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Westover crews quickly join Somalia airlift

By MSgt. Gordon A. Newell

Shortly after the news that 12 American servicemen had been killed on the streets of Mogadishu, Somalia, Westover aircrews were winging their way to the East African country carrying troops and much-needed armored vehicles.

Three 439th C-5s and crews were pressed into service immediately after gruesome television images of the body of an American soldier being dragged through the streets of Mogadishu.

"Everyone is a little bit scared," said 1st. Lt. Chuck Parker, one of four 337th pilots on board the first plane to leave Oct. 6. "You have to be [scared]. It's a much more serious matter now," he said.

Parker had been to Somalia twice before, flying humanitarian missions from Cairo into the beleaguered country.

The latest missions originally called for Westover planes to go to Hunter Army Air Field in Savannah, Ga., to pick up troops and equipment and then fly directly to Mogadishu. That leg entailed four aerial refuelings during an 18 1/2 hour flight.

The first refueling took place off the northeast United States, the second off the coast of Spain, the third over the Mediterranean Sea and the final over the Red Sea.

"This is more dangerous than anything our crews experienced during the Gulf War," said Col. James P. Czekanski, commander of the 439th AW.

Most agreed that the recent fighting in Somalia has changed the face of the operation.

"Things are different now than they were last December when we went to Somalia for humanitarian reasons," said Col. James Gallin, wing vice commander.

"We must now look at it as a combat environment rather than as a humanitarian one," said Gallin, who spent December 1992 in Mogadishu

helping to establish the airlift.

Parker's aircraft, under the command of Lt. Col. Sandy Whittier, returned home on Oct. 17, after two missions to Mogadishu.

"It was an exhausting trip. Things got pretty hectic at times but overall, the missions went smoothly," Parker said.

TSgt. Jon Britton, a 337th loadmaster summed things up pretty well for the entire crew when he said, "I'm going to go home, say hello to my wife and kids

and then sack out for a week."

Brig. Gen. John B. Sams, commander of the Air Mobility Command's Tanker Airlift Control Center, said the Air Force learned important lessons during the operation.

"Use the Air Reserve Component early and often," he said. Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard crews flew nine of the first 18 sorties to Mogadishu, the general said.



HOME COMING—TSgt. Nelson Sarreo carries his bags to a waiting bus upon arrival at Westover Oct. 17 while other members of the crew "bag drag". The C-5 crew left Westover Oct. 6 to help airlift men and supplies to Somalia.

(Courtesy of Don Treeger of Union News)

Failure to recertify BAQ can be costly

By TSgt. Sandi Michon

Married Reservists will be shocked financially if they fail to complete their Basic Allowance for Quarters (BAQ) recertification within a specified schedule.

New directives from the Defense Accounting and Finance Center in Denver, Co., have produced tighter paperwork schedules regarding BAQ. Failure to complete appropriate paperwork within the new schedules results in immediate pay deduction of BAQ monies.

BAQ recertification is now required yearly, and the annual schedule is deter-

mined by the last digit of the Reservist's social security number. (see chart)

The new policy went into effect March 3, 1993.

Units will receive a monthly listing of Reservists requiring BAQ recertification. Within 60 days, the Reservist must accomplish the paperwork. If military pay does not have the recertification by the 30th of the due month, the BAQ entitlement is terminated 15 days later.

Normal BAQ recertification is accomplished by completing an AF Form 987. This continues your eligibility for BAQ. If recertification is not accomplished within the schedule, the

Reservist must reestablish eligibility by completing AF Form 594, and must provide supporting documents such as birth certificate and/or marriage certificate.

Reservists must report to Military Pay, in Bldg. 1800, to complete BAQ requirements. Any lapses of BAQ benefits can be recovered, as Military Pay can back date the AF Form 987 to the date benefits were stopped.

Military pay is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on UTA weekends.

For additional information, contact military pay office at (413) 557-3880, or on-base at Ext. 3880.

Schedule for recertification of primary dependents

<i>If last digit of Social Security number is:</i>	<i>Military Pay forwards listing to unit commanders in month:</i>	<i>Recertification must be completed before 30th of month:</i>
1	June	August
2	August	October
3	October	December
4	February	April
5	April	June
6	June	August
7	August	October
8	October	December
9	February	April
0	April	June

Commanders have the option to fill units to 110 percent in FY94

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- Air Force Reserve wing and group commanders have the option to fill their units to 110 percent, an increase from the 105 percent during fiscal year 1993.

Last fiscal year was turbulent for the Reserve. Changes in requirements for some weapons systems and specialties challenged retention and recruitment efforts.

During the first half of the year, some commanders feared a lack of training dollars and wanted only "fully qualified" applicants.

At one point in the year, unit manning document requirements shifted by more than 1,800, causing the Reserve unit strength to dip below the desired 99 percent troop strength. The

command finished the fiscal year at 97.6 percent.

On the flip side, the command started the new fiscal year at 99.4 percent manned because its congressionally mandated ceiling for FY '94 is 69,106--a drop of 800 authorizations from FY '93.

Reserve officials said the command's FY '94 manning policy is to continue to fill requirements with participating reservists in the grade and skill called for by manpower authorization.

