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SSgt. Christine Mora

SOUTH OF THE BORDER — A Westover C-5 laden with much-needed surplus trucks and computer equipment, traveled to El Salvador just before Thanksgiving. The supplies were for refugees in Calle Real.

439th crew brings aid to Salvadoran refugees

by Capt. Mike Franco
and SSgt. Christine Mora

While millions of Americans prepared for Thanksgiving, refugees in El Salvador were also giving thanks — to Westover reservists.

A 337th Airlift Squadron crew hauled humanitarian cargo to the Central American nation Nov. 17 by authority of the Denton Amendment, legislation that allows the use of military airlift for humanitarian relief.

The cargo was donated by several agencies and benefited the Calle Real

community, a refuge for many families displaced by El Salvador's civil war. After fighting between the government and the leftist guerrilla organization, Frente Farabundo Marti de Liberacion Nacional (FMLN) left the country ravaged, the Epiphany Cooperative Association was started to aid the refugees in Calle Real.

"The Epiphany Cooperative helps establish worker-owned businesses and provides social services sustained through the profits of those businesses," said Rev. David Blanchard, a native of Greenfield, Mass., and pastor of Calle Real. "We help the poor victimized by

war by giving them tools to work out solutions to their poverty."

The "tools" come in many shapes and sizes from charitable organizations throughout the world, but would be meaningless, according to Blanchard, without the ability to deliver the cargo to El Salvador. "Most of the men and women of the Armed Forces, Reserve and National Guard who provide the vital assistance complete their missions without ever knowing the full consequences of these efforts."

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Bradley Fire Chief/MSgt. John Duffy

Capt. Paul P. Koscak Jr.

Base firefighter now Bradley fire chief

by Capt. Paul P. Koscak Jr.

Less than three miles from Bradley International Airport, American Airlines Flight 1572 from Chicago skimmed the 50-foot trees on a mountain ridge. Crippled and losing power, the airliner continued its midnight approach through stormy skies, clipping a cluster of antennas at the edge of the runway before bouncing to a stop.

All 72 passengers walked away.

But the accident caused quite a stir for John Duffy, the airport's new fire chief.

"It was trial by fire," Duffy recalls of the Nov. 12 incident. "We were at the scene assisting the crew with the emergency chutes."

Although new to the job, MSgt. Duffy, loadmaster and former Westover fire captain, is no stranger to emergencies. In fact, the Windsor Locks, Conn., resident started his fire-fighting career as a teenager when he joined the youth division of the Windsor Locks volunteer fire department. Twenty-six years later, he's still a volunteer fireman in the same town. He's also an instructor at the Connecticut Fire Academy, also located at the airport.

Duffy's Westover experience weighed heavily in his favor when he competed for the chief's job.

"Being an aircrew member, you know what it's like when there's trouble," said Duffy, 41. "As a firefighter, I know what the aircrew members expect from me. I can see it from both ends."

With 34 firefighters, four crash trucks and a paramedic unit, Duffy safeguards an airport that handles 450 flights per day and services 5.5 million people in transit every year. His organization handles about 1,500 calls yearly, ranging from medical emergencies to hangar fires to jet engine blazes. Nevertheless, Duffy said his biggest challenge right now is networking among the agencies that run the airport.

Still, Westover plays no small part in helping Duffy cope with all that responsibility.

"The great escape for me is coming out to fly," he said. Duffy joined the 337th in 1982 after serving as a firefighter with the Connecticut Air National Guard. He also spent 21 years as a civilian Westover firefighter.

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U.S. Navy photo

BY AIR OR BY SEA— Members of the 337th Airlift Squadron line up one of the Navy's new Mark V Special Operations boats prior to loading at McDill AFB, Fla. The 439th AW is the first unit to carry the craft.

439th C-5 is first to carry new Navy boat

by MSgt. Gordon A. Newell

Westover's 337th Airlift Squadron recorded another first recently by airlifting the Navy's new Mark V Special Operations craft from McDill AFB, Fla. to Norfolk, Va.

SMSgt. Tom Dzwonkus, standardization-evaluation loadmaster, helped develop loading procedures for the high-speed boat several months ago, and was there in September when the first one squeezed into the cavernous C-5 cargo compartment.

"We have reduced loading time from three hours to about one and one-half hours," he said.

The Mark V is 107 feet long and 210 inches wide and grosses out at 140,000 pounds, making it a tight fit even for the Air Force's largest airlifter. The craft alone weighs 45,400 pounds, has a crew of nine and can carry a maximum of 25 people. The boat's speed and other operational information are classified.

"The dimensions of the C-5 cargo area were taken into consideration when the Navy contracted the boat with Halter Ma-

rine Corp. of New Orleans," Dzwonkus said.

