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Westover gives record support to CFC

Westover's 1992 Combined Federal Campaign topped its goal, as more civilian employees donated more than ever in the history of the annual fund drive.

The Westover family responded to the campaign's slogan "Care Enough to Share" by pledging \$39,000 in payroll deductions. The goal was \$30,000. Contributors to the fund drive last year pledged \$32,000 in payroll deductions.

A record number of Westover's 1,200 civilian employees donated to the campaign when 58 percent signed up for payroll deductions.

Contributors included the civilian employees of the Army, Navy and Marine units stationed at Westover.

More than 600 non-profit agencies benefit from the donations made to the

Pioneer Valley CFC, which is managed by the United Way. Contributors can authorize payroll deductions or make cash or check payments to support their choice of agency. The Pioneer Valley USO which serves Westover reservists was among the agencies for the first time this year.

Westover has the second largest number of contributors to the Pioneer Valley CFC, behind the Post Office.

Bob Motley, chief of airfield management, served as chairman of the Westover fund drive.

"The generosity of those at Westover is outstanding. It is especially impressive at a time of a poor economy," Motley said.

"We went beyond all expectations. We had to recount the numbers to be sure they

were correct," he said.

He gave credit to the coordinators who did the grass roots work of organizing the drive in each Westover agency.

"We were able to achieve our goal only because of the extra efforts of the coordinators, and especially Ms. Cynde Fairchild who helped organize and train them," the fund drive chairman said.

The annual Combined Federal Campaign kicked off at Westover in mid-September with a breakfast and training sessions at the Consolidated Open Mess. It continued through the first week of November.

The national Combined Federal Campaign was established by President Eisenhower in 1957 to make it easier for federal employees to support worthwhile causes.

439th carries relief to Armenia



Captain Bill Rolocut, left foreground, and Capt. Bill Burdick, right, flank a State Department official on the ramp of the 439th at an airport in Yerevan, Armenia recently. The Westover crew flew more than 150,000 pounds of flour to the former Soviet Union state in early November. Other members of the Westover crew can be seen at left, chatting with the Armenians. The mission was the third a 439th C-5 had flown to Armenia since the Cold War came to an end.

Photo by Lt. Col. Pete Gray

EDITORIAL

Back to our roots

On a recent field trip to Boston, we toured the historical sites that were critical to the start of the revolutionary war, and the founding of the United States of America. It was a wonderful trip back to the roots of our heritage.

From the 1600s through the 1700s, from the Puritans and Pilgrims to the Colonists, many gave up everything for the promise of a new life. A life that offered the freedom to worship God and the freedom to govern themselves. It was a costly venture, but the dream was worth it.

The freedoms we now enjoy have been purchased through the years with the precious blood of husbands and fathers, sons, mothers and daughters.

It is tragic, and somewhat ironic, to observe that the fundamental liberties sought by the earliest American settlers are now being lost faster than they were gained.

Woven into the fabric of our society is a deep faith in God. A faith that was both their cause and their courage. We trample on the graves of our Patriot heroes when we endeavor to rip God out of the fabric of society, like ripping sections from a beautiful tapestry.

According to history, religion is at the very root of our nation. Yet, some mistakenly believe that the root can be extracted without killing the plant.

We have attempted to eradicate God from our public institutions, even to the extent that we change the truth of history in the guise of freedom. Our children are no longer taught that the first Thanksgiving was a celebration of gratitude toward God, or that Christmas marks the birth of Jesus Christ.

Profanity has become acceptable and God has become the "G-word."

Our first president gave some fatherly advice to our new nation in his farewell address. He said, "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion."

A refresher course in the Constitution and amendments would serve as a shocking reminder of our founding fathers' original intent and context when creating our laws.

As we celebrate this holiday season, may we be brought back to earlier celebrations.

It has been said that those who forget the past are destined to repeat it. What a "revolutionary" thought...

TSgt. Sandi Michon
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Briefs

Suggestions pay

Eight employees of Westover Air Reserve Base are richer today, after suggestions they submitted, received approval.

Jon Burgess was the big winner, collecting \$500. Taking home \$400 each were Mark W. Colby and William J. Fagan Jr. Richard W. Halla was awarded \$250 while Edwin M. Langevin was paid \$145, William K. Mick and Ronald J. Buonanducci got \$50 each and Donald R. Sicard won \$25. Susan R. Charles was the recipient of a certificate of appreciation for her idea.

Suggestions may be submitted to Sue Schmidt in civilian personnel, Building 1850.

Christmas dance

A Yuletide dance will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Dec. 5 at the base gym.

A six-piece pop band, "Secrets" featuring two female vocalists will provide music for the evening.

Horse and buggy rides around the base, door prizes and raffles will also be available, as will cocktails and refreshments.

Tickets which are \$6.50 each or \$10 per couple, are available at the gym or from unit first sergeants. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

Food drive underway

A food drive, organized by Lt. Col. Forrest D. Price, Jr., will be conducted on base through November and December to provide assistance to needy families of the Westover community.

Collection boxes have been strategically placed throughout the base and contributors are asked to donate only non-perishable foodstuffs.

Blood drive nets 110

Westover's November blood drive netted 110 pints of blood for the community. The American Red Cross held the drive in the base gym on Nov. 5 and 6, so both reservists and civilian employees could donate.

Westover hosts Commerce '92 trade show

More than 130 firms took part in the Commerce '92 trade show held in Westover's Pull-through Hangar on Nov. 5. The fair, sponsored by the Holyoke and Chicopee Chambers of Commerce, was held at the base to help businesses meet and find new clients.

Speaking to more than 600 people at the Commerce '92 trade show breakfast, Gov. William F. Weld pledged to locate a regional economic development office in Western Massachusetts as part of his proposed revitalization plan.

Stressing the importance of small business to the region's recovery, Weld said, "if we can get the umbrella organization... one of the regional offices will be in Western Massachusetts. The most obvious place to put a regional office is out here."

Regional economic development offices are one element of Weld's eight-point plan designed to help form new capital, become more competitive with other states and remove barriers to international trade.

Holyoke Chamber of Commerce President Doris Ransford said she was



SrA Mike Lyman

Commerce '92

pleased that many of the people who came to hear Weld at the breakfast stayed to browse at the fair after breakfast.

"We're really hoping to make this an annual event," she said, adding that the new site (the Pull-through Hangar) makes potential growth for the fair almost unlimited. She noted that this year's registration was about twice last year's.

Ron Teal and Tim Cummings of Coffee Pause in South Hadley, said they con-

sidered every fellow exhibitor a potential customer.

"This is one of the best ways we've found to introduce our product and company," Teal said.

Representatives of the U.S. Small Business Administration also manned a booth at the fair, and held three seminars to help firms interested in financing, exporting and doing business with the government.

October surprise: RAV a realistic tune-up for January ORI

By Maj. Rick Dyer

It was part real and part pretend, part preparation and part *deja vu*.

With a flurry of around-the-clock activity that reminded some onlookers of Westover's Desert Storm days, the 439th Airlift Wing tested its combat readiness during an exercise Oct. 23-25.

The three-day drill, officially known as a Readiness Assistance Visit (RAV), was a warm-up for the major Operational Readiness Exercise which will be conducted here in January.

Under the watchful eyes of 70 observers from 14th Air Force, Patriot Wing members performed their missions under a war-time scenario that was packed with actual and simulated surprises.

The make-believe included simulated aircraft and structure fires, a "demonstration" outside the main gate, the attempted "hijacking" of a C-5, and the discovery of two "bombs" at separate locations on the base.

While base officials grappled with the constant pressure of simulated crises, 337th AS aircrews flew 21 C-5 missions, and PRIME BEEF combat engineers from the 439th CES deployed to a bivouac at Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y. (See related story, page 10)

In less than 48 hours, Westover C-5 crews airlifted approximately 265 Army troops and 2,430,000 pounds of heavy equipment from Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. and Lawson Army Airfield, Ga. to Plattsburgh.

The soldiers, members of the Army's 18th Airborne Corps,

were in the midst of their own emergency readiness deployment exercise.

"The wing did an excellent job handling a large and aggressive exercise," said Lt. Col. Lawrence E. Mercker, a member of the 14th AF staff and exercise director.

Mercker, who previously served at Westover, led the contingent of 14th Air Force evaluators who scrutinized the 439th's performance at each of the four exercise locations.

"All of the objectives were accomplished," he said. "The Army was a satisfied customer."

In Westover's command post, a crisis action team (CAT) headed by Col. James P. Czekanski, wing commander, managed the "war-time" activity at the base.

Although the exercise planners built plenty of surprises into the drill's scenario, there were also some unexpected real-life emergencies.

Two Westover C-5 crews declared in-flight emergencies when their aircraft developed engine problems, and a third Galaxy experienced landing gear difficulties. All of the planes landed safely.

"We encountered some weather and mechanical difficulties, and there are a few areas which will need some attention," Czekanski said. But overall, the wing commander believes that the tune-up for the "big event" in January went well.

"Preliminary discussions with the (14th AF) team indicated that the unit's 'can-do' attitude was impressive," he said. "Within the next few months, our focus will be to pass the ORI with a grade commensurate with the professionalism and talent of our people."

Goff, Allen named new squadron commanders

Photos and article by SrA. Mike Lyman

Lt. Col. Benjamin Goff and Capt. Dan Allen have recently taken command of the wing's two new squadrons. Under the reorganization, Goff and Allen become commanders of the 439th Mission Support Squadron (MSS) and the 439th Morale and Welfare, Recreation and Services (MWRS), respectively.

Goff's 150-member squadron will provide administrative support for the current 439th SG, and wing personnel which were previously served by the wing orderly room.

"The biggest challenge in taking over the MSS will be to integrate the wing administratively into the support squadron," said the colonel.

A native of Georgetown, S.C., Goff was commissioned upon graduation from the Air Force ROTC program with a degree in chemistry from Tuskegee University, Ala., in 1967. He has since earned a master's degree in medicinal chemistry from Northeastern University, Boston, in 1978.

Goff began his active duty career in 1967, serving two years as a weapons development specialist at Eglin AFB, Fla., followed by two years at the rocket propulsion laboratory at Edwards AFB, Calif.

After leaving active duty as a captain in 1971, he was employed for 17 years at Polaroid in Waltham, Mass. In 1989 he founded an environmental consulting firm, Goff-Chem, in Boston.

