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OPERATION PURPLE PENNY



Capt. Mike Franco

Role playing

Maj. Bob Freniere, seated, and Maj. Keith Guillotte, present a comedy skit to open Westover's Junior Officer Leadership Development Seminar on Oct. 5-8. Maj. Gen. Robert A. McIntosh, AFRES commander, was the keynote speaker for the seminar which provides officers the opportunity to network across career fields in an environment of teamwork and leadership.

Reservists should check SGLI information

All reservists are encouraged to visit their military personnel flight, customer service branch, to review their SGLV-8286 form and to ensure the level of coverage and appropriate monthly premium are annotated on their LES (pay stub).

Delay in payment of insurance proceeds to beneficiaries could arise if there is a discrepancy between the level of coverage elected, as stated on the SGLV-8286 form, and the monthly premium being deducted.

Personnel are also encouraged to

periodically review their SGLV-8286 for desired level of coverage, and their LES for accuracy of monthly premium deduction for the elected level of coverage, to make sure they are compatible.

If reservists believe there is an error or if they are unsure of coverage elected, they should take their LES to the Military Personnel Flight to verify accuracy.

Anyone electing less than the \$200,000 maximum SGLI coverage available, the monthly premium de-

duction should be reflected on the LES should be listed below:

Coverage/Monthly Premium

\$190,000 = \$17.10	90,000 = \$8.10
180,000 = 16.20	80,000 = 7.20
170,000 = 15.30	70,000 = 6.30
160,000 = 14.40	60,000 = 5.40
150,000 = 13.50	50,000 = 4.50
140,000 = 12.60	40,000 = 3.60
130,000 = 11.70	30,000 = 2.70
120,000 = 10.80	20,000 = 1.80
110,000 = 9.90	10,000 = .90
100,000 = .90	

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ON THE COVER

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION — Members of the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron seek out some high ground during the Operational Readiness Exercise held during the October UTA. More than two inches of rain fell during the weekend, turning the Dogpatch encampment area into a quagmire.

(photo by TSgt. William C. Pope)

Barry jumps into role as new vice commander

by SSgt. Christine Mora

It's not unusual for people to go back to school after many years. It's not even that odd when someone goes back to his alma mater for a class or two. But when your alma mater is the U.S. Air Force Academy, you're a colonel, two of your classmates are brigadier generals and you're jumping out of a perfectly good airplane — some people might find it a little extraordinary.

Just ask Col. Marvin Jay Barry.

Twenty-five years after he supposedly took his last class and graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Barry was back in the classroom. Brigadier Generals John Hopper, Jr., and Susan Palmerleau, and Barry, attended the academy's jump school in August, much to the surprise of the cadets sitting next to them.

"They were pretty amazed to see three senior officers being put through the paces with them," chuckled Barry. "They were also reassured by the fact that it was just as tough for us as it was for them."

One month after enduring "one of the biggest challenges I've had in years," Barry faced a new challenge and another jump when he joined the ranks of the 439th Airlift Wing as its new vice commander, replacing Col. James P. Gallin, who retired in August.

Barry's career is sprinkled with ties to the Academy — both his own, and his family's. The colonel began the trend when he graduated in 1970, followed by his two brothers and eventually, one of his sons. After two tours in Vietnam and an active-duty stint at Little Rock AFB, Ark., Barry revived his affiliation with the Academy in 1979 by becoming an admissions liaison officer — in addition to his reserve pilot position and civilian job as a Delta Airlines pilot.

It's a pace he's kept for the last 16 years — in a career that's lasted 25.

After his commissioning, Barry went to pilot training and later flew C-130Es at Ching Chuan Kang Air Base, Taiwan until 1974. He spent the next 15 years as a C-130E instructor pilot and flight examiner both at Little Rock AFB, Ark., and as a reservist at Willow Grove ARS, Pa.

Weaving his way up the ranks, Barry assumed numer-

ous commands including the 327th Airlift Squadron, and vice commander of the 913th Airlift Group at Willow Grove. During Operation Desert Storm, the colonel served as commander of the 1662nd Airlift Squadron at Thumrait AB, Oman.

Little did he know his Persian Gulf tenure would lead him back to the Academy.

