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ROTC cadets add to busy summer base schedule

by MSgt. Gordon A. Newell

Westover will become the gateway to the Air Force for approximately 400 prospective officers this summer.

The base will be the country's only Air Force Reserve installation to host Reserve Officer Training Corps encampments when cadets from all over the United States invade the base for two month-long field training sessions.

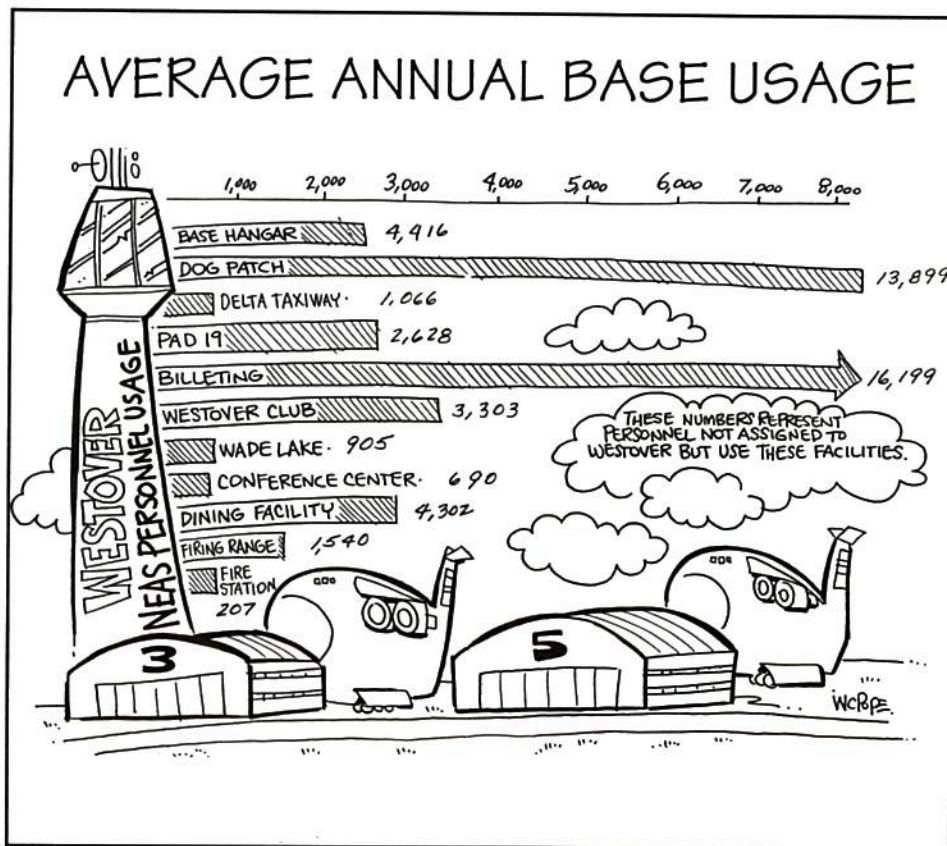
In addition to formations of ROTC cadets, base employees can also expect to see Junior ROTC cadets, Police Explorer Scouts, Civil Air Patrol cadets, Army Reservists and Air Force Reserve aerial porters and medics.

"Westover has a lot to offer," said Lt. Col. Nelson Newhouse, director of the Northeast Air Station which is the point of contact for all visitors using the base. Approximately 79,000 people, on average, use base facilities each year. This figure does not factor in airshow attendance of 750,000 every two years.

"We are trying to maximize the use of our facilities by encouraging groups like these to come here." He added that guests will be able to utilize such areas as the conference center, billeting, dining hall, club, Dogpatch training area, firing range, gymnasium as well as ground transportation.

AFROTC, headquartered at Maxwell AFB, Ala., will fund construction of a confidence course as well as an obstacle course in the Dogpatch area to help cadets meet training requirements. "This is a win-win situation for us," he said. "The base will have free access to these training areas throughout the rest of the year."

Approximately 200 ROTC cadets and a 20-member cadre will hold the first of two month-long summer camps



on May 20. The second group of 200 cadets will move in around June 22.