Goff served as the wing social actions officer since coming to Westover in 1974. He also serves as the Air Force Academy and Air Force ROTC liaison officer for western Massachusetts.

Allen assumed command of the new 439th Morale, Welfare,



Capt. Dan Allen

Recreation and Services (MWRS) squadron on Oct. 1, after serving a year as the base public affairs officer. Allen takes over a unit which under the new wing reorganization, combines two previously separate agencies.

"Initially, the biggest thing will be the integration of MWR and Services," Allen said. "The integration is designed to enhance Air Force readiness capabilities during wartime and total quality service programs during peacetime." According to Allen, the integration will also provide stronger career paths for personnel and improve overall "business" decisions.

Following his commissioning through the Air Force ROTC program at Norwich University, Vermont, in 1979, Allen was assigned to March AFB, Calif. where he served as the administrative officer to the commander of the 22nd Bomb Wing. Four months later he was selected to be the squadron section commander of the 424-member 22nd Security Police Squadron. In 1981, he was assigned as commander, 22nd Combat Support Group Headquarters Squadron.

In 1982, he was reassigned to Plattsburg AFB, N.Y. as executive officer of the 600-member 380th SPS and later became chief of Base Administration.

In 1985, Allen was selected for a position with the staff of the Secretary of the Air Force in the office of Legislative Liaison, the Pentagon, Washington D.C. He was responsible for handling inquiries from members of Congress and acting as an Air Force escort during worldwide congressional travel. During the same period, Allen was hand picked to escort the president's personal representative to the first trade fair in a Communist bloc country the U.S. was invited to in over 13 years.

After eight years of active duty, Allen joined the Reserve in June 1988, becoming the 439th EMS executive officer at Westover, a position he held until July 1991 when he became the base public affairs officer.

In civilian life, he works as the district account manager for executive accounts at Ceridian Corporation, Avon, Conn. He and his wife, Lesley, live with their two children in Granby, Conn.



Lt. Col. Benjamin Goff

Capt. Summerlin takes control of 439 SPS

Article and photo by
SrA. Mike Lyman

Captain Roger Summerlin, one of Tactical Air (TAC) Command's best security police officers, has become the new commander of the 439th SPS.

Summerlin took command of the 439th SPS on Sept. 25, replacing Capt. Robert Mooney who left Westover in May for a position with the HQ AFRES/SP staff.

Though new to the Reserve, Summerlin is definitely no stranger to success.

In 1991, he was named TAC's Outstanding Company Grade Security Police Officer of the Year while serving as the 355th SPS operations officer at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.

Equally impressive, security police squadrons in which he has served were named "best in the Air Force" twice in the past seven years and "best in command" three times.

Summerlin admits that with the downsizing of the active duty force, he was fortunate to have the opportunity to further his career in the Reserve.

"I'm very glad to be here at Westover," he said. "I'm fortunate to be able to come off active duty and continue to do what I enjoy doing the most."

According to Summerlin, the biggest challenge facing Westover's security police units following the Operational Readiness Inspection will be to keep the 639th SPF ready to mobilize and making sure the 439th SPS continues to successfully perform the home-station security role.

Summerlin began his military career in 1971, serving four years as a radiology specialist at Minot AB, N.D. and Aviano AB, Italy. From 1978-1980, he served as a radiology specialist for the 162nd SG, New Mexico National Guard.

In 1982, he became a shift commander for the 1608th SPS, Kirtland AFB, N.M., after being commissioned through the USAF ROTC program at the University of New Mexico.

While at Kirtland, he was deployed to Grenada to secure and transport Cuban prisoners. He also graduated from the U.S. Army's Infantry Officer Basic Course at Ft. Benning.

In 1986, he became the air base ground defense officer for the 63rd SPS, Norton AFB, Calif. During this tour, he was deployed three times to Volent Scorpion,



GUARDING THE FLIGHTLINE--As the new 439th SPS commander, one of Capt. Roger Summerlin's primary responsibilities will be guarding the base's 16 C-5A's.

MAC's ground defense training center, and captained two Defender Challenge teams.

From 1987 to 1988, Summerlin served as the operations officer for the 487th Missile Defense Squadron, Comiso AS, Italy. During this period he was responsible for the organization and generation of seven multinational defense forces for the largest of the ground launched cruise missile wings.

In 1989, he became the 355th SPS operations officer at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. Deployed to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia on Dec. 31, 1990, he served as

sector commander, leading 180 security police men and directed responses to over 20 SCUD missile attacks.

Summerlin received a bachelor's degree in University Studies from the University of New Mexico in 1982 and a master's degree in Public Administration from Golden Gate University, Calif., in 1990. This year he completed the AFIT Police Administration program at Eastern Kentucky University, Ky.

His interests include racquetball, indoor soccer and coaching soccer.

Summerlin and his wife Beth will live in Ludlow with their four children.

Capt. Roger Summerlin

Age: 40

Military: Began career in 1971

Civil Service: 5 years with Veterans Administration

Education: Bachelor's degree in University Studies from the University of New Mexico in 1982
Master's degree in Public Administration from Golden Gate University, Calif., in 1990

Personal: Married Beth Porter in March 1983
They have four children

Resides: Ludlow, Mass

Chiefs Council honors outstanding airmen, NCOs

By MSgt. Tom Allocco

The names of six enlisted members will be added to the Westover Honor Roll plaque which recognizes outstanding airmen and NCOs of the quarter and the year.

The Westover Chiefs Council recently selected six airmen and NCOs to be honored for exceptional performance.

Those cited as outstanding during the fourth quarter of fiscal year 1992 were: SrA. Michelle Archambeault, 439th Clinic, Outstanding Airman; TSgt. Mark Colby, 439th Component Repair Squadron, Outstanding NCO; and MSgt. Michael Barrick, 439th CRS, Outstanding Senior NCO.

Honored for performance during fis-

cal year 1992 were: SrA. Scott Study, 439th Operations Group; Outstanding Airman; SSgt. Daily Turner, 439th Mission Support Group, Outstanding NCO; and MSgt. Stephen Gusan, 439th CRS, Outstanding Senior NCO.

The Chiefs Council recognized quarterly winners with \$50 savings bonds and certificates of achievements.

Outstanding airmen and NCOs of the year received \$100 savings bonds.

Their names will be inscribed in the Westover Honor Roll in the Wing Headquarters Building.

The Chiefs Council will also present plaques to the outstanding airmen and NCOs of the year at the Airmen's Dining Out in April. The airmen and NCOs will attend the Dining Out in the Consolidat-

ed Open Mess as the guests of the Chiefs Council.

"The awards are a token of appreciation for outstanding contributions to the wing and the individual's own units," said CMSgt. Paul Mersincavage, 439th CRS, who heads the program for the Chiefs Council.

The top airmen and NCOs are selected by a committee which reviews nominating letters submitted by units. Mersincavage urged all units to participate in the program by submitting a simple statement of qualifications nominees in a single one-page narrative.

At the end of the fiscal year, the yearly winners are chosen from among those who were previously honored for performance during the quarter.

Remodeled dorms scheduled to open

By MSgt. Tom Allocco

The two enlisted dormitories which have been closed for remodeling are tentatively scheduled to open this winter, according to Betty Kelly, Westover housing manager.

Dormitory 5101 is tentatively scheduled to open at the end of December and the Flyers Inn hopes to open 5102 at the end of February, the housing manager said.

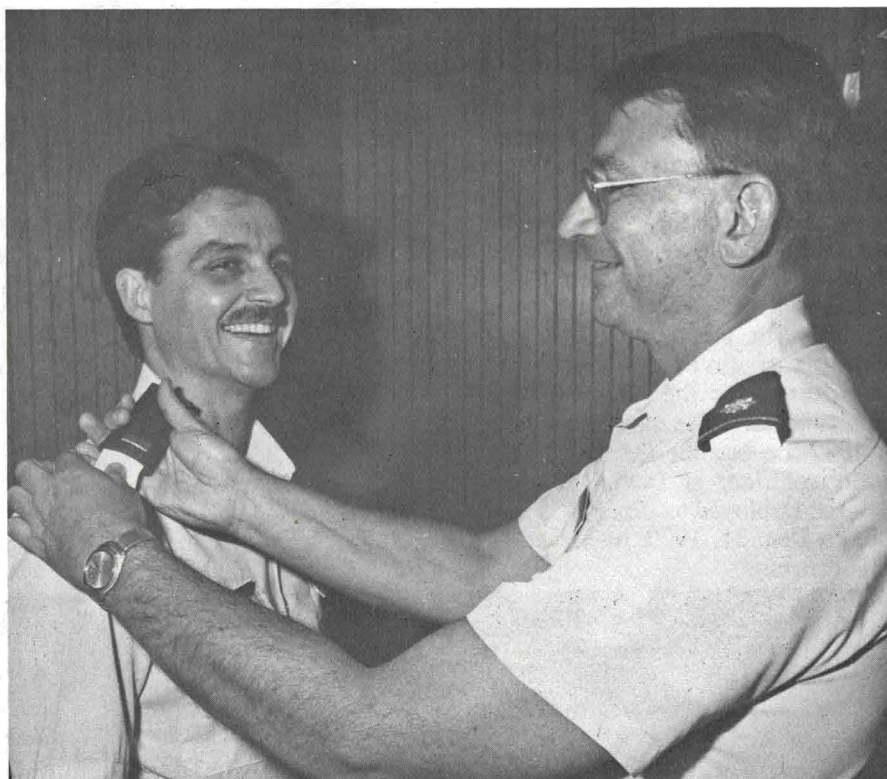
The two dormitories will include 36 senior NCO rooms with connecting bathrooms. The senior NCO rooms will be furnished with microwave ovens and new refrigerators.

There will be 106 double occupancy rooms for lower enlisted ranks. Those in the two-member rooms will use group bathrooms.

The Flyers Inn is now awaiting new furniture for the two dorms. The new furnishings will include new beds, dressers, drapery and lamps. Each room will also have a ceiling fan.

New tables and chairs are being purchased for day rooms on each floor of the two newly remodeled dormitories. New washers and dryers will also be installed.

New energy saving windows and doors were installed in dormitories 5103, 5104 and 5105 during the summer. There are no current plans for further remodeling of the three dormitories.



