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## Westover infrastructure updated

by Capt. Paul P. Koscak Jr.

It's 7:30 a.m. and Richard Lukasik Jr., an electrician with South Hadley's Lapinski Electric Inc., one of many subcontractors working to convert Westover's gym into a top-shelf health center, is perched on staging that thrusts him into the guts of the building's ceiling.

His hands, entwined like tentacles among the flow of wires and cables in the exposed structure, search for the proper connections, making sense of the boggling maze.

Meanwhile, nearly a mile away at the opposite end of the base, in what

was the Blue Room and Casual Bar of the Westover Club, another group—the drywallers—are on a staging. Each set of their performance turns brittle plasterboard into solid walls. Each deft stroke of their trowels turn dollops of paste into a smooth white finish. Rock music blares from a paint-splattered boombox, the only entertainment pulsating throughout the barren rooms.

Elsewhere, the dungeon-like work areas of Hangars 5 and 9, which for decades have characterized the base's aerial port facilities, have leaped from the 1930s to the 1990s. Stairways are refitted with energy-saving windows

and rubberized steps. Smart, climate-controlled, carpeted offices with dropped ceilings, recessed lighting and partitioned work stations have replaced gray metal desks arranged around brick walls with peeling paint.

These projects are just the tip of an unprecedented \$50 million renovation project—the genesis of a 21st-century military facility—that will keep contractors from Chicopee to Enfield, Conn. busy until the end of the decade. With 107 improvements ranging from roadside drainage to door repairs scheduled for this year alone, construction is expected to be

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### At the controls

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., sits at the controls of Westover's C-5 simulator during an official visit on March 30. The senator, a flying enthusiast, spent two and one half hours touring base facilities. Col. James P. Czekanski, commander of the 439th Airlift Wing is shown at rear. Bob Stewart, (foreground) test-pilot instructor for Flight Safety Services Corp. which operates the simulator.

*Photo by TSgt. Sandi Michon*



# Presidential mission thrills 439th SPs

by SSgt. Nancy Robbins

It was Saturday night - Peter Paul and Mary were providing the background music while SSgt. Michael Gallant was at home dancing in his living room with a lovely young lady - his 18-month daughter.

Right in the midst of it all, the shrill ring of the telephone stopped the dance cold, and marked the beginning of a memorable week for the security police specialist, a member of Westover's 439th Security Police Squadron.

"The call came from Capt. (Dan) Mays, our operations officer, who first asked me if I had a real sharp blue uniform," reflected Gallant.

Bemused, Gallant replied that he did indeed have one of those handy, and was then instructed that he was to report on Monday, March 11 for an early morning briefing here.

He then found out what his mission was: Westover was tasked to assign two SPs in Keene, N.H. to provide flightline security while President Clinton made a stop there.

Gallant, along with SrA. Michael Wysocki, a law enforcement specialist also with the 439th SPS, were chosen for the mission - and they were

agents and local law enforcement agencies.

Since the airport at Keene was so small, the President arrived in a DC-9, instead of his Air Force One (747), Gallant said.

"He landed about one hour behind schedule to a small crowd of media and local supporters, and he spent a considerable amount of time shaking hands and signing autographs," Gallant said.

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ecstatic.

"The overall operations went incredibly smooth for the President's three-hour visit. I was impressed," Gallant said.

The two SPs arrived in Keene on Monday afternoon, and received numerous briefings from the presidential security teams, Secret Service

said 'Glad to have you here'," Gallant said.

He returned to the plane at 2 p.m., and then was gone, Gallant said.

"I really felt proud to be there - we were treated really well, and with a lot of respect. It was just an outstanding experience," he said.

## Military personnel completes reorganization

by SSgt. Peter Hyde

The alphabet soup of military jargon got another stir recently, when Air Force officials announced a major reorganization of the Military Personnel Flight (MPF), formerly Consolidated Base Personnel Office (CBPO).

Airmen with personnel questions will now seek out the MPF to find answers, and in the process, may find new faces in unexpected places.

"Nothing was taken away under the roof," said Capt. Bill Baird, Officer in Charge at the MPF. "Personnel services may be in a different office from before, but when they get here, individuals will be directed to the right location."

Six new divisions were created under the plan, which was launched earlier this year to streamline active duty and reserve personnel functions.

The new categories include: Personnel Systems and Readiness, Customer Service, Career Enhance-

ment, Personnel Employment, Personnel Relocations, and Base Training and Education.

Acting Military Personnel Flight Chief CMSgt. Marge Basile explained that while the names have changed, the functions will remain very similar.

