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## 50 years later: they remember

by MSgt. Sandi Michon

Many said it couldn't be done, but with only two months planning time, the USO, base personnel, and WMAS radio staff pulled off an immensely successful victory dance commemorating the 50th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day.

More than 1,500 World War II veterans and their families packed the Base Hangar on May 5. With an enormous American flag as a backdrop, the Valley Swing Shift Orchestra played big band favorites, and hundreds danced down memory lane.

While some memories were sad, smiles were plentiful at the Victory Dance that exuded patriotism, and gratitude for individual sacrifices. Soldiers and sailors traded war stories a half-century old, and a WWII buddy reunion brought old comrades together.

Raymond Rossini, from Springfield, was an army infantryman from 1941-1945. His 26th Infantry Yankee Division joined Patton's 3rd Army in France in September 1944, and during their first attack, they lost half their outfit. "It was hell, believe me," said Rossini. When he heard of the Victory Dance, he told his wife, "We're going."

Lt. Col. Nelson Newhouse, 337th AS pilot, Vietnam, and Desert Storm veteran, shared the evening with his dad, a former B-17 pilot. Nelson was born one week after his father left for WWII duty overseas.

Organizers were ebullient about all aspects of the evening, and

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**LOOKING BACK** — Willie J. Bates, of Springfield, seems lost in thought as he gazes at the WWII commemorative displayed in the Base Hangar on May 5. Bates served in the Army Air Corps/Air Force from 1945-57.

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**A HELPING HAND — A multi-service medical team evacuates one of the mass casualties that kept helicopters criss-crossing the Dogpatch, at right. A group of victims, below, feigning loss of eyesight, stay in close touch as they head to a waiting C-130.**



## Team Yankee: three-service effort

Article by Capt. Paul Koscak  
Photos by SSgt. Vin Blanchard



The Huey's propblast flattened the grass as a stretcher team—two Army reserve medics and two Air Force reserve medical specialists—hurried the burn victim—a Navy hospital corpsman reservist—to the waiting chopper.

Meanwhile, at the other end of Westover's Dogpatch training area, Marine Corps reservists feigned all manner of injuries, awaiting evacuation. Other times, they played aggressors.

All the rancor is part of Team Yankee, a multi-service mass-casualty exercise.

The exercise speaks volumes about cooperation and consolidation.

Military medical specialists from throughout New England met for eight months of applied medical skills—all during UTA weekends. The mass casualty exercise during April's B UTA brought Team Yankee to an exhaustive conclusion. However, participants acquired skills that exceeded the National Emergency Medical Technician Basic Course.

"A head wound is a head wound," Marine Col. Douglas J. Kulig, Team Yankee's commander, said.

Others agreed.

"We all do the same jobs, but with different names," Kirt Hall, a Navy reserve hospital corpsman assigned to Camp Edwards, Mass., said.

"You can see the big picture," Army reserve medic Garrett Smith of the 102nd infantry from New Haven, Conn., said.

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# 439th carries medical supplies to Zagreb

## 10 days later war endangers airport

by MSgt. Gordon A. Newell

Ten days after a Westover C-5 touched down at the Zagreb, Croatia airport, laden with humanitarian supplies, Serb rockets slammed into the capital city killing five people and wounding at least 121 others in May.

The attack came in response to a Croatian army offensive started the day before in which the Zagreb government claimed victory by routing Serb rebels from a key patch of territory they had occupied since the 1991 war.

News reports broadcast prior to the mission minimized the danger in the Zagreb area. But Maj. Bob Freniere, 439th AW intelligence officer, said he was not surprised by the renewed warfare.

"We knew of fighting going on within 20 miles of Zagreb before the mission started. The entire area is a war zone so just about anything can happen."

Providing security while the Galaxy was unloaded at Zagreb were two members of the 439th Security Police Squadron, SMSgt. Michael Olenick and SSgt. Randy Bates.

"We knew we were going into an area that had to be considered dangerous so we tried to be prepared for any contingency," said Olenick, who warned Westover airmen to avoid grassy areas around the Zagreb runway because of the possible presence of land mines or unexploded ordnance.

