

Capt. Paul Koscal

GRAD SCHOOL — Aerial port reservists guide a Huey onto a C-130 ramp during last year's Patriot Tiger at Westover. The exercise, dubbed the aerial porter's Tiger and Patriot Medstar will be July 15 - Aug. 19.

Aerial porters, medics to invade Dogpatch

L'il Abner won't be able to recognize Dogpatch in a few weeks when reservists from all over the country converge on the area to sharpen their skills during Patriot Tiger and Patriot Medstar.

More than 300 people from nine aerial port squadrons will invade Westover's wooded training area to stage bare base operations from a forward operating base. Between 30 and 38 reservists from each unit will train in two week intervals while on annual tour status from July 15 to Aug. 19.

"Our aerial port people will work with live missions and receive widebody loader training on tanker aircraft," said CMSgt. Zolinda Lingenfelter, aerial port operations superintendent for 22nd Air Force at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga.

"The involvement of aircrew, personnel services and medical people and other Department of Defense agencies exemplifies Total Force training," he said.

The aerial port reservists will receive hands-on training in preparing and loading cargo onto C-5, C-130, C-141, KC-135 and KC-10 aircraft flown by Reserve and Air National Guard crews. Active duty, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard soldiers along with Federal Emergency Management Agency people will join with ANG personnel to airdrop or

air-land with equipment onto assault strips.

Training in various aerial port skills will include forward area operations and joint inspection of cargo, performing engine running on-loads and off-loads and handling hazardous materials.

In addition to aerial port duties, reservists will receive training in chemical warfare response, self defense and safety.

Reserve Personnel Support for Contingency Operations (PERSCO) specialists will in-process and outprocess the aerial port personnel under field conditions, and services

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Wayne Dukes is new base fire chief

Wayne Dukes, who served 18 years as a firefighter in Europe, is the new chief of the Westover fire department.

The new fire chief will oversee a department of 63 civilians and 45 reservist firefighters who operate two pumper trucks, four crash trucks and other heavy equipment.

He succeeds Chief Joseph Longworth who retired in February. Don Cloutier was Westover's acting fire chief an the interim.

"This is my first job as a fire chief and I'm very excited about it. I'm looking forward to showing what I can do, and working the Reserve system," he said.

A native of Brooksville, Fla., Dukes served with the Air Force from 1963-67. He has 23 years fire protection experience, and he left Laughlin AFB, Texas, to assume the chief position at Westover.



Wayne Dukes



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Volleyball victors

CAPTURING THE CUP -- The 439th Logistics Support Squadron's volleyball team snags the premier honors for the 1995 base tournament. (From left), Wing Commander Col. James P. Czekanski presernts the Commander's Cup to team members: Capt. Orin Williams, SSgt. Mary E. Beri, SSqt. Brian Newton, and MSqt. David Carbin. Col. Robert C. Dutton, LSS commander (far right), accepts the trophy for the squadron. Team members not shown are: TSgt. Shawn Campbell and Sgt. Jorge L. Maldonado. This year's tournament involved eight base teams.

Col. Lawrence accepts position at Keesler

Article and photo by Capt. Paul P. Koscak Jr.

Col. Harold H. Lawrence has weathered some big changes since becoming 439th logistics commander in 1984.

First, the conversions: from C-123s to C-130s to C-5s. Then, the consolidation: maintenance, contracting, supply and transportation became part of one group a few years ago and Lawrence's full-time staff shot up from 160 to more than 500.

Now, after 16 years at Westover, he's making another big change-in July Lawrence becomes the new 403rd Air Wing logistics commander at Kessler AFB, Miss.

"After 34 years, I'll see if I want to make a career of it," Lawrence says, deadpanning his Air Force tenure.

So far, he has.

Commissioned in 1964 through Officer Training School, Lawrence became an aircraft maintenance officer, serving on both coasts of the U.S. and a tour at Tan Son Nhut Air Base. Vietnam. But Lawrence considers a more recent conflict to be his career's capstone.

"Desert Storm was the high point of my career," he

stretched to the limit, but everyone came through."

This latest move, though, is more a homecoming than a change.

A Louisiana native and state university alumnus,

Lawrence still has family roots in the south. At 52, single and with a son who just finished high school, all Lawrence needed was a tug.