"Instead of Personnel Utilization, we now have Personnel Employment," she said. "And, for example, awards and decorations moved from customer service to Career Enhancement. It's going to be confusing for a little while."

In the meantime, senior officials at MPF noted that a learning curve is part of any major reorganization and urged customers to be patient.

"Until we learn to adapt to our new responsibilities, it's going to take a little time," said MSgt. Doreen Browner, chief of Career Enhancement. "But everyone in the office has picked up on their new duties very quickly."

The MPF is scheduled to move to new quarters, building 1875, as soon as renovations are completed later this spring.



## Ms. Hunt grabs Air Force personnel specialist award

by TSgt. Sandi Michon

While the ink was still drying on the AFRES award certificate, Carolann Hunt went on to capture the Air Force award as Civilian Personnel Specialist of the Year.

Hunt is positions classifications specialist at Westover. She was a key player in establishing human resource management systems at the base. She helped set up an automated system to track civilian pay expenditures to analyze where civilian pay dollars are spent. Her technical expertise with multiple software optimized various civilian personnel systems.

"She is a bright, articulate, and responsive individual. She steps up to any task assigned to her. She is enthusiastic and a creative problem solver," said Norm Lorange, civilian personnel officer.

Wing Commander, Col. James P. Czekanski, said that Hunt's award is a well-deserved recognition of her superior efforts and abilities. "We all take pride in her selection," he said.

As a positions classification specialist, Hunt advises commanders on authorized personnel, and the

grade structures within each unit. She has also trained budget group advisors, and devised programs to assist commanders.

"I was really surprised when they announced that I had actually won," said Hunt. "I'm still a PALACE acquire trainee and have been with the federal government less than three years. This just goes to show how well the people here at Westover have trained me."

Originally from York, Penn., Hunt earned both a bachelor of science degree and a masters in business administration from Penn State University. She was recruited through the Air Force PALACE Acquire Intern program, a prestigious, highly-selective management recruitment program. She has worked at Westover since 1991.

Hunt received her Air Force award at the Special Awards Banquet at the Worldwide Directors of Civilian Personnel Conference at Eglin AFB, Fla., on April 12.

Hunt and her husband Alan, reside in Westfield, Mass.



**Carolann Hunt**

## Civilian personnel reaps rewards for hard work

by TSgt. Sandi Michon

Westover's civilian personnel flight, and specific personnel employees, won the majority of fiscal year 93 AFRES civilian personnel awards.

One star player, Carolann Hunt, is the best civilian personnel specialist in the Air Force. (See related article.)

AFRES awarded Westover Civilian Flight of the Year, Civilian Personnel Officer of the Year, Civilian Personnel Specialist of the Year, and Intermediate Program Manager/Specialist of the Year.

Westover's consolidated civilian personnel flight, the first of three numbered Air Force flights throughout AFRES, was selected as Civilian Personnel Flight in the medium-large category. Westover's civilian personnel flight was the first flight to be operational. They began their new operation, which expanded their responsibilities, in October 1993.

"The cohesive teamwork involved

in the entire civilian personnel program came through on all the nominations," said Norm Lorange, civilian personnel officer. He cited the dedication, perseverance and responsiveness of his staff through a difficult transition period for the regionalization of AFRES CCPFs.

Lorange was selected Civilian Personnel Officer of the Year, but he was quick to transfer the praise to the whole team. He has served at Westover since June 1992, piloting civilian personnel through the conversion to numbered Air Force flights. He has over 27 years federal service, with 20 years civilian personnel experience.

Carolann Hunt is the Civilian Personnel Specialist of the Year at the AFRES level. She went on to win throughout Air Force.

Kathy Motley is AFRES Intermediate Program Manager/Specialist of the Year. She is training and employee development program manager. A graduate of Southwest Texas State

University, Motley was a Palace Acquire Intern. She came to Westover in 1987, and began her current job assignment in 1990.

Motley is credited with developing programs to monitor training, track training funds and employee skill records. She has served on Air Force Quality Assessment Teams, and has assisted in setting up training programs at other bases.

Criteria for the awards included planning and evaluation, technical expertise, innovation, public relations and equal employment opportunity initiatives and accomplishments.

"These awards are indicative of the overall outstanding service all of our civilian personnel specialists give on a daily basis," said Col. James P. Czekanski, wing commander. "I am proud to be part of an organization which has these professionals."

Lorange is pleased with the awards. "You don't win awards without effort. That goes without saying," he said.