If the Westover airmen needed any further reminder that they were in a dangerous area, they got it from George M. Dykes, of the foreign disaster assistance office at the U.S. Embassy in Zagreb who met the plane at the airport.

"You can't imagine what it's like," he said. "Kids are having amputations with no anesthesia. It's crazy. The supplies you brought are so badly



**MERCY MISSION** — Lt. Col. Sandy Whittier, 337th AS pilot, chats with a Croatian official on the ramp of the Zagreb airport.

needed."

The cargo consisted of 24 tons of medicines, prosthetics, stretchers and other medical materials that are in demand in the area formerly known as Yugoslavia where civil war has taken more than 200,000 lives.

The supplies, donated by private agencies, were picked up by the Westover crew at Youngstown, Ohio and Savannah, Ga.

Mission of Love, of Ohio, donated

13,000 pounds of operating room equipment while MAP International of Brunswick, Ga. collected almost 35,000 pounds of pharmaceuticals, catheters and other hospital supplies.

Col. James P. Czekanski, commander of the 439th AW and a pilot on the mission said he would like to see the wing fly more humanitarian missions.

"This type of mission is very re-

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**REPORTING THE NEWS** — As 439th AW Commander, Col. James P. Czekanski discusses the humanitarian mission with George M. Dykes, a U.S. Embassy official in Zagreb, Ray Kelly, right, Springfield Union News reporter, takes notes. Others in the photo are U.N. peacekeepers.

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# Murphy-Brewer is new 337th first sergeant

by SSgt. Christine Mora

The 337th Airlift Squadron shifts shirts this month when MSgt. Jeanne Murphy-Brewer takes over as the flyers' new first sergeant.

Murphy-Brewer replaces former C-5A flight engineer MSgt. Paul Harrison who retired after 22 years of service.

A reservist since 1979, Murphy-Brewer brings a career diversity that includes 14 years with the 439th Aircraft Generation Squadron and two with the 439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. She began her AGS tenure as an aircraft maintenance technician and capped off her last year there as first sergeant and unit career advisor.

She then moved over to the 439th AES as their unit career advisor during a time that included a major reorganization of medical personnel at Westover.

"When the 74th AES was redesignated as the 439th AES, there was a period of confusion as medics adjusted to the new organization," Murphy-Brewer said. "Slots and structure were changing, people were anxious, and new members wanted direction. That was a very significant time in my role as a career advisor."

Murphy-Brewer lists her experience with different Air Force specialties and her role as an AFRES NCO Leadership and Development Facilitator as major factors influencing her position as the 337th's first sergeant.

"I've worked and supervised all types of people in all types of jobs," she said. "The constant element is human nature and it's very important to remember the 'people' side to each issue."

In her role as a facilitator, Murphy-Brewer is called upon to help groups examine and draw out solutions to problems common in the Air Force Reserve. "Because the class members



Sgt. Joe McLean

**CHANGING OF THE GUARD — MSgt. Paul Harrison shares notes with MSgt. Jeanne Murphy-Brewer prior to handing over the first shirt job.**

are from all types of units, we discuss all types of issues," she said. "From that I gain a constantly evolving perspective of reservists and their problems."

The sergeant views her new job as a multi-faceted challenge. "Changing units is always a hurdle," she said. "But moving to a unit with such a unique character is even more of a challenge."

In the civilian world, Murphy-Brewer is the manager of the Logis-

tics Division at Boston Edison Company in Boston and intends to bring that experience to her first sergeant position as well.

She lives in Charlton with her husband Ed, who, she said, is very supportive of her new role.

"Without the support of my family and civilian boss, accepting this type of challenge wouldn't be possible," she said. "I am lucky enough to have both and look forward to becoming part of a new family."

## Medical supplies to Zagreb ... from page 3

warding," he said. "The crew members can see the impact that their efforts are making. It makes us feel good."