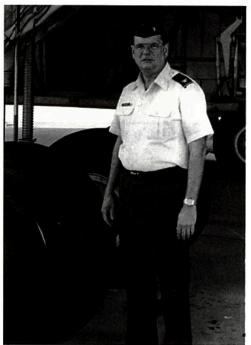
It came from Brig. Gen. Ernest (Randy) Webster, Kessler's wing commander, who called Lawrence to tell him about the vacancy. The two officers once worked together when they were captains.

But for the Belchertown resident, there's going to be a bit of Westover in his new job.

Former wing executive officer Major Tom Gray, who just became Kessler's deputy logistics commander, will be working for Lawrence, his old boss. When Gray worked in maintenance, he served as Lawrence's avionics and flightline maintenance officer.

"He gives you the independence you need to do your job, but provides guidance when you need it." Maj. William Friedhofer, Westover's dep-

uty commander of logistics says of Lawrence. "He's an excellent teacher and mentor."



Col. Hal Lawrence

says, recalling his unit's teamwork. "Everyone was

Revamped club card saves money, adds benefits

New club cards will reduce the cash flow of the Air Force Reserve in more ways than one.

The Air Force has recently adopted a new program that revamps the club card system, adding additional benefits to members and saving Air Force clubs an estimated \$4.3 million per year.

To replace the costly collection and billing system, the Air Force will use a contractor to operate the new system essentially for free, and, according to Ralph F. Lake Jr., director of Air Force Reserve Clubs, will "allow us to return those savings to the club member."

Westover club members have been mailed membership applications and information detailing the new club card system.

"The new program offers our members increased benefits" said club manager John Filler. Members will be issued one of three cards: a proprietary card, a regular Master card or a Gold Master card.

"The proprietary card can be used may be used to

purchase items at Services activities here at Westover or at other participating installations," Filler said. "This will be advantageous to members on TDY, while the regular and gold cards can be used world-wide, anywhere Master Cards are excepted."

"Members need to complete an application form to convert to the new program and return it to the club as quickly as possible," said Chris Menard, director of services. "Our activities have begun accepting the new card for purchases and at the same time the old cards are being phased out. The cards now can be used at the bowling center, the recreation center, the Four Seasons rental store, billeting and at the club," he said.

"I know this is a big change for our members," Filler said and with all changes there is some resistance. But I am convinced that the new system offers greater benefits to our members."

Further information is available from Dawn Lawlor, program coordinator at the club, at 593-5521.

Bosses' Day scheduled for October UTAs

by MSgt. Gordon A. Newell

Because the 439th Airlift Wing Family Day picnic has been scheduled for the A UTA in September, Employer Appreciation Day has been postponed until October.

Reservists are encouraged to invite their bosses to visit Westover during both UTAs in October when they will offer the opportunity to take an orientation flight in a C-5 Galaxy.

They will also have a chance to meet Wing Commander Col. James P. Czekanski and spend some time in your workplace.

"For the Air Force Reserve to satisfactorily complete its mission, we must have the support of employers. We learned this lesson during the Gulf War. It is imperative therefore that they see exactly how important you are to our overall success," Czekanski said. "We will try to make their brief stay with us as informative and enjoyable as possible."

The day-long event gets underway when employers will register in the 337th Airlift Wing's briefing room at 8:30 a.m. Saturday of both UTAs.

EMPLOYER APPR	ECIATION DAY APPLICATION				
Employer's full name	e:				
Employer's job title: Company name and address:					
Reservist's phone no	umbers:				
Day Eve	ning Duty				
Choice of UTA:					
"A" UTA	"B" UTA				
	Wing, Public Affairs, 100 Lloyd St., East Wing, , Mass. 01022-1825, or fax to (413) 557-2099.				