The Navy will have two operational Mark V units—one at Norfolk, the other at North Island (San Diego,) Calif.

"These units will be highly mobile, so the Navy will be using C-5A's to get them where they are needed. It's an excellent training opportunity for us," Dzwonkus said.

The 337th may get more practice loading the Mark V, possibly in January, when they head to Norfolk to carry one of the boats to California.

Patriot Medstar wins kudos in real-life drama

by SSgt. Christine Mora

Jack Toomey didn't realize how soon Patriot Medstar would come in handy.

But when Toomey, chief administrative officer of the Metro-Boston Disaster Medical Assistance Team, and his group were dispatched to the hurricane-ravaged island of St. Thomas this fall, the lessons learned at Westover's Dogpatch in July became tools he couldn't have done without.

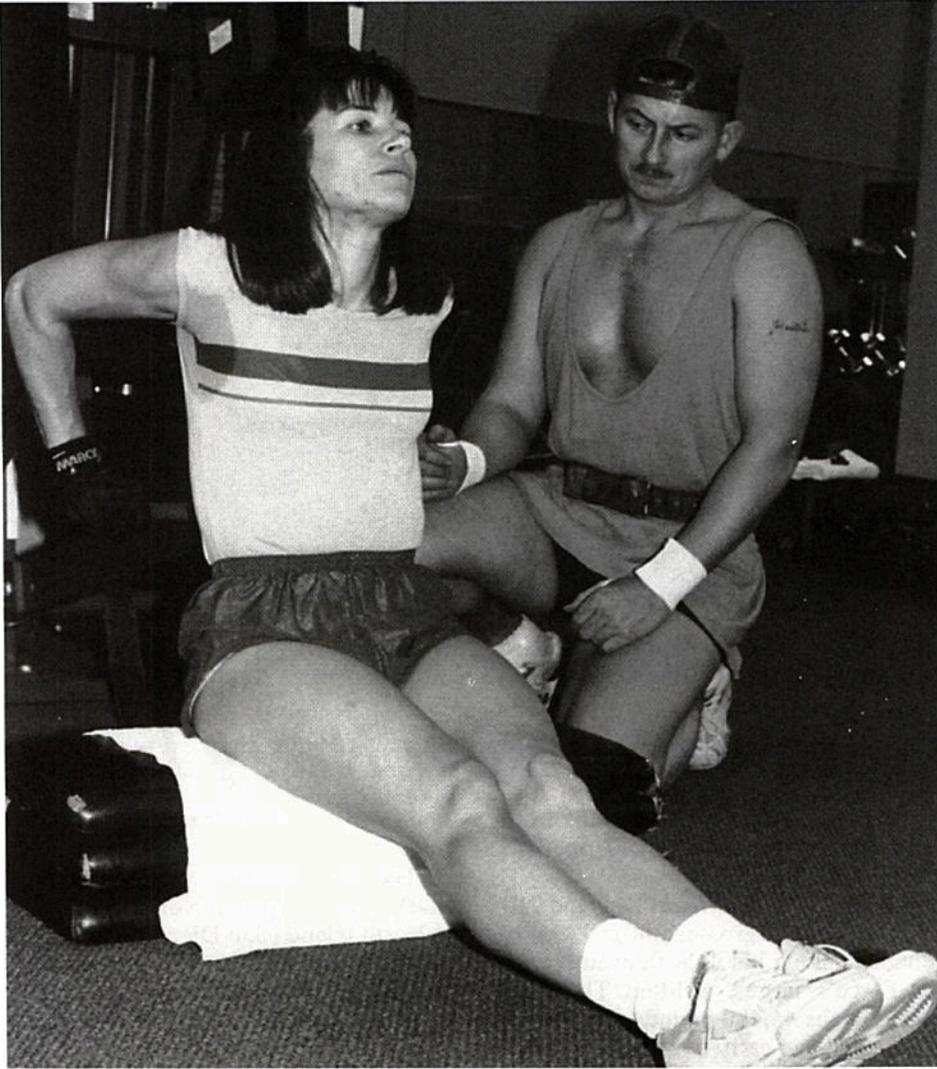
"When we arrived in St. Thomas, the island was practically leveled and the hospital was functionally destroyed," he said. "We created a mobile aeromedical stage facility, where we triaged, treated and transported patients."

His team's two-day stint during Patriot Medstar '95, an Air Force Reserve aeromedical exercise held annually at Westover, was their "make or break training of the year."

