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439th AW first volunteer to support Bosnian effort

by TSgt. W.C.Pope

The 439th Airlift Wing's first volunteer to serve on the ground in Operation Joint Endeavor headed for Hungary in early March.

"I volunteered in February for this mission and three days after we got back from the squadron's annual tour," said 1st Lt. Kevin Thomas, 439 CES, engineering officer as he was being issued cold weather gear in the squadron's supply cage. "I received a call informing me that I would be leaving March 12 for Taszar, Hungary."

He will take charge as the base civil engineer and will be commander for a 30-person group of reserve civil engineers. The unit's mission will be to support a tent city and runway that make up the small base, said Thomas.

"This has happened so quickly that some of the details are still a little fuzzy," he said, while trying on a pair of thermal-insulated gloves. "But I'm going to AFRES Headquarters at Robins AFB, Ga. for a more in-depth briefing on mission requirements."

"I'm very excited about going and looking forward to the command experience. It will be a challenge working with

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1st Lt. Kevin Thomas

Reservists step up tempo to support contingencies

by Jim Miller

AFRES News Service

Robins Air Force Base, Ga. — About 2,200 Air Force reservists are stepping up their operations tempo by supporting four major contingency operations this spring and summer.

During the first week in March alone, the Air Force Reserve had 20 percent of its C-130 cargo planes and more than 1,000 reservists deployed overseas.

"We have C-130s in Germany airlifting goods into Bosnia and the region under Operation Joint Endeavor and in Southwest Asia supporting Operation Southern Watch," Maj. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, AFRES vice commander, said. "Later this month (March), we'll have A-10 fighters going to Italy for Operation Decisive Edge, the enforce-

ment of the Bosnia no-fly zone."

"Starting in April, our KC-135 tankers will stage out of Italy to refuel a variety of Decisive Edge fighters, and we'll join with Air Combat Command and Air National Guard forces to fly Provide Comfort II rescue support from Turkey."

In addition to contingencies in Europe and Asia, Reserve C-130 crews share an ongoing commitment with Air National Guard crews to fly airlift missions throughout Latin America from Howard AFB, Panama. Five C-130s support the Coronet Oak mission at any given time.

"Our reservists are able to support contingencies anywhere in the world for extended periods because we ask most of them to be away from their regular jobs for just two weeks at a time," said Sherrard. "We can sustain an operation for up to two or three months by rotating teams

of reservists into the deployment area and by keeping the same aircraft there for part or all of the deployment period.

"We can also support contingencies for short or long terms by staging heavy airlift and refueling aircraft out of bases in the United States or overseas. From the U.S. these missions usually last three days at the most, and crews can be home again."

Deployments in progress are:

- **Ramstein Air Base, Germany —** C-130s airlift people and cargo into Bosnia and the region to sustain NATO forces in Operation Joint Endeavor from March 1 to April 15.
- **Southwest Asia —** C-130s provide intra-theater airlift for Department of

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Martens plays spin doctor to pilots

"One hundred percent of the pilots I test have the same reaction. Even though they might know what's coming, they have no control over their actions because the effect is physiological."
Lt. Col. Bob Martens

by SSgt. Christine Mora

Part of Bob Martens' job is taking pilots for a ride.

The Federal Aviation Administration Safety Program Manager and lieutenant colonel with the 439th Airlift Wing Safety Office was recently featured in *Flight Training* magazine in an article depicting a dangerous problem for inexperienced pilots: unusual attitudes.

Unusual attitudes occur when a pilot loses visual reference, like in fog or darkness. A pilot can compensate for this by flying by instruments alone, but many civilian pilots are not trained to do so.

"Civilian pilots have different training requirements than military pilots," Martens said. "While Air Force pilots must attend six weeks of schooling for instrument flying alone, civilian pilots are not required to do so." This is fine if a civilian pilot only flies on clear days, Martens said, but sometimes, weather can be unpredictable and the results are usually fatal.

Part of Martens' civilian job is to conduct free educational programs for the civilian aviation population. To combat the "unusual attitudes" syndrome he uses an unusual simulator — a Barany chair. Sporting a foot rest, the Barany chair does not fly — it rotates. Its only resem-

blance to an aircraft is a control stick mounted on the front of the seat and a seat belt.

The chair teaches pilots about the false sensory illusions created when visual references are lost. "When someone loses their visual reference, their middle ear takes over," Martens said. This causes vertigo, the precursor to unusual flight attitudes.