NEW BARS, NEW JOB

After 21 years of enlisted service, TSgt. Dan Donofrio, 74th AES aeromedical evacuation specialist, has been commissioned as a second lieutenant. Donofrio is a recent graduate of Yale University Medical School and Charter Oak State College. He is leaving the 74th to work for the 439th USAF Clinic as a physician assistant.

As a physician assistant with the clinic, Donofrio will conduct non-flying personnel physicals and serve as an instructor for medical technicians. He will also be involved with the immunization process.

Photo by SrA. Mike Lyman



Patriot Armadillo

Photos by SrA. Mike Lyman

A five-member 74th AES team was one of 13 Air Force Reserve teams to compete in the aeromedical exercise at Bergstrom AFB, Texas, from Oct. 16-18.

The exercise, known as Patriot Armadillo, gave units a chance to test their aeromedical evacuation skills in situations both in the air and on the ground.

The teams were judged on how well they could move, treat, and load patients in a safe and timely manner.

Though the team didn't finish in the top three, the team's members agreed that the exercise was a lot of fun and a good learning experience.





Granby reservist is for the birds

By Capt. Paul P. Koscak Jr.
Photos by TSgt. Sandi Michon

Everyday, SSgt. Paul Maywald adds some sparkle to his life. Lots of glimmering gold, regal blue, ravishing red and glowing green. Living color, that is.

He's one of approximately 400 New England breeders of rare and exotic birds. Pheasants, parakeets, pigeons and birds with names like Lady Amherst and Red Golden populate Maywald's backyard collection.

Their colors, mysterious auras and soothing sounds offer a refreshing finale and contrast to Maywald's hectic workday as a manufacturing supervisor. He manages more than 30 employees at Holyoke's Tsubaki Corporation.

Maywald, an avuncular Westover career advisor, who looks much younger than his 55 years, has been bird keeping since he was a teenager. It shows. He relates the details of each specie with soft-spoken precision, spewing fact after fact about growth cycles, care, mating habits and temperament.

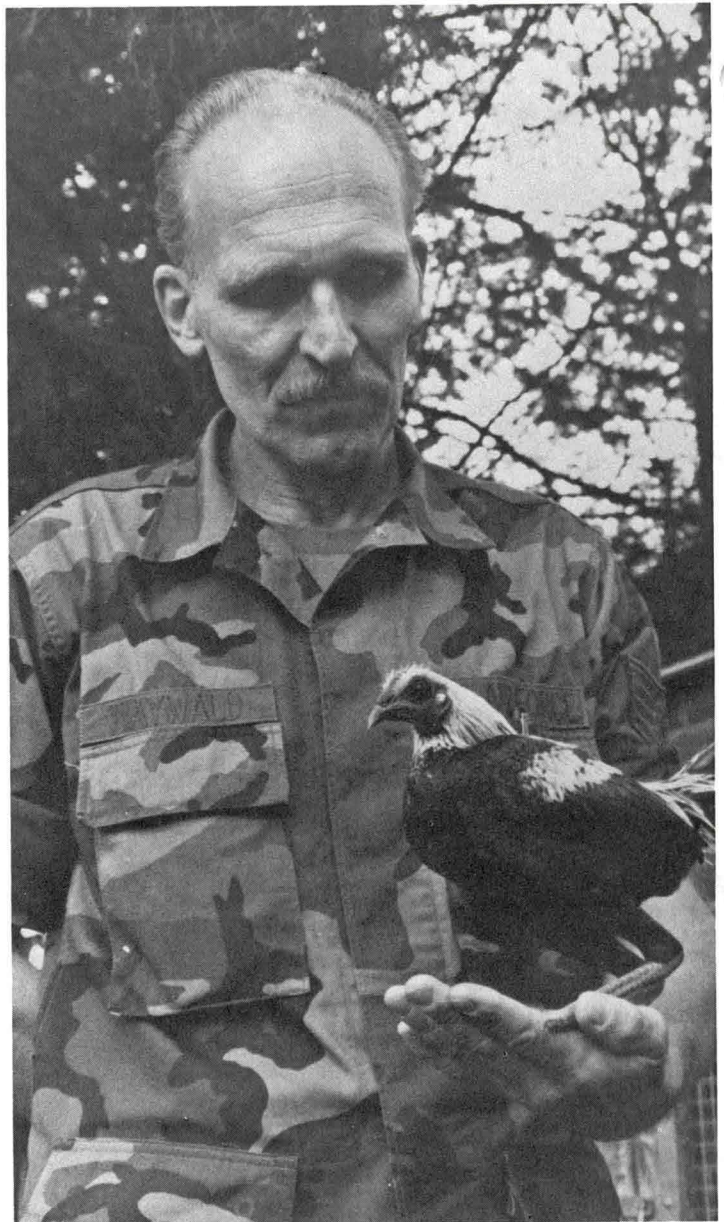
"I do it to bring happiness to people," Maywald said with reverence. "My concern is to give something to another generation."

The opportunity to view a rare bird draws lots of visitors to Maywald's Granby home--from nursing home residents to Boy Scouts. His feathered menagerie is kept in a 32-foot-long aviary and 14 breeding pens.

"Kids light up when they see them. It keeps [children] them off the street," he said, referring to his collection's power to fire young imaginations.

Within the aviary, radiant pheasants--resplendent in their coats of green, orange, yellow, gold and white feathers--strut back and forth in their walk-in pens. In a show of bravado, some males extend their colorful feathers to form brilliant plumes. In one area dozens of parakeets whisk through the air.

Another part of the aviary is landscaped with hemlock trees to protect Maywald's treasured flaming-orange Tragopan from the elements. Nearby, soft music radiates from a radio. The melodies, Maywald said, help young birds become accustomed to people.



His Oriental Rollers are pigeons with a knack for aerobatics. When released, they climb for altitude and then--like an airplane in a stall--stop flying and fall earthward, tumbling head over tail.

"Sometimes, they almost hit the ground," he said.

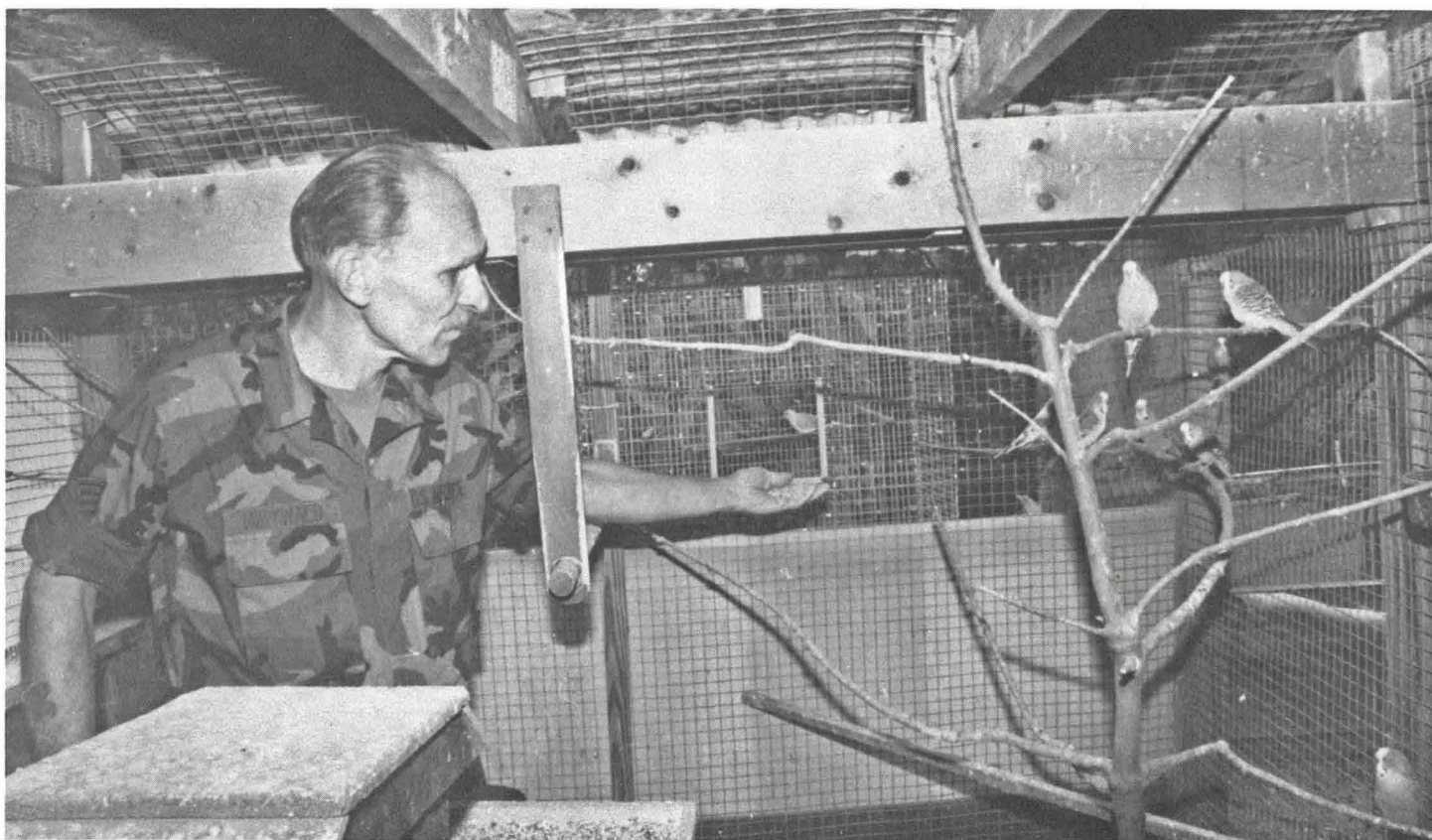
Maywald, who spent 16 years in the Army--eight active and eight as a guardsman--before joining the Air Force Reserve, is a serious hobbyist. He experiments with developing stronger breeds and constantly adds "new blood" to the stock. By mating birds from outside a family lineage, he prevents infertility and ensures a healthy flock.

But birds can be finicky, claims Maywald; their delicate metabolisms easily ravaged by excessive heat or cold. A bird's value, therefore, can be as easily dictated by breeding difficulties as rarity.

"You're lucky if you get six eggs per year," noted Maywald of some species.

Most of the colorful birds, Maywald said, are not native to America. Pheasants and peacocks, for instance, are indigenous to the Far East--China, Tibet or Burma.

