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SSgt. Vin Blanchard

N.E. Patriots' logo adorns 439th C-5s

by MSgt. Tom Allocco

The New England Patriots may have lost their Super Bowl bid, but their logo is carried worldwide, compliments of Westover's C-5s.

The stylized image of the New England Patriot in colonial cap that represents the football team has become an emblem of the Patriot Wing.

The New England Patriots' logo, seen on commercial products from sweat shirts to drinking glasses, is now on the tail of the Patriot Wing's Galaxies. The 439th AW is borrowing the football team's logo to also symbolize the wing's own values and roots in New England.

The logo is added to the tail stripes recently authorized by Air Force regulations. Westover's C-5s currently sport a red and blue tail stripe

and also a blue and white version.

The first New England Patriots logo was painted on the tail of the wing's battleship gray painted aircraft. The wing's other Galaxies will eventually be repainted gray and carry the emblem of the New England Patriots football team.

The football team logo on the Patriot Wing aircraft came out of a suggestion from Col. Hal Lawrence, 439th Logistics commander, after the newly developed emblem was unveiled last summer. It replaced the old Patriots' logo of a man dressed in colonial garb with a football.

Lawrence noted that many at Westover were impressed by the red, white and blue colors and swept back look of the new colonial figure. Following inquiries, the Patriots and NFL Properties Inc. gave permission

for the Patriot Wing to use their commercial logo without charge.

Galaxies of the 433rd AW at Kelly AFB, San Antonio, Texas, display the Alamo. The 105th AW Galaxies at Stewart Airport, N.Y. have the "Big Apple," representing proximity to New York City. Two other units have borrowed the emblems of football teams to represent their loyalty to their region. C-130s in Minneapolis - St. Paul Airport have the Vikings and B-52s from Fairchild AFB, Washington are embellished with the Seattle Seahawks' logo.

The Patriots, under second-year coach Bill Parcells, came from a 3-6 record, to finish the regular season at 10-6. Although they lost to the Cleveland Browns in the playoff round, they won the hearts of New Englanders who are looking to Super Bowl 1996.

CFC

Base donates \$33,360 to CFC

Westover's recently concluded Combined Federal Campaign collected \$33,360 during the 1994 drive that ran from September through December.

"I'm a bit disappointed that we didn't reach our goal," said Bill Podworny, who co-ordinated the drive along with Cynde Fairchild. "But we learned a lot and we're already planning strategy for next year."

The base-wide goal was \$36,000 but Podworny says several factors contributed to the 93 percent response.

"Nationally, contributions to charitable organizations have been down this year. We also had an unusu-

ally large number of long-time employees retire during 1994. It takes a while for the new replacements to find out what the drive is all about."

Of the 1022 full-time workers on base, 452 contributed to the drive, he explained.

"The average donation was nearly \$10 more than in 1993 and we had 16 Supergivers (those who pledge one percent of their annual salaries), so there were some positives as well as negatives," Fairchild said.

Podworny praised the efforts of Fairchild and, key workers, Sue Alexander and Sue Flanagan. "We've got the nucleus of a good team and I'm sure next year, we can do even better,"

MPF computer link will cut waiting time

by Capt. Paul P. Koscak Jr.

The Military Personnel Flight folks know what a UTA means: that most jobs need to get done in two days. So every minute counts. Now, instead of interrupting your job, driving to Building 1875 and waiting in customer service lines, you'll only need to walk to your orderly room.

Thanks to Personnel Concepts III, a computer system that allows access to personnel files from anywhere on the base, most routine tasks such as alpha-roster changes, documenting awards and decorations or updating weight records can be accomplished

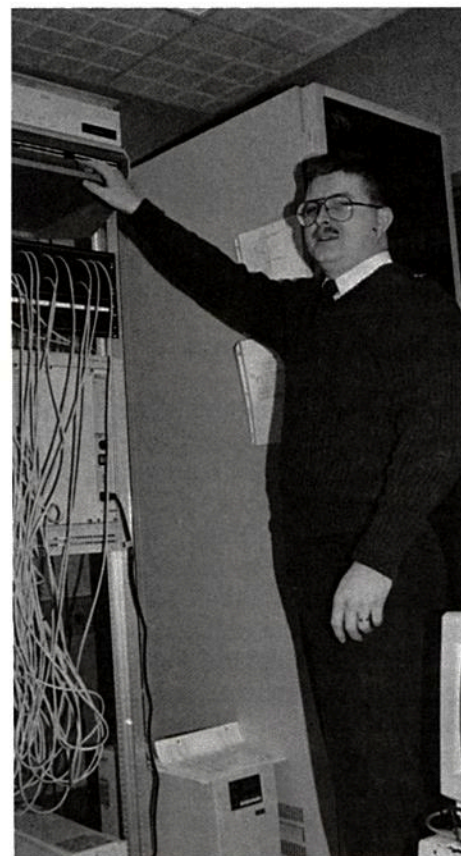
within the unit.

The change begins immediately.

"It will enhance the commander's decision-making process," 1st Lt. David R. Calland, chief of the 439th MPF said.

Calland said he expects a "drastic drawdown" in his staff as a result of the automated system. But he also expects most of those leaving personnel will find similar administrative jobs in other units.

In addition to giving more control to commanders and orderly room staff, PC III will save paper, converting tons of forms, letters and documents to electronic commands.



Capt. Paul Koscak

PAPER SAVER -- SSgt. Robert McGraw demonstrates how the Personnel Concepts III computer works. The system is devised to cut down on long lines and paper use.