"The middle ear controls balance," Martens said. "When vertigo hits, it is a powerful force that causes you to do things you wouldn't otherwise do." Martens stressed that it has nothing to do with a pilot's proficiency or physical shape. The only thing that matters is what's going on physiologically.

Pilots climbing into the Barany chair illustrate the truth about vertigo. Their eyes covered, Martens asks the pilots to deflect the stick in the direction they are turning before giving the chair a gentle push. At first, the pilots deflect the stick in the correct direction. But as the chair slows, and the fluid in the middle ear equalizes the perceived movement, the pilots sense they have stopped moving and return the stick to the neutral position.

As the rotation slows more, the pilots deflect the stick opposite the turn. The pilots feel they are turning in the opposite direction. To make the demonstration

more effective, Martens asks the pilots to turn their head and reach over their shoulders as if they were trying to find a chart in the back seat. When they do this, the pilots feel like they are suddenly beginning to roll backward.

"One hundred percent of the pilots I test have the same reaction," Martens said. "Even though they might know what's coming, they have no control over their actions because the effect is physiological."

The effect is similar to that of a child spinning on a merry-go-round and then stopping and trying to walk. Because the merry-go-round causes the child to lose visual reference, when he tries to walk, he is disoriented.

By understanding how vertigo occurs, pilots can reduce its effects, Martens said. Proper safety procedures, instrument-flying knowledge and increased proficiency can help pilots ward off the effects of vertigo's powerful grip.

Leadership seminar set for Sept. 12-15

by Capt. Paul P. Koscak Jr.

Anyone seeking a career boost—particularly junior officers—are invited to get involved in planning this year's Junior Officer Leadership Development Seminar.

Scheduled here for Sept. 12-15, the seminar—which has been hosted at Westover in 1994 and 1995—has garnered high visibility and a national reputation for leadership excellence within the Reserve community, says JOLDS coordinator Major Rosemary Costa, a flight nurse at the 439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

The seminar, which is expected to draw nearly 100 people from throughout the country, is structured on participation. Team building, problem solving and field exercises as well as motivational presentations from community and corporate leaders are among the events.

"Our past success at Westover has resulted in our JOLDS being viewed as a national model for other bases holding these conferences," Costa says.

Anyone interested attending or helping to plan the 1996 seminar should contact MSgt Cindy Begue or 1st Lt. Maria Cichocki at DSN 589-2240 or 2243 or 1 (800) 367-1110 Ext. 2240 or 2243.

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Otto vies for AFRES airman of the year

by SSgt. Paul Mantikoski

As a flight attendant for American Airlines, Danette Otto knows all about customer service and keeping people happy. Her smile is contagious and she loves helping people.

During a flight a few years ago, she overheard some pilots talking about their "other" flying jobs with the Air Force Reserve.

She loved her job. It was definitely people-oriented. She simply felt that something was missing from her life. After some convincing from those pilots she made a decision.

"Joining the Air Force Reserve was the best decision I've ever made," said A1C Danette M. Otto, aeromedical journeymen and candidate for AFRES Airmen of the Year, and possible nominee for one of the 12 Air Force Airmen of the Year.

Otto has made a lot of things happen since she came to the 439th MDS after tech school in July 1994. Most of what she has done has made an impact on the unit.

She was nominated and won airman of the quarter at all levels culminating with her being selected as Airman of the Year for 22nd Air Force. The AFRES winner will be announced March 30 at Robins AFB.

"I always strive for excellence in everything I do," Otto said. "My supervisors encourage and support me and everything I do, they're the best."

On her first annual tour she volunteered to fill a critical manning requirement at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico. She was

put to work helping eliminate a backlog of medical records and assisting with physical exams. The regular staff was so impressed with her, they tried to convince her to stay ... permanently.

"Since the first day she arrived, Airman Otto has displayed a super 'Can Do' attitude," said MSgt. Barbara A. Lozanski, aeromedical craftsman and Otto's supervisor.



A1C Danette Otto

Otto thrives on the tough jobs, like auditing over 500 medical records for flyers in six weeks. Volunteering is also big on her list. She volunteered to speak at area schools about opportunities in the Air Force Reserve, and she eagerly volunteered to correct deficiencies and manage the mammography program.