Maywald is a member of the New England Avicultural



NATURAL PASTIME -- SSgt. Paul Maywald has a passion for nature. At left, he holds a burchen modern game bantam that he raises. He also raises reeves, a game pheasant from China, shown in the upper left corner.

Patience, love and lore all combine in raising birds. Maywald is shown above in the parakeet pen, which is one of 14 breeding pens.

A man of many talents, Maywald (right) shows off an award-winning wood carving. He carves nearly every day, and has completed a variety of projects.

Society and the American Pheasant Waterfowl Society. He recently won an award for outstanding pheasant breeding.

To be sure, Maywald's pastime isn't all altruistic. His stock is sought-after by dealers, other collectors or people with a penchant for the ornamental. Some of his birds can fetch up to \$600 per pair. Even feathers have value, Maywald said.

As the birds molt their feathers, Maywald sells them wholesale to makers of fishing lures.

"It pays for the cost of feeding them," he said.

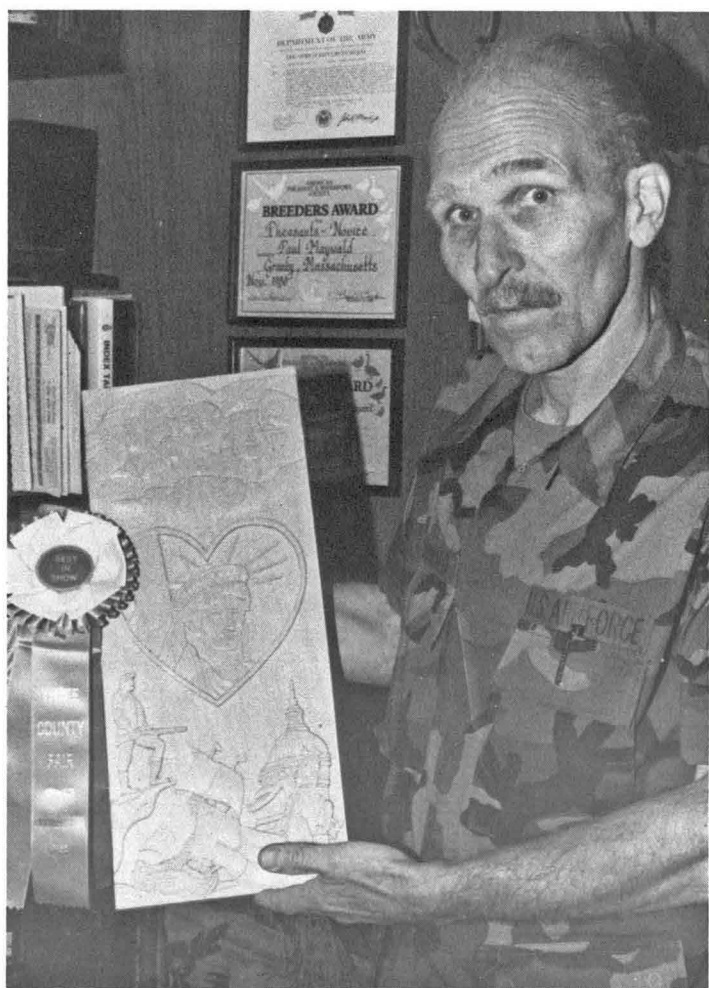
The black feathers of his bantams, a slender game chicken with long muscled legs, are particularly prized for making fish ing flies.

Reeves are Maywald's favorite bird. Native to northeast China, they're raised as game pheasants in England, providing fodder for British shotguns. Their magnificent white and black tail feathers can grow up to six feet.

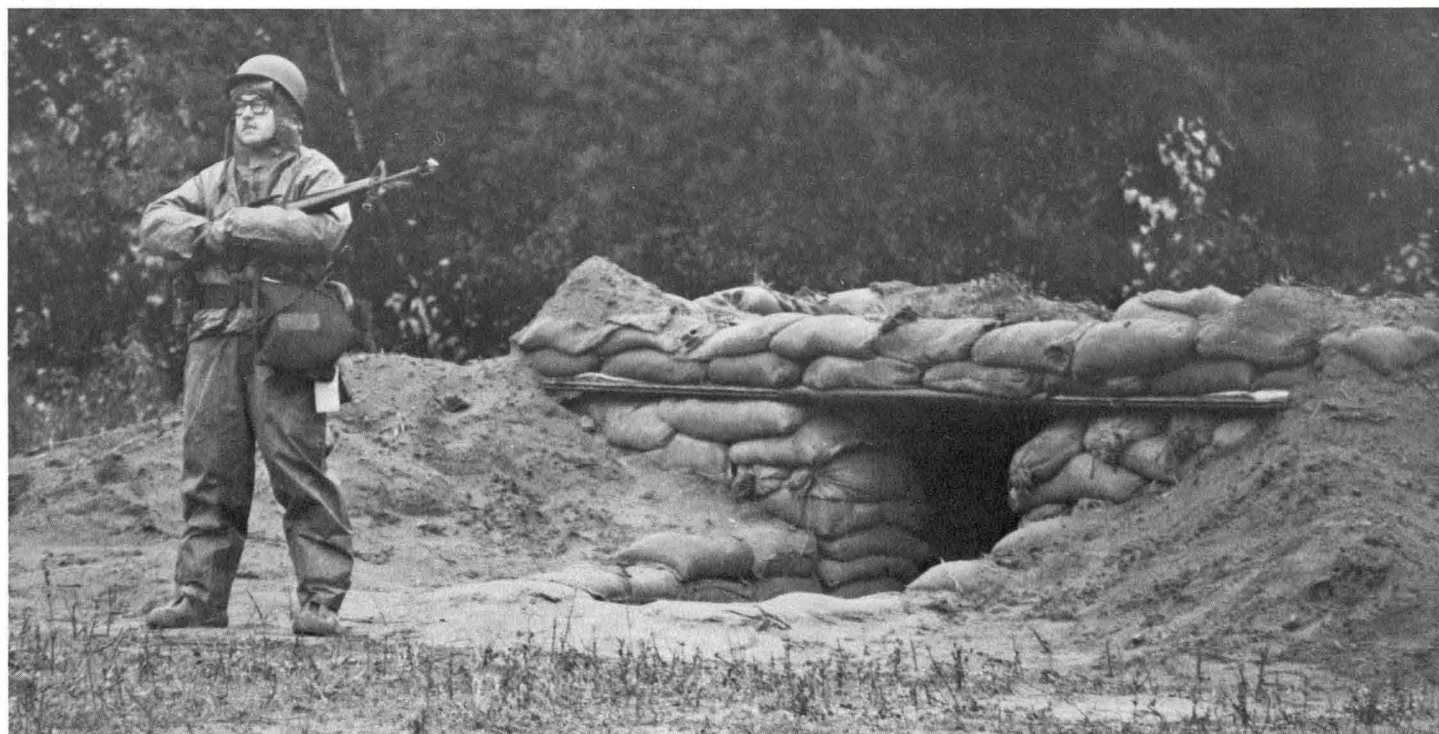
"It's a good sporting bird and they're good eating," Maywald explained. "When they're frightened, they fly almost straight up."

Birds for Maywald are a means to an end.

"That's what life is--passing on something to someone," he



Civil engineers at war in Plattsburgh



STANDING WATCH--SSgt. Douglas Cowan, 439th CES structural apprentice, pulls guard duty outside a bunker in

the cold and the rain during the October 439th CES deployment to Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y.

Photos and article by SSgt. Christine Mora

When you practice for war, the bullets are blank, but the cold, fatigue, mud and stress are all too real.

Just ask the more than 100 civil engineers from Westover who went through it all in the woods of Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y.

The members of the 439th Civil Engineering Squadron spent three days and two long nights at war in October as part of the Readiness Assistance Visit.

When they came home, they had a better understanding of just how long a night can be when it's filled with guard duty, patrolling, and the endless roar of gunfire and aircraft engines.

"All sense of humor flies out the window when you're pulling shift after shift of perimeter guard," said TSgt. Richard "Rock" Labreque, plumbing supervisor. "By the second day I felt like a very grouchy zombie."

The battle began when their convoy was barraged with M-16 fire and chemical attacks. SSgt. Mark Boganski, a pavement maintenance specialist, scrambled out of his truck, dove into a trench and

started firing into the woods, while a cloud of green gas soared into the sky. He then whipped on his gas mask and continued the assault, all the while crouching in the brush.

The fighting ended late the next night in a blaze of gunfire as the reservists switched to the offensive and charged into the forest determined to overcome the enemy.

"Let's go!" shouted TSgt. Ray Fleury, carpentry specialist, rousing people out of their bunks. "We're heading out in teams to get them before they get us."

During wartime, the unit would deploy to a forward operating base to repair bombed airstrips and damaged camps.

The mission involves many responsibilities which include assessing and repairing battle damage, management and operation of the camp and facilities, as well as defending the camp against enemy attack.

The three-day exercise was packed with realism as the combat engineers defended against round the clock attacks of chemicals, M-16 and M-60 fire. And when the weary reservists tried to sleep, propaganda messages and screaming

cries blared though the night.

"The realism made the exercise much more substantial to our troops," said MSgt. Randy Malek, force management superintendent. "It really helped their concentration and kept them alert to have constant interaction with the aggressors."

The nerve center of the camp lay in the Damage Control Center, where command personnel sifted through incoming information, prioritized damage, and deployed repair teams throughout the exercise.

Freezing temperatures and frequent downpours provided a sometimes comical array of uniform ensembles. The reservists were required to wear battle dress uniforms, full chemical warfare gear, and rubber rain gear that made movement a chore in itself.

The unit was judged by a group of 14th Air Force advisors on all aspects of the exercise. "We received good feedback from the observers and identified areas that need improvement," said Sergeant Malek.

The 439th CES will deploy again in January as part of the Operational Readiness Inspection.



FIELD WORK--Firefighter TSgt. Bruce O'Keefe, above, holds a position on the perimeter with an M-16. At right, a civil engineer searches for the enemy from the lookout tower at the forward site. Below, 439th CES Service Technicians SSgt. Norman Bineault and SSgt. Anthony Perras clean immersion barrels after a meal. The barrels are used to sterilize eating utensils.



Aircrew-style name patch authorized on BDUs

Article and photo by SSgt. Nancy Wilochka

Effective immediately, all base military personnel are authorized to wear the "aircrew style name patch" on the battle dress uniform.