As MiG-21 Fishbed fighters piloted by Croatians roared overhead the cargo was quickly unloaded by airport employees.

United Nations-leased, Russian medical evacuation helicopters and Illyushin 76 cargo jets, painted white and carrying the familiar UN logo gave the scene a surreal appearance.

"I never thought I'd see those type of aircraft that close unless we were at war with the Soviets," said SSgt. Frank Domenichella, a 337th AS loadmaster.

Also aboard the flight, to cover Westover's mission, were two journalists, reporter Ray Kelly and pho-

tographer Morris Kennedy of the Springfield Union-News, the largest daily newspaper in Massachusetts.

"I was very impressed with the openness and level of assistance extended to us by Col. Czekanski and Lt. Col. Sandy Whittier (aircraft commander) and the entire crew," Kelly said.

Through their cooperation, we were able to convey to our readers Westover's role in relieving the suffering in the former Yugoslavia."

The flight was authorized under the U.S. Agency for International Development's Denton Amendment. This program permits DOD aircraft to transport humanitarian relief supplies on a space-available basis without charge to the donor or receiver.



# Wing ceremony salutes Westover retirees

by MSgt. Tom Alloccco

It was a Westover family reunion in May when retirees were invited back for one more day in uniform to recall old times and honor past members, living and dead.

Every unit of the 439th Airlift Wing was represented in a formation in the Class A uniform on the ellipse which saluted the retirees. The ceremonies also commemorated VE Day, the end of World War II in Europe, and Memorial Day.

Each retired wing member was called to the stage by retired master of ceremonies MSgt. John Spencer to receive a certificate of service from Col. James P. Czekanski, wing commander.

"You have earned the title 'Patriot people,' you will always be part of our family. You are the heart and soul of the 439th Airlift Wing," Czekanski told those who have retired during the past year.

The wing commander called on the formation for a moment of silence to honor the sacrifices of the World War II veterans who made possible VE Day.

Chaplain (Maj.) Richard Miesel offered the prayer "make us and all generations deeply grateful for their sacrifice and to follow their example."

The ranks of airmen were called to attention as a wreath was placed at the memorial stone to past wing members by Lt. Col. Charles Brown, 439th EMS commander; SMSgt. Edward Kolodjay, 439th CRS first sergeant; and Amn. Brian Couture, 439th EMS fuels specialist.

The commemoration closed with the somber bugle call of taps played by retired SMSgt. James Gillette, 42nd APS; and SSgt. Clement Rietz, 439th CRS. The flag was lowered in a retreat ceremony conducted by the Westover Color Guard.

Capt. Chris Skomars, 439th LG executive officer, organized the ceremonies and reception.



**FOND FAREWELL** — Col. James P. Czekanski, wing commander (above), pays a family tribute to former Westover patriots at the retirement formation in May. The row of retirees, below, show an accumulation of stripes which signify many years of patriotic service.



## Those who served long, and served well:

Col. Mary Doyle  
Lt. Col. Wayne Booker  
Lt. Col. Alan Essex  
Lt. Col. Andre Kocay  
Lt. Col. Robert O'Brien  
Lt. Col. Valentine Riordan  
Maj. Wesley Carter  
Maj. Laverne Cholewa  
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TSgt. Herman Jones  
TSgt. Louis Mackey Jr.  
TSgt. Peter Merceri  
SSgt. John Kolar  
SSgt. Charles Walbeck





## Westover hosts VE-Day...

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praised USO volunteers for hundreds of hours of work. Lt. Col. Paul Torpey, Northeast Air Station head, chaired the dance committee, and Pioneer Valley USO Director Sandy Wakefield mustered the volunteers.

Colleen Cloutier, services marketing director was misty-eyed as she scanned the hangar full of veterans. The hours of preparation became a labor of love. There are tentative plans for a yearly Westover celebration for veterans.



**FACES OF PATRIOTISM** — Frances Boudreau (top left) and Pearl Cardinale, both of E. Longmeadow, dress up to show national pride. An unidentified veteran and his wife, above, dance to the evening's big band sounds.