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Archambeau captures Air Force award

Article and photo
by TSgt. Sandi Michon

As medical readiness NCO at the 439th MDS, SMSgt. William Archambeau has spent the past ten years teaching others to be ready for any contingency. But he was not prepared for the praise lavished on him as Air Force Outstanding Medical Readiness NCO.

What began as an additional duty assignment in 1984, culminated in AFRES and Air Force awards for excellence for Archambeau.

Only two Reservists have ever won the Air Force-level award, and both were from Westover. Lt. Col. Terry Flynn won the Air Force Outstanding Medical Readiness Officer last year. He is with the 722nd ASTS, a geographically separated unit previously designated the 34th APSS.

"We never set out to win awards, pass inspections, or get by on regulations. We always put the medical mission as the priority, and went above and beyond regulations to pursue the highest level of readiness," said Archambeau, of the 97-member clinic.

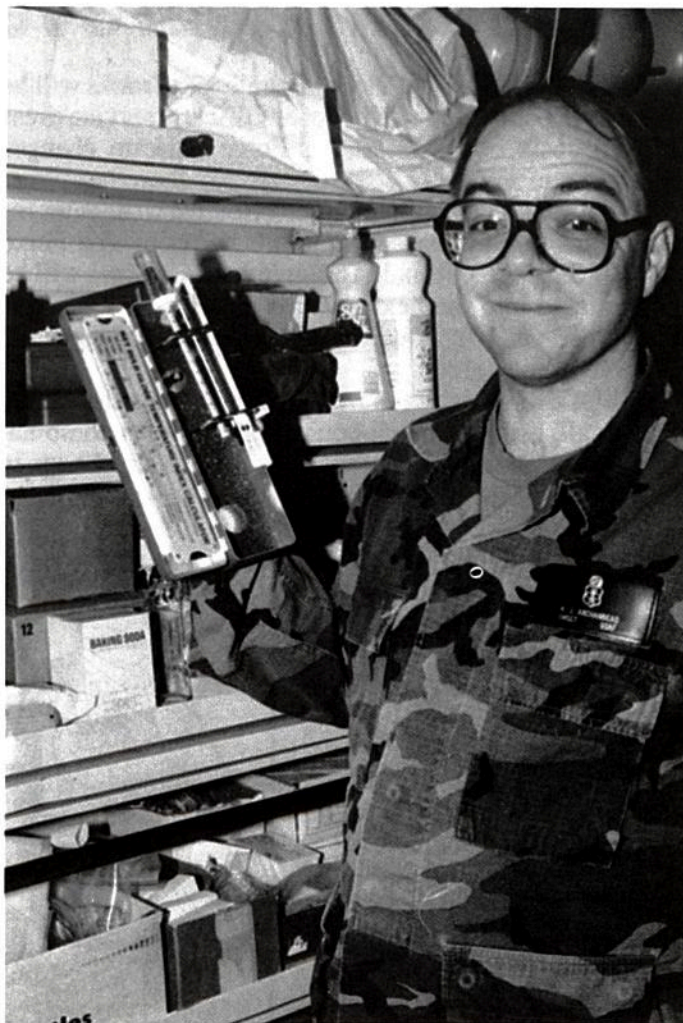
"Seriously," he said, "the reason we did so well, is because it is a team effort." Archambeau said he worked closely with Capt. Bob Sousa, 439th MDS administrator and Readiness OIC. "He [Sousa] had the vision, and I provided the technical support," said Archambeau. Sousa, who received honorable mention at both AFRES and Air Force level, has a master's degree in business administration, and is head of the English department at a Peabody, Mass. high school. Archambeau said Sousa's drive for quality was a determining factor in the readiness award. "Any readiness award means that everyone involved in the training took their role seriously," he said.

Although reticent to receive recognition, Archambeau brims with enthusiasm when discussing medical readiness. "Well-trained medical staff can mean the difference between life and death. People put their lives on the line, and we need the skills to serve them," he said.

While the 439th MDS is not a mobility unit, they support the wing, and individually volunteer for missions all over the world. Their last annual tour to Honduras was a classic opportunity to practice a wide variety of skills not normally required. "We need to avoid tunnel vision and be ready for any contingency," he said. "The key to readiness is flexibility."

"We look at readiness as a process, with all the individual pieces aimed at that goal," said Archambeau. He said nothing is treated as an isolated event, but that each requirement impacts the whole mission. Specialists are expected to know their own function, and how it fits into the whole team.

"Readiness is not merely filling a square, but is shaped when actual learning takes place," he said. "We utilize the skills of our people, and create programs. We give quarterly classes instead of annual. It keeps the instructors



SMSgt. William Archambeau

sharp and bombards members with critical information. We are not a 'pencil-whipping' outfit."

The Clinic's medical readiness program is held up as a model throughout the Air Force system. Archambeau, who is superintendent of bioenvironmental engineering services, has been tasked to help many other units to adopt Westover's program.

Col. Warner E. Jones, 439th MDS commander, praised Archambeau's attention to detail, and his benefit to the whole squadron. "He has developed innovative ideas for teaching and exercises, and he makes sure that everyone receives training, even if it requires duplicate sessions. I am very proud of his having received such a well-deserved honor," Jones said.

Even though Archambeau quipped that he had received the award because they selected alphabetically, he is proud of his unit. "I believe in the Air Force," he said.

Archambeau is married to Donna (Hunter) and they reside in Ludlow, Mass. with their children Erika, John and Cynthia.

