is great because the program acts as a credit

pool and accepts transcripts from military schools, the Community College of the Air Force and many proficiency courses," said Donofrio.

The sergeant noticed that many medics in his unit were in the same situation as he was. "Because of the nature of the medical field, many 74th members are required to take specialized courses," he said.

Donofrio also stressed the value of a Defense Activity Non-Traditional Educational Support (DANTES) testing center here at Westover. The DANTES program is similar to the College-Level Proficiency Examinations Program (CLEP) which gives college credit through examinations. "Military personnel who want to take the exams have to travel to the nearest testing center, which is at Barnes ANG Base in Westfield," he explained. "A testing center at Westover would offer great educational opportunities to reservists and others in the area."

Over 40 medics attended the Sunday-morning session where Dewan gave a free preliminary evaluation of college transcripts. Anyone interested in the degree program at Regents College can call Dewan at (518) 474-3703, or contact the base education office at ext. 3440.

## Gulf War veterans barred from donating blood

By TSgt. Tom Allocco

Persian Gulf veterans have been barred by the Red Cross from donating blood due to the possibility that they were exposed to an infectious parasite in the Middle East.

The Pentagon in December announced that some Gulf War veterans may have been exposed to the disease, called leishmaniasis, which is carried by sand flies. The advisory was issued following the discovery of 22 confirmed cases of leishmaniasis among Army gulf veterans.

The ban on blood donations covers

those who served in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Yemen, including transiet aircrews. It does not include Turkey.

Leishmaniasis may cause fever, weakness, nausea, diarrhea, head ache, anemia and/or cough. If symptoms develop, they may appear a number of months after infection. Effective medical treatment is available to treat the infection.

Following the November Westover blood drive a number of donors received notification by mail from the Red Cross that they were deferred from donating

through 1992 due to Middle East service. There have been no reports of Westover members having leishmaniasis.

"The Red Cross is losing a substantial number of donors, especially in military areas," said 1st Lt. Pat Khuner, 74th AES flight nurse, who is a Red Cross nurse.

"The military has traditionally been an important source of donations and this came when there was already a critical short age. This is all the more reason for those who are eligible to donate blood," she said.

The next Westover blood drive is tentatively scheduled for the May "B" UTA.

## WWII Reflections: Nazis attack Malta

Logo and article by SrA. Mike Lyman

Taking advantage of the temporary stalemate on the Russian front, Hitler attempts to drive the British out of the Mediterranean. First, he launches an all-out air assault to defeat Malta, the small island-fortress off the southern coast of Italy which the British use as a base to control the central Mediterranean.

Despite severe bombing by the Axis' air forces, Malta survives, but Axis supply lines remain open. With abundant supplies arriving from Europe, Gen. Erwin Rommel's vaunted Afrika Korps prepares to attack Egypt and the all-important Suez Canal defended by the British Eighth Army.

In the Western Atlantic, U-boats and surface raiders combine to sink over

800,000 tons of Allied shipping—by far the worst month of the war to date for the Allies.

To counter the German surface fleet threat in the Atlantic, British Commandos make a spectacular raid to immobilize the huge Normandie dry dock located in St. Nazaire, France. The loss of the dry dock, the only one of its kind available to the Germans on the Atlantic Coast, forces Hitler to change his surface raiding tactics.

As the Allied stand in the Philippines nears its end, FDR orders MacArthur to Australia to plan the upcoming offensive in the South Pacific. MacArthur makes his famous promise, "I shall return," and leaves Maj. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright in command of Bataan's defense.





## "Patriot People"

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**Favorite hobby:** Mountain climbing  
**Ideal vacation:** Mountains...any mountains  
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**Preferred entertainment:** Comedy Club  
**Favorite celebrity:** My First Sergeant  
**Favorite music:** Jazz  
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**Favorite color:** Blue  
**Favorite car:** Nissan 4X4 Pick-up  
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**Best thing about Westover:** Camaraderie  
**Worst thing about Westover:** Short weekends

SSgt. Vin Blanchard



TSgt. Brian Major

## Units will redline over 'fat' reservists

The Air Force Reserve is preparing a new weight control regulation, but in the meantime reservists on the Weight Management Program will be redlined if they fail to lose body fat, according to Capt. Denny Jobes, Westover director of personnel.

Jobes said in February that Air Force Reserve Headquarters is writing a new AFR 35-11 concerning weight management.

Until the new regulation is issued, reservists on the Weight Management Program must lose two percent of body fat. All units are required to redline those who fail to lose the two percent.

The enforcement of the two percent rule is part of a recent shift of emphasis from body weight to body fat.

For more information on the Weight Management Program, call TSgt. Doreen Bronner at Ext. 3436.

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## Italian fliers highlight Great New England Air Show

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Flying Fortresses, a B-24 Liberator and a B-25 Mitchell, according to Tom Kennedy from the Galaxy Community Council. The World War II TBM Avenger, once flown by President George Bush, and the Korean War-era MiG-17 and MiG-19 also plan to attend.

Aircraft from the nation's present inventory include the F-117 Stealth fighter, B-2 Stealth bomber, B-1 bomber and E-3A AWACS. A lineup of Army helicopters that saw service in Desert Storm such as the AH-64 Apache, AH-1G Cobra and UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters are expected to perform.



# Westover medics keep SP's rolling along

Article and photo by SrA. Mike Lyman

Throughout the two-week Patriot Warrior exercise, five Westover-based medical people, including two flight nurses and two medical technicians from the 74th AES and one medical technician from the 439th USAF Clinic, worked alongside the security police providing first aid treatment when needed.

In the first week alone, the nurses and medical technicians treated 33 injuries and illnesses, mostly colds and flu symptoms due to the four straight days of cold and rain and the round-the-clock training schedule.

"Our job is to keep everybody healthy so as to minimize lost training time," said TSgt. Tony Albano, medical technician, 439th USAF Clinic.

74th Medical Technician SrA. Joseph White even found the time to perform some of the field exercises, including throwing the "live" hand grenades, firing the M-60 machine gun and scaling the walls.

"It was a lot of fun," he said. "It was great to learn how to use some of the weapons and do the physical drills."

"I'm very pleased at the overall effort," said 74th AES Flight Nurse Maj. Marilyn Bunker. "We worked harmoniously together. In fact, the only complaints we received from the SPs was that we didn't bring along enough tootsie rolls."

During Patriot Warrior, the medics handled 17 lacerations, 20 muscle and bone-related injuries, four chipped teeth, 20 cold and flu cases, 12 sinus-related problems, and 17 insect/blister cases.

All totalled, the nurses and med techs treated over 90 illnesses and injuries, including twisted ankles and knees, torn knee ligaments, multiple lacerations, severe ant bites, and even treated one cadre for smoke inhalation.

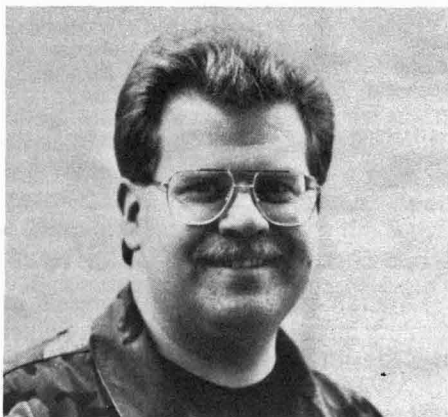
Only one person Sgt. Charles Gablaski, 439th SPS SP, (torn knee ligaments) was lost due to injuries sustained during the two-week period.



**IN PAIN** --SSgt. Scott Buchanan, 639th SPF, suffers from a strained knee which occurred during the first week of training.

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