## Chicopee couple shares national anniversary



**DUAL CELEBRATION** — Westover's VE Day celebration brought a flood of memories for Leo and Elsie Riendeau, who were on their honeymoon in New York when VE Day was announced. The Riendeaus were married on May 3, 1945, while Leo was on furlough



from his Navy assignment on the USS Biddle APA-8. The Riendeaus reside in Chicopee, and Leo remembers painting the hangars while he was a civilian painting contractor. Elsie said she would gladly take another 50 years with her husband.



# Westover commemorates VE Day

## 1,500 fill Base Hangar for victory celebration

by MSgt. Tom Allocco

The brass horns of the Glen Miller sound swelled the Base Hangar, reverberated off walls decorated with war loan posters and swept over men in Air Corps "pinks" and women in feathered hats when Westover hosted a Victory in Europe Dance in May.

The music accompanied lyrics which spoke from the heart of faraway lovers and hopes for peace and a brighter future. The veterans who squeezed into their old wool, gabardine and twill uniforms knew exactly what the lyrics once meant to people at war.

"The big band music was great," said Lou Turmel of Chicopee, who was away from his family through three long years. He and his friend John Moran, also of Chicopee, wore their dark blue Navy uniforms to the dance. Between them they had gone through nine combat landings, from North Africa to Okinawa.

"We were 21 days at Okinawa under the kamikazes," Moran said.

Half a century after the crowds filled Times Square the VE Day joy echoed in the Base Hangar for 1,500 celebrants. Helping to turn the clock back to 1945 were Westover members who wore brown wool Army Air Corps uniforms and displayed wartime memorabilia.

"The veterans look at the silk escape map or wartime Look magazine cover and it sparks memories. Stories and strong emotions pour out of them," said Lynne Knight of Base Training.

Among those who visited the display were retired Col. Vincent McGovern of Wilbraham, base commander from 1970 to 1973. He remembers the streets of Memphis, Tenn. were "wild" on VE day. He had good reason to celebrate peace in Europe after 50 B-24 combat missions with the 15th Air Force in Italy.

Richard Martin of Springfield wore his Army uniform with the 9th Infantry Division patch on the left shoulder and rows of ribbons topped by a Purple Heart. Martin favored his left leg as he made his way around tables and dancers.

"We landed on Utah Beach on June 11 and I was

wounded on June 14. I was hit in 12 places," he said. The 22-year-old infantryman lost his left eye and knee and carries shrapnel.

"On VE Day we went down to Main Street, Springfield. It was mobbed solid. People were happy. They were opening fire hydrants. There was relief that it was over. I was happy for my two brothers who were in Europe," Martin said.



**Stanley Folta,  
WWII veteran from Enfield**

John Swinger of Rocky Hill, Conn. was flying over London as a B-17 navigator on VE day. He marked the 50th anniversary by donning his old dark green blouse and tan colored trousers, known in the Army Air Force as "pinks."

VE Day meant that Donald MacPherson's father and two brothers could come home from the British Army, and his mother would no longer be alone to care for seven children. Now of Vernon, Conn., in 1945 MacPherson was a nine-year-old Glasgow, Scotland boy who spent the war years running to the reinforced concrete shelter in the backyard every time the sirens wailed.

"Sometimes the German bombers came three or four times a night. The next day the

kids would pick up shrapnel," he remembers.

For George Tingle of Glastonbury, Conn., VE Day was another workday. He was a radio operator flying combat missions from Saipan to Japan. Tingle later served as a pilot in the Korean War and flew B-52s with the 99th Bomb Wing at Westover for nine years.

Frances Gietek was also in uniform on VE Day. She had joined the WAVES and was serving as a parachute rigger first class at Pensacola, Fla.

"I was on a bus when the announcement was made. I looked out the window and everyone started dancing and singing. A sailor climbed up the bus and kissed me," Gietek said.

Stanley Folta of Enfield remembers a quieter VE Day when the announcement came at the Army Air Force airfield at Bretigny Sur Orge, France. As a medic in the 77th Troop Carrier Squadron he patched up the men torn and bloodied by war.