U.S. insignia back

Fogleman approves uniform changes

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Epaulets and ranks will be return to the shoulder of Air Force Officers' service dress uniform coats in the latest Air Force uniform changes announced recently.

The following are guidance and effective wear dates for uniform changes proposed in late October by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman. Changes will be incorporated into the next revision of AFI 36-2903 (formerly AFR 35-10); however, the following changes are effective immediately:

RIBBONS - Air Force members now have the option to wear all, some or no ribbons on all uniform combinations where ribbons are authorized. There is no change in the location of the ribbons.

BADGES - There are four categories of badges: occupational, aeronautical, duty and miscellaneous. A maximum of four earned badges may be worn on service uniforms as follows:

Left side of uniform above the ribbons, or pocket if ribbons are not worn. All badges except the duty badge can be worn in this position. Service members may wear a maximum of two, any combination - it's their choice. Center badge one-half inch above the top row of ribbons. If ribbons are not worn, center badge one-half inch above the pocket or same relative position if there is no pocket. Center additional badge on-half inch above the first one. If more than one badge is worn, wear the badge with the highest precedence in the top position.

Left side below the pocket. Only one badge (duty, miscellaneous or missile) can be worn in this position. Center badge one and one-half inches below the top of the welt on the pocket on the new service dress coat. There is no change to the location on the old service dress coat of the light blue shirt or blouse.

Right side of uniform. Wear only one duty or miscellaneous badge in this position. Center the badge between the lapel and the arm seam with the bottom edge of the badge parallel to the top of the dress coat, men center below the pocket flap and women center on the light blue shirt or blouse. The duty badge may be worn after a person leaves the organization if authorized by the awarding authority.

NEW CHEVRONS - They may be worn on the old

service dress coat. Although either old or new style chevrons may be worn on most uniform combinations, only the new style chevrons may be worn on the new service dress coat. For now, only new chevrons are available for purchase from military clothing sales stores; however, old style chevrons are still available at no cost to the individual through the supply system.

U.S. INSIGNIA - Everyone, officers and enlisted, will wear the same design on both service dress coats - the highly-polished insignia without the circle. The insignia may be worn as soon as it is available for purchase. As with the old uniform, align the bottom of the insignia halfway up the seam of the collar, resting on, but not over, the horizontal with the ground. Mandatory wear date is 1 June 1995. Until then, enlisted have the option of wearing insignia either with or without a circle on the old service dress coat. Only the insignia without a circle may be worn on the new service dress coat.

EPAULETS AND RANK - Both will return to the shoulder of Air Force officers' service dress uniform coats in the latest Air Force uniform change announced 29 December. Enlisted members will continue to use the uniform without epaulets. The new officer coat with epaulets will be available for

sale in limited quantities in military clothing sales stores by September 1995. In March 1995, AAFES will offer a retrofit program for officers who want to convert their new wool blend service coat rather than wait to purchase the modified coat in the fall. An epaulet will be sewn to the top of the coat at the shoulder and fastened at the neck with a button in a method similar to the old polyester service coat. When the program begins in March, officers should take their current coat to their local military clothing sales store to request a conversion.

NEW TROUSERS/SLACKS - Also announced were new "washable" polyester trousers for men and slacks for women. The new polyester trousers and slacks, in shade 1625, are intended for daily wear with the service coat and should be available as an optional uniform purchase item in military clothing sales stores by late spring 1995. The shade 1625 fabric was approved for the Air Force maternity uniform. A requirement for a new polyester skirt will be considered at the January 1995 Uniform Board.



Reservists cash in credits with CCAF

by TSgt. Sandi Michon

In the early history of our military, enlisted soldiers could barely read and write, and the scholastic gap between officers and enlisted was wide.

Today, education is the benchmark of military readiness, and the educational differences between enlisted and officer ranks are beginning to blur.

Enlisted personnel at Westover cover a broad spectrum educationally. Hundreds have baccalaureate degrees, some have masters degrees, and nearly 300 have associates degrees.

But 57 percent of Westover's enlisted personnel are enrolled in the Community College of the Air Force on their way to associate degrees.

Education is critical to a competitive edge in today's military and civilian environments, and Westover's Education Office has been a beehive of activity. Reservists are investigating the Community College of the Air Force as a way to translate military experience and education into college credits.

CCAF awards degrees in 68 Air Force specialties, and the number of Westover graduates is rising yearly.

"In today's age of downsizing, every advantage counts toward a possible promotion, and education level is a highly-weighted factor," said SSgt. Mike Wright, education technician, and CCAF administrator. Wright, and his associate, TSgt. Gordon Edmonds, are examples of enlisted educational credentials. Wright is a teacher with a bachelor and master degree, and Wright is a bank vice president with a bachelor degree in business administration.

"Many of our airmen are highly-motivated individuals; often they are enrolled in bachelor programs while in the Reserve," said Wright. "Even reservists who already have traditional degrees in other fields, are applying credits toward a CCAF degree in their Air Force specialty."

CCAF is a unique program that translates Air Force technical and professional military education into semester hour credits. Depending on the

complexity of the technical school, and the amount of PME taken, a reservist could be close to the 64-credit degree requirement.

As the nation's largest community college with more than 335,000 students, CCAF consists of 120 affiliated Air Force schools at over 200 different teaching locations worldwide. More than 160 Reservists have received CCAF degrees at Westover since the program began in the early 1980's.

According to Capt. Tom Schwechheimer, base education officer, one-third of CCAF credits come from technical education, normally satisfied by routine Air Force training. Fifteen credits come from general education which can be satisfied through traditional college courses, or through CLEP or DANTES testing which is available through the education office. Fifteen credits are earned through program electives, and six credits for leadership are usually satisfied through PME courses, or NCO academies. Four credits for Physical Education are normally satisfied by Basic Military Training.