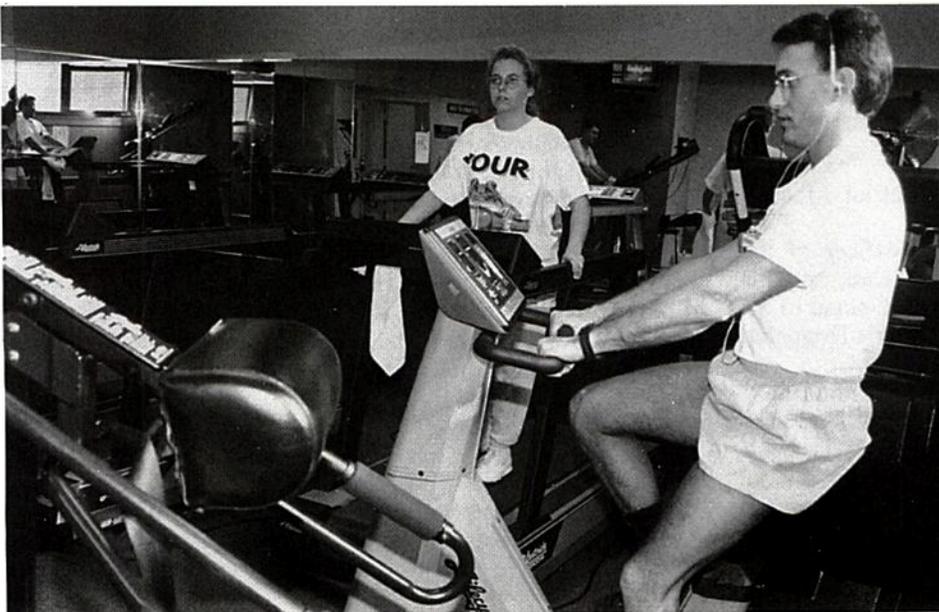
"At Medstar, we were able to practice preparing for military aircraft flights, including martialling, spotting and entry and egress procedures," he said. "Our training also enabled us to resolve many patient-flow, triage and logistics issues."

The DMAT is part of the public health division of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The team is traditionally tasked with disaster response, although during war-time they coordinate the transport of casualties arriving in the U. S. and their distribution to civilian hospitals, Toomey said.

"If we didn't receive the training at Westover," Toomey added, "we wouldn't have been as successful during our mission in St. Thomas." Toomey passed along his gratitude to Westover officials in October and hopes to be back next year for Patriot Medstar '96.



FLEX TIME — Mary Baldwin, above, works out for upper-arm strength under the tutelage of Marine Sgt. George Fielder. Below, gym patrons work out in the new aerobic training room on the Life Cycle and the treadmill.



Fitness center has solution for too much holiday

**Article and photos by
TSgt. W.C.Pope**

The "full" effects of too much festive food usually settles in sometime in January — usually right around the waistline.

How do you spell relief?

B-A-S-E G-Y-M.

Base Services offers many methods of recreation and fitness through the gym, bowling alley, and the Four Seasons rental store. They offer a full line of equipment, with several new items, including the two Gravitron upper-body machines.

"Most of our new equipment has come in, but we still have some things still on back order like a squat rack, bench press and new bars for the weight room," said Richard Heller, assistant manager and wing fitness program director.

The two most noticeable pieces of equipment are the huge nine-station cable-crossover universal machine which takes up most of the central fitness room, and the impressive climbing wall, that looks like a monstrous running machine set up on its side with rocks sticking out of the track.

"The climbing wall is for endurance, strength, balance and just about everything else, it's a very fun machine to use," said Heller.

"We've also gotten in a speed bag and a heavy bag, two new stair machines and we're expecting two cross aerobic machines soon," he said.

With all the new aerobic equipment, a larger room, located just off the lobby is now designated as the aerobic fitness room.

Equipment isn't the only improvement. Recreation staff will be toning up their brains to help patrons tone their bodies. The staff will be attending a seminar on health-related components of physical fitness, exercise programming issues, equipment use and safety considerations and issues dealing with the fitness needs of specific physical disorders. They will also be sending one or two staff members on a periodic basis for physical fitness certification to the Cooper Institute in Dallas, said Heller.

The gym now also offers sandwiches,

salads and yogurts to make it easier for people to use the facilities during their lunches without going hungry.

Heller also invites people who haven't been to the gym to come in and find out what the three basic elements for successful exercise are, and what the five training zones are.

The gym is open Monday through Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. It is also open Saturday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. and UTA weekends from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The gym is open on UTA Sundays only from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information call Ext. 2532.

Pizza delivery on base

As of Feb. 1, the bowling alley will be serving homemade pizzas, have a new menu, and deliver on UTA weekends, and during weekday lunches.

For more information, call Ext. 3010.