"I went to bed with thanks that it was over," he said.



## Reservists use medical skills to treat Navajos

by MSgt. Sandi Michon

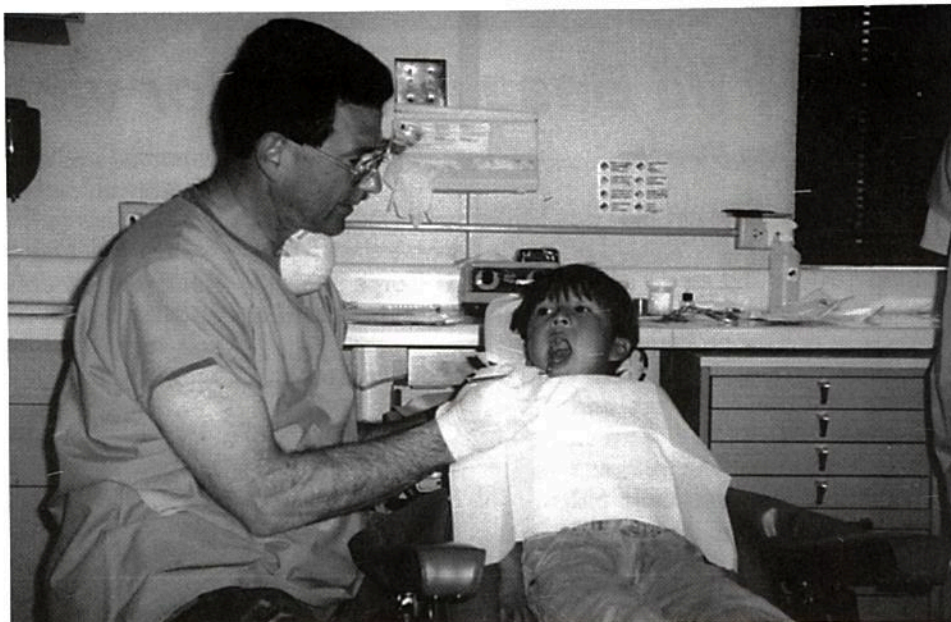
Five reservists from the 439th Medical Squadron provided medical care to Navajo Indians in April as part of a pilot program to use Army and Air Force reservists to meet health care needs.

Lt. Col. Burt Finkel, base dental officer, headed the team of Capt. Elaine Tucci, MSgt. Frederic Damon, and SrA's Dennis Wysocki and Yvette Christman.

Finkel and Wysocki performed all types of dental procedures, such as restorative dentistry, endodontics and oral surgery. They also provided patient education to a population known for very poor dental health. The majority of their work was done at the Indian Health Service Clinic in Winslow, Ariz., and at the Outpatient Dental Clinic in Leupp, Ariz.

"It's striking. There are tremendous needs, both dental and medical," Finkel said. He said there was much dental neglect, and many five-year-old patients had completely decayed baby teeth. "It's like trying to empty an ocean with a thimble... but you do the best you can," Finkel said.

The nursing staff, Tucci and Christman, worked with Army nurses performing patient assessments, education and immunizations in primary



Courtesy of Lt. Col. Burt Finkel

**OPEN WIDE** -- Lt. Col. Burt Finkel, base dental officer, provides treatment to a young Navajo boy at the Indian Health Service Clinic in Winslow, Ariz.

care clinics. They were also part of a field team which serviced smaller satellite clinics, or "trailer sites" located around the reservation, which is about the size of New Jersey.

Tucci also assisted with administrative audits and lab work, while Christman assisted in the Environmental Health Office. According to Christman, they also served as CPR instructors to teachers, policemen, and students.

"It was the best annual tour I ever did," Christman said. "I learned about the people in my unit, and I learned a lot about the native American culture."

Those on the tour contrasted the

magnificent scenery around the reservation to the somewhat depressed living conditions among the Navajo. Despite alcohol and drug problems, they remain a proud people.