"As a clearinghouse for all civilian and military education, CCAF is very flexible," said Schwechheimer. "People use CCAF for an associate degree, as a stepping stone to a bachelor degree, or as additional degrees in multiple specialties," he said.

To determine credit status with CCAF, reservists should enroll at the Base Education Office located in Building 1875. Any necessary transcripts are requested, CCAF tallies all eligible criteria, and produces a credit status report. As reservists complete additional education, CCAF records need updating. Members have six years to complete course requirements, or they are automatically re-enrolled. This may or may not have an effect on credit status, depending on course requirement changes.

Schwechheimer wants reservists to investigate the CCAF program. "Wright and Edmonds are meticulous, giving correct information, and good educational counsel," he said.

Information is available on UTA weekends. On weekdays, call Kevin Brown at 557-3440/3441.



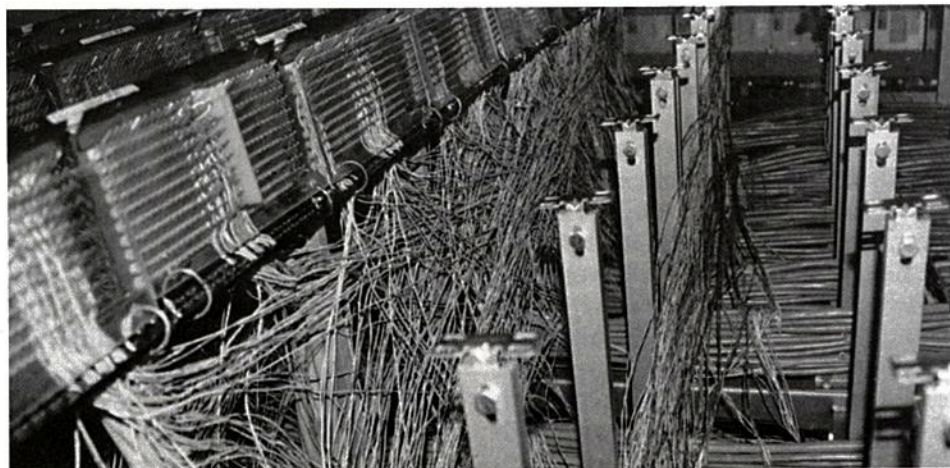
WATER WORKS -- This winter's unusually warm weather gave construction workers an early start on a \$2.1 million water distribution system. The project may take up to a year to complete.



COMM. FLIGHT KEEPS INFORMATION HIGHWAY CLEAR OF ROADBLOCKS

Article by MSgt. Tom Allocco

Photos by SSgt. Paul Mantikoski



Because they do their job so well, the men and women of the 439th Communications Flight are rarely noticed. It's easy to take for granted the daily, uninterrupted flow of information by telephone, computer and radio, but it's only possible because of the quiet efficiency of the reserve and civilian specialists behind the scenes.

The influence of the communications specialists is felt in every corner of the base, from the control tower to Dogpatch. Whether it's the tent city residents who hook into the telephone outlets in Dogpatch or the pilots who use the control tower's meteorological and navigation equipment, everyone at Westover benefits from the efforts of the communications flight.

The array of responsibilities starts with maintenance of Westover's Local Area Network (LAN) which links the computers on base to the worldwide Defense Data Network. It is the LAN which makes possible the flow of electronic mail and other data that's needed for the Finance, MPF, Supply, Civilian Personnel and other organizations on base.

The flight also maintains the message system in the Communications Center, the same building in which the phone system switchboard and the

data branch are located. Among the duties of the data branch specialist are to administer the LAN and print out data for base organizations.

During Desert Shield/Storm the communications specialists set up high frequency radios to supplement the VHF communications network in the Command Post. The longer range high frequency radios, bouncing their signal off the ionosphere, made it possible to better serve aircrews on the long missions to and from the Persian Gulf.

The communications specialists have a wide range of miscellaneous duties, including maintenance of the control tower's two instrument landing systems, TACAN and VOR; operating the base photo lab, which is responsible for passport and other official photos; and maintenance and repair of the widely-used, hand-held radios. The 439th Communications Flight also includes a position for a graphic artists, TSgt. Kathy Jensen, who recently painted a mural for the security police.

The Base Intrusion Surveillance System which guards the flightline with alarms and cameras is maintained by communications specialists.

The communications organization

is divided between the 33 reservists of the 439th Communications Flight under Maj. Paul Filios, and the 33 civilians, headed by Bob Mayo, who also attend military tech schools.

One of the big jobs of the communications specialists is to keep up with the rapidly developing technology of digitalized computers.

The best illustration of advances is the digital computerized telephone switching system in Building 1800 which replaced a large room of mechanical equipment with a system the size of a pair of large file cabinets.

On the horizon is a bigger role for personal computers which may someday completely replace the Communications Center paper messages. For example, technology is being developed to put classified messages on personal computers, with access restricted to those with encoded cards. In the next two years the base photo lab will replace its cameras and film processing equipment with electronic imaging, which will produce photos on computer printers.

Civilian communications specialists in the plans and programs shop are kept busy coordinating new projects on base.