They emphasized the need to eliminate overages and overgrades, and to fill positions through recruitment, accessions, leveling and voluntary and involuntary retraining. (AFRESNS)

Hutchinson earns gold bars; looks to silver wings

By MSgt. Tom Allocco

Second Lt. David Hutchinson is wearing the newest pair of gold bars in the 337th Airlift Squadron, thanks to the Deserving Airman Commissioning program.

Hutchinson traded his staff sergeant's stripes for gold bars pinned on by his mother in a commissioning ceremony in October. Once commissioned, he was named Col. Ronald Peacock's executive officer for the 439th Operations Group.

Hutchinson's next goal is to become the wing's first member to move from the enlisted ranks to C-5 pilot through the Deserving Airman Commissioning program.

In December, the former 337th loadmaster will head to Colorado Springs, Colo. to test his flight aptitude. He'll fly a T-41, in the screening program to judge his ability to undergo flight training.

If the instructors are satisfied at Colorado Springs, Hutchinson will enroll in the 52-week pilot training program at Laughlin AFB, Texas in January. At Laughlin all students train for six months on the T-37 two-engine primary trainer. Those slated to fly cargo aircraft train another six months on the recently developed T-1 Jayhawk two-member crew aircraft. If successful, Hutchinson will fly C-5s for three months at Altus AFB, Okla. and return to Westover for six months of OJT.

The road to flight school started in 1985 when Hutchinson joined the Connecticut Air Guard as an environmental support specialist with the 103rd TFG at Bradley Field. He came to Westover as a loadmaster in 1990.

In August, 1990, Desert Shield interrupted his classes at the University of Connecticut when Westover's aircrews were activated for the Saudi Arabia airlift.

A few months later he was with Maj. Colin MacDonald's aircrew approaching the airfield at Saudi Arabia's King Khalid Military City near the Iraqi border during the early hours of the air war. While on final approach they saw a light go up from Iraq and arc to the west. Twenty



TSgt. Sandi Michon

PRE-SCHOOL — Former loadmaster, 2nd Lt. David Hutchinson, begins screening for pilot training school in December. He was commissioned in October.

minutes later the aircrew heard on the radio of the first SCUD attack on Tel Aviv.

Following the war Hutchinson graduated from the University of Connecticut with a degree in English literature and a private pilot's license earned through the school's flying club.

His performance as a 337th loadmaster earned him endorsements for the Deserving Airman Commissioning Program from the squadron commander, Lt. Col. Terrence Trent, and wing vice commander, Col. James Gallin, after he passed the Air Force Officer's Qualifying Test.

"It is one of the most gratifying

aspects of this job to see a young troop like Dave accomplish so much," said Gallin. He has worked very hard since coming to Westover and we all feel he has earned this shot," said Gallin.

Hutchinson gives much credit to MSgt. Doreen Bronner, chief of Quality Force, for helping him get through the maze of paperwork which led up to the commission.

"The people in the Quality Force section did a fantastic job for me. Without their relentless efforts, I don't think this would have happened," Hutchinson said.

Officers commissioned through the program go through a two-week officer's orientation course at Gunter AFB, Ala.

Westover Reservists chosen to assist Pentagon projects

By MSgt. Gordon A. Newell

Throughout the Air Force, Westover reservists have gained a well-deserved reputation for performing quality work.

In October, TSgt. Michael Gilcreast and SSgt. Christine Mora were asked to help out their active duty brethren on different assignments at the Pentagon.

Gilcreast, an Information Management Specialist, is on a 90-day tour providing administrative support for the Air Force Investment Budget under the Secretary of the Air Force.

Mora worked, in mid-October for the Secretary of the Air Force/Public Affairs writing and designing a brochure for the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board.

Gilcreast has traveled this route before. "I completed a 90-day assignment in this same office last April. I guess they liked my work because they asked me back."

While serving his last tour, Gilcreast worked on the Air Force Investment Budget—over \$40 billion in assets, including critical programs such as the B-2, C-17 and F-22. He also helped other divisions that were backlogged in the administrative area.

"I loved it," he said. "The people, the atmosphere, the work. It was a great experience."

Gilcreast has also pulled similar duty at Air Force Reserve Headquarters at Robins AFB, Ga.

The Westover Public Affairs office was asked by AFRES/PA if they could provide someone with the talent to complete the brochure for the highly regarded Scientific Advisory Board, said Lt. Col. Rick Dyer, former Wing Public Affairs officer.

"I immediately thought of Christine Mora," he said. "She is very talented and has a fine eye for design. I'm sure that officials at the Pentagon are happy with her work."

Mora, a staff writer for the *Patriot* has won several journalism awards, on both the AFRES and Air Force levels over the last several years. She designed the book, *Westover: Man, Base and Mission*, numerous airshow brochures, posters, and other base publications.

"I'm honored to have been selected for this project," she said. "It's great to see that the active-duty Air Force can rely on reservists to get the job done."

Bringing reservists into the active-duty fold has been on Col. Tim Courington's mind for some time. The executive director of the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board wanted to produce a booklet publicizing the board of prestigious scientists, but didn't know an easy way to do it.