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Following a briefing by the Wing Commander, some employers (depending on numbers) will fly while the remainder will accompany reservists to their work place. In the afternoon, the groups will reverse roles. All employers will have the opportunity to fly. Reservists are encouraged to accompany their bosses

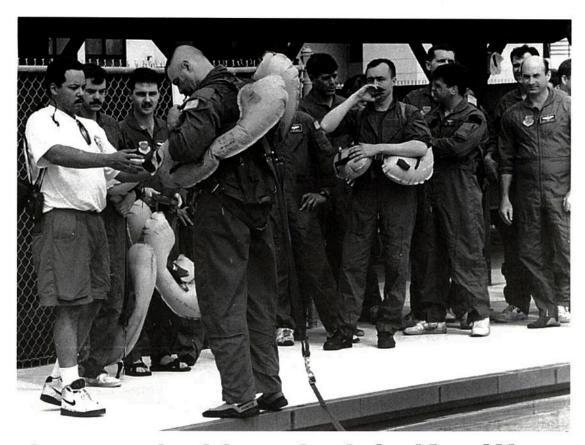
to the morning briefing and to invite them to lunch either at the Westover Club or the Galaxy Dining Facility.

Reservists are asked to invite their employer to come on the weekend they normally drill.

Each Reservists is asked to invite just one employer. Reservists will not fly on the orientation flight.

Fiscal Year 96 UTA schedule					
	A	В	85th APS	722nd ASTS	
October	14-15	28-29	14-15	21-22	
November	04-05	18-19	18-19	18-19	
December	02-03	16-17	09-10	16-17	
January	06-07	20-21	20-21	20-21	
February	03-04	24-25	10-11	10-11	
March	09-10	23-24	09-10	30-31	
April	13-14	27-28	20-21	01-02	
May	04-05	18-19	18-19	04-05	
June	01-02	22-23	08-09	08-09	
July	13-14	27-28	13-14	13-14	
August	10-11	24-25	10-11	10-11	
September	07-08	21-22	14-15	07-08	

SURVIVAL TRAIN-ING — Jean-Pierre Wood, of Westover's life support section, helps MSgt. Mike Angelastro, 337th flight engineer, top photo, during water survival training. Below, SMSgt. Ken Gilbert is dragged through water to simulate a parachute drag in ocean currents. Aircrew members must complete training every three years.



337th members make big splash in Key West

Story and photos by SSgt. Christine Mora

Members of the 337th Airlift Squadron got out of the air and into the water when they drilled in a variety of safety methods during Water Survival Training in Key West, Fla.

The unit took part in the four-phase course through April, May and June.

The first phase began during the C-5 flight to Boca Chica Naval Air Station when members from the 439th Life Support section retrained the flyers in aircraft evacuation measures.

The other three phases took place at the U.S. Navy's Special Forces Water Survival School in Key West. Squadron members, clad in life vests, were attached by a cargo strap to a pick-up truck more than 100 feet way. As they stood at the edge of an inground pool, the truck began to drive away, dragging the reservists through the water as they tried to release their parachute harness.

The flyers also had to make their

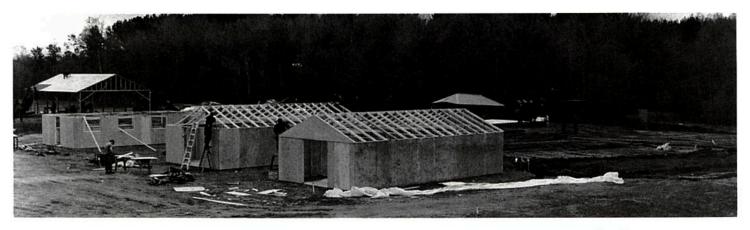
way out from under a parachute that blanketed them beneath the water of the Olympic-size pool.

Donning their life vests again, the squadron was taken out into the middle of the ocean by boat and dumped into the waves. They had to swim hundreds of yards to a 20-man life raft where they received further sur-

vival training. While some members got picked up by helicopter, others had to make the 30-45 minute swim back to shore.

Westover's life support section, led by MSgt. Paul LaRochelle, planned and implemented the water survival training which is required every three years.





CE turns Dogpatch into mini-base

MEN AT WORK — The 439th CES spent much of the month of May revamping buildings at Westover's Dogpatch area. In top photo, workers frame new structures. At right, SSgt. Eugene Fish nails a support strut on a project. Below, SSgt. Peter Morgenstern, TSgt. Robert Tower and MSgt. Mike Herensput the finishing touches on a roof.





Article and photos by SSgt. Christine Mora

"If we build it they will come."