In both her jobs, Otto has close contact with people, and she wouldn't want it any other way. It satisfies her to know she can comfort a passenger at 30,000 feet or help a water-logged pilot during survival training.

A native of Brooklyn Center, Minn., Otto has lived in Agawam, Mass. for the past nine years and is glad to be close to Westover. Some-

times her flight schedule may only require her to fly 18 days a month, so she uses her time on the ground to her own, and the unit's advantage.

When she sits back and thinks of all that has happened to her in the past two years, her trademark smile grows and she just shakes her head.

"All this just for helping people and doing my job," she said.

Honors keep pouring in for 439th AW reservists

by TSgt. W.C.Pope

Members of the 439th Airlift Wing traditionally win their share of Air Force and Air Force Reserve awards and 1995 was no exception.

The 439th Security Police Squadron took two awards at the AFRES level. These include the AFRES Law Enforcement Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, presented to SSgt. David Godley, and the AFRES Security Airman of the Year given to SrA Eric Snay.

Wing Commander James P. Czekanski, said the people of the 439th deserve these accolades.

"In the four years that I have been here, I have come to expect our reservists to do well in Air Force and AFRES-wide competition. We have thousands of dedicated and hard-work-

ing people here who in my opinion, are the best in the Air Force Reserve. I offer my thanks and congratulations to all who have won awards during the past year," he said.

"It's great to be recognized with an award like this," said SSgt David Godley, law enforcement journeyman. "We will be receiving our awards at a June security police conference at the Security Police Academy, Lackland AFB, Texas."

The 85th Aerial Port Squadron swept the 22nd Air Force competition winning three of the possible four awards in the individual categories.

Maj. Paul Bailey won the Reserve Transportation Field Grade Officer of the Year. The Reserve Senior NCO of the Year was taken by MSgt. Patsy Demichele and the Reserve Airman of the Year was presented to SrA Christopher Gray.

As a unit, the 85th Aerial Support Squadron walked away with the 1995 AMC-Gained Reserve Aerial Port Unit of the Year. The 85th APS, is a 439th AW geographically separated unit located at Hanscom AFB, Mass.

To top it all off, Bailey has also won the 1995 AFRES Reserve Transportation Field Grade Officer of the Year award to now compete at the Air Force level.

"These awards prove to the active duty and reserve the importance of the 85th APS," said Lt. Col. Christopher Murphy, Commander. "It shows that this unit and its individual members have adopted the reserve as a standard of their own. These awards are the recognition of that standard of excellence."

Pilot shortage expected into next century

by Capt. Paul Koscak Jr.

Anticipating a pilot shortage, the Air Force Reserve increased its 1997 training quota from 50 to 80 candidates, a leap of 60 percent.

The problem is the Reserve's traditional pilot pipeline — those leaving the active-duty cockpit — is dwindling.

And as defense cuts continue to reduce the active-duty force, that situation isn't expected to change much in the years ahead, says MSgt. Cynthia Crocker, chief of undergraduate pilot and navigator training at Headquarters AFRES.

At the same time, retirements of Vietnam-era pilots and others leaving the service through attrition are thinning the ranks of today's Reserve flight crews even further.

Projections by AFRES officials show demand exceeding supply through 2005, with the shortfall growing to six percent by 2001.

To help stave off the expected pilot shortfall, commanders have been advised to increase recruiting efforts to keep future pilot shortages to a minimum, Crocker said.

Still, the challenge of filling the Reserve's cockpits is expected to push training quotas even higher. Forecasted annual requirements call for 85 pilot and 14 navigator graduates through the year 2000.

Lt. Col. Fred Castle, commander of Westover's 337th Airlift Squadron has already taken steps to help prevent shortages here.

"We forecast about seven months ago there would be a shortage," he said. "We are currently at 100 percent of authorized pilot strength but may set the goal at 110 percent to deal with future anticipated losses.

"We are trying to utilize Undergraduate Pilot Training such

as we did for 1st Lt. Dave Hutchinson last year. We also try to place people to other units when they have to relocate because of their civilian jobs. This way they at least stay in the military system," Castle said.

But to meet overall requirements, the Reserve needs to recruit even more candidates to compensate for those who fail to complete the arduous training.

The screening will continue to be as competitive as in the past, Crocker promised, no matter how great the demand for Reserve pilots becomes.

Candidates must be college graduates and not older than 27 and one-half years old by the time they enter training. They must obtain successful scores on the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test, pass a rigorous physical and basic attributes test that measures psychomotor skills and cognitive abilities.