"I needed a professional who could come in and handle the whole job from start to finish," said the colonel. "The Air Force Reserve suggested Sergeant Mora, and she was able to run with the project and did an outstanding job."

Courington said utilizing Mora's skills was a perfect illustration of the Air Force and Reserve working together as a team.



TSgt. Michael Gilcreast

CREW LISTS

Westover reservists routinely fly missions which place them in harm's way. The following crew lists recognize crew members on the most recent Somali missions. (See page one article.)

Oct. 6, 1993 mission

Pilots

Lt. Col. Sandy Whittier
Capt. Gary Cooke
1st Lt. Chuck Parker
2nd Lt. Wilbur Biggin

Flight Engineers

MSgt. Glenn Flynn
TSgt. Airtion Dapaixao
TSgt. Nelson Serrao
SSgt. David Yuhas

Loadmasters

MSgt. Elton Wiehe
TSgt. Jon Britton
SSgt. Richard Bradley
SSgt. James Evans
Crew Chief
SrA. Kevin Bowen

Oct. 7, 1993 mission

Pilots

Lt. Col. Peter Gray
Lt. Col. Merrill Cross
Maj. Tim Olmstead
Capt. Jeffrey Hancock
Capt. Daniel Dicesare

Flight Engineers

MSgt. Bruce Szepek
TSgt. Les Schneider
TSgt. Raymond Preis
SSgt. Todd Holt

Loadmasters

TSgt. Tracey Turner
SSgt. Frank Domenichella
SSgt. Jeff Antuna
Crew Chief
TSgt. Ricky Smasal

Oct. 8, 1993 mission

Pilots

Lt. Col. Ken Riley
Capt. Bill Rolocut
Capt. Rick Tilburg
Capt. Lea Travis

Flight Engineers

MSgt. Denise Deblois
MSgt. Henry Olearcek
Sgt. Joseph Fournier

Loadmasters

SSgt. James Nichols
SSgt. Richard Titcomb
SSgt. Christopher Faraone
Crew Chief
SSgt. Joseph M. Zackaricz

Westover quality teams shine in 1993 Team Work Expo

Article and photo
by SSgt. Christine Mora

Plenty of pickles and a lot of hard work helped a Westover group grab one of three top awards at the 1993 Team Work Expo held at the Westover Club Oct. 21.

Eighteen process action teams (PATs) from local communities gathered at the Total Quality University-sponsored event to share ideas about quality improvement projects and approaches. The teams set up booths, trade-show style, to display their team's work in progress or their team's accomplishments.

The "pickle" PAT received the award for "Best Homemade Display." The group from 439th Consolidated Base Personnel Office formed in 1992 to improve the in-house training program at military personnel. Their pickle theme came from the acronym for Process Improvement Checklist Extract, a tool they used to enhance the existing training program.

"We've been working really hard for a long time, and it was great to see everything come together," said MSgt. Annie Marten, wing career advisor. "Interacting with the off-base groups also helped us see how Total Quality Management works in the civilian world."

A quality crew from Westover's Base Supply was voted "Best Team Overall," for their work to improve the quality of life in the supply building. The group was formed in April and used brainstorming to identify 58 problem areas within the unit. So far, they solved approximately one quarter of the problems and continue to hammer out the rest.

"We didn't expect to win with all the high-powered competition," said Anne Marie Mason. "What worked for us was real people solving real problems."

"I'm very proud to be part of an organization that's been acknowledged for successes in quality," said Col. James Czekanski, wing commander. "I know I speak for all 439th personnel when I offer my congratulations to Jim Faye and every member of the action process." The colonel added that he hoped this was just the first of many 439th quality successes.

Two PATs from the Quality Force section of CBPO combined to pick up the prize for "Friendliest Team." The group tackled Line of Duty and incapacitated pay problems, as well as the improve-



BEST OVERALL--Col. Jim Gallin, left, 439th AM vice commander, chats with Paul Gillis and Ann Marie Mason during the 1993 Team Work Expo held at Westover Oct. 21. Gillis and Mason manned the Base Supply display which was named "Best Team Overall."

ment of the Promotion Enhancement Program.

"Sharing ideas with different groups was really beneficial," said MSgt. Doreen Bronner, chief of Quality Force. "You feel comforted because you realize civilian corporations are facing the same quality frustrations we are."

Bronner said she was impressed that TQM is so utilized in the corporate world. "I've only had experience in government service so it was eye-opening to see that civilian businesses are so involved in TQM."

Wing Quality Officer Maj. Armand Tourangeau was one of the coordinators of the event and said that "it was well worth the sacrifices that the teams made to get to the expo and the recognition more than compensated for all the hard work."

Visitors from the base and the community toured the exhibits and some were enthusiastically looking forward to next year. "We're definitely going to have a team representing our unit at the 1994 expo," said John Zuber, an energy coordinator with Base Civil Engineering.

Female Reservist starts F-16 pilot training

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- First Lt. Leslie DeAnn Crosby has moved a step closer to becoming the Air Force Reserve's first female fighter pilot.