# New oil blender saves environment, and money

Article and photo by  
SSgt. Nancy Robbins

Most people get the oil changed in their cars by simply cruising in and out of service stations, hardly giving a second thought as to where the used oil goes.

However, there are so many diesel-fueled government vehicles at Westover, that disposal of the waste has become a real problem, not only for monetary reasons, but for environmental reasons as well.

But thanks to an idea picked up at an Air Force Worldwide Pollution Prevention Conference last year the problem may soon be solved.

The new piece of equipment will save the base an estimated \$5,000 per year. The amount of savings to the environment is far more substantial.

The unit, currently up and running, is called a Diesel Oil Blending Unit. According to Roland Gregoire, a vehicle maintenance mechanic with the Transportation section, it mixes waste diesel with pure diesel. This mixture goes right back into the vehicles, eliminating the need for costly removal of the used fuel.

"The unit cost about \$2,700, and will easily pay for itself in less than a year," said Gregoire, who is credited with researching the idea, and following it through until the end result was produced.

He said Civil Engineer's Environmental Funds were used to purchase the unit, and that it was an overall joint Logistics Group effort, including the base fuels branch, from "drawing board to finish."

Gregoire explained that approximately 150 gallons of used/waste diesel crankcase oil can be blended per month. The cost of disposal of a 55 gallon drum is \$112, providing a savings per year of \$4,032.

Furthermore, Gregoire said, additional savings will be realized in actual fuel costs, totaling approximately \$1,284 yearly.

The minimum total yearly savings for this recycling program is \$5,326, Gregoire said.



**TEST RUN** — Martin Vogt, Roland Gregoire and Maj. Bill Friedhofer take the new fuel blending unit for a test run. The unit will save the base over \$5,000 during the first year of operation.

Another advantage, said Gregoire, is that the unit can be run by a one-person team.

"The unit is mounted on a trailer, which is easily towed to the service station. It only requires one person to

complete the blending job, which takes a few hours in the cold weather," Gregoire said.

The base also recycles antifreeze, and crushes used oil and fuel filters, he added.

## Empowerment is key to quality

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

Empowerment is the method by which we should conduct our day-to-day business, for maximum effectiveness and productivity. It means providing you, our trained professionals, with the tools and the decision-making authority to get the job done correctly the first time.

Empowerment makes you "trusted agents." It sends the

message that you have our complete confidence to make sound decisions that will benefit the organization.

In this time of budget cut-

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backs, restructuring, base closures and realignments, we must use every tool available to maintain our readiness and combat capability. Empowerment is one of the most important of these tools.



## Motley ends 42-year association with Air Force

By MSgt. Tom Allocco

Robert Motley, whose quiet demeanor understated his accomplishments as chief of airfield management during a decade of challenge, was feted by friends at a retirement luncheon in March.

During his career as assistant airfield manager for three years and manager since 1985, Motley earned a reputation for gentlemanly conduct and rock solid dependability. His management style was key in overcoming adversities from nor'easters to wartime speedups to keep open the longest runway east of the Mississippi.

Motley was responsible for maintenance and operation of Westover's two runways and related facilities despite New England weather and the unique demands of the largest cargo aircraft in the U.S.

During his tenure he helped smooth the transition from C-130s to Galaxies and the installation of de-icing, communications and other new technology.

When Westover went to war in 1990-91, Motley supervised stepped-up activities when the airfield handled 1,800 C-5 sorties, 32,000 troops and 80,000 tons of cargo.

"Desert Shield and Storm proved that Westover is a valuable resource which can function during any crisis," Motley said.

"The base functioned like clockwork. Traffic went from a few overseas missions a month to 15 to 20 a day," he said.

Motley's retirement on April 1 capped a career which started as a 19 year old airman basic who took the train

from his Brooklyn home to boot camp at the old Samson AFB, N.Y. in 1952. After serving as an enlisted man, he earned his commission and navigator's wings in 1954.

As a C-119 navigator he once flew from North Carolina to the Aleutian Islands, waited a week for favorable winds and proceeded on a 14-hour leg across the Northern Pacific to Japan.

During the early years of the space program Motley participated in experiments to retrieve objects descending from the stratosphere. His C-119 intercepted parachuted objects dropped from balloons. The crew's job was to snatch the objects from the sky with hooks attached to the aircraft.

In 1957 Motley joined the reserve 514th TAW at Mitchell AFB, N.Y., and became an ART and chief navigator with the 904th MAG at Stewart AFB, N.Y. in 1966.