After all that, the package is then evaluated by a selection board which either accepts or rejects the application. Although the board seeks the applicants who show the greatest promise of completing flight training, the first requirement is to identify those with the potential to become exceptional Reserve officers.

Nevertheless, Crocker said, the board strives to look at more than just test scores and medical results; it considers "private flying experience, level of education, type of degree, grade point average, law violations and military affiliation." The board also strives to consider qualified female and minority applicants, she said.

The Air Force Reserve convenes selection boards in March and September of each year. Interested applicants should contact local in-service recruiters or their military personnel flight for additional information.



Malhotra, Mauzaka; assume new roles as commanders

by MSgt. Sandi Michon

As March ushered in a change in seasons, it also ushered in two new unit commanders.

Lt. Col. Tom Mauzaka is the new commander of the 439th Airlift Control Flight, and Lt. Col. Yash Malhotra now leads the 439th Medical Squadron.

"I have no hesitation taking command of this unit — because of you," said Malhotra as he addressed the troops at the 439th MDS change-of-command ceremony. His jet black hair, dark eyes, and clipped Indian accent belie his native country of India.

Born in Punjab, Malhotra attended college, premed, and medical school in India. He accomplished his residency and fellowship in pediatric surgery in Vienna, Austria, and moved to the United States in 1971. He did his residency in general surgery at Springfield's Baystate Medical Center, and started a private practice in Springfield in 1975.

Malhotra said he always wanted to live in America, and as soon as he was eligible, he became a U.S. citizen at age 35 in 1977. "I am no longer a foreigner, the U.S. is my country now," he said with great pride. "I speak with a different pride than one born in this country."

That difference, and the influence of some of his military patients, eventually led Malhotra into the Air Force Reserve in 1983. He cited his desire to serve his country as the primary reason for joining the military, but also said, "It sounded like a lot of fun."

After 13 years, Westover's chief of hospital services has found it a challenge juggling the demands of private practice and reserve duty. But he waxes long on the benefits. "I enjoy the people, the different aspects of the job, and the military skills that have balanced my civilian career. 'The Air Force has taught me a lot, and I bring skills to the Air Force — it's a good thing,'" he said.

Malhotra wants to continue the excellent reputation the MDS has acquired, while improving recruiting and retention. He will also retain his flight surgeon status at the clinic, and will continue to provide coverage during the month from his private practice.

Malhotra lives in Wilbraham, Mass. with his wife Jaji, who is professor of pathology at the University of Massachu-



MSgt. Sandi Michon

GENERALLY SPEAKING -- Maj. Gen (Dr.) Walter John Giller, Jr. talks with Lt. Col. Yash Malhotra during an Open House held at the 439th MDS on March 9. Giller is mobilization assistant to the Deputy Surgeon General at Bolling AFB, D.C.

setts. Their daughter Anu is a graduate student in computer science. Another daughter, Shelly, is currently teaching English with the Peace Corps in a tiny village in Thailand.

At the helm of the 439th ACLF, Mauzaka brings a variety of skills to the unit. A native of New Haven, Conn., he graduated from Southern Connecticut University with an economics degree. After seven years active duty at Little Rock AFB, Ark., he began his career at Westover as a C-130 navigator with the 337th Tactical Airlift Squadron in 1981. Mauzaka worked in the command post from 1988 to 1990, and has worked in the ALCF for the past six years.

From the steamy deserts of Saudi Arabia, to an island in the Arctic Circle, to a remote area of Thailand, Mauzaka has spanned the globe, bringing diverse experience to the ALCF command.

"We have a constant worldwide mo-

bility commitment — to deploy people and equipment to support any type of military operation," said Mauzaka of the 18-member unit. When airlift is needed, we set up all the logistics to handle the job, from airstrips, to lodging, to loading, to aircraft needs, he said. "It's a demanding, all-encompassing job, but there is a lot of job satisfaction when it all turns out successfully."

According to Mauzaka, there is increased demand on ALCE throughout the world, from conflicts to natural disasters. "We need to keep our staff trained and our equipment in shape to stay ready," he said.

Mauzaka faces an immediate challenge as the wing prepares for its Operational Readiness Inspection in early 1997. Much of this year will be spent testing the wing's ability to respond to any mission.

Mauzaka resides in Strong, Maine.