The mandatory wear date for the new patch is Oct. 1, 1995.

According to Maj. Patricia Hale, base supply officer, unit funding for the patches will not be available until nearer the mandatory wear date.

The new patch can be purchased for about \$6 at the Base Exchange.

The patch, which will replace the name and service identification tapes currently worn on BDUs and field jackets, will be attached by velcro to the top of the left breast pocket. The first line of the patch will display the wearer's full name in block letters.

Rank and service will appear on the second line.

A third line is authorized to identify First Sergeants.

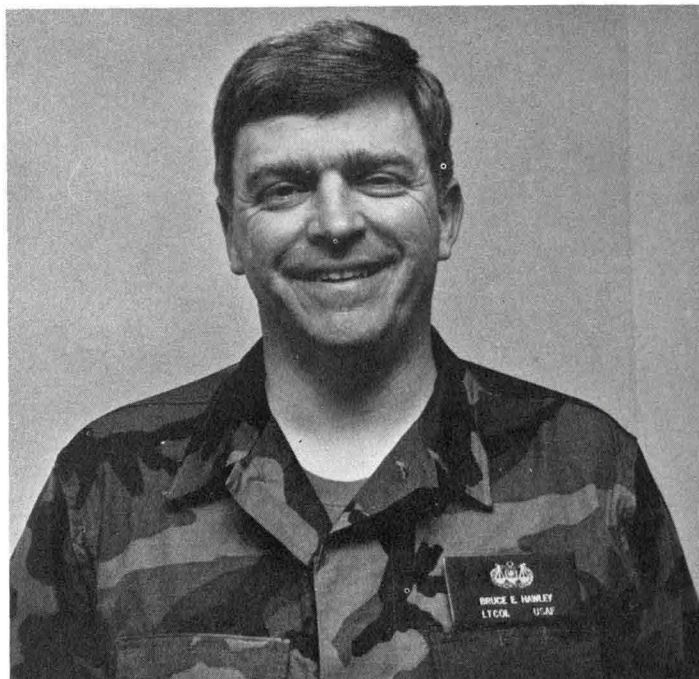
Only one function badge - the most recent - is authorized to appear on the patch.

Horizontal function badges will appear centered above the name line.

Vertical function badges will be positioned to the left of the first name.

All rank insignia will be removed from the BDUs when the name patch is worn.

In addition, effective immediately, all MAC and individual unit patches will be removed from BDUs and field jackets.



NAME, RANK... - Lt. Col. Bruce Hawley, 439th AW assistant judge advocate, models the new name patch authorized on the battle dress uniform.



DOWN 'N DIRTY--SSgt. Mark Zesewitz, a security police specialist with the 109th SPF, Stratton Air Guard, Scotia, N.Y., digs a foxhole in Westover's Dogpatch area on Oct. 3. During the Oct. 3-4 weekend, Zesewitz and other members of the 109th received air base defense training from the 439th SPS.

Photo by SrA. Mike Lyman

Finkel promoted, receives AFRES recognition

Westover's Chief of Dental Services, Burton R. Finkel, has been promoted to lieutenant colonel.

He is also the recipient of the 1991 AFRES Outstanding Reserve Dentist of the Year Award.

Finkel has served with the 439th USAF Clinic for eight years, and served two years active duty at Moody AFB, Ga.

He was activated for nine months as the base dental surgeon at Westover. During this time, he was part of a traveling medical team that served the medical needs of Pittsburgh and Niagara while their own medical people were deployed.

As a civilian, Finkel has served at the VA Medical Center, in West Haven, Conn. for 17 years. He is the chief of dental services.

He resides in Cheshire, Conn. and is married to Wendy (Delman). The couple has three children.

Finkel received his award at the American Military Surgeons of the U. S. conference in November.

58th APS gets new commander

Major Steve Gross, right, returns the salute of Col. Ron Peacock, operations group commander, during a Change of Command ceremony recently. Major Gross is taking command of the 58th Aerial Port Squadron upon the retirement of Col. Robert O'Sullivan.



Photo by SSgt. Nancy Wilochka

McGinty leaves for post at Randolph AFB

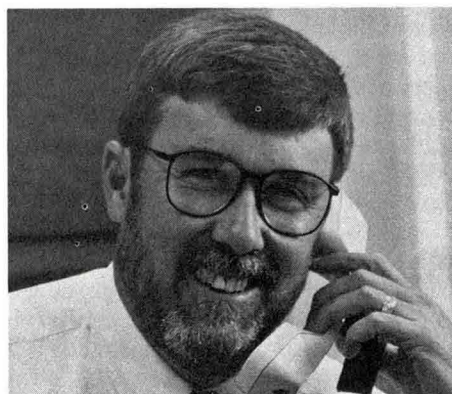
By SSgt. Kymberly Taylor

After three outstanding years at Westover, Dick McGinty has headed west for promotion to accounting and finance officer at the Air Force Security Assistance Training Command, Randolph AFB, Texas.

McGinty is registered in a comptroller career program that is coincidentally headquartered at Randolph. Through the program, McGinty was considered for the position without his knowledge. Four days after a phone interview at the end of the summer, McGinty received the job offer.

"My wife and I are real happy about the promotion and we're looking forward to going back to Texas," said McGinty. "We've lived there before and liked it very much. But I've also really enjoyed being at Westover," he added. "I've met many new people and learned a lot. Being here during Desert Storm was probably the one experience that meant the most. We all pulled 24-hour shifts on call and everyone did an extremely good job."

McGinty captured the Accounting and Finance Officer of the Year award for



fiscal year 1991 from AFRES for his superior performance during Operations Desert Shield and Storm.

McGinty assumed his new position in October after an unforgettable last-day send-off.

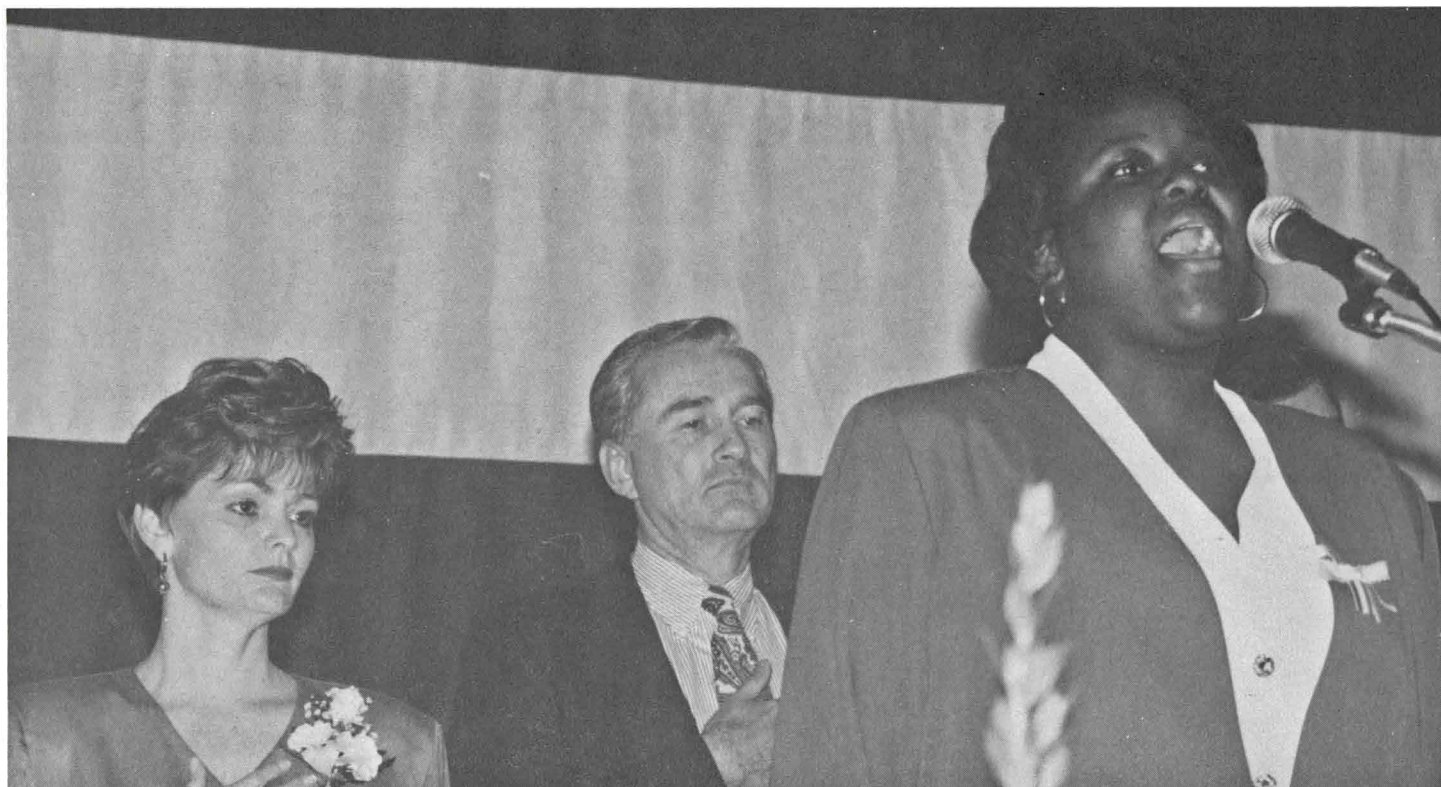
On Oct. 8, McGinty was surprised first thing in the morning by a cash count that did not justify with records. The discrepancy was reported to the base commander who arranged to have the award-winning accounting and finance officer taken to the security police building.

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Dick McGinty

There, McGinty was finger-printed, photographed, interrogated and left in a room by himself for a few hours to reflect on his last years at Westover AFB. The "criminal" was released to the custody of the finance staff who proceeded to roast him in celebration. "He deserved it," said co-worker Sue Flanagan smiling broadly, "Dick's such a great guy, he had to go out with a bang. We're sending the mug shots to his new boss."

McGinty and his wife Sharon are now living in Texas.



SRA. Mike Lyman

NATIONAL ANTHEM--As Shameka Brice, of Springfield, sings the National Anthem opening the USO reunion dance

on Nov. 7, Exie Holl, executive director and Chapman Cox, president of the World USO, stand at attention.