"I served as the squadron commander in Oman and General Hopper was the wing commander," Barry said. "We reconnected in the States when he went to work as the commandant of the Air Force Academy and I was named mobilization assistant to the commandant of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps at Maxwell AFB, Ala., in July, 1994."

While at Maxwell, Barry spearheaded a program that allowed ROTC cadets to participate in the Academy's jump training and Soar for All program (flying gliders). That led to his stint as a student with Hopper and Palmerleau.

Barry's Desert Storm experience also connected him to Westover in a very special way.

"When I brought eight C-130s and 250 people back from the desert, our first stop in the U.S. was Westover," Barry said. "It was the most phenomenal reception I could have ever imagined."

The dedication and enthusiasm that welcomed him home years ago welcomed him to Westover in September, the colonel said. "I saw the same enthusiasm in my years at Willow Grove but on a much

smaller scale," Barry said. "I am very impressed with the overall operation at Westover and hope to contribute all I can to keep it the special place that it is."

This is not the first time Barry has worked with his new boss.

"We worked together for two years at Willow Grove. Colonel Barry's dedication to duty, exceptional leadership and overall ability to get the job done are impressive," said Col. James P. Czekanski, wing commander. "I know he'll fit in very well with the Westover family."

Barry's own family includes wife, Christine, and three children, Megan, Air Force 1st Lt. Michael and Air Force Academy Cadet Matthew.



Col. Marvin Jay Barry



MSgt. Sandi Michon

Westover salutes employers

By MSgt. Sandi Michon

Bosses help get any job done, and Westover's Employer Appreciation Day, on Oct. 14, showed civilian bosses how they help achieve the base's mission.

"If bosses don't support us, we can't do our job," said Wing Commander Col. James P. Czekanski, who welcomed the 63 employers from throughout New England. Interest was high, and the atmosphere emphasized partnership, as the commander fielded numerous questions from the employers.

After the briefing, half the group headed out to the flightline for the C-5 orientation flight. Maj. Paul Desisto and Capt. Jeff Hancock flew the C-5 and gave their employers a first-hand look at their Reserve duties. Desisto's boss, Richard Gula of Bay Bank Financial Services, and Hancock's boss Art Matney of Merrill Lynch, both enjoyed the flight. "I haven't had this much fun in a long time," said Gula.

Desisto said his boss has an interest in airplanes, and they have spoken



SSgt. Mike Greco



TSgt. Howard Garbarsky

SHOWING OFF — Westover reservists showcase their role in the base mission by hosting their civilian bosses for Employer Appreciation Day on Oct. 14. At top left, Col. James P. Czekanski welcomes the group. At middle, SSgt. Chris Lussier talks, in flight, with Paul Fornier, while Maj. Paul Desisto, 337th AS pilot, hosts his boss, Richard Gula, in the C-5 cockpit (bottom left).



MSgt. Sandi Michon

often of Desisto's Reserve job. "My boss has always been supportive; Employer Appreciation Day only served to reinforce that support," said Desisto, a vice president at Bay Bank in Boston.

While the first group was in flight, the Operational Readiness Exercise provided, for the second group, a comprehensive overview of Westover's mission. As they toured Dogpatch, they caught the mood of the ORE field encampment. They sampled MRE food, and watched a C-141 taxi away from Dogpatch to the nearby runway.

Munching on an MRE cookie, Michael Bete, of Channing L. Bete Publishing company in South Deerfield, said the food was actually pretty tasty. Bete was the guest of his employee Reservist, SSgt. Ed Wegiel of the 58th APS.

The bosses had lunch with their employees, and toured their work areas, but most favored the C-5 flight best. Employers left Westover better informed, and very impressed. "The tour of the bivouac site and the C-5

flight were very informative. To tell you the truth I'd love to do it again," said John D. Amuso of Pittsfield.