While here, the cadets will be housed in dormitories and will be fed at the Galaxy Dining Facility.

Westover will really start getting busy in June when Operation Med Star, a medical exercise sponsored by the Air Force Reserve, kicks off a three-week run. During each week, approximately 500 reservists will be staying on base—some in tents at Dogpatch and others in dormitories.

In addition, 200 Junior ROTC cadets and a cadre of 25 will be on base for week-long stay starting June 22.

"The month of June will be the busiest part of summer for us," said Newhouse. "We encourage Westover reservists to reschedule their UTAs because there won't be room for them."

Aerial port squadrons from

throughout 22nd Air Force will begin arriving during the first week of July for Patriot Tiger which runs for five weeks. In all, nearly 700 reservists will spend a week in tents honing their skills.

Other July visitors include Civil Air Patrol cadets, Army Reserve medics and police explorer scouts from throughout the Northeast. Another police explorer scout group will train here for a week in August.

And if that's not enough, the base will be used for such community projects as the senior games, Special Olympics, USO Auto Show, drum and bugle corps practice, etc.

"We try very hard to be good neighbors and if events like these don't cost the taxpayers any money, we're happy to accommodate them," Newhouse said.



TSgt. W. C. Pope

Cargo customer

A C-17 Globemaster III, with fewer than 300 flying hours, landed recently at Westover on a mission from Johannesburg, South Africa. Its cargo, a Heavy Vehicle Simulator, was airlifted to Westover for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory in Hanover, N.H. The laboratory uses a device that quickly recreates the effects of heavy traffic on a variety of pavements.

Family care planning a must for Reservists

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — Ready to go anywhere in the world? What about out of this world?

"A phone call to your military personnel flight to check on your personal affairs documents is a must for reservists, whether they are deployed somewhere or reporting for duty in their unit," said TSgt. Kevin Cook, NCO in charge of MPF customer requirements at Headquarters Air Force Reserve. "That phone call or a trip to your MPF is worth making. It ensures your family is cared for while you're away or if something happens to you."

The Air Force requires two key personal affairs documents—Department of

Defense Form 93, Record of Emergency Data, and Servicemen's Group Life Insurance SGLV Form 8286, SGLI Election and Certification. A third form is required for single parents and military couples—Air Force Form 357, Family Care Certification.

"DD Form 93 is the main source for identifying and locating your next of kin," explained Cook. "The form also designates who receives your death gratuity and any unpaid pay and allowances. It should be updated immediately if there are changes such as a change in address for next of kin. You can also use the form to indicate if you do not want someone

notified in the event of your death, for example, if your parents are in ill health."

The SGLV Form 8286 specifies the amount of life insurance and the beneficiaries. "Most people don't realize that even if you designate another beneficiary in your will, the person listed on the 8286 receives your veteran's insurance benefit. A will or power of attorney cannot override the 8286," Cook said. "If you are divorced and your ex-spouse is still listed by name on the 8286, your benefit will go to your ex."

The Air Force requires all single parents or dual military parents to make sure their dependents are cared for during short-term and long-term mobility or training deployments. "Completing an AF Form 357 includes obtaining a power of attorney, which grants a temporary caregiver the authority to ensure your dependents' medical, educational and financial welfare," Cook said. "You should also have a family care plan if your spouse is a civilian with a unique situation, as determined by your commander, which might interfere with the care of your children."

With the ever-increasing Air Force Reserve mission, a complete family care plan is not a good subject for procrastination. "Wanting to, meaning to, won't mean anything but pain and trial for your family once you're gone," Cook said.

Military personnel flights have more details about updating personal affairs documents. (AFRES News Service.)