To meet all the challenges, the communications flight has some of

TOOLS OF THE TRADE -- TSgt. Paul Barsalou, far left, services one of the four PCs of the Local Area Network (LAN) which connect Westover to the worldwide Defense Data Network. At top right, TSgt. George Nalesnik, telephone maintenance supervisor, trouble shoots digital computerized phone switching equipment, while TSgt. Howard Garbarsky, lower right, prepares a photo assignment at the Base Photo Lab.

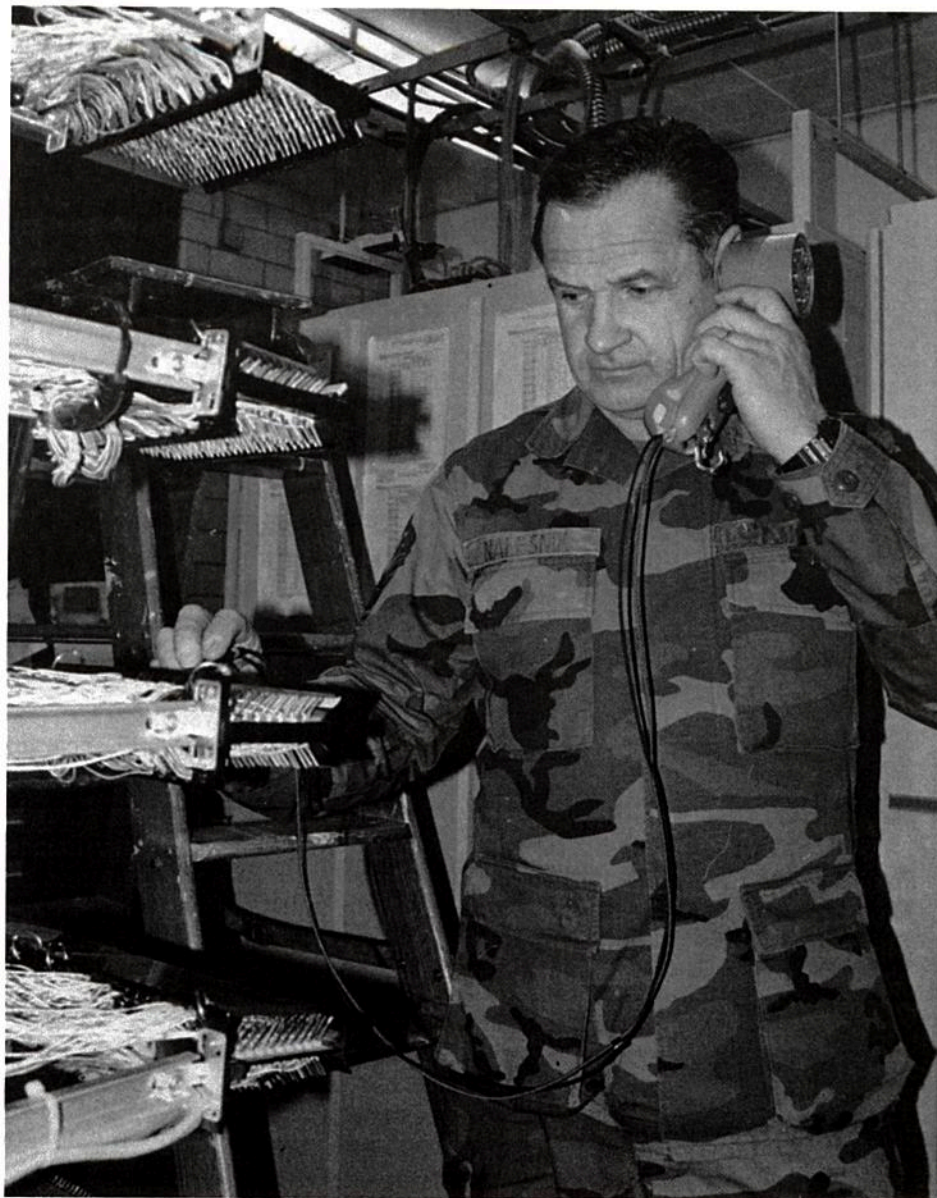
the most highly trained and experienced technicians on base. Behind them, the typical communication specialists have a high-tech training program, such as the 27-week electronic computer and switching systems program at Keesler AFB, Miss., years of active duty, and often a communications background in their civilian jobs.

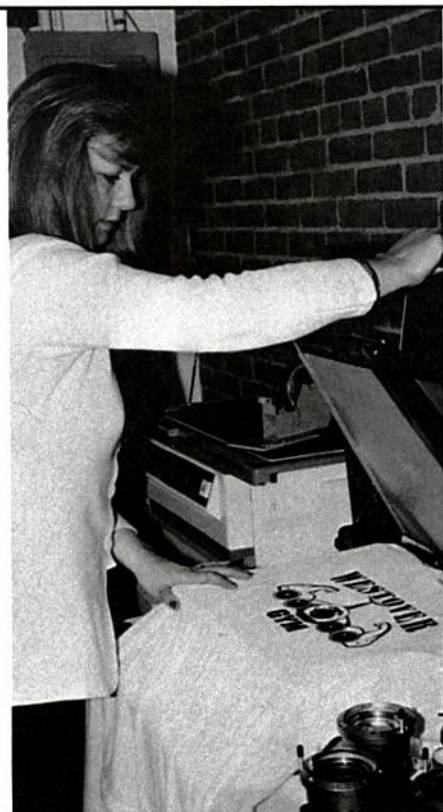
Filius, flight commander, served 10 years on active duty in research and development and is employed as a technical manager in the Defense Nuclear Agency, Washington, D.C. The flight first sergeant, MSgt. Robert Blouin, is a technical specialist for a defense electronic company.