MSgt. Sandi Michon

PASS THE FLAG -- Col. Joseph Curley passes the 439 MDS flag to Lt. Col. Yash Malhotra. Former commander Col. Warner Jones, and SMSgt. Barbara Bender officiate the change of command.

TEAM YANKEE

Reservist's training benefits community

(photos by SSgt. Vin Blanchard)

Approximately 30 airmen, soldiers, and seamen will graduate this month from a training course sponsored by Team Yankee, a tri-service medical team.

The course, hosted at Westover, prepares graduates for the national Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) qualification test and state certification. This type of training benefits communities in which the reservists reside.

The course runs eight months, meeting one weekend monthly, starting on Friday evenings. The curriculum is taught by military and non-military professional volunteers. The course content includes small arms firing, medical ethics, administration, treating trauma, and mass casualty management.

The end-of-course exam includes a mass casualty exercise which allows students to apply their knowledge and skills in a simulated disaster involving the surrounding communities.

Team Yankee, which maximizes staff from three services, has been active at Westover for six years. At a recent medical symposium, for civilian and military medical personnel, Westover's Team Yankee was hailed as a shining example for others to follow.





MED SCHOOL— The varied aspects of Team Yankee are shown from top left (counter-clockwise) SSgt. Dale A. Edwards, 439th MDS technician applies a splint, an unidentified army member simulates heart massage. At left, two team members apply anti-shock garment to a mock trauma patient. At right, MSgt. Eugene Dumont, 439th AES technician practices suturing incisions on a pig's foot. Above, Dr. James P. Wilton, Lt. Commander (Navy), and orthopedics/sports medicine specialist teaches SSgt. Ron Chevalier, 439th AGS, the procedure for suturing lacerations.





Hathaway closes his own chapter

MSgt. Thomas N. Allocco

When they talk about the "old school," they are talking about people like MSgt. Marshall Hathaway. That's one good reason for his friends to regret his retirement on his 60th birthday this month.

Everyone who knows the wing historian knows his retirement was another step in the passing of a nostalgic era, closer to the black-and-white movie years than the MTV generation. When Hathaway had something to say you didn't have to look closely for hidden meaning or fine print.

In 1958, his outspokenness was credited with saving some lives while he was serving as a Navy reconnaissance aircraft crewman in the Pacific. Their job was to warn stray ships away from the site of a Marshall Islands atomic test.

"The radar scope showed a return I thought was a boat," he said. "The pilots insisted it was a squall, but I kept arguing that we should change course. We found a Japanese fishing boat in a blast area."

As Westover's historian, Hathaway made a career of getting the facts straight,

then weaving them into a permanent record of the Westover story, from wartime missions to cycle ergometry. If he felt the need, he could be as much a terror to unit record-keepers as he was to Navy pilots, sending reports back and making phone calls until he got what he wanted and the documentation to back it up.

Hathaway's methods worked. He sent AFRES Headquarters a history that stacked 16 inches high to tell the Patriot Wing's story in Desert Shield/Storm. Like all his other histories, it was considered by AFRES as an example of outstanding performance.

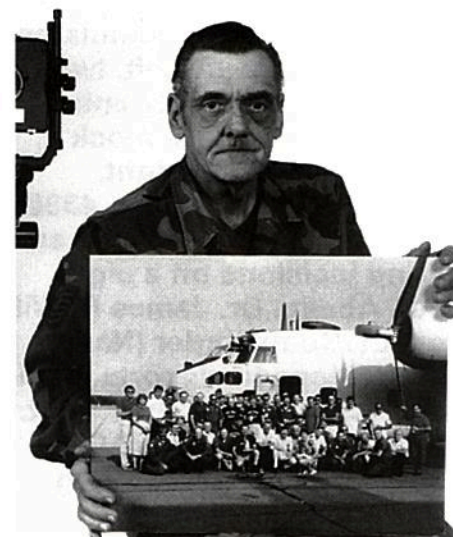
Hathaway grew up in Holyoke when it was a booming mill city and joined the Navy in 1954 for four years. His first duty was five months at Kodiak and Adak Islands in the Aleutians.

He spent the Alaska tour patrolling the Bering Sea as a radio/radar/electronic countermeasures crewman in P-2V Neptune patrol bombers. During those Cold War missions the Neptunes hunted Russian submarines, shipping and radar sites and flew close enough to Siberia to stir up MIGs.