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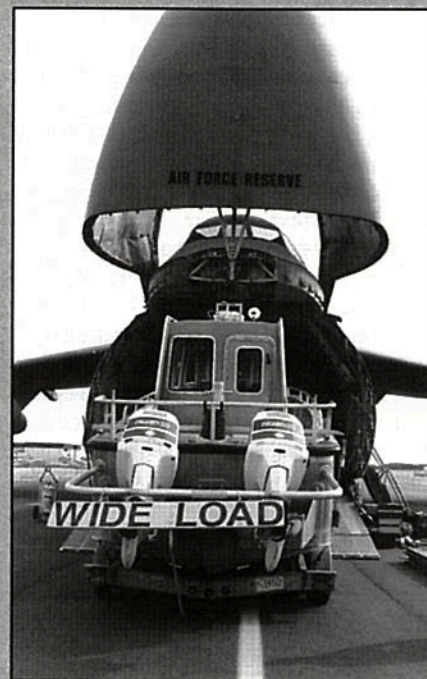
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Photos by SSgt. Christine Mora



BOATLOAD



DRY RUN — Braving sub-zero temperatures and 30 mph winds in January, a 337th AS aircrew practice loading a Coast Guard vessel onto a Westover C-5 at McGuire AFB, N.J. The 32-foot Munson Boat is used for environmental recovery and the C-5 loading tested rapid deployment capabilities.

New memorial, women's history month, topics of May sessions

Retired Brig. Gen. Wilma L. Vaught will share her ideas about leadership and management during a talk scheduled for Sunday of the May A UTA, and Monday, May 5 at the base conference center.

The former Air Force general is president of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation, a 33,000 square-foot memorial and education center, which is scheduled to open in October.

Although Vaught's visit recognizes Women's history month, which is in

March, her presentation is open to everyone, said CMSgt. Kathy Wood, base federal women's program manager.

"Vaught will still continue the theme of women's history month — 'a fine and long tradition of community leadership,'" she said.

Vaught's military career includes service in Vietnam, the Pentagon and deputy chief of staff, comptroller, Air Force Systems Command. She's one of the most decorated military women in U.S. history, according to her biography.

The memorial, which is located at Arlington National Cemetery, features a 196-seat auditorium, a 78-foot reflecting pool and quotations inscribed on glass tablets that serve as skylights. There's also a computerized registry where supporters can enter the names of women veterans, both living and dead.

For applications to support the memorial, which is being funded through private donations, or to enter information into the electronic registry, call Chief Wood at 557-2273 or 2876.

Curley to be special assistant to AFRES surgeon general

by MSgt. Sandi Michon

"I was activated during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1963 as a one-striper, and activated again during Desert Storm in 1989 as a full colonel."

That is how Col. Joseph Curley spans his 35-year military career that still holds new challenges. Curley closes his latest career chapter — a decade at Westover — to accept a position as special assistant to the AFRES surgeon general. The trail he leaves behind is strewn with achievements.

Curley came to Westover in 1987 as 74th AES commander, became deputy commander of medical resources in 1989, and has been 439th Medical Group commander since 1993. He displays a fatherly pride when describing unit accomplishments. "All our medical units have consistently upgraded their inspection ratings — with all achieving excellent or outstanding ratings," Curley said. He is very proud of the superior ratings that helped save the 74th AES (now 439th AES) from a downgrade to a flight when Curley was commander.

"Our people work very hard, and their efforts show in our domination of AFRES medical awards," said Curley. The two medical units left under the medical group both took Outstanding Unit last year, and Westover took 50 percent of the individual awards. Due to a shuffling of AFRES medical units, Westover lost the 722nd ASTS to a newly-formed GSU unit at Dobbins ARB, Ga., which dissolved the medical group, which needs a minimum of three medical units.

Curley, who has been in a commander position since his medical commissioning in 1968, says the pride of accomplishment he felt during Desert Storm is incomparable to anything else he has experienced. He has served at Grenier Field, N.H., Hanscom AFB, Mass. and McGuire AFB, N.J., but he says he has witnessed more positive changes at Westover than anywhere else.

Curley leaves Westover with mixed emotions. "We've been through hard times, and that bonds you together," he said. Curley is upbeat about the challenges ahead and says he will be back

to Westover frequently. His first assignment is to coordinate Medstar '97, the AFRES-wide medical exercise scheduled this summer at Westover.