Or so read a sign at the entrance to Dogpatch, Westover's field training area, in May, when 60 reservists from the 439th Civil Engineering Squadron worked from the ground up to create a training site that will offer troops throughout the Air Force Reserve a new "war zone."

The engineers performed their annual tour at home station this year, completely leveling and rebuilding the bare base camp that lies off the north ramp of Westover's runway. The effort honed their primary wartime skills and increased Westover's emerging peace-time capabilities.

They worked with base units - in-

cluding the Northeast Air Station, services, and aerial ports - to examine the problems of the old setup and design the best blueprint for the new, permanent camp that will be used by units from Westover and throughout the military.

"We first had to level the existing structures," said SMSgt. Joseph Cullen, 439th CES engineering manager. "The old ones had plywood floors and hard plastic roofs that were beyond repair." The sergeant said that the buildings were also situated in a way that made it cumbersome for units using the facility.

After demolishing the camp with machine and muscle, the engineers started to rebuild. They replaced hardwood floors with concrete pads and constructed the roofs from a nonfiltering material that made the "hooches," cooler and more sturdy.

The reservists also linked Dogpatch to the outside world. While electrical personnel dug trenches and installed electrical and communication lines, heavy equipment operators built a new gravel road that stretched from the camp to the nearest paved street.

One of the biggest challenges for the CE unit was the fact that most of the work done at Dogpatch was structural and they only had five carpenters on the job at once.

"Our carpenter shop, led by MSgt. Mike Herens, TSgt. Jim Serra, and SSgt. Pete Morgenstern, devised a system that transformed most of the engineers into carpenters for a few weeks." Cullen said.

"We built the first building, and from there created a sort of template that enabled the other engineers to construct the buildings on their own," said Serra, a 439th structural craftsman. "We determined the amount of materials and measurements needed and they used the first building as an easy reference."

In all, the engineers constructed the eight housing structures, two dining hooches, two supply hooches and one pavilion.

The reservists also increased the livability of the hooches with better electricity, more outlets and ameni-



trenching machine to cut a trench to lay conduit lines.

Dogpatch renovation...

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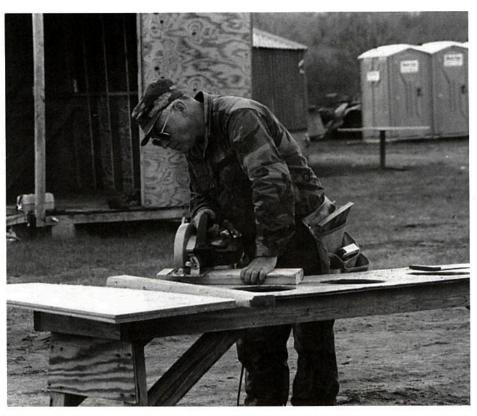
ties such as shelves and hooks that will mean a lot to troops who make Dogpatch their home during training exercises.

"Our carpenters used a lot of ingenuity to create those extra touches," said SMSgt John Indomenico, structural superintendent "The other shops came together and even though they were out of their career fields, jumped in and worked as a team."

Indomenico added that the "team" attitude is a hallmark of the CE unit. "It's not unusual for us to be 'jacks-of-all-trades' and do whatever is needed to get the job done," he said..

"This is one of the few times we've actually been able to use our CE work force on a Westover project," said Col. Franklyn Senft, 439th Support Group commander. "We have all this talent and were able to use it here, in a win-win situation for the whole base."

The Dogpatch site is routinely used by military and civilian units for training exercises and is host to annual AFRES exercises such as Patriot Tiger and Operation MedStar.



SAW DOCTOR — SSgt. Douglas Cowan, 439th CE structural journeyman, trims a 2" x 4" beam for a perfect fit.

Robins' civil engineering unit restores old wing headquarters

by SSgt. Christine Mora

The 622nd Civil Engineering Squadron from Robins AFB, Ga., proved that Westover engineers weren't the only ones shaping up the base this spring.

The Georgia unit performed twostints of annual tours at Westover in May and June to refurbish the historic Bldg. 1100, former site of Maj. Gen. Curtis Lemay's 8th Air Force headquarters.

The engineers gutted the entire structure and converted the building into a visitor's center and several meditation rooms.