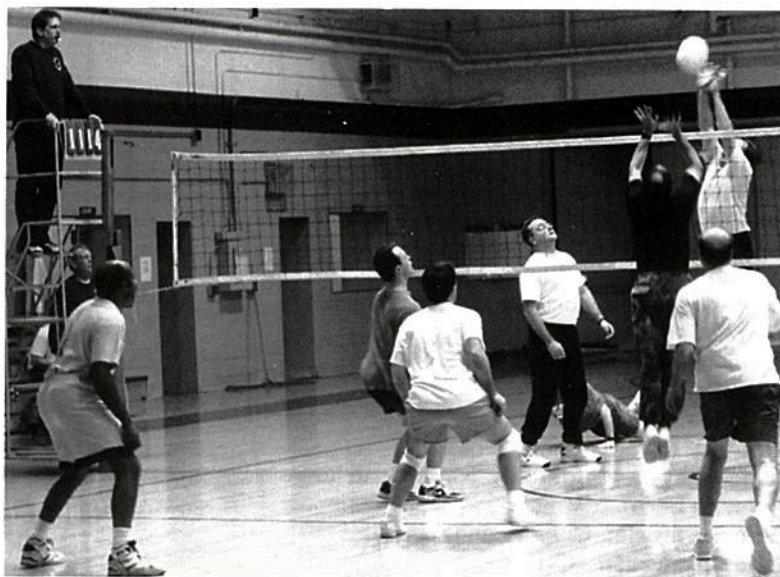
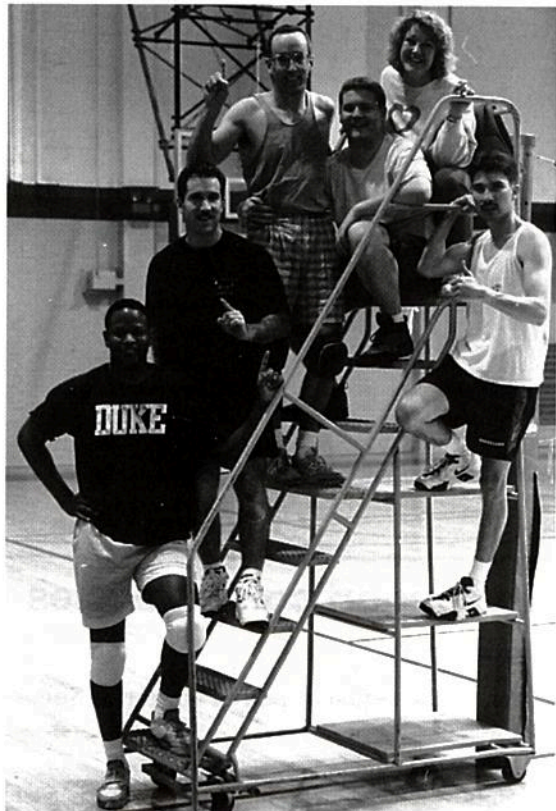
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THE PASSING OF TIME

—Young sailor Marshall Hathaway straddles the nacelle of a Navy P-2V patrol bomber on Adak Island in the Aleutians in 1955. Below, Hathaway, today, with a photo of the 731st TAS reunion held in 1983..



Volleyball Tournament



UNIT COMPETITION — During Westover's second annual volleyball tournament on March 9, six unit teams competed in a single-elimination playoff. The 439th Aeromedical Evac. Squadron took this year's prize, beating last year's winner, the 439th Logistics Support Squadron, in the final match. The winning team (left) from bottom of ladder, 2nd Lt. Dino White, SSgt. Steve Savage, Capt. Alan Gardeski, SSgt. Michael Curley, SSgt. Laura Lambert, and SrA. Jorge Maldonado.

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"I was the only one in our squadron to locate and photograph a Russian sub," Hathaway said.

After the Navy, he worked for an electronics company in the Bronx, a borough of New York City. Then, he left to pursue a career as dancer of tap, ballet and jazz in New York stage shows. His credits include dancing with France's Marquis de Quevas ballet company in New York. Hathaway danced full- and part-time for 21 years.

When he returned to Holyoke he became chief photographer at the Holyoke Transcript which brought him frequently to Westover.

"In September, 1975 I went on a Volant Oak press trip when the C-130s flew Latin America missions out of Panama," Hathaway recalled. "I liked what I saw and two months later I joined," Hathaway said.