He was recalled to active duty for 18 months when the North Koreans seized the USS Pueblo in January, 1968.

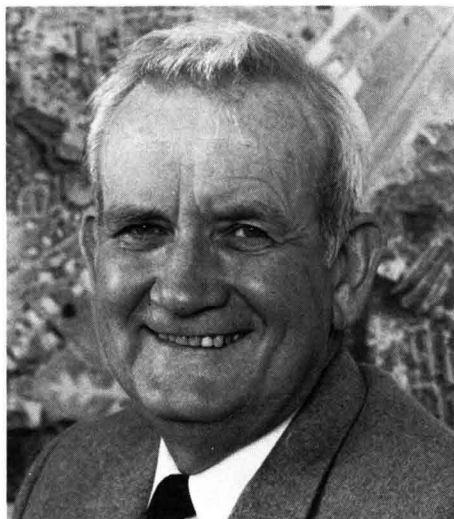
Motley came to Westover in 1970 and helped develop the drop zone in the Dogpatch area when C-130s replaced C-124s here. He became operations of-

ficer and deputy commander of the 337th TAS in 1978.

In 1982 Motley retired from the Air Force Reserve as a master navigator with the rank of lieutenant colonel. During his flying career he accumulated more than 7,500 flying hours in the C-119, C-124 and C-130, including service in Vietnam.

He has served as chairman of Westover's Combined Federal Campaign and vice chairman of the celebration of Westover's 50th anniversary and the Chicopee centennial.

He and his wife, Lois, reside in Wilbraham.



Robert Motley

## Patriot Wing saddles up for Rodeo '94 challenge

by MSgt. Tom Allocco

Patriot Wing aircrew, aerial port, maintenance and security police members are preparing to compete in the Rodeo '94 airdrop and refueling competition at McChord AFB, Wash, June 25 to July 2.

Lt. Col. David Moore will be team leader and Lt. Col. Sandy Whittier will be aircraft commander at the international competition.

Westover's team will match its skills against 17 other Reserve teams and also teams from representing the active duty Air Force, Air National

Guard, Marine Corps and 12 allied nations. More than 1,800 men and women will vie for awards in flying, maintenance, combat control, aerial port and security police events.

According to Team Leader Moore, the whole team is looking forward to the competition. "We're going to McChord to show the world that the 439th Airlift Wing is the best unit in the U.S. Air Force," said Moore.

Rodeo '93 will bring together C-5, C-130, C-141, KC-135 and KC-10 aircraft. Aircrew events will consist of airdrops, aerial refueling, tactical navigation, cargo loading and short-

field landings.

Last year was the first time the rodeo was open C-5 competition.

The Westover team which competed in Rodeo '93 at Little Rock AFB, Ark. came home with a first place in combat patrol security police event and second place aerial refueling event. Before 1986 Patriot Wing C-130 teams competed annually at Pope AFB, N.C. airlift rodeos.

The C-17 Globemaster will not compete at Rodeo '93, but will demonstrate its capabilities for rodeo participants.



# GERMANY: A training ground for CES

Article and photo by  
SSgt. Christine Mora

Beneath the deafening roar of jackhammers ripping apart concrete floors, the reservists attacked the walls with sledge hammers, demolishing them one by one.

The building was part of a post-WWII French military compound, and 439th civil engineers were "cleaning house," to transform the aging structure into a state-of-the-art fitness center.

A few miles away, heavy equipment operators manned mighty backhoes that were digging into concrete like it was beach sand.

Others spent their time 30 feet in the air of a cold, dank warehouse, trying to bring some light and warmth into their dreary 20,000 square-foot workplace.

Their cohorts were busy in a small, nearby German village, putting the finishing touches on Weiherstrasse, a housing project that saved the Air Force \$1.4 million.

Variety was the spice of annual tour life for ninety-four reservists from the 439th Civil Engineering Squadron when they deployed to Bitburg AB, Germany in March.

The unit rotated two groups for two week periods each.



**LIGHTING THE WAY** -- SSgt. Stephen Patuano, left, and TSgt. Richard Sandman, install lighting in a warehouse in Bitburg Germany, during a two-week annual tour deployment.

During wartime, the CES members deploy to a forward operating base to perform base maintenance and battle-damage repair. Because conflict can arise anywhere the engineers must be prepared to respond to any environment.

"It is important for our unit to keep up with the current methods and materials of the locations we might be deployed to," said SMSgt. Joe Cullen, project manager. "Whether we're sent to Europe, Central America or backfilling units in the U.S., we have to be prepared."