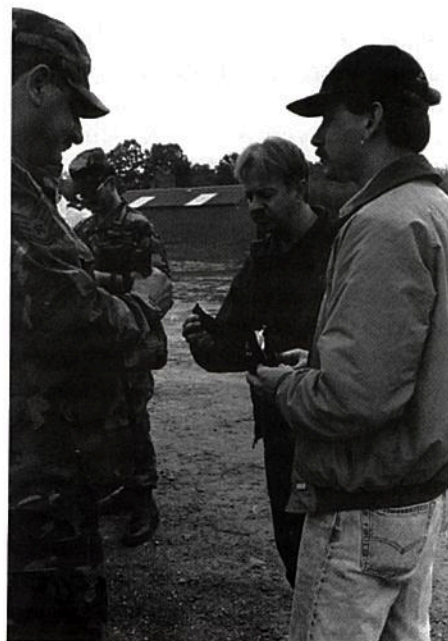
Suzanne Walch, boss of TSgt. Jean Allison, optometry craftsman with the 439th MDS, enjoyed Employee Appreciation Day. "Showing me what she (Allison) does in the Reserve makes me appreciate my employee more," she said. Walch said Allison is often tired after Reserve weekends. "I thought, 'How could she possibly be tired?' Now I know why," commented Walch.

Many bosses worked with their employees to collect information and photos so they could feature their day at Westover in their business newsletters.

"It's fun to have the bosses come out — especially to hear their comments afterwards about how significantly their employees contribute — not only to the wing, but to the nation," Czekanski said.

An additional Employee Appreciation Day was held on Oct. 28. The thank-you gesture is sponsored by the base at least once yearly.

FIELDING QUESTIONS — Civilian employers tour Dogpatch during the Operational Readiness Exercise. At top, the group views the security police encampment. In lower photo, bosses sample MREs. SSgt. Ed Wegiel, and his boss, Mike Bete, in foreground, and John Bonfiglioli is to Bete's right.



MSgt. Sandi Michon



SSgt. Christine Mora

AIRCRAFT FIRE! — Firefighters fight an aircraft fire inside a C-130 trainer during the ORE. SrA. Tyler H. Bergemann is closest the nozzle, and TSgt. Benjamin C. Sudduth is at the rear.



SSgt. Christine Mora

PLOTTING — Maj. Stephen Luongo, disaster preparedness officer, Col. Franklyn Senft 439th Support Group commander and Lt. Col. Arch Battista, 439th SG vice commander, assess current threats.

Purple Penny checks wing's wartime skills

by SSgt. Christine Mora

Purple Penny put the 439th to the test.

The Operational Readiness Exercise — code name, Operation Purple Penny — sparked units throughout the wing into wartime action during the October UTA.

Simulating the actual deployment of wing personnel, the scenario involved a supposed conflict between North and South Korea. Approximately 338 reservists were sent to the "South Korean" bases of Suweong (a.k.a. Westover's Dogpatch) and Pohang (Pease ANG, N.H.) in response to the conventional and chemical threat by North Korea.

The bare base camp at Dogpatch was the temporary home to civil engineers, aerial porters, services, logistics, support and wing personnel who braved fierce winds and frequent downpours during their two-day stay.

While the Dogpatch scenario focused more on support operation, the Westover reservists at Pease tested their airlift skills. The 175 personnel including airlift control element, intelligence, aerial porters, safety, and security police deployed to the base to set up command and control to handle all airlift through "Pohang AB".

As the 439th civil engineers set up camp, commanders set up shop in the Strategic Response Center (SRC), the central hub for camp operations. "The SRC is essentially the command post," said 439th Support Group commander and acting camp commander Col. Franklyn Senft. "We filter information from all areas of the

camp and higher headquarters to direct the action of camp personnel."

During the heaviest attack, Senft and his team sprung into action.

After security police supervisor MSgt. Robert Durand alerted Senft that the base was being attacked and under Threat-con Delta, staff in the

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Maj. Keith Guilloffe

BREAKING GROUND — Members of the 439th Airlift Control Flight race to set up the "tent city" that served as the airlift control center at Pease AFB, N.H.



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DOWN AND OUT — SSgt. Rick Michaud, 439th Civil Engineering Squadron inventory management journeyman, MSgt. George Hoagland 439 Security Police Squadron training superintendent and MSgt. Robert Durand, 439th plans and programs superintendent, hit the deck in the Strategic Response Center at Dogpatch during a heavy attack on the camp.



SSgt. Christine Mora

FINAL CHECK — SSgt. Anthony Perras, services journeyman from the 439th Services Squadron, identifies a casualty at the camp morgue.



TSgt. Bill Pope

CHANGING GEARS — Reservists don chemical gear during an "attack" at Dogpatch.