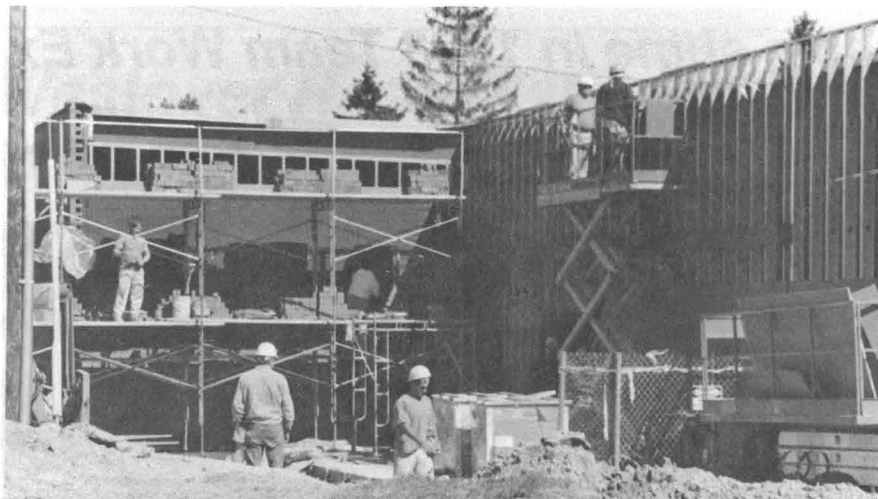
Crosby, a Persian Gulf War veteran, graduated from the introduction to Fighter Fundamentals course at Holloman AFB, N.M. Oct. 8.

The lieutenant is attending F-16 Fighting Falcon training at Luke AFB, Ariz., and is scheduled to be assigned

to the Reserve's 465th Fighter Squadron at Tinker AFB, Okla.

Crosby participated in Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Desert Calm and Southern Watch, earning the Humanitarian Service Medal and the Southwest Asia Service Medal with two bronze stars.

She had been assigned to the 79th Air Refueling Squadron (Associate), March AFB, Calif. as a KC-10 pilot.



SSgt. Nancy Robbins

Purchasing Power

Work on Westover's \$1.9 million shoppette/gas station complex is progressing and a grand opening has been scheduled for Jan. 18, 1994. The 8,600-square-foot structure is an Army Air Force Exchange Service project and, according to Exchange officials, is not being paid for with taxpayer dollars.

News you can use: Heart health risk assessment

Whether or not you are at risk for heart disease depends on a variety of factors. Some, like your age, sex, family history, are beyond your control. Others like, whether or not you smoke, are completely within

your power to change. If you wonder about your personal risk for developing heart disease, take a moment to answer the following questions. (Check any statement that is true for you.)

- ☐ I am a male.
- ☐ I am over age 50.
- ☐ I have an existing heart condition.
- ☐ I have a family history of heart disease.
- ☐ I have a family history of high blood pressure.
- ☐ I have high blood pressure.
- ☐ I do not know my blood pressure level.
- ☐ I have diabetes.
- ☐ I have a family history of diabetes.
- ☐ I am more than 10 pounds overweight.
- ☐ I have a family history of high cholesterol levels.
- ☐ I have a high cholesterol level.
- ☐ I do not know my cholesterol level.
- ☐ I consume more than 1-2 alcoholic drinks daily.
- ☐ I eat eggs, red meat, fried and/or fatty foods frequently.
- ☐ I smoke cigarettes.
- ☐ I do not exercise regularly, or exercise less than three times a week.
- ☐ I have a stressful job.
- ☐ I rarely have time to relax.



Interpreting the results:

Heart disease risk is cumulative. That means the more risk factors you have, the greater your risk for developing heart disease.

Each of the above statements reflects a personal risk factor for heart disease. The more statements you've checked off, the greater your risk. Re-read your answers. Identify those factors that are within your

control. Then, you can begin to reduce your risk by gradually eliminating those behaviors that you can change. Don't expect change to happen over night. Start by working on one unhealthy habit at a time, and soon you'll be on your way to a heart-healthier way of life.

1st. Lt. Paula Martel
Health Promotions Officer

Unsung Patriot: Medic gets right to the point

Article and photo
by TSgt. Sandi Michon

Al Cosenza can look you straight in the eye and stick it to you good.

In fact, he thinks that's the best way to get the job done - and his superiors agree.

On a typical UTA weekend, SSgt. Al Cosenza draws up to 240 blood samples at the 439th USAF Clinic. "I talk to people as I take their blood," said Cosenza, a 35-year-old Worcester native.

"I think joking and laughing relaxes them."

Cosenza's supervisors agree with the way the lab technician "needles" reservists. "His laughter and ever-positive attitude creates a good atmosphere in the lab," said CMSgt. George Kudla, 439th USAF Clinic medical manager. "Cosenza is always professional, and he never misses," said Kudla grinning.