Being prepared means learning how to adapt, Cullen said, and the civil engineers did plenty of that in Germany.

"We encountered many challenges during our tour in Germany," Cullen said. "For example, many of the construction products we used were German and consequently so were the instructions. The Germans also use different building methods and are very adamant that we adhere to them."

"Our carpenters and draftsmen had to get used to using the metric system and our electricians had to be cognizant of the difference in European voltage," he added.

Although Bitburg AB will close this year, their housing will be used to support personnel at nearby Spangdahlen AB. The Westover reservists worked on several housing projects including the innovative Weiherstrasse, a plan that utilized Reserve and Guard forces instead of outside contractors to save the Air Force \$1.4 million.

"We couldn't have done the Weiherstrasse project without the help of the Reserve and Guard," Lt. Col. Tom Rayburn, commander of the 36th Civil Engineering Squadron at Bitburg. "The apartments will house E-1 to E-3 airmen who don't normally receive on-base housing and thus, will save them a lot of money in off-base costs." The colonel added that the project was the biggest troop labor force in Europe.

Civil engineers also converted the interior of a building in the "French Kaserne," a former military compound, into a fitness center for future residents of the Bitburg housing area. They tore down walls and ripped out plumbing and tile work to create an empty shell. Then they paneled walls, put down tile work and installed lighting and rough plumbing.

While their colleagues worked out in the fitness center, the roads and grounds personnel focused their attention on the playground. Heavy equipment operators dug out the foundations of a wooden play area and loaded the separate pieces onto a flatbed truck. After digging and pouring new foundations in the Weiherstrasse Housing Area, they transported and installed the playground.

Several 439th engineers spent two weeks in a cold, dingy, metal warehouse where they installed insulation





**HELPING HANDS --** SSgt. Mark Boganski, top photo, directs a back hoe operator in excavation work. In the photo at right, MSgt. Paul Bates, top, and MSgt. Dawn Schile complete interior work on a building at Bitburg AB, Germany.

onto the walls and ceiling of the 20,000 square-foot structure. Meanwhile, electricians used an electrical platform truck to apply three strips of lighting down the ceiling of the warehouse.

"It sure was a challenging job," said SMSgt. John Galbraith, project superintendent. "The warehouse was full, so we were constantly moving storage with forklifts as we complete sections of insulation and lighting."

The 439th engineers also worked on assorted projects at Spangdahlen AB, including paving trenches and building foundations.

"This tour was very characteristic of most our unit participates in," Cullen said. "Some people are gaining new experiences, while others are honing their skills."





# Renovations usher base into 21st century

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a common sight.

Among this year's big changes: The supply building will become an automated, air-conditioned facility where computer-directed conveyor belts fetch all manner of equipment and clothing.

The theater will become both an entertainment and teleconference center linking Westover to limitless facilities.

Construction of a Services office with a Four Seasons rental center, a 16,000-square-foot medical training complex and a new military personnel facility is also planned.

"I don't think there's a building on base that won't have something going on," Base Civil Engineer Leroy R. Clink said. "We're looking to be able to respond to any contingency."

Vice Wing Commander Col. James P. Gallin said the improvements will also enhance Westover's role as the Northeast Air Station, an interservice training center for both active and reserve forces. Westover stands to profit from the concept, he said, because fees will be charged to use base facilities.

"We're trying to improve the quality of life on the base for both the people who work here and for those in transit," Gallin said.