Medical Fair

SSgt. Ruthanne La-Freniere, a medical technician with the 439th AES, uses a Pulse Oximeter to check oxygen saturation and pulse on a visitor to the Medical Fair on Oct. 13 at Elms College in Chicopee. The event drew approximately 300 participants, and was conducted by Westover medical volunteers in conjunction with the college.

(photo by SSgt. Christine Mora)



Purple Penny

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SRC hit the deck. Simulated bombs and gunfire flashed outside and messages from different parts of the camp flooded in.

The commanders quickly dispatched police patrols and response teams to neutralize the problems.

The 33 security policemen at Dogpatch played a key role in the exercise. "We're kind of the 'war people', advising the commander on combat issues so he can make decisions," Durand said. "We can then direct the SPs to respond to firefights and attacks."

Another major player and the most numerous out at Dogpatch was the more than 100-person CE contingent. The 439th civil engineers — including firefighters, disaster preparedness, structural and utilities personnel — are tasked with the force bed-down of the entire camp, according to SMSgt. Randy Malek, force management superintendent.

Under few other circumstances are the disaster preparedness personnel so obviously relied upon. As Senft coordinated the camp effort,

Majors Jack Devine and Stephen Luongo, 439th disaster preparedness officers, were constantly at his side alerting him of current MOPP levels and chemical threats.

While reservists manned the camp round the clock at Westover, the Pease contingent was also on the go.

Like a pit crew for a car-racing team, the ALCF set up tents, communications, transportation, a supply depot and an Air Transportation Operation Control (ATOC). Within hours, Pohang was fully operational and

ready for the 13 C-5A Galaxies that transited the base.

As the aircraft arrived and departed, aerial porters raced to the flightline to onload and offload the cargo — all throughout the conventional and chemical attacks that besieged the mini-camp.

"The exercise accomplished what we intended," said Col. James P. Czekanski, wing commander. "It revealed our strengths and weaknesses and showed us the training areas we need to focus on."



TENT TEAMWORK — Members of the 439th Civil Engineering Squadron take down one of the many tents used during the ORE.

SSgt. Christine Mora

Inflight incident prompts additional training

by TSgt. William C. Pope

Being in the right place at the right time is a saying that couldn't have rung more true than for one of Westover's flight surgeons.

On Aug. 11, Maj. Mike A. Palmer of the 439th Medical Squadron thought the flight aboard a routine C-5A, from Travis AFB to Hickam AFB, would be just another ordinary flight.

"My job aboard these flights is to watch the flight crew, making sure they are in good physical and mental condition," said Palmer.

"I was in the cockpit and about one hour into the flight when SSgt. Monique Menard hurried into the cockpit. 'Get the doctor. There is a man in the passenger section having some kind of convulsion. He's freaking out!' she said.

"When I got back there I found an elderly man foaming at the mouth and having an epileptic seizure. The passengers were all freaked out. Everyone was standing around not knowing what to do. I quickly got something into his mouth so that he wouldn't swallow his tongue and I used one of the aircraft's oxygen bottles," said Palmer.

"After I had given him some oxygen he fell asleep which is something to be expected after a seizure. If he hadn't fallen asleep I would have been dealing with something different," he continued.

"A few minutes later he woke up dazed and couldn't remember that anything had ever happened. He seemed to be normal for the rest of the flight and when we landed in Hawaii he walk off the plane to a waiting ambulance," he said.

"On the same flight we had a crew member who, while lifting bags, hurt his back! So you could say I was in the right place at the right time," he said.

"When we got back I became a strong advocate of crew members getting some first aid training so that in the future they can take control of a situation like that. In the case of the seizure they would have at the least had a basic knowledge of how to handle the situation, including keeping the other passengers calm," he said.

"In fact, Col. Czekanski has given the go ahead on a training program that includes CPR, first aid and communication skills for all flying personnel," he said.

For Palmer it seems that being in the right place at the right time may give passengers aboard our planes a reason to feel safer.

439th AES joint training saves taxpayer dollars

by MSgt. Gordon A. Newell

Westover's 439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, working in tandem with the 913th Airlift Wing from Willow Grove, Pa. and the Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine at Brook AFB, Texas has developed a process that more effectively stretches training dollars.