He served in the public affairs office when the wing participated in Brave Shield, Bold Eagle, Empire Glacier Condor Redoubt and other missions.

"I miss the days of the tactical missions when the whole wing would work together for exercises. I've never seen such camaraderie - before or since," he said.

Westover is in his blood, which means that retirement is a bittersweet transition. "I'm not retiring, I'm being retired," he said.

Snowfall nearly 100 inches, shatters 1947-48 record

by TSgt. W.C.Pope

Heavy snowfall buried Westover ARB under nearly a foot of snow the day before the March A UTA weekend.

This latest storm at Westover breaks the 1947-48 snowfall record of 88.6 inches with a new total of 99.6 inches.

"Winter is not over yet," said Richard Lucia weather technician at the Weather Station. "I can forecast at least another inch on the way, there is a storm front moving up the coast which will give us a dusting of new accumulation."

"With this new snow we should break 100 inches," he said.

Westover this year so far has recorded 6.7 inches of snow in November; December, 18.9 inches; January, 38.8 inches; February, 16 inches; March, 19.2 inches.

Patriot People

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Rank: TSgt.
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Unit: 439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron
Position: Medical evac. technician
Civilian position: Environmental scientist (EPA)
Favorite food: Chocolate covered broccoli
Years of service: 15
Favorite sport: Skiing
Favorite hobby: Hiking
Ideal vacation: A free one
Best way to relax: On the beach
Preferred entertainment: Nature watching
Favorite hero: My dad
Favorite music: Country and reggae
Favorite aircraft: C-130
Pet peeve: Patriot People forms, litterbugs
What I would do if I won \$1million: Spend it all in one day.



SSgt. Vin Blanchard

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 SSgt. Kovacs, Thomas A.
 SSgt. Maguire, Timothy B.
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 SSgt. Segarra, Juan A.
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Defense agencies in the region as part of Operation Southern Watch from March 6 to April 10.

- **Upcoming deployments are:**
- **Aviano AB, Italy** — A-10 fighters deploy to take part in Decisive Edge from March 28 to June 10. Reservists from the 442nd FW, Whiteman AFB, Mo., will lead off the deployment followed by reservists from the 917th Wing, Barksdale AFB, La., at the half way point. A total of some 500 reservists will participate.
- **Pisa, Italy** — Five KC-135 aircraft, seven crews and support personnel will refuel various Decisive Edge fighter aircraft in three one-month increments starting April 1. The 434th Air Refueling Wing, Grissom ARB, Ind., will lead off supported by the 507th ARW, Tinker AFB, Okla., during April. The 452nd Air Mobility Wing, March AFB, Calif., supported by the 931st Air Refueling Group, McConnell AFB, Kan., will cover May; and the 940th ARW, McClellan AFB, Calif., supported by the 927th ARW, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich., will handle June.. While deployed, the tanker task force, which will consist of some 600 reservists, will be designated the 100th ARW, Detachment 2, based at RAF Mildenhall, England.
- **Incirlik AB, Turkey** — Reserve rescue crews and aircraft will join forces with Air Combat Command and Air National Guard personnel to provide combat search and rescue and other contingency operations support for Provide Comfort II from April 1 to Sept. 30. Some 150 reservists from the 301st Rescue Squadron, Patrick AFB, Fla.; 85 from the 304th RQS, Portland IAP, Ore.; and 25 from the 305th RQS, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., will participate.

Are we prepared for war?

In 1989 the Berlin Wall crumbled, marking an end to the Cold War. It seemed to many that U.S. forces didn't have much to worry about.

Then Iraq invaded Kuwait and nixed that theory.

And warring tribes in Somalia, starving civilians in Rwanda, civil unrest in Haiti and political refugees in Cuba also demanded our attention. War in Bosnia and nuclear tensions in Korea reminded us that there were concerns and threats all over the globe.

With increased strife throughout the world and the ever-shifting roles the U.S. military is asked to play, anyone of us could be asked to serve in conflict.

Would we be prepared?

It takes training. Some think they don't need it. They come in one weekend a month and their time is filled with administrative tasks and incessant meetings. Attending a two-hour chemical warfare refresher or going out to the firing range in 30-degree weather can be a hassle. When would we use that stuff anyway?