The visitor's center will be a showcase for Westover memorabilia,

while the meditation rooms will serve as the new home for the base chaplain and various fellowship services.

The meditation rooms will house stained glass windows that once adorned Westover's former base chapel which closed when the activeduty Air Force left the base in 1974.

"It was a real coup to have the Robins group here this year," said Col. Franklyn Senft, 439th Support Group commander. "To top off our wave of construction work, the U.S. Navy Seabees (civil engineers) will put the finishing touches on Bldg. 1100 before it's slated to open in the fall."

Wing picnic

A wing picnic is scheduled for September 9 from noon to 1600 hours. All 439th Wing members, civilian employees and their immediate families are invited to enjoy the day.

In addition to food, beverages and entertainment and raffles, a volleyball tournament will be held. There will be horseshoes, and games for children.

According to CMSgt. Bill Currier, picnic committee coordinator, the picnic is a tremendous opportunity to meet other wing members and their families, and foster team spirit. The picnic is a thank-you gesture to Reservists and their families.

Breese takes over as chief of Social Actions

by Capt Mike Franco

Capt. R. Bryon Breese recently became the wing's new chief of social actions.

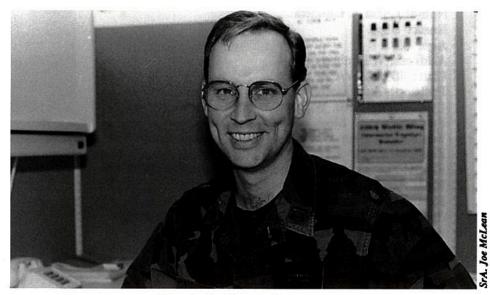
Breese had been assigned to the 514th Air Mobility Wing, McGuire AFB, N. J. where he was the equal opportunity and treatment officer. He replaces Maj. Carlos Cintron who is an Air Force Academy liaison officer.

Breese was commissioned in May 1983 through the ROTC at Cornell University, He served five years during two tours of active duty as officerin-charge of substance abuse control, a position responsible for the administration and management of out-patient rehabilitation and substance abuse education programs. Breese has a bachelor's of arts in Humanities from Eisenhower College, Seneca Falls, NY.

After a three-month drug and alcohol school for social actions at Lackland AFB, Texas, he served two years at Blytheville AFB, Ark. and two years in England at RAF, Lackenhealth, returning to the States in 1988. He completed his active duty commitment and joined the Air Force Reserve at the 914th Tactical Airlift Group, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Breese attended seminary school at Colgate Rochester (N.Y.) Divinity School graduating in May 1991 with a master's of Divinity degree. He then left New York for New Jersey where he now resides with his wife the Rev. Carolyne (Call) Breese. Both Breese and his wife are ordained ministers and co-pastors at The Old First Church, one of the oldest churches in New Jersey. The church was organized in 1688 and is an ecumenical congregation affiliated with the American Baptist Churches of America and United Church of Christ.

Last summer Breese completed the first segment of the three-phase Reserve component course at the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute at Patrick AFB, Fla., he said. He is currently enrolled in Phase II of the institute by correspondence



Capt. R. Byron Breese

and will take Phase III next summer in residence, again at Patrick.

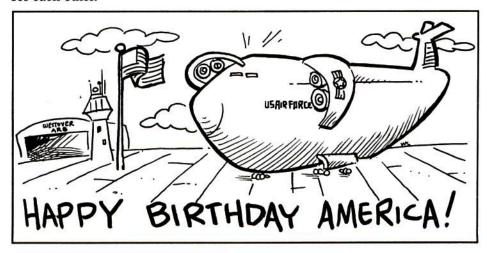
Breese came to Westover for career progression and to manage the wing Social Actions program, he said.

"After 11 years in the Social Actions business, I feel as though I have arrived," he said. I'm excited about the job and thankful to be working with such an experienced staff."

The office has a staff of three enlisted Social Actions specialist who have extensive experience with substance abuse counseling and human relations issues, he said.

"I value my work in Social Actions because I believe in social justice and human dignity," he said. "We all must continue to learn the value of respect for each other." In terms of dealing with human social problems, Breese sees the military as one of the more advanced organizations in corporate America. His primary goal for the wing is to build "strength through diversity" and he says he is committed to making mutual respect and care for one another an asset for the wing.