Every three months, joint weekend trips begin Friday morning with a C-130 from Willow Grove flying to Westover to pick up 40 medical personnel. While en route to Brooks, the two units perform a five-hour aeromedical evacuation training mission.

On Saturday morning, most of the nurses and medical technicians head to either the altitude chamber or classrooms of the School of Aerospace Medicine. Those remaining go the aircraft to fly with school instructors and students. The reservists return home on Sunday.

Maj. Rosemary Costa, flight nurse examiner with the 439th AES calls the program a "win-win-win," situation with the taxpayer the biggest winner.

"The program is great for us, for the 913th and for the School of Aerospace Medicine. Being able to put the entire package together has already saved thousands and thousands of dollars and will continue to do so in the future, she said."

She gives much of the credit for getting the program off the ground to 439th AES personnel.

MSgt. Kathy Skalecki got the ball rolling last year when she returned from flight training at Brooks and wrote a point paper proposing a joint-training scenario.

"Sergeant Skalecki developed a good rapport with the people at Brooks and her proposal was well received there. Then Maj. Denise Wishoski and our squadron training people worked out training schedules. When we threw in the altitude chamber, the entire mix came together and savings from commercial travel, mandays, per diem etc. grew," she said.

Maj. Mike Underkofler, Willow Grove's training officer enthusiastically welcomed the opportunity, Costa said.

"During quality training, a team I was on decided we wanted to become the dominant provider of this type of airlift," Underkofler said. "I knew that Westover's medical people were looking for a way to get back regularly to the school to work with their instructors and the latest medical equipment.

"We also knew that school officials wanted a way for instructors to maintain their flying currency as well as expose their students to real aircraft flights while enrolled in the flight nurse and aerospace medicine technician programs. Before that they were using a static mock-up of a C-130B for training," he said.

"Maybe this seems like no big deal, but a cascade of cost-saving training opportunities has resulted from this joint effort and we're proud to be part of it," Costa said.

Patriot People

Name: Tracey Turner
Rank: TSgt.
Age: 32
Address: Albany, N.Y.
Unit: 439th ALCF
Position: Loadmaster
Civilian position: Insurance claims processor
Favorite food: Seafood
Years of service: 14
Favorite sport: Hockey
Favorite hobby: Snowmobiling
Ideal vacation: Club Med in Cancun
Best way to relax: exercise
Preferred entertainment: Flying
Favorite hero: Wonder Woman
Favorite music: Rock
Favorite movie: Basic Instinct
Favorite aircraft: C-141/C-5
Pet peeve: Early wake-up for Sunday UTA
What I would do if I won \$1 million: Disappear



Maj. Keith Guillotte

TSgt. Tracy Turner

Reservists, families invited to college fair

More than 20 colleges and universities have been invited to appear at Westover's second annual college fair Nov. 4.

In addition to the schools, representatives from the Veterans' Affairs office and the Education and Training office will be available to answer questions on the GI Bill and Community College of the Air Force.

All reservists and their families are invited to attend the fair which will be held in the Galaxy Room of the Westover Club from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Schools that have already committed to appear include Central Connecticut State University, American International College, Greenfield Community College, the University of Massachusetts, Holyoke Community College, Hartford Graduate Center, Western New England College, Cambridge College, Smith College, Elms College, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and Leslie College.

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 MSgt. Hogan, Daniel G.
 MSgt. Knechtel, John A.
 MSgt. McGowan, Christopher
 MSgt. Oliveri, Robert N.
 MSgt. Vanlingen, Frank A.
 TSgt. Berthiaume, Joseph M.
 TSgt. Bishop, Barbara J.
 TSgt. Dotson, Waymond
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 Johnson, Michael A.
 AIC Jones, Gabriel A.
 Amn. Semedo, Kennedy C.

Commission opportunities for Reserve officer positions

The 439th Medical Group is currently screening candidates for Medical Services Corps (MSC) officer positions. Mandatory requirements are:

1. Baccalaureate degree (business and health administration desired)
2. GMAT/GRE scores

To apply, send a cover letter expressing interest in the position, and a current resume outlining civilian and military experience, by Dec. 3, 1995. Address correspondence to:

Col. Joseph A. Curley
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Let's not forget who we are

Hartford's police chief thinks it's OK for city police recruits to have a few run-ins with the law. Misdemeanors or even drug-use felonies shouldn't disqualify applicants, he recently announced. Fortunately, public uproar nixed those liberal proposals before they could do any harm.