Over the years, the communications flight has been a valuable resource to active duty units. The Westover specialists routinely fill vacancies at Pope AFB, N.C. when the active duty units deploy from that base.

TSgt. Dennis Leydet provided radio communications in Costa Rica when Army units were spread out through the rain forest on humanitarian missions. When reservists took over Homestead AFB, Fla. they called on MSgt. David Gunderson for help.

Whether at home or around the world, Westover's communications specialists do their job so well, it is easy to forget they are behind the scenes.





FIRST IMPRESSIONS -- Colleen Cloutier transfers a Westover logo onto a T-shirt using the X-Pres system.

Gym offers X-Pres services

by TSgt. Sandi Michon

They say clothes tell a lot about a person. With the new heat transfer equipment at the recreation center, your clothes can say exactly what you want.

The new equipment, X-Pres, transfers logos, team names, or virtually any "scannable" artwork onto sweat-shirts, jackets, T-shirts, hats and even mugs.

"This service is not just for military units, but for any civilian use, as well," said Colleen Cloutier, services management assistant for marketing. Cloutier is the contact person for X-Pres services, and she stresses the flexibility of the system.

"We have ample supply of ceramic mugs and clothing items, but we can order whatever customer needs dictate," she said. X-Pres users can use privately-purchased clothing items but they must be at least 60/40 percent polyester cotton blend for best reproduction.

The heat press which uses sublimation heat transfer is currently limited to one-color artwork, but color will be an option when the color printer is on-line.

Children's sizes are not currently in stock, but Cloutier said orders can be processed with advance notice. Most small orders can be processed in a few days, but larger orders require additional time.

To place an order, contact Cloutier at 557-3082 Monday through Friday, from 7:30 to 4:15. Reservists may place orders on UTA weekends by leaving the information, including civilian phone number, at the gym main desk. Cloutier will contact the reservist for details during the following week.

Cloutier's office is located at the left of the main gym lobby, and examples of transfers are available. The cost for T-shirts is \$6.50, caps are \$5, mugs are \$4, and sport shirts are \$9. There is no extra cost for printing on both sides of shirts.

Squadron sports program gives reservists options

by TSgt. Sandi Michon

In an effort to provide more recreation options to reservists during UTA weekend, recreation services has created a squadron sports monitor program. Each squadron has appointed a sports monitor and meetings are held at the gym at 10 a.m. on Saturday of the A UTA.

Although fairly new, the program is successful and initial input has already generated seasonal activities. Continued input is welcome and anyone can attend the sports monitor meeting each A UTA Saturday. For more information, or to relate recreation ideas, call TSgt. Mitch Staszko, at 557-3958 on UTA weekends.

Activities planned for February and March UTAs include the following:

Ice skating: Weather-permitting, the lighted softball field will be flooded for evening skating. Bring your skates, or rent from the Four Seasons Recreation Supply Store.

Bowling: Every A UTA Saturday at 6:30 there is a reservist bowling league. New teams are welcome. Three league games cost \$5.95. There will be individual prizes

versus team prizes as teams may fluctuate.

Skiing: On Saturday, February 4, a bus leaves the gym for Mt. Tom Ski Area. The cost is \$29 for 6-10 p.m. (\$19 if 25 or more people attend) Ski packages are available to rent at the Four Seasons Recreation Store for \$7.

Cross Country Ski Package is available for \$4. Rental facility open at 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Skis can be returned to the gym all day Sunday.

Snowmobiles: Available on A UTA Saturday for \$15. Reserve snowmobile at rental facility from 10 a.m. to 2:30, and pick up at gym after work. Use from 4:30-9p.m. and return to gym by 9:15.

Volleyball: A single-elimination volleyball tournament is scheduled for March 4, starting at 5:30 p.m. First eight teams to turn in their registration form are eligible. Rosters are due by February 26. Each team may have a maximum of eight players and a minimum of five. Call TSgt. Mitch Staszko at Ext 3958 on A UTA, or Randall Greenfield, at the same number Monday through Friday.

OUTDOOR EVENTS ARE WEATHER PERMITTING.

Good dental health important to reserve mission

by Maj. Barry Cunha
439th MDS Dental Officer

Common components of good health include lifestyle, diet, exercise, stress reduction, and environmental factors. An often-omitted factor of wellness is good dental health.

Many people disregard the connection between good dental care, and dental hygiene, and overall health.

The importance of dental health is magnified in the military environment because many military contingencies involve teamwork in critical situations. Anything that takes a team member out of action affects the whole team.

The health status of Reserve members is measured by physical exams every five years for non-flying members and every three years for flying personnel. The dental exam is an important part of the overall physical, and there are three ratings for dental health.

These ratings determine a member's eligibility status, especially for flying.

Class One signifies good dental health with no active periodontal (gum) disease, or dental caries (cavities). It also means the individual has a healthy oral environment that allows them to function comfortably.

Class Two is the rating for a member that has minor dental discrepancies which would not escalate into an emergency situation within the next twelve months.

Class Three signifies the member has a dental condition which, left untreated, would likely cause a dental emergency within 12 months. Class Three has serious implica-

tions for the Reservist. Once classified Class Three, the reservist has 90 days to correct the deficiency. Non-flying personnel can usually still perform work duties during the 90-day period, but flying personnel are essentially grounded immediately. Flying personnel may be allowed to function in non-flying duties during the 90-day period.

After 90 days, if no corrective dental action is taken, the member's file is sent to CBPO for a profile change to "medically disqualified", and regulations prohibit them from signing in, or participating in Reserve activities.