Christman was so impressed by the medical tour to the Navajos, she wants to complete her RN degree and return to the reservation to serve there. "My long-range goal is to go back. They [the Navajos] are a group of people that really need our help. I would like to contribute," said Christman.

According to Finkel, the Westover medical cadre was warmly received, and their contributions were greatly appreciated.

## Westover engineer applies for Tree City USA status

by MSgt. Gordon A. Newell

If Gina Rossi, base environmental engineer has her way, Westover will soon be designated Tree City USA.

The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters recognizes cities and towns across America that meet standards of the program, she explained.

"The Tree City USA program is designed to recognize communities

that effectively manage their public tree resources and to encourage the implementation of community tree management based on four program standards," Rossi said.

These standards include a tree board which is covered by the base's Environmental Protection Committee; an ordinance which is provided for in AFI 32-7064; a forestry budget which is included in several base forest projects and an Arbor Day observance which was held April 28.

During that ceremony, Col. James

P. Czekanski, commander of the 439th Airlift Wing read a proclamation dedicated what is thought to be the oldest tree on base, a large oak which is located adjacent to the Bowling Center and which is estimated to be between 85 and 100 years old.

"This program is designed to make people aware that trees are valuable and beautiful resources," she said. "I think it's great that the Air Force is taking such an interest in such a worthwhile project."



# Kelly brings people skills to Westover

Article and photo by MSgt. Sandi Michon

Jim Kelly is Westover's new recreation center director. He brings 44 years of recreation experience, and has clear goals to accomplish.

Fresh from three and one-half years in Ramstein AB, Germany, Kelly also boasts 30 years active duty Air Force service, managing all aspects of Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

His career has taken him all over the world, and his military involvement has spread to local communities. In the Philippines, Kelly helped strengthen community sports programs, and he worked with universities in Korea, teaching basketball skills. In New Mexico, he was the state representative for the Special Olympics.

Kelly is soft-spoken, humble about his accomplishments, but he is passionate about putting people first. "The whole strength of our program is people. I am only a custodian of what belongs to the people we serve," Kelly said. He knows the importance of people in any successful program. "With limited manpower available, it's even more important to get the whole base behind our program," he said.

Kelly praised base leadership for the overall excellent condition of base recreation facilities, but targeted the ball fields for improvement. His goals stress the fitness of Reservists, and all DOD eligible patrons, by strengthening the recreation programs. Kelly also wants to find ways to

access more off-base recreation events.

Kelly has also worked with the new fitness assessment program scheduled to affect reservists by September. The new system replaces the walk/run method of fitness assessment with computerized technology. "Each assessment takes approximately 30 minutes, and with 4,000 people to assess, the challenge is time management and scheduling," Kelly explained. In addition to securing the equipment and training recreation personnel, two members from each squadron must be trained. In spite of the challenges, Kelly praised the new program as more complicated to run, but safer to administer.

Kelly has a "can do" attitude, and mixes tenacity with flexibility to get the job done. "I never let a big problem consume all the time needed to accomplish other challenges. I just keep at it until we arrive at the solution," he said in his relaxed Kentucky drawl.



*Jim Kelly*

Kelly has a plethora of awards that acknowledge his skills. He won the Air Force Sports Director of the Year Award in 1988 and is a three-time winner of the Curtis Lemay trophy. "In short, all my experience seems to fit with the Reserve mission. I want to merge the Reserve activities with the day-to-day mission," he said.

Kelly is married to the former Nicole Virard, and they have two grown children, James, Jr. and Natalie. They are currently looking for permanent residence in the Pioneer Valley.

## Partnership strives to improve services, workplace conditions

by Capt. Paul P. Koscak Jr.

A task force of base managers and labor representatives, that includes Wing Commander Col. James P. Czekanski and two union presidents, are working toward improving the way disputes and other workplace issues are resolved as part of an overall plan to enhance government services.

The group, known as the Labor Management Partnership Council, has been meeting regularly for about 10 months hammering out a charter of guidelines that is a departure from the traditional adversarial approach to labor relations.