Four Seasons supplies winter fun

by TSgt. W.C.Pope

The air is cold and the white stuff has piled up on the ground and that means the winter season is upon us. It also means the Four Seasons Supply Store is ready with its winter supplies and rentals for all winter enthusiasts needs.

"We have an excellent supply of new ski supplies to purchase along with the supplies that we rent out. People are usually surprised at the low cost," said Mike Ferguson marine equipment repair specialist.

"At this time of year I get into the ski tuning, a tune-up for your skis, and I've finally managed to take over most of the backroom for my workshop," said Ferguson,

with a smile at the store manager Frank Schillinger.

"We rent snowmobiles, ski packages which include skis, boots and poles and a cross-country ski package," offered Schillinger.

They also offer rental camping trailers and U-drive recreational vehicles for the winter months, continued Schillinger.

"If you plan on winter recreation and you need the equipment, come on in and check out what we have," concluded Schillinger.

The Four Seasons Supply Store is open Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. For more information call Ext. 2974.



CLIMBING THE WALLS — Army National Guard Pvt. Edward Donoghue pushes to stay on the wall longer than he did on his previous try.



SKI STOCK — Mike Ferguson, Four Seasons Supply Store manager, stocks new ski inventory available this winter.



SUPPORT GROUP -- Members of the 337th Airlift Squadron lower C-5 ramp supports prior to off-loading cargo in El Slavador. From left are : SSgt. Marie Gaudreau, SMSgt. Tom Pound, SSgt. Matt Egan, SSgt. Bruce Yargeau, and MSgt. Kerry Saso. Below, one of the five-ton dump trucks, donated by the Rhode Island National Guard, is driven off the C-5. The four trucks donated will be used by construction and transportation cooperatives to help rebuild roads and create housing for the poor.

El Salvador mission of mercy... *continued from page 1*

(Photos by SSgt. Christine Mora)

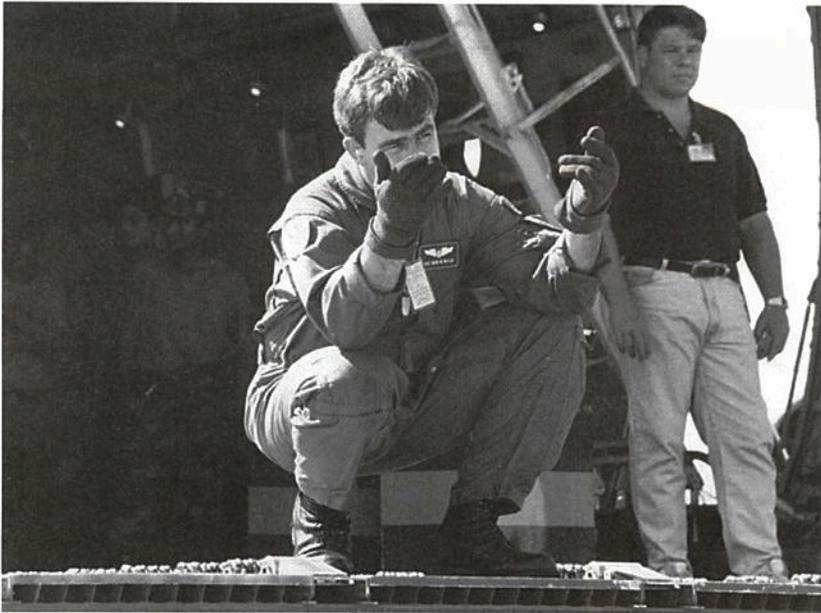
As part of the Department of Defense Humanitarian and Refugees Assistance Program, four five-ton, 1968-vintage dump trucks were donated by the Rhode Island National Guard and will be used by construction and transportation cooperatives to help rebuild roads, create housing for the poor and generate social services for Calle Real.

While the trucks from Syracuse, N.Y., will help build roads, the computers picked up at Kelly AFB, Texas, will help build a future for scores of refugees.

The dated, 286 IBM computers might seem archaic in most office settings but for a youth group in El Salvador, the 286s donated by the U.S. Commerce Department are a God-send, according to Blanchard.

"Thye were offered to federal, state and local agencies, but nobody wanted them," he said. "The youth group sent two members to learn the basics of computers and specifics of MS-DOS, Word-Perfect, Lotus 1-2-3 and Quattro-Pro.





GUIDING FORCE — SSgt. Mark Butler, 337th AS loadmaster, left, guides the forklift to the back of the C-5 for loading. The El Salvadoran military personnel helped push the cargo pallets off the C-5. Below, loadmasters ease a pallets off the front ramp of the C-5 onto a waiting forklift — not the typical offloading equipment.

The students will come back and teach locals who can't afford to attend classes."