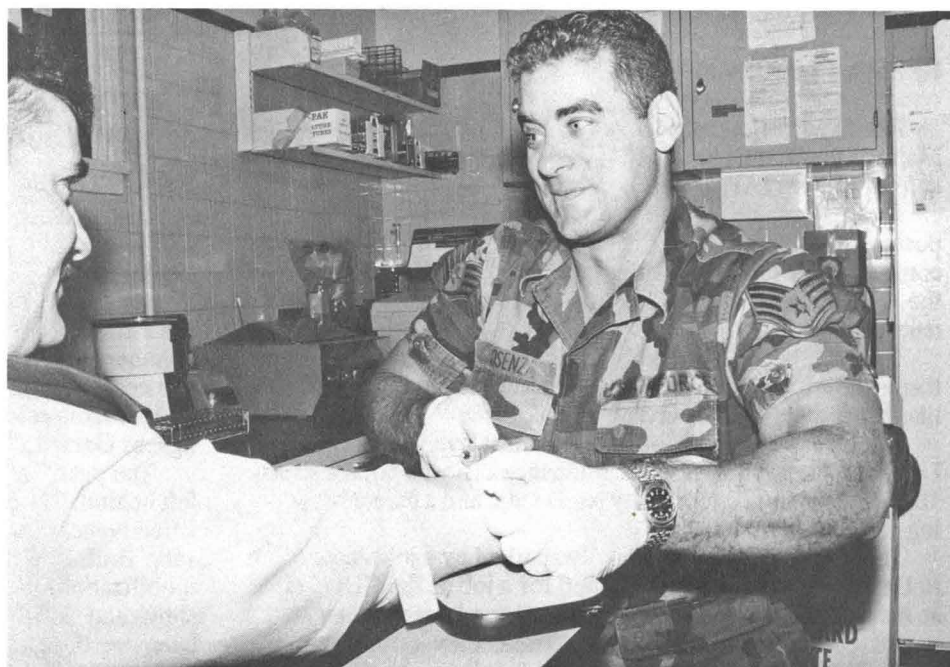
When asked about Kudla's comment concerning always getting the vein on the first try, Cosenza threw back his head in laughter. "I've only missed twice," Cosenza said. His first miss was Brig. Gen. Mike Walker. "He was quite ill at the time, and his veins were very small," Cosenza explained. "When I failed to find a vein on the first try, I broke out in a cold sweat." He recalled the general being very understanding and gracious, immediately reassuring Cosenza.

The only other "miss" was a young woman. "She was so nervous, she jumped back when I began to insert the hypodermic needle," he said. Cosenza has seen many reactions in his seven years as a lab tech, but one frequent reaction makes him chuckle.

A long-time power lifter, Cosenza's 5-foot-9-inch frame carries 205 pounds with less than eight percent fat. His rolled-up fatigue sleeves are like tight elastic on his bulging biceps. Many 'needle-timid' reservists are frightened by his bulk, and some have refused to let him draw blood. "They think I'm going to push the needle clear through their elbow," said Cosenza with a smile.

By his own admission, he is gentle as a lamb, explaining that drawing blood is not an issue of strength, but a sense of feel. His bulk may intimidate, but his steady, blue eyes exude care and warmth.

Cosenza combines his varied background to enhance his job. After graduating from Assumption College in Worcester with a degree in psychology, Cosenza became a guidance counselor at a local school. After Proposition 2 1/2



RIGHT JAB - SSgt. Al Cosenza prepares to draw a blood sample during the UTA weekend. Up to 240 samples are taken each UTA.

eliminated his job, he joined the Air Force. The basic training aptitude tests indicated strengths in the medical field, so after medical technical schools in Texas and Nebraska, he was assigned to Offutt AFB, Neb.

He left active duty in 1987 after four years, and became a medical technician at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester, Mass. He became a reservist at Westover in June 1990.

In his civilian job, clinical pathology is totally automated, so the people contact and manual processing at the base clinic are a welcome change. "I don't draw blood anymore as a civilian," he explained. "To accommodate 70-80 reservists a UTA for two or three samples per person adds up to a busy schedule. When the people are gone, our work really begins," said Cosenza, referring to the large volume of blood work which must be processed before UTA close-of-business.

Capt. Teddi Lowery, OIC clinical laboratory, can't say enough about Cosenza's contributions to her section. "He is an excellent worker, personable, very patient-oriented - a supervisor's dream," she said. Lowery said that the younger troops watch Cosenza and have no trouble following his positive example. "He's a real pleasure to work with.

I wish I had five more like him," said Lowery.

As various supervisors traded amusing stories illustrating Cosenza's playful sense of humor, they all communicated his professionalism, dedication, and ability to perform in one of the hardest working sections in the clinic.

Col. Warner E. Jones, 439th USAF Clinic commander, gave high marks to Cosenza in nominating him as the unit's "Unsung Patriot." He spoke of Cosenza as a fine example of a highly-skilled and experienced individual who quietly works behind the scenes to get a very necessary and demanding job done. "He is a reliable and absolutely essential asset in the clinic; without him the laboratory's efficiency would be severely compromised," Warner said.

Although Cosenza may have a serious, "piercing" job, his contributions to the clinic extend beyond the laboratory. "He [Cosenza] helped us take second place at the volleyball tournament at the base picnic," Chief Kudla teased.

In addition to hockey, power lifting is a major pastime for Cosenza who has competed in several tournaments. He works out six days, two-and-a-half hours per day.

He resides in Worcester with his English bulldog, Thurmon Monson.