"I have a couple of years left," he said. "I'm looking forward to the new challenge. I hope to use my experience in the field to play a part in improving the system any way that I can."

"Westover's medical units will miss Colonel Curley, but I'm sure he will continue to make a contribution to the Air Force Reserve in his newest assignment," said Col. James P. Czekanski, 439th Airlift Wing commander.

Curley is an insurance broker in Wakefield, Mass. He and his wife Christine (Von Rhee) reside in Rockport, Mass. and have two sons, Michael and Robert. Michael is a staff sergeant with the 439th AES.



Col. Joseph A. Curley



TSgt. W. C. Pope

PIELLI RETIRES — Lt. Col. Jim Pielli, a fixture at Westover since 1969, retired in January. After graduating from OTS in June of 1969, Pielli's first assignment was with Westover's 99th Bomb Wing as a social actions officer. He changed career fields, serving as maintenance officer and job controller with the 99th BW, and he also served in Guam keeping B-52s flying during the Vietnam War. Pielli joined the Air Force Reserve in 1975 and served in various maintenance units, starting with the old 905th Equipment Maintenance Squadron. According to Col. James P. Czekanski, wing commander, Pielli's extensive knowledge and willingness to handle any task will be missed.

Allard flips switch on 38-year career

by SSgt. Christine Mora

One of the longest-running shows in town closed Jan. 31., when the 337th Airlift Squadron's CMSgt. Fred Allard retired after 38 years in service.

Although he didn't originally intend to make the Air Force a career, he was hooked by the people and the missions and spent the last three decades at Westover as an Air Reserve Technician flight engineer.

"I've had the best of both worlds," he said. "I've had so many rewarding experiences, been to so many different places and met so many different people. Although I'm going to miss it, it's about time I hung up my flight suit."

Allard joined the active duty ranks in 1958 as an aircraft engine mechanic in Kansas. After his initial stint, he joined the Reserve in the 905th Troop Carrier Group at Westover in 1963. He twisted wrenches on C-119s until 1966 when the unit switched to C-124s and Allard switched to the flight engineer section. For the last thirty years, he and Westover's flying squadron shared the journey from C-124s, C-130s, and finally to C-5s.

He's served 11 commanders and spent more than 11,500 hours in the sky, and there are not too many places on the globe that Allard hasn't seen. From war zones to humanitarian sites, he's done it all, yet according to the chief, he was just doing his job.

According to his fellow crewmembers, it's a job he's done well. "Chief Allard has always been a tremendously responsible person," said Lt. Col. Robert Martens, vice commander of the 439th Support Group, and Allard's former supervisor. "From a pilot's perspective, the flight engineer is the key person. Allard was rock solid and you always knew you were getting the best."

"The chief was always a straight shooter," said TSgt. Mark Cabana, 337th flight engineer. "You always knew where you stood with him."

"I've always tried to lead by example," Allard said. "Hopefully, I've done a good job and helped a few people along the way."

Helping people has highlighted his career and humanitarian missions have been the most rewarding, according to the chief. "While every mission is important, humanitarian missions



TSgt. W. C. Pope

SWITCHING OFF THE CONTROLS — CMSgt. Fred Allard, who has manned the switches of the C-5 engineer panel since 1987, is retiring after 38 years of military service and more than 11,500 flying hours. Allard began as an aircraft engine mechanic in 1958, and during his time at Westover, has worked on C-119s and served as flight engineer on C-124s, C-130s and C-5s.

have a greater sense of urgency," he said. "It's such an overwhelming feeling because you immediately see that you're helping people who need it."

For a chief who started his career in an era marked by the looming Cold War it was with a sense of irony that Allard found himself at the foot of the Kremlin in 1992. "That mission was a very emotional one," Allard said. "We were bring-

ing humanitarian supplies to Moscow and we had to pick up a load of children that had been wounded in the Chernobyl incident. It was a very surreal experience."

That experience is one of thousands Allard will reflect upon when he jumps into the world of retirement — fishing, golfing and "finally relaxing."