The computers will also aid local banks and credit unions who loan money to small-business entrepreneurs.

In contrast to more sophisticated technology, the Westover crew also hauled a major necessity to Salvadoran schoolchildren — empty notebooks. Textbooks for students in El Salvador can cost the equivalent of one-month's salary and the way children learn is by copying lessons into notebooks. The charity, "Orphans of the World," donated several pallets of notebooks.

"The notebooks are particularly important to children who were made deaf because of war," Blanchard said. "The "Orphans" donation means the difference between learning and ignorance for thousands of special needs students."

Representatives from the cooperatives were waiting for the C-5 when it landed in San Salvador, El Salvador, on an airstrip flanked by foxholes and armed gunmen. Salvadoran troops helped the Westover loadmasters unload the cargo which was often difficult because the locals didn't have equipment that could receive the pallets.

"The Salvadorans had forklifts that didn't reach the ramp of the C-5," said SSgt. Matt Egan, 337th loadmaster. We had to angle the pallets just right and use a lot of muscle to unload them."

"It is always a challenge flying into Central American countries," said Lt. Col. John Riley, 337th pilot. "We have to take special precautions because of the terrain and military sensitivities.

In a letter to Westover reservists, Blanchard thanked the 439th personnel "on behalf of the poor of Calle Real, the orphans of El Salvador and all those who struggle for justice and peace."





TSgt. Bill Pope

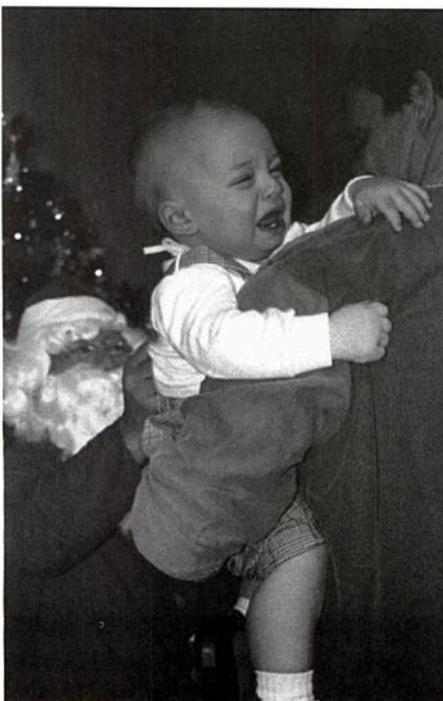
Christmas Cheer

More than 100 children received gifts from Santa at the USO-sponsored Christmas party held at the base gym on Dec. 4.

For Rachel, 1-year-old daughter of SSgt. William Mick, and his wife Rose, the event was full of wonder (top left). While there were clowns and plenty of sweets to eat, Santa's arrival, (top) was the high point of the party.

Young Dillon Talbot (bottom left) was terrified of Santa, but was all smiles later as he opened his gift. Jessica Bramel's expression brims with excitement as the six-year-old visits with Santa. At bottom right, Alex Karrasch, son of MSgt. Rob Karrasch loads his plate with sweets.

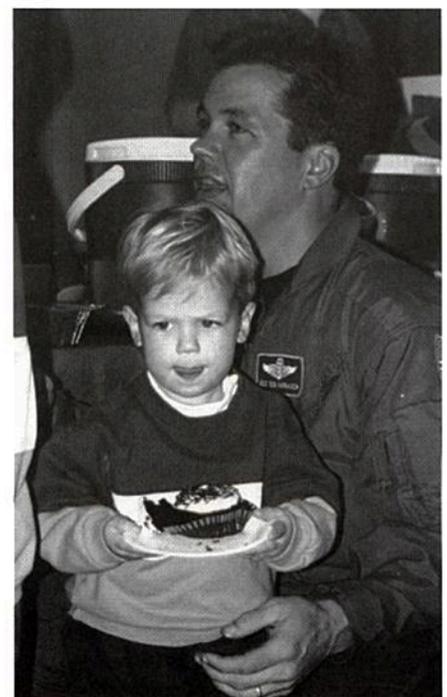
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YEARS OF SERVICE