USO sponsors Desert Shield/Desert Storm reunion

By MSgt. Gordon A. Newell

More than 500 veterans and friends and neighbors of Westover Air Reserve Base held a Desert Shield/Desert Storm reunion in the Base Hangar Nov. 7.

Sponsored by the USO of the Pioneer Valley, the emotional gathering was a bittersweet affair for most of those who attended.

"It was a joyous time for many," said Carolyn Skiba, assistant director of the USO at Westover. "But at the same time it reminded the troops of the hardships they faced during the war."

Veterans from throughout the northeast, including Vermont, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut attended the reunion, according to USO officials.

Also in attendance was Chapman Cox, president of the World USO, which has its main headquarters in Washington, D.C.

"The USO here in the Pioneer Valley is the most outstanding example of our generosity and care in the world today," he said.

He added that the privately funded organization provides care, outreach and service to military personnel and their

families. Chapters of the organization are located all over the country and the world.

At Westover, the USO operates a food pantry for military families in financial difficulty, support groups for wives of men in the military and transient services for military personnel passing through the base.

The local USO got its start during the Gulf War when area residents by the thousands filled the Base Hangar to say good-bye to soldiers from all over the United States, as they departed for the Persian Gulf. They then cheered each plane load home in unprecedented around-the-clock celebrations that stretched from March to July 1991.

"It was a scary time," said Capt. Rosemary Costa, a nurse assigned to the 74th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. "We didn't know whether we were going to come back...it really affected morale."

"We were very pleased with the turnout," said Exie Holl, executive director of the local USO group. "The reunion was something we all felt very strongly about. We wanted to try to re-create the feelings that filled this hangar not so long ago.

Although, it wasn't quite the same, we still feel the celebration was a success."

She said reservists from the base and USO volunteers were "swapping stories about Desert Shield/Desert Storm" when they decided the reunion was a good idea.

During the Persian Gulf War, more than 63,000 troops passed through Westover, either on their way to or on their return from the desert.

Brig. Gen. Mike Walker, former commander of the 439th Military Airlift Wing, thanked those gathered in the hangar for their support throughout the war.

"Without your undying support and love, none of what was accomplished here at Westover, would have been possible.

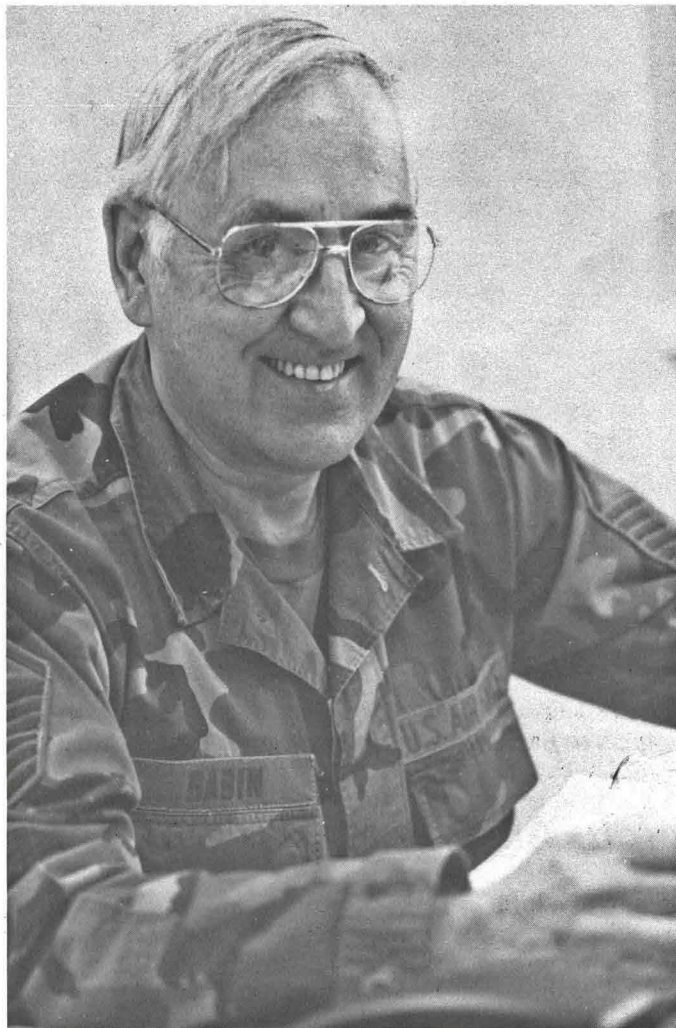
I cannot say enough for the people of Western Massachusetts. You showed the world how it should be done and for that I will always be grateful."

His feelings were echoed by Mike Vrabel, a former Air Force captain who now serves in the Air Force Reserve.

"You can't believe how much the support of the American people meant to us."

"I'll never forget the warm feeling I got when I walked through that hangar door," he said.

439th CF 'charter member' marks end of long career



SrA. Mike Lyman

SMSgt. Paul Babin

By MSgt. Tom Allocco

SMSgt. Paul Babin, a "charter member" of the 439th Communications Flight, retires as communications operations superintendent at the end of November.

Babin's career in communications spanned the eras of tubes, transistors and computer chips.

Along the way, he helped found the predecessor unit of the 439th Communications Flight, served as first sergeant for six years and helped the flight earn a thick stack of letters of appreciation for outstanding performance.

As communications operations superintendent he oversees the 22 specialists whose duties include staffing the telephone switchboard, handling the Communications Center message traffic and maintaining a computerized radio network.

They are a group who are proud of the high tech job they do and they have put together a record of accomplishments on both sides of the Atlantic, he said.

"In 1981 we coordinated communication between Canada and Westover during an Air Force Reserve wide exercise with the Canadians, British and Germans at Goose Bay, Labrador," Babin said.

"Flight members went to England in 1988 and provided communications out of Schulthorpe air base during the Air Force and Army's Flintlock 88 exercises.

"The Westover people have been great. The hard part is going to be leaving the people," he said.

Babin's first uniform was Army green when he went to Fort Dix for a cold winter of basic training shortly after graduating from Worcester Vocational High School in 1953. Following communications school at Fort Devens, he served as a radio security specialist at Fort Bragg, N.C. He served three years of active duty.

Babin joined an Air Force Reserve rescue and recovery unit in 1958 and drilled for several hours on Tuesday nights at the Worcester airport. In 1964 he and 1st Lt. Joseph Hellaver founded the 905th Communications Flight at Bradley Airport. The unit was the predecessor of the 439th Communications Flight.

While serving as the flight's first sergeant in 1975, Babin helped found the Base Advisory Council and served as its first president. That year he was named Wing Outstanding Airman of the Year.

During Desert Shield/Storm Babin served nine months on active duty.

His specialists maintained around-the-clock communications with Westover Galaxies inbound and outbound over the Atlantic.

Babin also supervised the expansion of cable TV service in the dormitories in the first days of Desert Shield. Later, during the homecoming ceremonies he put in long hours coordinating activities on the floor of the Base Hangar.

A ham radio enthusiast, Babin participates in the MARS program which transmits messages between family and service members. He also serves as secretary of the Pioneer Valley Chapter of the Air Force Association.

After teaching electrical construction for 21 years at Worcester Vocational High School, Babin took a position as an electrical estimator in Shrewsbury. He and his wife, Sandra, reside in Worcester. They are the parents of Capt. Paul Babin Jr. of the 439th CES and two other children.

Fiscal Year 1993 UTA Schedule

	"A" UTA	"B" UTA
December	5 - 6	19 - 20
January	16 - 19	none
February	none	20 - 21
March	6 - 7	20 - 21
April	3 - 4	17 - 18
May	1 - 2	15 - 16
June	5 - 6	9 - 20
July	10 - 11	24 - 25
August	7 - 8	21 - 22
September	11 - 12	25 - 26

Due to the scheduled ORI, the January and February "A" UTAs will run consecutively from Jan. 16 to 19.

Base gym uses computer to assess fitness

Article and photo by TSgt. Sandi Michon

Computers may not be able to exercise for you, but a new computer program at the base gym will get you off to a good start.

The new Microfit total fitness assessment utilizes computer technology to assess health statistics. An exercise bicycle, scale, curl bar, stretch mat and skin calipers are attached to a computer which reads the data and tabulates a personalized fitness profile.

"Microfit monitors pulse during the assessment, and records cardiovascular strength, muscle strength, flexibility and body fat," explained Chris Mencarelli, MWR programs director. "We use the profile information to create a physical training program geared to the individual's health goals," she said.

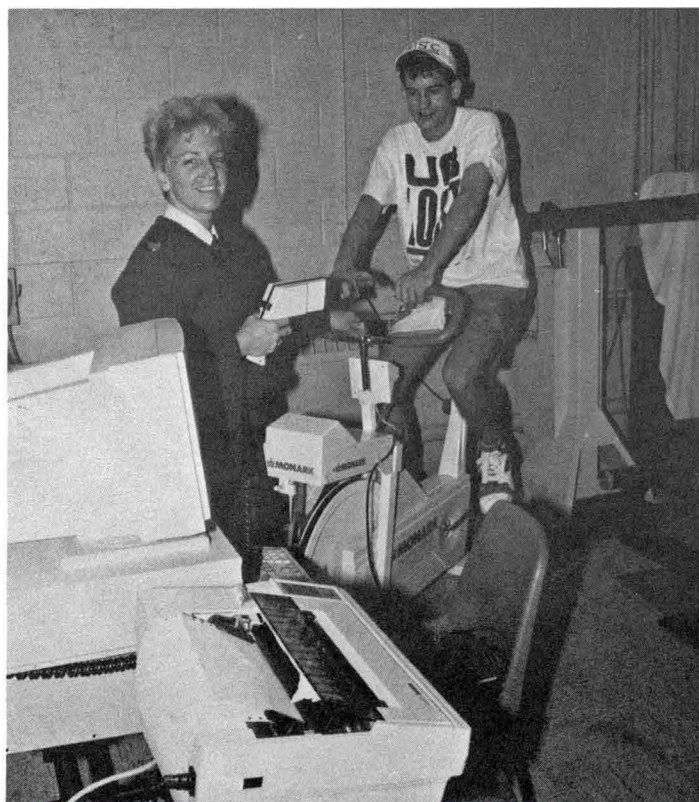
The system produces a printout graphing out fitness data and specific details concerning healthful lifestyle changes. There is also a personalized explanation page which interprets the measured categories.