THREE R'S — If a bomb rips apart a runway, members of the 439th Civil Engineering Squadron need to know Rapid Runway Repair techniques to minimize damages. CES personnel prepare for the March ORI with hands-on training with M-2 matting (top photo). At right, SSgt. Jeanette Soucy, SSgt. Peter Morgenstern, and SSgt. Cynthia Cutter align sections of the M-2 matting.



Photos by TSgt. W. C. Pope

ORI preparation: practice makes perfect

by Capt. Paul Koscak

Neither bombs nor chemicals can stop us.

That's the message base civil engineers and the airlift control flight drove home during January's A UTA preparing for March's operational readiness inspection.

Working feverishly in the Base Hangar, the engineers simulated repairs to a damaged runway. Called rapid runway repair, the method is quick and dirty, according to SMSgt Randy Malek, a 439th engineering squadron operations superintendent. And because time is everything, the strategy boils down to minimum work for maximum effect.

First, a team surveys the damage. It decides what craters to fill and cover,

just enough to keep operations going. While payloaders and trucks complete that job, another team assembles covers, or matting, that substitutes for the concrete that would normally be poured to seal the hole. The aluminum mats, usually two-by-four or two-by-eight sheets can be rapidly linked together to match the size of the hole.

"We train for the quick fix," Malek explained. "Expediency is the key."

How expedient?

Malek said if a runway got hit after aircraft left for a bombing mission, his engineers could have it ready for their return.

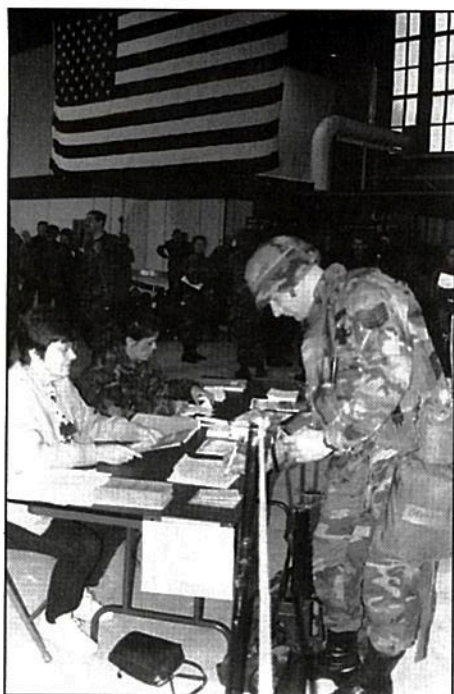
For damage beyond this Band-Aid fix, the engineers can install an aircraft arrestor. The device, using a cable that stretches across the runway, grabs the aircraft when it touches down, drasti-

cally reducing its landing roll. It's similar to arrestors used on aircraft carriers, Malek said.

At the other end of the hangar, members of the 439th Airlift Control Flight review their combat skills. The ALCF is a self-contained unit that can secure a forward area for aircraft operations with all the facilities of a base.

Some, coached by security police, go through the paces of using the M-16. Others work on detecting chemical attacks using M-9 and M-8 paper, a special paper that changes its color when gas is present.

Lt. Col. Tom Mauzaka, the ALCF's commander, said his unit's overall strategy during an attack—known as command and control—is to rapidly determine damage to equipment and injuries to people.



TRAVEL PLANS — Mobility lines precede deployment. Above, Ms. Ann Beebe and MSgt. Paula Browning of the Military Personnel Flight check reservists through mock mobility to prepare for the March ORI. At top right, the base hangar serves a huge classroom for ORI instruction. Below, MSgt. Clayton Hanright, 439th CES craftsman, relaxes during a break from chemical warfare classes.



SSgt. Joseph McLean

Questions to ask before deploying

The upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection is designed to test our capabilities, both individually and as a unit, to respond to and accomplish our wartime tasking. One of our most important individual responsibilities is to ensure that each of us is fully prepared to deploy for an extended period of time. Most of our reserve duty time is dedicated toward honing our work skills, but what about our individual preparation?

Following are a few questions to ask ourselves to make sure that we are personally prepared for an extended absence from home life.