Ask the medics who dodged bullets in Somalia. Or the cooks who served in Oman. Or even public affairs personnel who watched for snipers in Panama and missiles in Saudi Arabia. Any day of the week you can bet there's a Reserve aircrew flying into a dicey area somewhere in the world.

Recent steps have expanded combat training to more areas than ever. Personnel teams, chaplains and public affairs staff are just a few who've joined the ranks of those who routinely hone their combat skills, such as civil engineering and security police.

Should combat training be for everyone?

As the Reserve takes on more and more work traditionally done by our active-duty forces, a little knowledge on staying out of harm's way wouldn't be such a bad idea.

— by SSgt. Christine Mora
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Editorial

Thomas serves as Joint Endeavor volunteer

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reservists that I've never worked with before. It will take some time to see where their expertise and experience lie."

Thomas will arrive about two weeks before the actual deployment of the other CE members, which will give him some time to get to know the base, he said.

"The mission is for 120 days but might actually be longer than that because of those extra two weeks," he said.

"I don't think I'll be getting any dates with this," he said jokingly zipping up his flack vest.

Thomas has been with the 439 CES since the deactivation of the 933rd CES, Griffiss AFB, NY, in April 1995.

"My employers have been great about the short notification and the length of time I will be gone. Their support has been great," he said. Thomas is a construction manager for Pease Air Force Base, N.H., and he recently received a Professional Engineer License from the state of New Hampshire.

Thomas will put on captain's bars on May 20.

Briefs

Family Center slates mortgage workshops

The Westover Air Reserve Base Family Readiness Center, in conjunction with the New England National Mortgage Corp., will sponsor a series of one-hour workshops for prospective home buyers during the Unit Training Assemblies in May.

The workshops will include VA, FHA conventional and construction mortgages. The sessions will be conducted at the Family Readiness Center at 24 Seawolf Avenue from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., May 5, 18 and 19.

Additional information is available by calling Roy Green at 593-1431.

Air show home page going on Internet

The Great New England Air Show '96 has been launched into cyber space.

Capt. Rick Tilburg, a pilot with the 337th Airlift Squadron has composed a Home Page filled with information about the Open House and Air Show scheduled for Aug. 3 and 4.

The internet address is <http://www.the-spa.com/airshow/>

Uggiano family offers appreciation

When Joe Uggiano, a services contracting specialist, lost his home and many possessions in a fire March 3, many members of the Westover family offered donations of money and other needed items to help ease the pain.

Uggiano said, "to all of those who came to my family's aid in our time of need, we say thank you very much. All of your kindness is greatly appreciated."

May UTA dates

A UTA May 4-5
B UTA May 18-19

439th aircrew delivers supplies to Paraguay

by MSgt. Gordon Newell

From fog-shrouded Westover to the frozen tundra of Minnesota and on to equatorial Paraguay, a 439th Airlift Wing crew recently delivered nearly 100,000 pounds of humanitarian aid to the South American nation during the final week of February.

The cargo, which consisted of medical and dental equipment as well as clothing, shoes, dehydrated food and school supplies was collected in Minnesota and loaded onto the 439th C-5 at the Minneapolis-St. Paul IAP Air Reserve Station. In Asuncion, the goods were distributed amongst 14 organizations that work with the people and indigenous Indians living in the rural and urban sectors of Paraguay.

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

"I was very impressed with the quick and efficient downloading of this huge shipment," said Sheri Ditzan, director of the Project for the People of Paraguay (PPP) who was on hand to greet the Westover crew upon arrival in the capital city.

"All of the crew members were courteous and helpful and made the entire project easier for all of the PPP volunteers at the distribution site. This is truly a wonderful example of people working together making a difference in the lives of underprivileged people in Paraguay," she said.

Humanitarian missions such as this one have become routine for Westover crews in the recent past. Last April a crew flew similar equipment and supplies to Zagreb, Croatia and have also delivered humanitarian aid to Russia, Armenia, Africa, Jamaica and many other sites around the world.

"I enjoy being part on missions like this one," said MSgt. Rob Karrasch, a loadmaster with the 337th Airlift Squadron. "It's nice to know that what we do can actually make life a little better for people."



MSgt. Gordon Newell

TIGHT FIT — TSgt. Bob Callery (kneeling) and MSgt. Rob Karrasch direct a K-loader to the rear of a 439th C-5A being loaded at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Air Reserve Station. The cargo consisted of humanitarian aid that was heading to Paraguay.

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