According to Mencarelli, Microfit is new and there are still capabilities not yet realized. The program can also assess risk factors by analyzing life habits and their effect on life spans.

The computer program uses scores of standardized health statistics to rate individual data. It can be used to provide base-line data, and for periodic progress checks. A poor profile may provide inspiration to begin a regular fitness program, while a good profile may be just the encouragement to keep at it.

Mencarelli stressed that no person on high blood pressure medicine, or with serious health problems is permitted to use the equipment.

Appointments for a fitness assessment may be made by calling the gym at 557-3958.



MICROFIT -- Chris Mencarelli, left, readies the skin calipers as part of the fitness assessment on Greg Stefanik, 17, of Chicago.



Article and Logo by SrA. Mike Lyman

In North Africa, Operation Torch begins Nov. 8 with Allied landings near Casablanca, Oran, and Algiers.

The goal of Torch is to draw German forces away from the Russian Front,

Operation Torch: Allies invade North Africa

while driving Rommel out of North Africa. The operation would also be a proving ground for the U.S. Army entering the European war for the first time.

Though the Allies are initially opposed by the Vichy French, a cease fire is issued the following day bringing France back in the war as a fighting Ally.

In response to Torch, the Germans overrun the unoccupied (Vichy) part of France and begin sending reinforcements to Tunisia. On the southern coast of France, Hitler's attempt to seize the French naval units at Toulon fails as the French scuttle the bulk of their fleet, including about 80 ships, as the Germans enter the harbor.

On the Stalingrad Front, the Red Army counterblast begins on Nov. 19 and within a week, encircles the German 6th Army. The Soviet attack marks the birthplace of the modern Red Army.

In the South Pacific, two of the hardest fought naval battles of the War take place on the nights of Nov. 12/13, 13/14 and 14/15.

In the only U.S.-Japanese battleship confrontation in the war, the USS Washington surprises and cripples the Japanese battleship Kirishima on the night of Nov. 14/15.

In what became known as the Naval Battles of Guadalcanal, the Americans lose two cruisers and seven destroyers, with four cruisers severely damaged. The Japanese lose two battleships, three destroyers and at least seven troop transports.

To this point in the Battle of Guadalcanal, the U.S. has successfully prevented vital Japanese reinforcements from reaching the island.

Though the U.S. is bested by the Japanese in the final major clash for Guadalcanal, the Battle of Tassafaronga, on Nov. 30, the victory does not halt Japanese plans for evacuating the island.

On Dec. 4, 24 U.S. Army Air Force B-24 Liberator bombers flying from North Africa, attack Naples, Italy, marking the first bombing of the Italian mainland.

Wing career advisor MSgt. Barbara Morris dead at 51

Master Sergeant Barbara A. Morris, the 439th AW career advisor, died after a long illness at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield on Oct. 6 at the age of 51.

According to base director of personnel, Maj. Denny Jobes, Sergeant Morris was one of the most effective retention specialists in the Air Force.

Born in Ludlow, she lived most of her life in Chicopee. Morris had been a fixture around the base from 1976 when she began her career as an air reserve technician until she retired from the Reserve earlier this year.

During Desert Shield/Desert Storm, she was in charge of the Welcome Center reception committee, responsible for the processing of new troops to Westover.

At the height of the recall, Morris, tragically, was stricken with cancer. Yet even while recovering from major surgery and debilitating follow-up treatment, she continued to participate in every wing activity and supported the highly successful Welcome Home and Family Support Center.

"Barbara had an unfailing ability to make every customer feel special," said Jobes. "She treated reservists as if they were her own children and helped to make Westover the

happy family that it is today. We will sorely miss her."

In addition to receiving the Commandant's Award while at the NCO Academy at Maquire AFB, N.J. in 1983, she was named the outstanding AFRES wing/group career advisor of the year in 1989, 1990 and 1991 for her unselfishness to CBPO and Westover.



Said 439th SG Commander Col. Thomas Hargis, "she was a true professional who others should strive to emulate."

She was a 1958 graduate of Chicopee High School and earned her associate's degree from Greenfield Community College and her bachelor's degree from Westfield State College.

She earned her master's degree from American International College in 1976.

She leaves her husband, retired Air Force CMSgt. Edward H. Morris; a son, John J. Reilly of Ludlow; a stepson, Vernon E. Morris of Ludlow; two stepdaughters, Linda Breault of Guildhall, Vt., and Cheryl Wiley of Bangor, Maine; her mother, Catherine A. Churchill of Chicopee, and 10 grandchildren.

Base police and fire personnel sponsor Boy Scout post

Westover police and fire personnel have recently formed a public safety Explorers' post at the base.

The group--open to young people 15-21--is chartered by the Boy Scouts of America and provides training in civilian and military law enforcement, firefighting and disaster preparedness.

MSgt. George Hoagland, training NCO with the 439th Security Police Squadron and a former scout leader, serves as the post's advisor.

The 439th Explorer Post currently has 24 young people enrolled, and is seeking new members, Hoagland said.

The post meets every Thursday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the 439th SPS training room in Hangar 5. There is a \$8 annual enrollment and insurance fee.

"It's a great program, particularly during the summer when it keeps the kids off the street and gives them something positive to do," said SSgt. Michael Duchesne, a member of the 439th SPS

and an assistant advisor with the post.

Other assistant advisors include MSgt. Tim Murphy and SrA Roland Cloutier of the 439th SPS, Officers Michael Hobbs and Robert Durand of the Department of Defense police, and Westover firefighter Michael Ledger.

Col. Thomas G. Hargis, 439th Support Group commander, chairs the executive committee which formed the explorer post. He is assisted by Capt. Roger Summerlin, 439th SPS commander, and Capt. Dan Mays, operations officer with the 439th SPS.

The new post will conduct fund raising events to purchase uniforms. It will also participate in a police explorer encampment which is scheduled next summer at the base, Hoagland said.

Hoagland added that prospective members and their parents are welcome to visit post meetings. More information about the post may be obtained by calling 557-2032.

Air Force changes headgear policy

As of Oct 1, 1992, the male service dress cap and the female service dress hat is no longer a mandatory clothing item for Air Force personnel and ceased to be part of the initial uniform issue. Instead, the flight cap has become the mandatory service headgear for both men and women.

Certain personnel, such as those assigned to security and ceremonial units will continue to wear the older style service dress headgear which will remain available at clothing sales stores. Members may still continue to wear the male service dress cap and female service dress hat at their own discretion.

The Headquarters Air Force Reserve personnel directorate advised that enlisted members will have their clothing allowance reduced to reflect the elimination of the older dress headgear. (AFRESNS)

74th AES runners stock up on turkeys

Photos and article by SrA. Mike Lyman

It was enough to make their opponents cry fowl.

Five members of the 74th AES won turkeys in the 15th Annual Turkey Trot held at Westover Nov. 8.

In fact, all of the 19 people who braved the biting cold to run in this year's Turkey Trot, from 7-year-old Michael Dyer to 65-year-old Ted Buckhurt, came away winners.

The 439th MWRs-sponsored event is held each year to provide an activity for reservists and dependents who are interested in running.

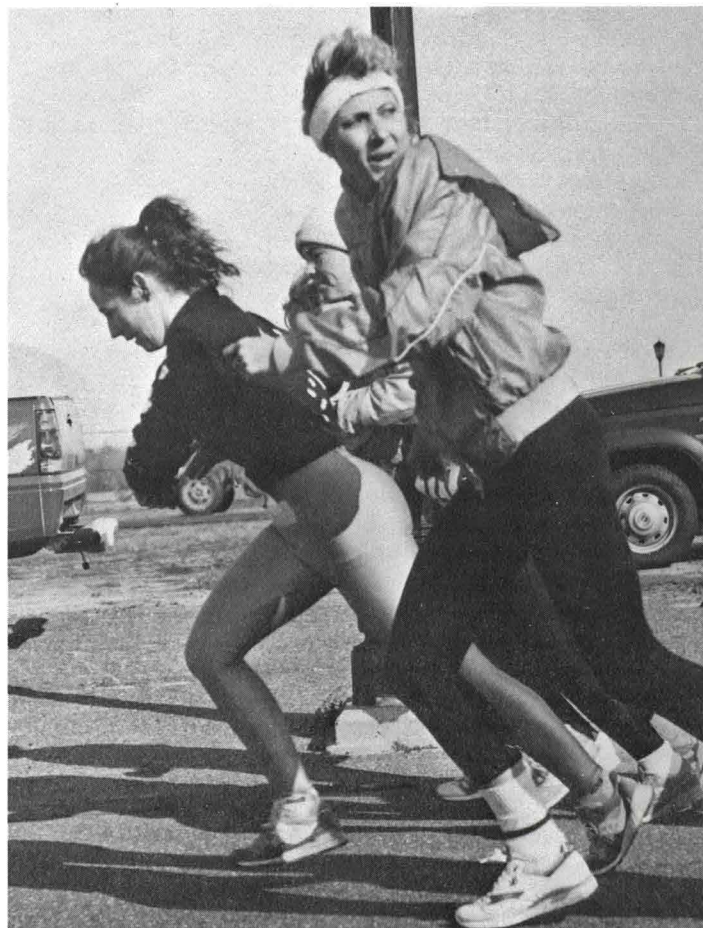
This year's Turkey Trot was broken down into 11 different age categories, including five men, three women and three children's groups. The annual run which began at noon consisted of a five mile-course for the men, a three-mile course for the women and a mile-and-a-half route for the children. The participants in each group had a chance to win a turkey, as well as first, second and third place trophies.

First to cross the finish line in the children's divisions was Brian Dyer with a time of 11:42. "It feels great to win a turkey," said Dyer, who was running in only his second road race.

For the women, TSgt. Olga Quirin, 74th AES aeromedical technician, took home the first turkey, winning the women's 32-39 division with a time of 21:15.

And for the second year in a row, TSgt. Celio Hernandez, 439th EMS aircraft hydraulics specialist, was the first to cross the finish line for the men, running the five mile course in 28:46.

Hernandez was one of the few runners who was not affected by the bitter cold winds which blew throughout the race. "It was very windy going out, but it was pretty easy coming back," Hernandez said.



FULL SPEED AHEAD--TSgt. Olga Quirin (foreground), 74th AES aeromedical technician, appears distracted as she begins the Turkey Trot. Quirin quickly regained her composure and was the first woman to complete the race.