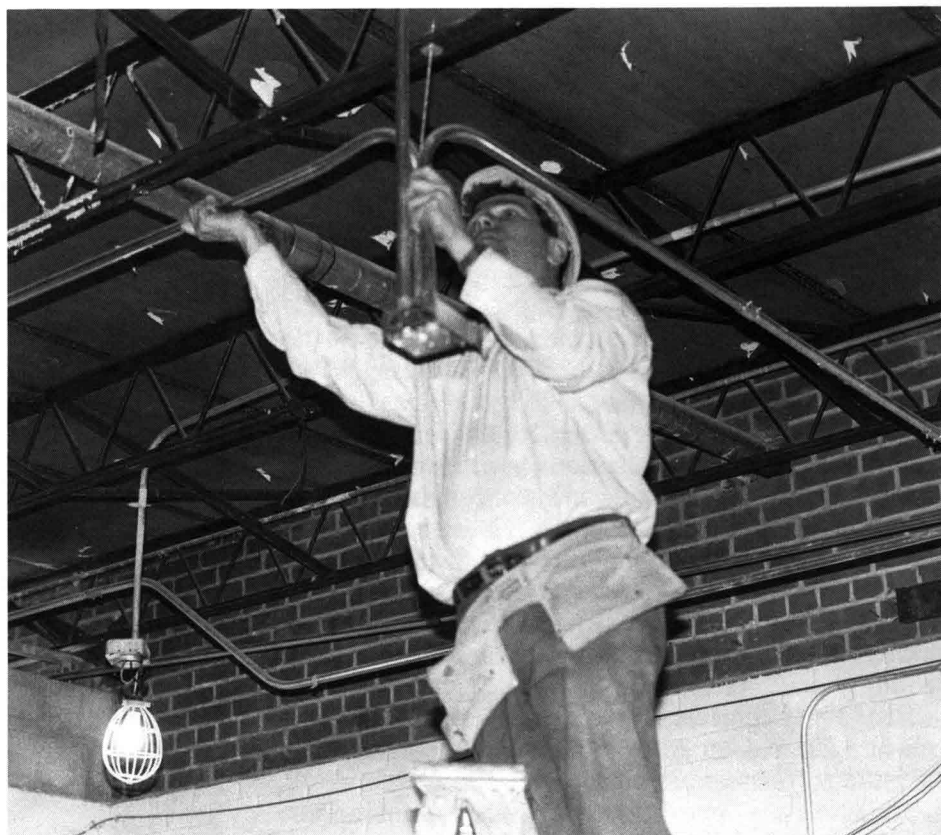
But there's more.

As another wave of base closings loom, the improvements give Westover a special advantage over less efficient bases. All those new walls, floors, ceilings and tons of insulation slash operational costs.

Clink said the Defense Department's Base Realignment and Closure Commission weighs expenses when evaluating military facilities. That's why, he said, there's a push to complete the bulk of Westover's renovations before 1995, when the next--and supposedly the largest--round of



**MEN AT WORK** -- The Westover Club's renovated ballroom now features a rebuilt stage adorned with a new canopy. Workers in top photo put the finishing touches on their handiwork. Below, Richard Lukasik of South Hadley's Lapinski Electric Inc. routes cable and wires at the base gym.



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## Driscoll on Air Force Outstanding Airman list

by SSgt. Nancy Robbins

MSgt. Robert E. Driscoll, non-commissioned officer in charge of nursing services at the 439th USAF Clinic here has been selected as one of five Air Force Reserve (AFRES) airmen vying for honors in the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airman of the Year competition.

Driscoll, who was recently promoted, is no stranger to the award arena, having been selected as base NCO of the quarter, base NCO of the year, and clinic NCO of the year.

He was also a distinguished honor graduate of the six-week NCO Academy at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., and received the Air Force Commendation Medal.

"MSgt. Driscoll is and has been an exceptional individual, but this past year he's really been on a roll," said Chief Nurse Lt. Col. Sara Waterman.

"He is the most dedicated person I've been associated with, who is always available when the need arises. He is very deserving of this nomination," Waterman said.

Nominations are based only on achievement during the past calendar year, but since nominees are representatives of the Air Force enlisted force, they must be able to stand the test of a "whole life/whole career" scrutiny, Waterman said.

The AFRES nominees will compete against nominees from other major commands, field oper-



**MSgt. Robert Driscoll**

ating agencies, and direct reporting units for selection as Air Force outstanding airmen.

The Air Force usually announces the results of the competition in June, while the top airmen each year are honored at a September ceremony in Washington, D.C.

## Construction projects

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base closings is expected.

The restoration will do more than improve buildings. It will change the base's character. Most of the construction is tied to Westover 2000, the base engineering and land use plan developed by Civil Engineering.

The plan calls for the elimination of about 20 percent of the base's streets, the expansion of parking lots and the removal of most World War II-era buildings.

"There are too many roads," Clink said. "That should cut down 20 percent to 30 percent of the maintenance."

Landscaping is planned to enhance the base's appearance.

Also, Westover's ancient 50-year-old water system will be replaced.

Clink said about \$10 million will be spent this year on construction.

Much, though, has been done.

The \$800,000 renovation of the base club is nearly complete. The new, upscale image is accented by its sparkling walls, fresh carpets and lighting. The \$1.9 million Shoppette convenience mart and Class Six liquor store that opened in February is already a base fixture. The Spartan 1950s-vintage dormitory in Building 5101 now seems like one huge living room. Brightly lit hallways with new carpets and inviting day rooms with plants, upholstered furniture and consoled color televisions mirror what all quar-

ters will eventually feature.