PERSONAL

- Do I have an appropriate Power of Attorney for the individual (spouse, parent, friend, etc.) who will be taking care of my affairs?
- Are other important papers safeguarded and their locations known to the person watching my personal possessions?
- Is my will up-to-date?

FINANCIAL

- Does my spouse/family have access to checking and/or savings accounts for household and family expenses?
- Does my spouse/family have access to all information necessary to pay bills and services during my absence?
- Does my spouse/family know the location and have access to other key financial documents to assets (e.g., safe deposit box, credit cards, insurance policies, etc.)?

MEDICAL

- Are my family's medical records current and available?
- Does my spouse know who to contact in the event of a medical problem?
- Are my children's immunizations current?

HOME

- Is someone (spouse, family member, friend, etc.) looking after my apartment/home? Do they know where important controls (e.g. electric controls, water valve, gas valve) are located?

Gearing up for 'cybercombat'

by MSgt. Sandi Michon

War.

Our minds conjure images of tanks, missiles, aircraft, ground troops, chemical warfare...

In reality, future wars may be waged on a different front — the information battlefield.

In the information age, attacks may come in the form of modems, computer viruses, and "hacking" into enemy systems. A critical link in our defense armor will be the ability to protect our own information systems that control everything from supply to pay, to weapon design, to tracking personnel movement.

"Information superiority is becoming as critical as air and space superiority," said Secretary of the Air Force Sheila E. Widnall in a speech to the Air Force Association National Symposium.

Information warfare is a new concept and it occurs when information itself is a target or weapon. According to the Department of Defense, information warfare is any action to deny, exploit, corrupt or destroy the enemy's information and its functions — and protecting ourselves from those actions. Setting the standards for cybercombat is the Air Force Information Warfare Center located at the Air Intelligence Agency on Kelly AFB's [Texas] "Security Hill." AFIWC focusses its 1,000 personnel on computer-related issues including information warfare planning, intelligence gathering and weapon system analysis.

Information warfare was utilized in Desert Storm as coalition forces spent the early days of the war knocking out telephone exchanges, microwave relays, fiber optic nodes and bridges carrying coaxial communications. Alan D. Campen, author of "The First Information War," said an enemy can be brought to its knees by destroying the means for command and control. He says an ounce of silicon in a computer may have had more effect than a ton of uranium.

Information monitoring has been used in Bosnia by peacekeeping forces to help enforce negotiated terms between warring factions.



While information warfare doesn't minimize conventional weaponry, especially in third-world countries, it demands attention. Col. Frank M. Morgan, AFIWC commander, believes that the United States is the most vulnerable, target-rich country in the world. He says 98 % of military communications travel along the same unprotected, unclassified lines as commercial information traffic.

The Defense Information Systems Agency stated in 1995 that "attacks" on DOD systems are increasing at a rate of 120 percent a year. That figure is reported to be "the tip of the iceberg" due to incidents that go undetected or unreported, and because attacks are increasingly more sophisticated.

The Office of Special Investigations, in 1978, was the first law enforcement agency in the world to create a unit solely dedicated to investigating computer-related crimes. That unit handled 60 cases in 1994, and 150 in 1995, the increase due to the expansive use of the Internet, a worldwide network which has between 30 million and 100 million users. Anyone with a modem and phone has the potential of going online to commit crimes.

The enormity of the situation has made computer security a hot issue. AFIWC tracks network activity at 18 bases, and the Kelly-based agency has carte blanche from the Air Force to survey any of their computers for secu-

rity holes.

AFIWC used "spoof mail" at one Air Force base to test awareness of computer security policies. The e-mail requested users to send their user names and passwords to them to restore the integrity of system files, or verify authorized users. The team also successfully "cracked" 302 easily-guessed passwords to gain access to government computers. They also found various viruses and many systems with unauthorized software.

According to Don Proctor, Westover civilian personnel computer specialist, the unit from Kelly checked through Westover systems last year. "First, they accessed computers on base directly from Kelly, and followed through with on-site visits to offices after hours," said Proctor. "Many passwords were written on sticky notes attached to monitors, and a list of discrepancies found basewide," he said.