UP-UP-AND AWAY--Seven-year-old Michael Dyer glides through the air as he nears the finish line. Dyer finished second behind his brother Brian in the boys 8-12 division.

Yet despite a cold wind which affected most of the other runners, they all seemed to be satisfied with their performance.

"I'm happy as hell!" said Public Affairs Officer Gordon Newell, who ran his first Turkey Trot in 48:30 to win the men's 48-54 division. "This was the first time I've ran five miles and I just wanted to finish in under 50 minutes. The race was tougher than I thought it would be but I think the wind had a lot to do with it," he said. "I'm definitely running next year."

No doubt the happiest runner of the day was TSgt. Cathy Skalecki, 74th AES aeromedical technician and NCOIC for weight management and health promotion, who not only won her own division but saw four other members of the 74th win turkeys.

"This is a great showing for the 74th. I'm so impressed!" Skalecki said. "It's nice to see everyone who ran from our unit get a turkey. There was more pressure on Olga and I this year because our unit knows we run a lot so they expect us to win," she said. "Overall I'm very pleased with participation from the unit. Hopefully next year we can get more representation and win even more trophies."

Other division winners include, Sarah Sweryda, Alyssa Bresnahan, Ellen Restivo, Mike Curley, James Curley and John Aukstikalnis.

"Patriot People"

Name: Jon L. Britton
Rank: TSgt.
Age: 39
Address: Springfield, Mass.
Unit: 337th ALS
Position: Instructor loadmaster
Civilian position: "Reserve Bum" -
Favorite food: Chinese
Years of service: 15
Favorite sport: Football
Favorite hobby: Flying
Ideal vacation: Germany
Best way to relax: Read
Preferred entertainment: Jazz music
Favorite celebrity: Quincy Jones
Favorite music: Jazz
Favorite color: Blue
Favorite book: *Incident at Roswell*
Pet peeve: "Just happy..."
Best thing about Westover: 337th
Worst thing about Westover: No hobby shop



TSgt. Sandi Michon

TSgt. Jon L. Britton

PA staffers win top honors in AFRES media competition

Two Public Affairs staff members recently won top honors in the 1992 AFRES Media Contest.

MSgt. Tom Allocco was selected as journalist of the year and SrA. Mike Lyman won the photojournalist of the year award.

Allocco, who is deputy NCOIC of the public affairs office, also earned third place in the competition's feature writing category.

Lyman, a newcomer with the PA staff, was also first in newspaper illustration and third in the stand-alone photographs categories.

Westover's base newspaper, the Patriot, finished second in the small funded newspaper category. The Patriot is edited by MSgt. Gordon Newell and TSgt. Sandi Michon.

Westover: The Eye of the Storm, a book detailing the 439th's role in the Desert Storm airlift, placed first in the special achievement bracket. The book was written by Maj. Rick Dyer.

Westover's winning entrants will now compete in the Air Force Media contest.

Patriot praises

PROMOTIONS:

CMSgt. Basile, John
 SMSgt. Chaput, William
 SMSgt. McShane, Thomas
 MSgt. Crosby, Diane M.
 MSgt. Jason, Neal A.
 MSgt. Johanns, Robert D.
 MSgt. Knight, William R. Jr.
 MSgt. Oliveri, Robert N.
 MSgt. Whitehead, Jeffrey A.
 TSgt. Bates, John S.
 TSgt. Durkin, Thomas G. Jr.
 TSgt. Fitzgibbon, Joseph
 TSgt. Gordon, Gayle A.
 TSgt. Lausier, Sharon L.
 TSgt. Lever, Hayden R.
 TSgt. Macintyre, John D.
 TSgt. Morales, Edwin M.
 TSgt. Morris, Marty W.
 TSgt. Preis, Raymond M.
 TSgt. Ritchie, John F.
 TSgt. Woodworth, Suzanne
 SSgt. Archambeault, Michele
 SSgt. Charlebois, John A.
 SSgt. Cloutier, Roland P.
 SSgt. Cote, Daniel A.
 SSgt. Crochiere, Michael W.
 SSgt. Dorr, Timothy
 SSgt. Elmore, Timothy T.
 SSgt. Gile, Jeanine A.
 SSgt. Holt, Todd T.
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 SSgt. Karol, Jason F.
 SSgt. Navratil, Kimberly
 SSgt. Pszeniczny, Matthew R.
 SSgt. Riggs, Dawn S.
 SSgt. Riley, Alvin K.
 SSgt. Roberge, David R.
 SSgt. Rulewicz, Jerome Jr.

SSgt. Santana, Fernando
 SSgt. White, Denise M.
 SSgt. Wilcox, Kirk J.
 SrA. Adade, Anthony K.
 SrA. Asseng, Stephen W.
 SrA. Butler, James A.
 SrA. Butler, John W. Jr.
 SrA. Carrier, Heather A.
 SrA. Chouinard, Jessica A.
 SrA. Companik, Michael E.
 SrA. Coote, Jaime T.
 SrA. Cosentino, Keith M.
 SrA. Cronin, Charles M.
 SrA. Figiel, Melissa A.
 SrA. Hoover, Charles J.
 SrA. Hyde, Paul O.
 SrA. Kelly, Yolanda L.
 SrA. Paquette, David S.
 SrA. Pike, Jamie W.
 SrA. Pitts, Thomas E. Jr.
 SrA. Theriault, Cheryl A.
 SrA. Whelihan, Diane A.
 SrA. Woodhouse, William J.
 A1C Landry, Keith W.
 A1C Shakoor, Qareeb N.
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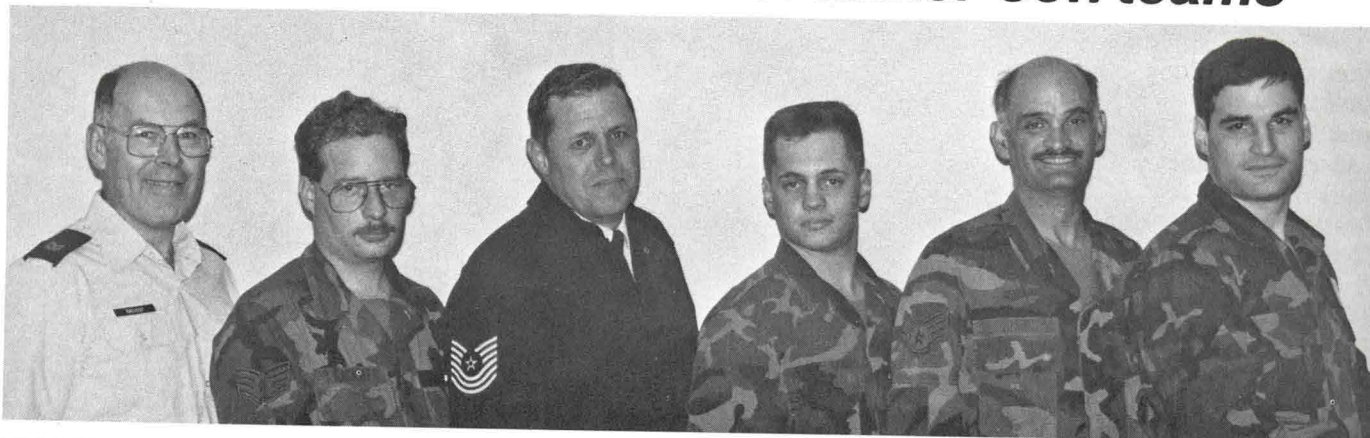
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 TSgt. Todd, Lydia M.
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SSgt. Beaudin, Philip C.
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 SSgt. Hurley, William P. Jr.
 SSgt. Lanier, Cheldon O. Jr.
 SSgt. Reyesalmanzar, Rafael
 SSgt. Schmitz, Anita L.
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 SSgt. Shvonski, Douglas J.
 SSgt. Sullivan, Daniel T.
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 SrA. Borek, Karen A.
 SrA. Frazier, Alvino K.
 SrA. Robison, Derek C.

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 SSgt. Johnson, Michael W.
 SSgt. Piechota, Stephen E.
 SSgt. Powers, William P.
 SSgt. Salapu, Parameswara
 SSgt. Turner, Gary R.
 SrA. Fall, Effeby A.
 SrA. Lapenta, George A.
 SrA. Malloy, Michael F.
 SrA. Niemiec, Joseph
 SrA. Peck, Dennis L.
 SrA. Sullivan, Brian K.
 SrA. Tynan, Patrick A.
 A1C Abele, John J. Jr.
 A1C Brotherton, Neil E.

42nd APS home to trio of father-son teams



FAMILY AFFAIR -- The Reserve program is a family tradition for three 42nd APS families. Pictured (left to right) are MSgt. Gerald E. Racicot, SSgt. Gerald J. Racicot, MSgt. Gary W. Watson, AB Gary M. Watson, SSgt. Richard C. Green and SSgt. Jeffrey A. Green.

Photo by SSgt. Vin Blanchard

By SSgt. F. X. Kelley

If you want examples of a career with the Air Force Reserve as a family tradition, you need not look beyond the 42nd APS.

Within the squadron's membership, you'll find three father and son teams totalling 69 years of service.

Senior on the time register are MSgt. Gerald Racicot and son Gerald, a staff sergeant. The older Racicot is an air transport supervisor with 23 years, while his son, with six years, serves as an apprentice air transport specialist.

The two recently had the opportunity to deploy together to Ramstein

AB, Germany for training. "We enjoy working together, and it makes me proud to have my son participating in the Reserve," said Racicot. "All of my relatives serving in the military are Air Force," said son Gerald, who added to his father's pride by graduating at the top of his class in the transportation proficiency course.

Second are the Greens, with 23 years combined service. Father Richard and son Jeff, both staff sergeants, are APS cargo and air cargo specialists respectively. "For me, the influence to join came from three people: my dad; my cousin, who graduated the Air Force Academy; and a recruiter," said Jeff, a seven-year member, who was honored as airman of

the year in 1988. "We're both hoping for a European training tour," said Richard, a 16-year veteran, who cross-trained into the unit to join his son.

Last on the seniority roster are MSgt. Gary Watson and son AB Gary, who total 17 years. "My dad's participation was my motivation," said the younger Watson, who with less than one-year service time, has established as his goal to retire as a chief master sergeant. "My son literally grew up with this unit," said his father, who has 16 years service.

The Watsons are also looking forward to an annual tour at Mildenhall AB, England.



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