The dental classification system is necessary not only to ensure the health of an individual, but also to ensure the cohesiveness of military units. During Desert Storm, there were units that suffered manpower reduction due to personnel being sent home for poor dentition. While Westover was not affected by personnel disqualified for poor dental health, other examples highlighted the need for the classification system, and the importance of dental health to mission readiness.

The bottom line is everyone in the military is dependent on everyone else to accomplish their mission.

It is the responsibility of each individual to take care of their teeth and dental needs. The dentist can educate reservists concerning their dental status, but it is up to the reservist to pursue corrective and/or preventative treatment.

Obviously it is in everyone's best interest to pursue good dental health, but due to the integral role of each Reservist, it is also in the best interest of our national defense.

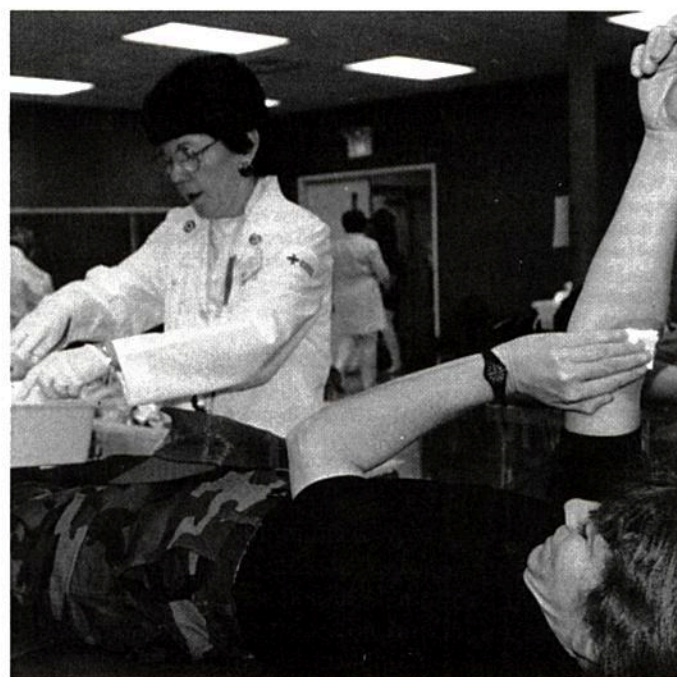
Blood drive collects 90 units for Red Cross

The Western Massachusetts Chapter of the American Red Cross was breathing a little easier after a drive at Westover collected 90 units on Sunday of the A UTA.

"The Red Cross had issued an emergency," said 1st. Lt. John Ryan, who was the drive coordinator. "They were down to a half day's supply and were extremely grateful for our contribution," he said.

"The total units collected was down from what we normally get," said Ryan, who is a reservist in the financial management office. "Maybe people thought they would have to wait, but due to more Red Cross personnel on hand, there was virtually no waiting," he said. Ryan also cited the cold and flu season as a reason some could not donate blood.

Westover normally hosts two blood drives yearly. A drive is tentatively scheduled for late spring.



SSgt. Paul Mantikowski

GIVER OF LIFE -- A Red Cross volunteer packages a precious pint of blood while the donor rests.

Patriot People

Name: Randy W. Cummings
Rank: SrA.
Age: 26
Address: Clinton, Conn.
Unit: 439 SPS
Position: Patrolman
Civilian position: Student
Favorite food: Lasagna
Years of service: 5
Favorite sport: Soccer
Favorite hobby: Revolutionary War reenacting
Ideal vacation: With friends and family in Maine
Best way to relax: Watch T.V.
Preferred entertainment: Music concert
Favorite hero: Gen. George Washington
Favorite music: Country
Favorite movie: *Young Frankenstein*
Favorite aircraft: F-16
Pet peeve: Immaturity in leadership
What I would do if I won \$1 million: Take things slow and enjoy life.



SSgt. Vin Blanchard

SrA. Randy W. Cummings

Patriot Praises

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UTA Schedule

Month	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
A UTA	04-05	04-05	01-02	06-06	03-04	08-09	05-06	09-10
B UTA	25-26	18-19	22-23	20-21	24-25	22-23	19-20	23-24

It's all in the packaging

Corporate spin doctors have a knack for words; they say downsizing; you say layoffs; they say restructuring, you say pain. You're right, they're wrong.

All said, the workforce just got leaner and, some may argue, meaner. For reservists, this new bottom-line ethos can beckon with opportunity.

Compared to mainstream employees, statistics show that reservists have an edge - stability, commitment, added training. That's a value to anyone's bottom line no matter who's doing the arithmetic.

The reserve can be an exciting product to sell, yet even the best products don't sell themselves. It's all in the packaging. Caught between constant employer belt tightening and the growing demands of the Total Force concept, selling the boss on more time away offers the reservist no small challenge.

Editorial

That's where the packaging comes in.

* **Sell emotions, not logic**

Pride. Intuition. Greed. Fear. Selling is visceral and those who succeed search carefully for the emotional hot buttons. Once all the logic is spent, some emotion becomes the deciding factor. For instance, a company may value its reserve employees to bolster its community image or position itself as civically responsible - emotional - not for the free PME benefit - logical.

* **Sell what the boss wants, not what you want**

Usually, it's recognition. Productive workers make managers look good. Provide examples of not only how your reserve experience is an advantage on the job but how it can get the boss noticed. Better yet, find out what goals your supervisor's boss has set for your supervisor, then show how your reserve experience can help.