Other highlights of the plan include:

- ☐ **Developing a memorial site on the center island between the Main Gate and the Ellipse. The area will include walking paths, a monument and reflecting pool**
- ☐ **Reconstructing the road and base entrance at the Industrial Gate to improve access and appearance**
- ☐ **Changing much of the runway from asphalt to concrete**
- ☐ **Constructing a new control tower**
- ☐ **Constructing an aerial port facility in Hangar 3 for both cargo and passenger training.**



## Patriot People

**Name:** Denise White  
**Rank:** SSgt.  
**Age:** 36  
**Address:** Pittsfield, Mass.  
**Unit:** 58th APS  
**Position:** Crew chief  
**Civilian position:** Longterm care biller  
**Favorite food:** Italian  
**Years of service:** 5  
**Favorite sport:** Racquetball  
**Favorite hobby:** Working out  
**Ideal vacation:** Tropical island  
**Best way to relax:** Long rides  
**Preferred entertainment:** Dining out  
**Favorite celebrity:** Mel Gibson  
**Favorite music:** Variety (except heavy metal)  
**Favorite book:** Any by Sidney Sheldon  
**Favorite color:** Blue  
**Favorite car:** '57 Chevy  
**Pet peeve:** Wasted time  
**Best thing about Westover:** People  
**Worst thing about Westover:** Temperature in billeting



SSgt. Denise White

SSgt. Peter Hyde

## SGLI premium rates increase in July

Service members will pay up to \$2 more each month for their Servicemen's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) beginning in July, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Premiums will be hiked by one cent per \$1,000 coverage, which will mean an increase from \$8 to \$9 for \$100,000 of coverage. Fifty-five percent of those eligible carry the maximum of \$200,000, and 40 percent carry \$100,000 in coverage.

The additional penny charge marks the first time SGLI premiums have been raised. In 1984, the rate dropped from 11.6 cents to 8 cents per \$1,000 of coverage during a period of relatively high return on investments.

The increase is needed to maintain the break-even point, Veterans Affairs officials said.

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SMSgt. Barrick, Michael C.  
 SMSgt. Ryan, Thomas J.  
 SMSgt. Szewc, John F.  
 MSgt. Coffey, Francis J.  
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 MSgt. Greenwood, Roland F.  
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 MSgt. Sweet, Richard R.  
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 TSgt. Chaples, Byron T. Jr.  
 TSgt. Coughlin, Warren M.  
 TSgt. Craft, Carl E.  
 TSgt. Deffley, James J.  
 TSgt. Edwards, Michael A.  
 TSgt. Flynn, Robert F. Jr.  
 TSgt. Galzia, Dominick A.  
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 TSgt. Kent, Lawrence G.  
 TSgt. Kohler, Kurt C.  
 TSgt. Mancini, Anita L.  
 TSgt. Monalto, Jack E.  
 TSgt. Moore, Wayne A.  
 TSgt. Nelson, Jack E.  
 TSgt. Serra, James M.  
 TSgt. Zina, Victor R.  
 SSgt. Alfano, Tracy A.  
 SSgt. Allen, Wayne T.  
 SSgt. Bicho, Janet M.  
 SSgt. Blauvelt, George W.

## Patriot Praises

SSgt. Bussiere, Carol A.  
 SSgt. Cadran, Michael F.  
 SSgt. Carreira, Adelino B.  
 SSgt. Case, Ronald S.  
 SSgt. Charlebois, John A.  
 SSgt. Curley, Michael J.  
 SSgt. Czmyr, Mark A.  
 SSgt. Egan, Matthew J.  
 SSgt. Emmons, Brian A.  
 SSgt. Fannin, Nevin C.  
 SSgt. Golenski, Michael J.  
 SSgt. Healy, Michael Jr.  
 SSgt. Lawson, Laurie A.  
 SSgt. Levesque, Robert M.  
 SSgt. Linton, Robert B.  
 SSgt. Marchand, Gary F.  
 SSgt. Morales, Belitza  
 SSgt. Murphy, Douglas M.  
 SSgt. NII, Richard T.  
 SSgt. Ream, Norma D.  
 SSgt. Robinson, Trevor O.  
 SSgt. Santana, Angel  
 SSgt. Savarese, Lawrence J.  
 SSgt. Searles, Annette L.  
 SSgt. Slade, Theresa E.  
 SSgt. Tolar, Floyd L.  
 SSgt. Viens, Ronald R.  
 SSgt. Yuhas, Timothy B.