The document is aimed at bringing the two sides closer together.

An outgrowth of an executive order issued by President Clinton, the council attempts to streamline and redesign government, in part, by changing traditional outlooks, attitudes and procedures.

Wing Executive officer Major Armond Tourangeau, who serves as the council's facilitator, said the group will move to solve problems "before they become contract issues."

The 12-member council-balanced evenly between labor and management-will also work to improve the overall quality of the Westover workplace, Tourangeau said.

"There will still be collective bargaining, contracts, negotiations and bargaining units," he said. "It doesn't replace the bargaining process."

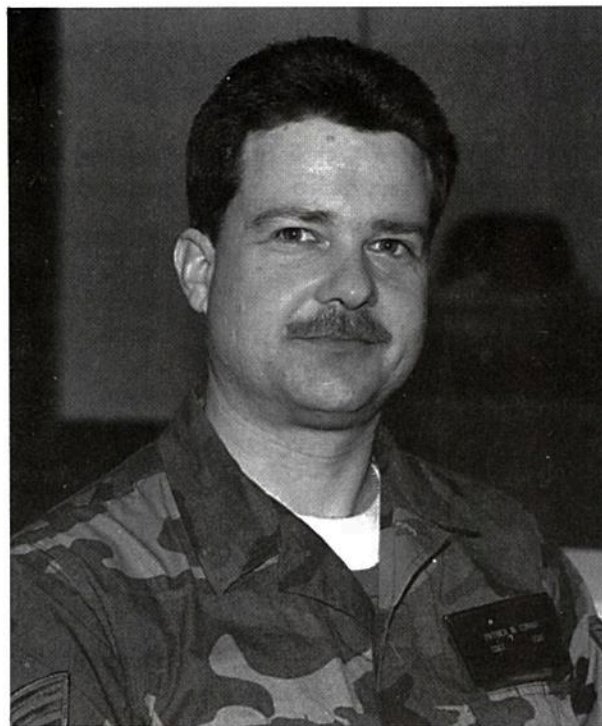
Among the tenets adopted by the council:

- » recognize employees as our most valuable asset
- » value and respect all members of the Westover workforce
- » identify and focus on common interests and shared problems rather than on exclusive rights and conflicting positions.



## Patriot People

**Name:** Patrick M. Conway  
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**Unit:** 439th CRS  
**Position:** Information management specialist  
**Civilian position:** Information management  
**Favorite food:** Lasagna  
**Years of service:** 11  
**Favorite sport:** Softball  
**Favorite hobby:** Antiques  
**Ideal vacation:** Hawaii  
**Best way to relax:** Camping on the beach  
**Preferred entertainment:** Adventure movies  
**Favorite hero:** Green Hornet  
**Favorite music:** Classic rock  
**Favorite movie:** *North and South* (TV movie)  
**Favorite aircraft:** C-5 Galaxy  
**Pet peeve:** Inconsiderate customer service people  
**What I would do if I won \$1 million:** Buy houses on both coasts, take family on Caribbean cruise, hike the Appalachian trail.



SSgt. Vin Blanchard

SSgt. Patrick M. Conway

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## MSgt. Gusan back from Coronet Oak

MSgt. Stephen Gusan, 439th CRS guidance control technician, recently returned from four months duty assisting the Coronet Oak C-130 Latin American rotation and the transfer of Cuban refugees to Guantanamo Bay.

Gusan served at Howard AFB in the Panama Canal Zone from December through March as an avionics superintendent in support of Southern Command's Coronet Oak. Formerly called Volant Oak, the operation rotates Reserve and Air Guard C-130s throughout Central and Latin America on supply missions to embassies and radar sites.

While in Panama, Gusan also served as a liaison between units participating in Safe Haven and Safe Passage, the efforts to provide temporary shelter for Cuban refugees in Panama and transfer them by C-130 and C-141 to Guantanamo Bay.

During his tour, C-130s were also on standby to evacuate Americans, if necessary, during border fighting between Ecuador and Peru.