* **Sell how your training is tied to the company's growth**

Money talks. Check with consultants, headhunters or temporary agencies to see what your experience is worth. Putting a price on your reserve skills will be meaningful to any employer.

Using a business approach to request time for reserve duty could by the cudgel needed to convince more employers that reservist affect the bottom line in more ways than one.

Capt. Paul P. Koscak Jr.
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Gen. McIntosh: Military quality of life

Quality of life in the services is a hot topic in the Department of Defense right now. I assure you that I'm equally concerned about YOUR quality of life. A working group headed by Brig. Gen. Dave Sibley, Air Force Reserve assistant vice commander, came up with three issues for us to focus on: lodging/quarters, family services and personnel turbulence. If there are any issues you feel we need to address, I encourage you to bring them to our attention. You have my word that I will carry the quality of life message for all Air Force reservists.

Briefs

Dining Out slated for officers in March

An officers' Dining Out will be held on March 4 at the Westover Club.

Tickets for the formal affair will be available from squadron commanders during the A and B UTAs in February.

According to Lt. Col. Diane Hamer and Maj. Pat Hale, who are coordinating the event, ticket prices will range from \$25 to \$28.

Westover seeks community help

Westover is in the process of establishing a Restoration Advisory Board which will provide opportunities for community involvement in the base's Installation Restoration Program.

Community members of the RAB will be asked to review and comment on ongoing environmental studies and cleanup at Westover.

Citizens from surrounding towns may contact the Base Environmental Office by writing or calling:

439 SPTG/CEV
250 Patriot Ave., Suite 1
Westover ARB
Chicopee, Ma 01022
Phone: (413) 557-2334

Official photos no long needed

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- The Air Force is removing official photographs from the personnel records of officers, colonel and below who are meeting promotion boards.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman eliminated the photo requirement when he took office in October, saying the photos were an unnecessary expense. People had to have a new photo taken every time they received a new decoration, he said.

Official photos may still be required for people applying for special duty assignments, officials said.

Aerial porter cited for saving student's life

**Photo and article
by Capt. Paul P. Koscak Jr.**

MSgt. George Gomperts, a cargo manager at the 58th Aerial Port Squadron--and 29-year veteran firefighter--was cited by Fairfield, Conn., town officials for plucking a cold and dazed college student from the frigid waters of Long Island Sound.

Gomperts was at the station when a call came in about three men floundering about 200 feet offshore after the canoe they were in capsized. None were wearing life jackets.

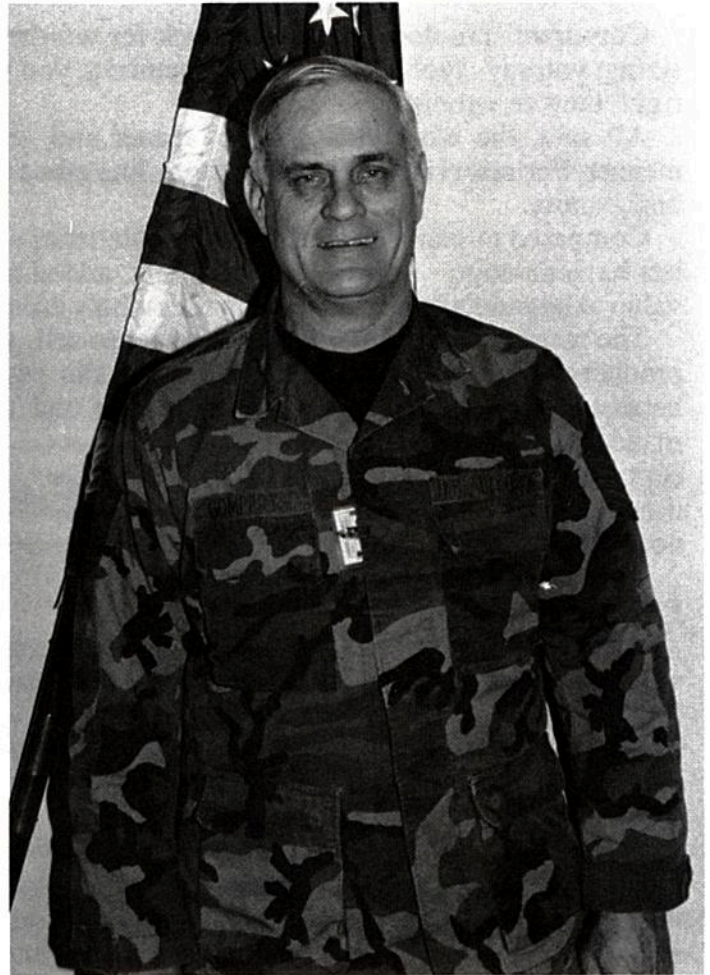
After racing to the scene with two other firefighters, Gomperts said one man managed to swim ashore, another made it to a nearby jetty, but the third victim was still in deep water fighting from being dragged under by the weight of wet winter clothing.

Gomperts spotted a beached Sunfish sailboat, a craft not much larger than a surfboard. He stripped off his heavy clothing and slid onto the boat as he pushed it into the water, and paddled toward the drowning man.

Meanwhile another firefighter commandeered a neighbor's aluminum dingy and went out to assist Gomperts after he reached the struggling student.

Gomperts grabbed the man--who was by then nearly unconscious--with one hand while holding on to the Sunfish with his other hand. The weight of the victim's water soaked clothing prevented the firefighters from pulling the student into the dingy, so they dragged the rescued man to the shore.

"If it wasn't for that Sunfish, he would have drowned," Gomperts said.



MSgt. George Gomperts

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