Jobeses leave Westover posts for Youngtown IAP

By SSgt. Christine Mora

Westover lost one of its most popular duos in October when Majors Lynn and Denny Jobes left the 439th for new challenges at Youngstown IAP, Ohio.

The majors, both Air Reserve Technicians, accepted new positions with the 910th Airlift Group. Denny takes over as commander of the 910th Support Group while her husband joins the Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron as a maintenance officer.

"This has been an incredibly difficult decision," said Denny, former 439th CBPO chief. "It's not like I'm leaving my job, it's like I'm leaving my family."

"I can't say enough good about our last five years here," said Lynn, who left his job as a maintenance officer with the 439th. "But this is a great opportunity for Denny, and a career broadening experience for me."

The move to Ohio was actually sparked by a joke, according to Denny. "Just for kicks, I applied for a job as the CBPO chief at the 910th," she said. "They refused me because they said I would be taking a downgrade. Then, they offered me the support group commander's position." Prior to Air Force reorganization, support group commanders were called base commanders.

Denny didn't accept the position eight away because there was no job available for Lynn. When his new ART position opened, the couple decided to make the move.

"My new job will be interesting because I'll be responsible for the well-being of all the people on the base," Denny said. "I think my life just got a little easier because the 910th has a great team of strong units and I hope to keep them that way."

Lynn said he is looking forward to the challenge of dealing with a different aircraft. "My new job has a uniqueness to it because I've never handled C-130s before and I'll be back on mobility status."

"The most important thing we'll gain from the move is that our children (Matthew, 5 and Emily, 3) will get a real sense of family."
Maj. Denny Jobes

The last five years at Westover have been a rollercoaster of challenge for Denny. "During my first year at Westover, I overhauled the CBPO shop and probable made some enemies," she said. Her efforts paid off handsomely, as the team she put together won a multitude of awards for outstanding performance.

Her section was the first reserve unit to ever win the prestigious Garrett D. Foster award.

The personnel chief was high in her praise of the team she left behind. "During my first year, we jumped right into the Unit Effectiveness Inspection. Then came Westover's 50th Anniversary Ball, the 1990 airshow, Desert Shield/Desert Storm mobilization, the Homecoming, demobilization, the 1992 airshow and finally the Operational Readiness Inspection. It's been one thing right after another."

Lynn cites the Desert Shield/Desert Storm activation as the highlight of his tenure at Westover. "The activation really brought the maintenance folks full circle after the C-5 conversion," he said. "We were finally able to work together on a full-time basis and the training proved to be invaluable."

The fact that Lynn's hometown of Minerva, Ohio is a short hour and a half drive from Youngstown is another benefit of the Jobeses trek west.

"The most important thing we'll gain from the move is that our children (Matthew 5 and Emily 3) will get a real sense of family," Denny said.

"We have no family living in the Westover area but a lot in Ohio," said Lynn. "It will be great for the kids to get back to their roots."

Aircrew members recognized by Intelligence Section

By MSgt. Tom Allocco

The professionalism that has woven aircrew members and intelligence specialists into a tightly knit team was recognized with the announcement of the first Westover Intelligence Section awards to seven 337th AS members in October.

Lt. Col. David Moore was named the Intelligence Section's Major Leonard V. Spray Outstanding Aircrew Member of the Year Award.

The award is named for the late Maj. Leonard Spray, who at the time of his death in 1992, served as intelligence officer for C-130 crews of the 700th AS, Dobbins AFB, Ga. His widow, 1st Lt. Cindy Spray was guest of honor at the presentation ceremony.

Col. Ron Peacock, 439th Operations

Group commander, who served with Spray at Dobbins, described him as a professional in every sense of the word.

"Len knew how important it is for aircrews to know intelligence because that is what keeps you alive," Peacock said.

Honored as the Intelligence Section's choice of Outstanding Aircrew of the Year were Lt. Col. Fred Castle and Lt. Col. Sandy Whittier, pilots; MSgt. Robert Karrasch, loadmaster; MSgt. Vidyanand Setaram and TSgt. Michael Angelastro, flight engineers; and SSgt. Chris Lussier, loadmaster.

Maj. Robert Freniere, wing intelligence officer, presented the individual plaques to the aircrew members.

The seven awards recognize the rapport between the aircrews and the intelligence specialists who fly with them in

the status of mission essential ground personnel. The Intelligence Section also provides intelligence support for day-to-day operations, including staff briefings and updating aircrews on "real world" contingencies.

The aircrew awards cite recipients for "professional air intelligence knowledge, regard for the air intelligence function, training currency and application of air intelligence skills."

"The core of the awards is that those members of the 337th have made the entire Intelligence Section feel like we're a part of the aircrew when we fly with them," Freniere said.

"When a crew makes you feel like you're part of them, there is no feeling like it in the world. These awards are our way of saying thanks," he said.

Reservist assumes persona of Ben Franklin

By Msgt. Gordon A. Newell

"Eat to please thyself but dress to please others." Benjamin Franklin.