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## Westover Open House August 27 -28

Featuring the Canadian Snowbirds  
and the U.S. Army's Golden Knights



## Integrity is our strength

The Air Force Academy will require this year's crop of new cadets to take an introductory course on ethics and values.

The course follows a widely perceived erosion of basic values at every level of society and calls for renewal of personal integrity. The confidence of Americans who put their faith in institutions has been shaken by a tattoo of revelations of corruption in the traditional pillars of society's values.

When others fail to live up to their professed values, we must fall back on the moral compass of our personal integrity. A free and open society is as strong as the individual's integrity.

It may be inevitable that the role of institutions in setting values should decline in a nation founded on respect for individual decision-making. Our Constitution acknowledges the role of the individual in shaping their own lives with its first words "We the people." As Americans, we favor the image of the embattled farmer at Lexington, the pioneer family, or the civil rights activist acting courageously on their own individual values, sometimes against society's encrusted institutions.

Trust in the good moral judgment of citizens makes us militarily strong.

That's why the Air Force Academy teaches ethics. The cadets are heirs to our American heritage of trusting the individual's ability to reason and follow a code of personal integrity.

### *Editorial*

A grounding in a moral code based on personal integrity is important for everyone. It can't be imposed from outside or achieved by slogans or accepting doctrines and rules to avoid punishment.

True personal integrity comes from the free and intelligent acceptance of values because they enhance us as individuals. This is the basis of our core values of honor, courage and respect.

From this flows our strength.

In the words of Lt. Gen. Bradley C. Hosmer, superintendent of the Air Force Academy, "Preserving personal integrity in the Air Force is tough--the gray areas are big and the real-world temptations to shade integrity can be very strong. But only with integrity--with implicit trust and unquestioned dependability on the part of every member of every unit--can we build the world's most respected air and space force."

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## Briefs

### Fire prevention awards presented

Four Westover work areas were honored by Fire Chief Joseph Longworth and Assistant Chief Phil Boyer for their participation in the base's Fire Prevention Program.

Taking first place was the base Transportation section while Civilian Personnel and Logistics/Plans were runners-up. The Westover Club was presented an award of recognition.

### Blood drive planned

A blood drive is scheduled for Sunday, June 5 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Base Hangar.

First Lieutenant John J. Ryan, who is in charge of the event, may be reached at Ext. 3465.

### CQCQCQCQ

Amateur radio operators interested in organizing a MARS event for Westover's open house Aug. 27 and 28, are asked to contact:

Jan McLeish (N1KFG) at Ext. 2740; Eric Tuller (N1QKO) at Ext. 3993, or Todd Panico (N1MHM) at Ext. 2387. They are available from 3 to 11 p.m.

### Civilian clothes OK

**SCOTT AFB, ILL.** -- The Air Force Uniform Board has approved the wear of civilian clothing by Air Force members while traveling aboard Air Force and commercial contract aircraft regardless of duty status or destination.

The action results from an Air Mobility Command recommendation as a quality service to people initiative, an AMC news release said.



# Employer orientation flights scheduled

by MSgt. Gordon A. Newell

The 439th Airlift Wing will conduct Employer Appreciation Days during the July and September UTAs this year.

Because of the tremendous response to this event in 1993, the Wing will be split this year. Reservists assigned to the 439th Operations Group, the 439th Medical Group and Wing Headquarters are scheduled for July while members of the 439th Logistics Group and the 439th Support Group will have their day in September. All events will be held on Saturdays of both the A and B UTAs.

Reservists may accompany their employer to the 337th Airlift Wing briefing room in the Base Hangar for registration by 8:30 a.m. Activities will end at approximately 4 p.m. Reservists are asked to invite their immediate supervisor only. Employers will be welcomed to have lunch at the base dining facility or at the Westover Club.

Employers will participate in information briefings, spend time in work areas with reservists and take part in an orientation flight aboard a C-5A. Reservists will not fly on the orientation flight. Each reservist is limited to one employer.

"Without the continued support of employers, the Air Force Reserve

would not be able to complete its mission," said Col. James P. Czekanski, commander of the 439th AW.

Reservists are asked to register their boss by completing the form

printed on this page and returning it to the Public Affairs Office, 100 Lloyd St. East Wing, Suite 103 by June 15.

## EMPLOYER APPRECIATION DAY APPLICATION

Employer's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's job title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company name and address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Reservist (name, rank and unit): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Reservist's phone numbers:

Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_ Duty \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of UTA:

"A" UTA (July 9) \_\_\_\_\_ "B" UTA (July 23) \_\_\_\_\_

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