"Diversity is a healthy attribute," Breese said. "When it comes down to it, a common ground is that we all serve. When we learn to respect ourselves we can live without substance abuse. When we learn to respect one another our racial, religious and gender differences become a positive message to the nation and a tool for mission accomplishment.



Patriot People

Name: Luisa V. Cabana

Rank: SSgt. Age: 33

Address: Wilbraham, Mass..

Unit: 439th AW/CP

Position: Administration technician Civilian position: Wife and mother of two Favorite food: Mom's Sunday dinner

Years of service: 9
Favorite sport: Iceskating

Favorite hobby: Playing piano, photography, crafts

Ideal vacation: Visiting family and friends Best way to relax: After kids are in bed

Preferred entertainment: Having fun with my family

Favorite hero: Green Hornet

Favorite music: Classical/pop/opera

Favorite movie: Any movie featuring Harrison Ford

Favorite aircraft: One that doesn't break! Pet peeve: Forgetting where I put things

What I would do if I won \$1 million: Pay off debts, give

money to family, church and investments.



Sgt. Vin Blanchard

SSgt. Luisa V. Cabana

Patriot Tiger descends on Dogpatch



COMMAND POST — The command post "hooch" at Dogpatch is hub for all Patriot Tiger coordination..

from members from Prime Readiness in Base Services units will keep them fed.

Patriot Medstar, an aeromedical evacuation exercise will take place July 18-26 in conjunction with Patriot Tiger. AFRES and ANG aeromedical units will deploy people to the exercises.

Participating aerial port squadrons include:

- » July 15-29 80th APS, Dobbins, 33 reservists; 38th APS, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., 30; and 71st APS, Langley Air Force Base, Va., 38.
- » July 22-Aug. 5 25th APS, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., 33; and 81st APS, Charleston, 38.
- » July 39-Aug. 12 31st APS, Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, Pa., 33; and 28th APS, O'Hare International Airport Air Reserve Station, Ill., 33.
- » Aug. 5-19 30th APS, Niagara Falls International Airport Air Reserve Station, N.Y., 33; and

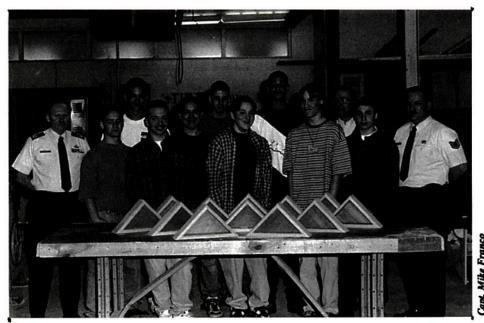
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- 35th APS, McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., 38.
- » C-130 airlift missions include: Dobbins' 94th Airlift Wing, July 15 and Aug. 19; Maxwell's 908th AW, July 22; and Willow Grove's 913th AW and O'Hare's 928th AW, July 29 and Aug. 12.
- » C-141 airlift missions include: 315th AW, Charleston, July 15, July 22 and Aug. 5; and the 514th Air Mobility Wing, McGuire, Aug. 5 and 19.

PERSCO specialists will be from Dobbins' 94th Mission Support Squadron, Westover's 439th MSSQ and O'Hare's 928th MSSQ.

In addition to services personnel from Westover, the exercise will feature Prime RIBS people from Gen. Mitchell International Airport Air Reserve Station, Wis.; Scott Air Force Base, Ill.; Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; and Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station, Pa.

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QUALITY TEAM — MSgt. William R. Knight, left, LSS first sergeant, and TSgt. William A. Theroux flank the sophomore woodworking class at Chicopee Comprehensive High School. The 10-member vocational class, and their instructor Mr. Charles Ouimette, build shadow boxes for various base squadrons.

TQM product honors retirees

by Capt. Paul Koscak

When it comes to retirement, the 439th Logistics Support Squadron is writing the book.

"We want to give all retiring members what they deserve," MSgt. William R. Knight Jr., the squadron's first sergeant says.

That, they do.