PAY GRADE	<2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
O-10	952.76	986.28	986.28	986.28	986.28	1024.16	1024.16	1080.88	1080.88	1158.20	1158.20	1235.76	1235.76	1235.76	1312.72
O-9	844.40	866.52	885.00	885.00	885.00	907.48	907.48	945.24	945.24	1024.16	1024.16	1080.88	1080.88	1080.88	1158.20
O-8	764.80	787.76	806.44	806.44	806.44	866.52	866.52	907.48	907.48	945.24	945.24	1024.16	1024.16	1049.40	1049.40
O-7	635.48	678.72	678.72	678.72	709.16	709.16	750.24	750.24	787.76	866.52	866.52	926.12	926.12	926.12	926.12
O-6	471.00	517.48	551.40	551.40	551.40	551.40	551.40	551.40	570.16	660.32	660.32	709.16	750.24	775.60	813.68
O-5	376.72	442.32	472.92	472.92	472.92	472.92	487.20	513.48	547.88	588.88	622.60	641.52	663.92	663.92	663.92
O-4	317.52	386.68	412.48	412.48	420.12	438.64	468.60	494.92	517.48	540.24	555.08	555.08	555.08	555.08	555.08
O-3	295.08	329.92	352.72	390.24	408.92	423.56	446.52	468.60	480.08	480.08	480.08	480.08	480.08	480.08	480.08
O-2	257.32	281.00	337.64	348.96	356.20	356.20	356.20	356.20	356.20	356.20	356.20	356.20	356.20	356.20	356.20
O-1	223.40	232.52	281.00	281.00	281.00	281.00	281.00	281.00	281.00	281.00	281.00	281.00	281.00	281.00	281.00

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WITH OVER 4 YEARS ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE AS AN ENLISTED MEMBER OR WARRANT OFFICER

O-3E	—	—	—	390.24	408.92	423.56	446.52	468.60	487.20	487.20	487.20	487.20	487.20	487.20	487.20
O-2E	—	—	—	348.96	356.20	367.48	386.68	401.48	412.48	412.48	412.48	412.48	412.48	412.48	412.48
O-1E	—	—	—	281.00	300.24	311.28	322.56	333.76	348.96	348.96	348.96	348.96	348.96	348.96	348.96

WARRANT OFFICERS

W-5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
W-4	300.64	322.56	322.56	329.92	344.92	360.12	375.24	401.48	420.12	434.88	446.52	460.92	476.36	547.92	571.00
W-3	273.24	296.40	296.40	300.24	303.72	325.96	344.92	356.20	367.48	378.48	390.24	405.48	420.12	420.12	434.88
W-2	239.32	258.92	258.92	266.44	281.00	296.40	307.64	318.92	329.92	341.52	352.72	363.80	378.48	378.48	378.48
W-1	199.36	228.60	228.60	247.68	258.92	270.00	281.00	292.60	303.72	315.04	325.96	337.64	337.64	337.64	337.64

ENLISTED MEMBERS

E-9	—	—	—	—	—	—	349.76	357.60	365.68	374.08	382.48	389.88	410.32	426.32	450.28
E-8	—	—	—	—	—	293.28	301.72	309.64	317.68	326.08	333.52	341.72	361.80	377.92	402.12
E-7	204.76	221.08	229.20	237.28	245.36	253.16	261.28	269.44	281.60	289.60	297.60	301.52	321.76	337.76	361.80
E-6	176.16	192.04	200.00	208.52	216.36	224.12	232.36	244.32	252.00	260.12	264.08	264.08	264.08	264.08	264.08
E-5	154.60	168.28	176.44	184.12	196.24	204.24	212.28	220.12	224.12	224.12	224.12	224.12	224.12	224.12	224.12
E-4	144.16	152.28	161.24	173.68	180.56	180.56	180.56	180.56	180.56	180.56	180.56	180.56	180.56	180.56	180.56
E-3	135.88	143.32	149.00	154.92	154.92	154.92	154.92	154.92	154.92	154.92	154.92	154.92	154.92	154.92	154.92
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E-1 >4	116.64	116.64	116.64	116.64	116.64	116.64	116.64	116.64	116.64	116.64	116.64	116.64	116.64	116.64	116.64
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Patriot People

Name: Floyd Warmesley, III
Rank: SSgt.
Age: 23
Address: Middletown, Conn
Unit: 439th EMS/SMCO
Position: Aircraft structural maintenance technician
Civilian position: Air Reserve Technician
Favorite food: Curry goat
Years of service: 4
Favorite sport: Football
Favorite hobby: Fishing
Ideal vacation: Two weeks in Florida
Best way to relax: Read
Preferred entertainment: Night life
Favorite hero: Martin Luther King, Jr.
Favorite music: Reggae
Favorite aircraft: A-6A Intruder
Pet peeve: People who talk too much
What I would do if I won \$1million: Pay off my debts



SSgt. Yin Blanchard

SSgt. Floyd Warmesley, III

Patriot Praises

Promotions

Capt. Anderson, Danielle
 Capt. Bernard, Peter
 Capt. Cadarette, Alton
 Capt. Callahan, Christine
 Capt. Calland, David
 Capt. Dannolfo, Timothy
 Capt. Donnelly, Timothy
 Capt. Dufault, Marie
 Capt. Fuller, Deborah
 Capt. Gault, Constance
 Capt. Omaiye, Benjamin
 Capt. Parsons, Kenneth
 Capt. Peplinski, Edward
 Capt. Rice, James
 Capt. Smith, Michael
 Capt. Thomas, Kevin