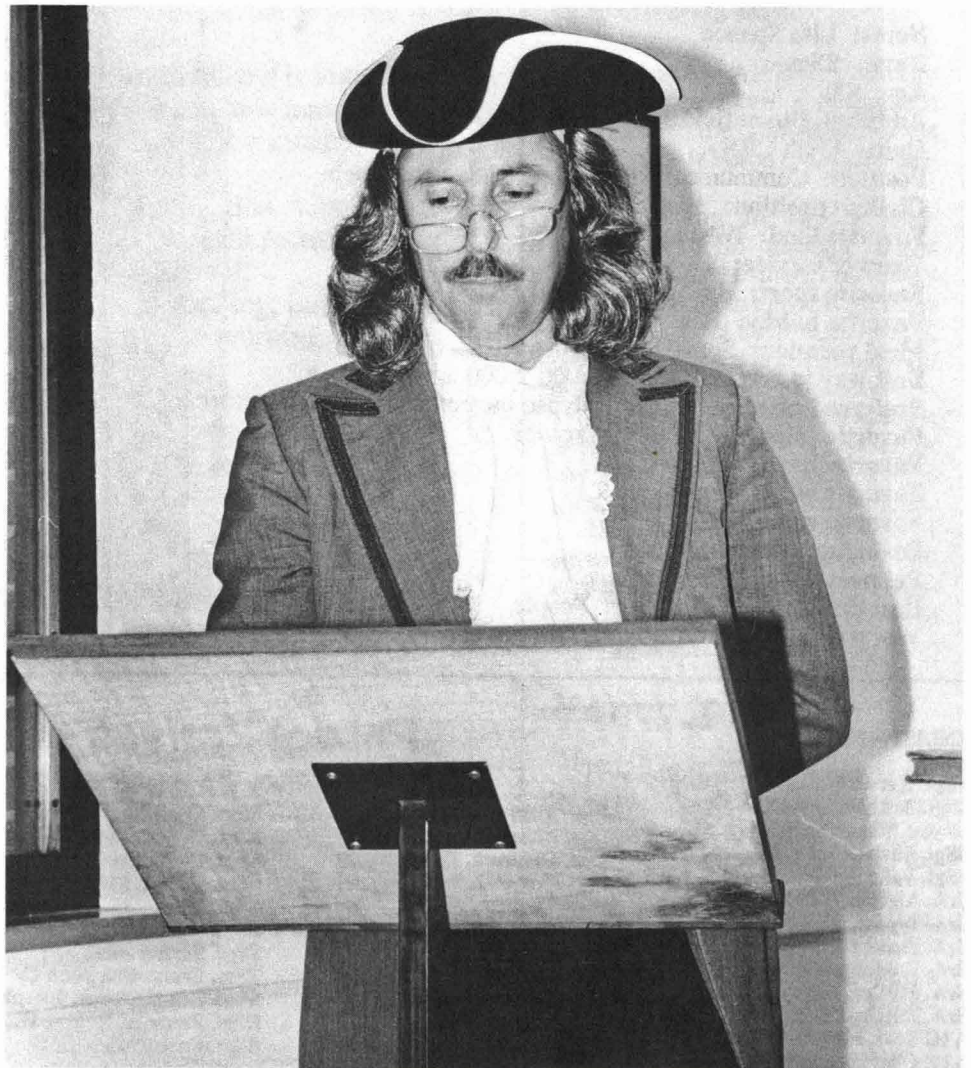
MSgt. Richard Hayes, an accounting and cash collection agent at Westover's dining hall recently took those words to heart. Donning the trademark spectacles, tri-corner hat and 18th century costume, Hayes assumed the Franklin persona as he took members of the Rockland Democratic Town Committee on a time trek back to the days of the American Revolution.

Hayes gave the audience an overview of over 200 years of history of the American Postal Service. From the days when the postal service was a network of mud trails and patrons used tavern table collection boxes, the postal service thrived on innovation as it grew to meet the needs of the ever-growing American population, Hayes said.

As the father of the American post office, Franklin's concept of a postal system available to all represented basic principles of the new democracy.

"This is the second time I've dressed as Ben Franklin to speak to a group," he said. "The Postal Service encourages us to get involved in community activities and because Franklin was the country's first Postmaster General, I felt it would be appropriate to wear this costume for the speech."

Others in Rockland apparently like the idea too. Hayes has been asked to speak--in costume--at several schools in the area.



MSgt. Richard Hayes

Courtesy MSgt. Richard Hayes

Management board to match Reservists with jobs

ROBINS AFB, Ga. -- Traditional reservists will get a more equitable shot at career enhancing jobs when the Reserve Career Management and Policy Board meets here Feb. 12-13.

The board will convene for the first time to rate colonels, lieutenant colonels, chief master sergeants and senior master sergeants, using information provided by them. Other pay grades will participate later. Participating reservists will have an opportunity to evaluate their personal career objectives, examine future job openings, and get feedback through their chain of command and the board on their competitiveness for desired jobs.

At the same time, wing and group commanders will have a prioritized list of applicants for jobs over the next

two years. In the future, commanders will nominate individuals to the board they feel are ready for career advancement.

The board is composed of senior traditional reservists, specialists and consultants, including representatives from the individual mobilization augmentee, judge advocate and medical communities. Brig. Gen. Robert Nester, a former 10th Air Force vice commander, is in charge of the board.