Each retiree gets a U.S. flag in a triangular case. They get a certificate signed by logistics commander Harold H. Lawrence and squadron commander Robert F. Dutton. They get a letter from Congressman Richard E. Neal. They get a letter certifying the flag flew over the U.S. Capitol. They get engraved mugs. And, to present all of this, they get a coffee and doughnut reception.

"It gives everyone a chance to shake hands," Knight says.

And there's more.

For married retirees, the wives receive flowers and a certificate for their support.

And there's still more.

Members with more than 25 service years receive a framed certificate from the president.

The accolades evolved from a Total Quality brain-storming session on improving the way career reservists and their families are recognized.

Knight hopes the squadron's send off style will catch on and become standard throughout the wing.

While making a well-deserved lasting impression on the retirees-to say nothing about being a unit morale booster-the project is good community relations, too.

The wooden glass-faced boxes used to package the flags are manufactured locally by students at Chicopee Comprehensive High School.

Making the containers-known as shadow boxes-gives the students vocational experience while raising money for supplies they would not be able to afford through the school's budget, instructor Charles Ouimette, says.

It saves money for the squadron, too.

Knight says the program is funded through donations, raffles, air-show concessions and squadron functions

Briefs

3 Reservists win quarterly awards

Three 439th Airlift Wing reservists have been selected as Wing Airman, NCO and Senior NCO of the third quarter.

Named Airman of the Quarter is SrA Paul Carey of the 439 CES. NCO of the Quarter TSgt. Robert S. Rodrique of the 439th CRS while SMSgt. Kathleen M. Wood from the 439th LSS is senior NCO of the Quarter.

The local awards committee will next meet on Aug. 5 to review nominations for the fourth quarter.

Commanders are reminded that nominations using AF Form 1206 should be received by Maj. Armand Tourangeau, prior to the August UTA.

For further information call CMSgt. Paul Mersincavage at Ext. 2379.

Officer seminar set for Oct. 6-8

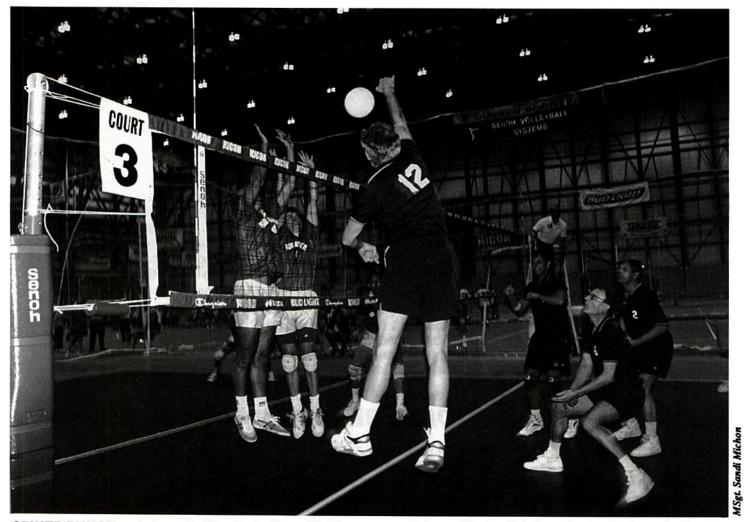
Officers can still sign up for Air Force Reserve Junior Officer Leadership Development Seminars this summer but they should hurry because classes are filling fast.

Open to lieutenants to majors, the weekend seminars begin on Friday evenings and end early Sunday afternoons. Each seminar focuses on specific aspects of leadership.

A seminar will be held at Westover Oct. 6-8. The subject will be: Team Building and Leadership.

Attendees may enroll by fax at HQ\AFRES\QIP at DSN 497-0266 or (912) 327-0266.

Maj. Alan B. Kirk, JOLDS coordinator, has more details at (305) 661-3404.



SPIKED PUNCH — Automated Analysis, from Michigan, goes up against Warren Six-Pack, from New Jersey, in the U.S. Volleyball Open held at Westover May 27 - June 4, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of volleyball. More than 3.000 players and coaches. from ages 15 to 80.

participated in 17 divisions in the double elimination international competition. Twelve separate volley-ball courts were created in the pull-through hangar. The event reportedly garnered \$4.8 million for the Pioneer Valley.

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