It goes without saying, that anyone who takes an oath to protect the public must be beyond reproach.

The issue raises a poignant parallel: police pledge to protect the public; airmen - or any military members, for that matter - pledge to "protect and defend" the constitution. In short, both support and defend a way of life.

Thankfully, an airman's integrity remains beyond reproach. There's still no room in the Reserve for anyone with a record. That's Air Force policy. And, say base recruiters, that's the way it will remain. They're making their quotas without lowering standards. Bravo.

Any change in the reserve's moral compass would not only tarnish all members, but would undermine the military's standing in the world community. When compared to our population, though, keeping rogues out of the reserve isn't so superficial.

Consider this: There were 480,568 state and federal inmates in 1985. By June 1994, there were 1,012,851 - a whopping 47 percent increase. The numbers speak volumes about society's respect for the law and those in authority.

Gratefully, our reputation is solid. But look no further than Haiti, Liberia, Guatemala or Peru for what can happen when miscreants run the military. Or Mexico's judicial police, who enjoy dashing into San Diego to steal cars. Before wielding a badge, many were former gangsters and thugs.

Let's stay the course: lawbreakers need not apply.

EDITORIAL

Capt. Paul P. Koscak Jr.
Public Affairs Officer

Gen. McIntosh: A team within a team

In the last several months I've talked about the importance of leadership in this time of turbulence and change. I'd like to now expand that to teamwork. General Fogleman has made no secret of his goal of building a "team within a team." A significant part of this team is the Air Force Reserve. Our job is to ensure that we remain a force of choice by DoD and the Air Force. I want all Reserve leaders to be receptive to Air Force needs and to support mission changes, reorganization and functional area cuts.

I've often said a leader must remain true to his or her institution, and for us that institution is the Air Force. We must be careful that we don't squander the trust that true customer satisfaction produces. If our people use their influence as citizens to support the Air Force through the Reserve, we will prosper. As citizen airmen we all are responsible to help the total Air Force execute the difficult (and sometimes painful) aspect of changing missions and structures.

Briefs

Blood drive on Jan. 7

A blood drive will be conducted on Sunday of the January UTA starting at 7 a.m. in the base gymnasium.

The goal of the drive is to collect 150 units of blood, according to 1st. Lt. John J. Ryan, who coordinates the base blood drive.

"During the holiday season, the American Red Cross is in dire need of blood donations," said Ryan. "Westover is one of the highest donors in the area."

Per diem rates to change Nov. 1

ROBINS AFB, GA. - Beginning Nov. 1, government travelers may see a change in the amount of money they receive for per diem.

Under a revised government policy, people will receive 75 percent of the per diem rate on their first and last days of travel, regardless of when they start travel.

The new rules do not affect interim travel days from one temporary duty location to another TDY location.

Military personnel offices have more details about the new policy. (AFRES News Service.)

Travel payments going electronic

All travel payments for military members will be made to Electronic Fund Transfer, starting Nov. 1.

If no other account is selected by submitting an SF 1199A to the travel section, deposits will be made to the same account where the military pay is deposited.

Civilians may elect to have their travel payments deposited by EFT to either their payroll or another account.

NOV. UTA DATES

Nov. 4-5

Nov. 18-19



SSgt. Christine Mora

The 439th Airlift Wing hosted the Third Annual Teamwork Expo at the Westover Club Oct. 5.

Teamwork Expo, co-sponsored by the Springfield Area Council for Excellence (SPACE) and the Association for Quality and Participation (AQP), brings together area businesses and base organizations to share ideas about quality and continuous improvement.

Teamwork Expo, held at Westover for the past three years, has expanded from eight organizations with 14 teams and 150 people attending in 1993 to 39 teams from 24 organizations with more than 500 people attending this year.

Two out of three Westover teams participating this year won awards. Transportation took the Best Use of Tools award and Equipment Maintenance Squadron won Best Overall Team for Quality.

Teamwork Expo



SSgt. Christine Mora

BEST OVERALL – The 439th EMS won Best Overall Team at Teamwork Expo. From left, Laura Delude, Ted Jeremicz, Pat Cassidy, Pat Thomson, Vince Viglione and Norm Martin.

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