Enlistments

SSgt. Brightman, Jessica A.
 SSgt. Cadwell, Marc L.
 SSgt. Flaucher, William
 SSgt. Hall, Curtis A.
 Sgt. Graham, Tommy B.
 SrA. Rusconi, Scott F.
 SrA. Falcones, Robert X.
 AIC Gilligan, Michael R. Jr.
 AIC Rauch, Paul T.
 AIC Wright, Michael C.
 AIC Newhart, Shane L.
 AB Ebanks, Roland A.

Reenlistments

SMSgt. Indomenico, John S.

SMSgt. Adams, John C.
 MSgt. Ricci, Richard A.
 MSgt. Kazalski, Robert J.
 MSgt. Haring, Lee R. Jr.
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 TSgt. Morales, Edwin M.
 TSgt. Skiff, Lori J.
 TSgt. Sudduth, Benjamin C.
 SSgt. Barszcz, Joseph E.
 SSgt. Beauregard, David J.
 SSgt. Berrios, Michael R.

SSgt. Bonazzi, Anthony J.
 SSgt. Boucher, David G.
 SSgt. Brown, William J.
 SSgt. Buonanducci, Ronald J.
 SSgt. Cardona, Augustin
 SSgt. Clark, Judith A.
 SSgt. Dibrandisi, Eric P.
 SSgt. Giacalone, Francis
 SSgt. Groux, Michael J.
 SSgt. Guerin, Michael
 SSgt. Lapinski, Timothy P.
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 SSgt. Maywald, Paul L.B.
 SSgt. McCarthy, Daniel J.

SSgt. Neiford, David E.
 SSgt. Ronan, Kevin J.
 SSgt. Rooke, Debra T.
 SSgt. Smith, Raymond C.
 SSgt. Thomas, Michael S.
 SSgt. Turner, Steven A.
 SSgt. Vankruiningen, Daniel
 SSgt. Woelper, David M.
 SrA. Aktiv, Eric R.
 SrA. Cowles, Gerard J.
 SrA. Davis, Michael R.
 SrA. Hall, Susan A.
 SrA. Honacher, Michael R.
 SrA. Lamacchia, Michael A.
 SrA. Purcaro, Michael N.
 SrA. Ryan, Edward T.

UTA dates

February

A UTA 3 - 4
 B UTA 24 - 25

March

A UTA 9 - 10
 B UTA 23 - 24



WESTOVER SAFETY TIP #3152

ALWAYS MAINTAIN AT LEAST A 6 INCH DISTANCE BETWEEN COLD C-5A AND A "CONCENTRATION-TONGUE"...

Telling a story

Recently, I thought very seriously about quitting my job. After six years of chasing down stories and shooting photographs, my Reserve job in public affairs was getting too familiar.

Every drill weekend seemed just like the last one and I thought that maybe I needed a change.

The change I thought I needed came from a different part of my already familiar job.

It came in the looks on the kid's faces as I entered their bus for their first tour, and found it hard not to smile. I figured it was a combination of awe and anticipation.

As we drove onto the flightline, the raw excitement of seeing the planes overwhelmed everyone, kids and adults alike.

I soon discovered that what I was doing was telling a story—just not in writing.

It was the story they took back with them to their communities. Suddenly, the magnitude of my job hit me. Every single reservist who plays a part in Westover's mission was silently depending on me to tell their story too.

A few weeks later when I walked into the public affairs office, the first thing I saw was a two by three-foot letter addressed to me hanging on the wall.

It was from that group of first graders. All the kids and chaperones signed the letter and a few even wrote short messages and drew their versions of a C-5.

Not only were they thanking me, they were also thanking everyone that I had told them about.

As I read that letter, the feeling I got was one that I'll have absolutely no problem getting really familiar with.

by SSGT. Paul Mantikoski
Public Affairs Specialist

EDITOR'S NOTE: The 439th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office conducts C-5A and base tours from April 1 through Dec. 31. A total of 97 tours were given and 2,535 people toured the base this year. Tours are conducted on weekdays and on "B" UTAs. A month's notice is suggested to schedule a tour. For further information, call Ms. Monica Lindberg at (413) 557-2020 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Holiday message from Maj. Gen. Robert A. McIntosh

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all Air Force reservists and their families a happy and safe holiday season.