## A feeling of pride

During a retreat ceremony several months ago and again at the base-wide retirement ceremony last month, I observed an attitude that has become all too common in the Air Force Reserve.

"Oh no, we have to put our dress blues on again. We don't have time for this. We have projects to finish, and forms to fill out. Send a few members over so our squadron is represented. We'll see if we can get out of doing this formation..."

Military retreats are a hassle. Open ranks formation is an annoyance. Well, one thing we seem to forget every once in a while is that this part-time job is not like flipping hamburgers at McDonalds. We are in the military and sometimes we have to do military stuff.

The reservists who have "gotten out of retreat" might benefit by talking to those of us who actually showed up. We too were grumbling as we made sure our ribbons were in the right order and our shoes were shined. When we got outside and responded to open ranks commands like "dress right dress" and "cover down," quite a few were rusty and there were some snickers and jokes.

But when we began to march as a unit, saluted the commander and presented arms to our nation's flag, we got a feeling that some of us had forgotten. A feeling that sparked many of us to join the Reserve in the first place... PRIDE.

After the retreat, many of the grumblers suggested we march every weekend. It felt good. It made us feel proud. It made us remember why we're here.

And maybe those who don't want to march and don't want to do military stuff should go flip burgers one weekend a month.

by SSgt. Christine Mora  
Public Affairs technician

## Family Readiness Center needs volunteers

by Amn. Richard Cipolla

The Family Readiness Center offers services which help the Air Force mission and the individual reservist.

The center, which opened shortly after Desert Shield/Desert Storm, provides families with help for basically anything from financial to family-related problems. "What we're trying to do is put together a facility and programs that will assist reservists and their family members in any way possible," said Roy Green, the center's director.

For reservists, deployment is a fact

of life and most likely will happen at a moment's notice. But the Readiness Center can greatly help to make the experience less traumatic by acting as a referral service, putting them in touch with facilities that offer financial aid or emotional support.

Ideas for new programs are currently in the works, such as hour-long classes on UTAs on subjects like money management or effective parenting. According to Green, volunteers are needed to help.

Anyone who wishes to volunteer can contact Roy Green or Valerie Perry, at 593-1431.

## Briefs

### Wing's Family Day picnic is Sept. 9

The 439th Airlift Wing will conduct its annual Family Day picnic Sept. 9, 1995 from noon to 4 p.m.

All wing members, civilian employees and their families are invited to attend.

In addition to food, beverages, entertainment and raffles a volleyball tournament will be conducted.

### Red Cross plans blood drive in June

Westover will host an American Red Cross blood drive at the Base Gym from 7 a.m. to noon on Sunday, June 4, of the "A" UTA.

The drive will help build up the Red Cross supply of blood during the summer months when demand increases and donations decline.

No appointments will be necessary. For more information, call 1st Lt. John Ryan at extension 3460.

### Welcome center group formed

A committee has been formed to operate a Westover Welcome Center and will meet at 1700 on June 3 in Room 203 in Hangar 3.

Sub-committees that will be established include funding, facilities, displays and organization.

Anyone wishing to volunteer is asked to attend the meeting. For further information call Capt. Don Carlton (ext. 3277) or CMSgt. Bob Adams (ext. 2801).

**JULY UTA DATES**  
**A UTA 8-9**  
**B UTA 22-23**



# Employer Appreciation Day switched to October

by MSgt. Gordon A. Newell

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

Reservists are encouraged to invite their bosses to visit Westover during both UTAs in October when they will be offered 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, so please ask your boss to attend."

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

Following a briefing by the Wing Commander, some employers (de-

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_ "B" UTA \_\_\_\_\_

*Return form to: 439th Airlift Wing, Public Affairs, 100 Lloyd St., East Wing, Suite 103, Westover ARB, Mass. 01022-1825, or fax to (413) 557-2099.*

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pending on numbers) will fly while the remainder 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 reservist is asked to invite just one employer. Reservists will not fly on the orientation flight.

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