"Most reservists presently have no idea which jobs will be open in the system over the next two years," said Nester. "This information will be a big plus in selecting career assignments and school tours."

The board is similar to a career development board for air reserve technician officers. (AFRESNS)

Patriot People

Name: Lisa Spence
Rank: SSgt.
Age: 34
Address: Bloomfield, Conn.
Unit: 439th CRS
Position: Communications Navigation Systems Tech
Civilian position: Electrical inspector
Favorite food: West Indian
Years of service: 8
Favorite sport: Basketball/football
Favorite hobby: Reading
Ideal vacation: Somewhere with a REAL beach
Best way to relax: Reading/2,000-3,000 jigsaw puzzle
Preferred entertainment: Calypso music/dancing
Favorite celebrity: Dionne Warwick
Favorite music: Calypso
Favorite book: Romance
Favorite color: Red
Favorite car: Subaru
Pet peeve: Can't think of any
Best thing about Westover: People
Worst thing about Westover: No gas station

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 SSgt. Kitik, Gregg A.
 SSgt. Silvia, Gregory P.
 SSgt. Valle, Edgar
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 SrA. Brown, Theodore N.
 SrA. Farnsworth, Dean P.
 SrA. Fredette, Robert H.
 SrA. McCue, Harry J.
 SrA. Mitchell, Scott A.
 A1C Bray, Martin A.
 A1C Chagnon, Jeffrey J.
 A1C Demerchant, Rodney C. Jr.
 A1C Erhardt, Carl L.
 A1C Hanna, Ronald A.
 A1C Heroux, Robert E.
 A1C Roman, Florence
 A1C Sims, David Lee II
 A1C Taylor, Steven M.
 Amn. Bazylewicz, Donna M.
 Amn. Phillips, Kimberly J.
 AB Brindisi, Derek S.
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 AB Hitchcock, Emily S.
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 SSgt. Sullivan, Michael J.
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SSgt. Vennart, Timothy M.
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COMMENTARY

Mobilization process eyed

The current process by which Reservists are mobilized is based on a World War III scenario in which we knew beforehand how many people would be needed, where they would go, and roughly how much time we would have to get ready.

The world we live in today requires immediate reaction to immediate needs. We no longer have the luxury of time, but must focus, instead, on quick and flexible response rather than sustainment.

Reserve employer and family issues notwithstanding, instinct tells me that we will be called on more often, with less warning that ever before.

We offer our leaders flexibility, but it can be cumbersome for them to utilize our full potential.

The Department of Defense is looking at ways to adjust current laws and regulations to allow quick access to all we offer. In an effort to streamline the process, the Secretary of Defense established a working group to review both peacetime and wartime accessibility of Reservists.

Once their work is complete, I believe we will see significant changes in the current system of Presidential recall and mobilization of all reserve forces.

by Maj. Gen. John J. Closner, III
Chief of the Air Force Reserve



Happy Thanksgiving

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Briefs

BX direct line

Westover ARB Exchange patrons now have a permanent direct line to the commander of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

According to Javier Bus-tamante, general manager of the Westover BX, the direct line is very simple. All a customer need do is to pick up a self-addressed, postage-paid card at our display, fill it out and drop it into a mailbox."

Whether a request for a specific item, a comment on BX service, or any other topic, each card will be given individual attention, he said.

The Westover BX is one of several exchanges which now feature the direct line program. Eventually, the program will be available throughout the United States.

Money for ideas

Five employees of Westover Air Reserve Base are richer after receiving cash awards in recognition of ideas they submitted to the Air Force Suggestion Program.

Lloyd Hess was the big winner, collecting \$1,122 while Charles Okulicz was a close second with a \$1,000 award. Christopher Pedersen received \$250, Bruce O'Keefe got \$200 and William Watson received \$25.

Anyone interested in participating in the program may call Suzanne Schmidt at ext. 2355.

Study group

Any reservist interested in participating in a study group for Course 8D and 8E, Senior NCO Academy Correspondence Course, please contact MSgt. Pamela Chaloux at ext. 3906 (439 CES) on 'A' or 'B' UTAs.

CFC reminder

The Combined Federal Campaign has collected \$20,000 toward their \$35,000 goal. Please give.

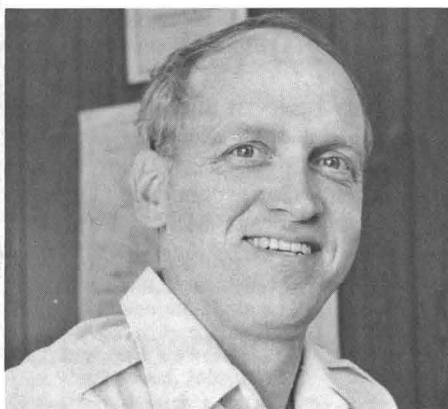


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HELPING HANDS – TSgt. Gary Pike, right, and members of the 439th CES ready their chemical warfare gear during a simulated air attack while at an October training scenario at Dogpatch. The

weekend training included about 160 participants, with members from the Aerial Ports, ALCF, Security Police, CES and Fire department, 74th AES, and MWRSS coordinating during the mock attacks.

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