This year was an extremely busy and productive one for the Air Force Reserve, and we've been successful due to your hard work and sacrifices. The year was also a time of change and turbulence for us. I know change is difficult, but your positive attitude and dedication are truly appreciated.

You've all shown time and again that we have the best people of any reserve force anywhere. I thank you for all you've done to make us truly a team within a team.

I look forward to 1996 and good times ahead. Again, Susie and I wish you and yours all the best for the new year.

Maj. Gen Robert A. McIntosh
Air Force Reserve Commander

Briefs

Thunderbirds headline air show August 3-4, 1996

The Thunderbirds will headline Westover's Open House and Air Show, scheduled to be held Aug 3 and 4, 1996.

In addition to the Thunderbirds, who have not performed here since 1987, the Navy Leap Frog parachuting team will make their first appearance at Westover.

Lt. Col. Paul Torpey is director of the show this year and promises some exciting acts.

"Westover has gained a good reputation for putting on one of the top shows in the country and this year will be no exception," he said.

C-5 Flight engineer candidates needed

Projected and anticipated vacancies in the Flight Engineer section of the 337th Airlift Squadron have created a need for applicants.

Prospective applicants must meet the following prerequisites:

- Prior qualification at the five or seven skill level in the 1AO, 1A2, 2MO, 2A3X3, 2A6 or 2A5XI career field or possession of an FAA flight engineer certificate with a jet or turboprop rating; or a valid FAA aircraft and power plant license;
- Physical qualification for aircrew duty Class III medical standards;
- Qualification for aviation service according to AFI 11-402;
- Eligible for secret clearance;
- Be in grade E-4 or E-5.

A recruiting file will be established for eligible candidates.

To arrange an interview, please contact CMSgt. Fred Allard, chief flight engineer at Ext. 2139.

Westover feeds \$147 million to area's economy

by MSgt. Gordon A. Newell

Despite a more conservative formula adopted by the Air Force to compile Westover's annual Economical Impact Analysis, more than \$147 million flowed from the base into the economy of the region during fiscal year 1995.

"On paper, our total economic impact went down from \$186 million last year because of this change in formula," said Col. James P. Czekanski, commander of Westover's 439th Airlift Wing. "However, if we use the new formula to compare both 1994 and 1995, our overall figure is up about \$9 million." According to the Air Force, the total economic impact on communities located within a 50-mile radius of the base, was \$147,861,600 during FY 1995 (Oct. 1, 1994 through Sept. 30, 1995.)

The base's total payroll for the year was \$70,751,096, up from \$66,942,031 a year ago.

Military pay accounted for \$23,078,530 while federal civilian salaries totaled \$42,809,568. Another \$4,862,998 went to other civilians working on the base.

The facility employs 502 Air Reserve Technicians (full-time reservists), 2,676 traditional reservists, 1,059 general schedule and federal wage grade civilians and 262 other civilians who work in the base exchange, bowling alley, gymnasium, etc.

Over the past several years, millions of dollars went to various construction projects and 1995 was no exception. A total of \$9,244,409 paid for projects such as a new water distribution system, a new medical training facility and the reconstruction of the base's main taxiway.

Another \$5,061,664 went to pay for service contracts that includes only contracts let in the local area for services, materials, equipment and supplies.

"The future looks very bright for Westover," said Czekanski.

"Our goal is to upgrade all our facilities to a standard that shows people we are dedicated to being a first-rate, world-class training and working environment."

Besides Air Force Reserve units assigned to the 439th AW, tenant units on the base include a Massachusetts Army National Guard aviation support facility; US Army Corps of Engineers; United States Armed Forces Reserve Center; Barton Inc. (weather station contractor); Army-Air Force Exchange Services; Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office; Military Entrance Processing Station; Joint Personnel Property Shipping Office; O1 AS14 24, Reserve Readiness and Mobility Squadron and TOW Platoon HQ Co., 25th Marines, 4th Marine Division.

(For further information, contact Gordon A. Newell, chief of Public Affairs at (413) 557-3500.)

Economic impact

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TOTAL PAYROLL
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Civilian: \$42,809,568

Other: \$4,862,998

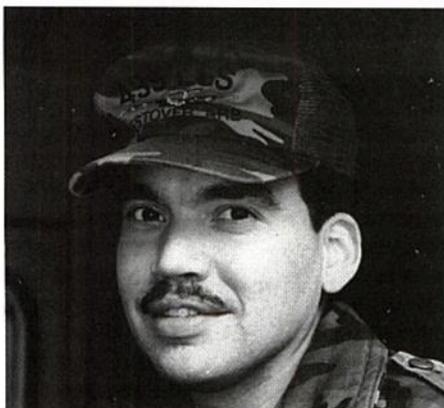
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Service contracts:

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