Proctor advises:

- **Never leave your computer unattended because it gives potential criminals access to local and higher headquarter networks and systems.**
- **Never share logons, passwords or user IDs or store them on, or around, computer systems.**
- **Never program logons, passwords or user IDs into macro start-up**

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Westover 'pharmacy' offers Rx for environment

by Lt. Col. Rick Dyer

There are no medicines or elixirs lining its shelves—not even a bottle of aspirin. But the mission of Westover's new pharmacy is definitely related to protecting your health.

The base's Hazardous Materials Pharmacy opened in January after a \$790,000 building renovation project was completed. Operated by a staff of civilian employees from the 439th Logistics Support Squadron, the new facility is a control center and storage area for the items used at Westover which contain hazardous substances.

Four supply technicians—Kas Dziendzielewicz, Tom Stepniak, Pat Simonds, and Tom Stott—employ a computer to dispense and keep track of all the paints, sealants, lubricants, solvents, oils and other potentially hazardous materials which are used by the 49 shops on base.

"We call it a pharmacy because Westover's industrial hygienist literally has to issue a prescription authorizing how and when those substances can be used," said Jim Faye, chief of supply. "The building is the nerve center of a cradle-to-grave program which controls and monitors how each of those materials is utilized."

It is the responsibility of Marian Mathieu, industrial hygienist with the 439th Support Group, to know what products are potentially harmful, and how they should be employed.

"Any item that has the ability to injure an individual or the

environment is classified as hazardous," Mathieu said. "A shop will tell us that it needs to use a specific type of substance to accomplish a particular task. We will review the material safety data sheet on that particular item to determine the degree of hazard which its use might pose. If we approve, we'll issue a prescription authorizing the material's use and specifying the shop's monthly allotment of the substance."

Mathieu said that Karl Lindberg and Robert Pomeroy, civilian bio-environmental technicians with the 439th SPTG, recently completed an inventory of all the hazardous materials employed by each of the industrial shops of Westover. "They did a fantastic job of identifying the various items used by each shop," she said.

The industrial hygienist added that the list grows longer each month as the various work centers submit new requests for approval to use a material, or seek to change the amount of their current allotments.

Faye indicated that although the hazardous material pharmacy is currently staffed with only civil service employees, he plans to train reservists from the 439th LSS to work at the facility.

The supply chief also stated that although no one has come to the facility with a doctor's prescription, he understands how its name could potentially create confusion. "It's not your typical drug store," he added.

Cybercombat...

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files, function keys or other runs that execute on bootup. If you can get to them, others can just as easily.

- Never let "home" users/enthusiasts work on government systems. Such activity increases incidence of viruses, compromises systems and violates terminal area security, hardware warranties, copyright laws, and cause damage to equipment.
- Equipment should be installed, connected, moved or relocated by those officially responsible for equipment.
- Use passwords that combine numbers and letters at random, upper and lower case. Change passwords frequently.
- Use virus-protection software religiously. Watch especially for items downloaded off the Internet and for shared files.

Computer hackers can wreak serious damage, and they represent guerrilla warfare to the extreme degree.

Our forces train to be ready for any war contingency—and information warfare is here to stay. Place computer security high on the list next to mobility records, chem warfare training, and job proficiency.

Officers' PME, NCO Course 8 available in CD-ROM format

by MSgt. Tom Allocco

The Senior NCO Academy Course 8 recently became available on audio and video CD-ROM. The CD-ROM version of the correspondence course for master sergeants and above is designated Course 5.

Those enrolled in Course 8 may drop the course and enroll in the new CD-ROM course. New enrollees and those transferring from Course 8 will have 12 months to complete the CD-ROM course.

Enrollees are graded on five electronic tests of 20 questions each. The passing grade is a cumulative score of 80 percent. Enrollees are allowed only one failure, after which they must enroll in Course 8 to continue

in the Senior NCO Academy.

Equipment on a home PC required to take Course 5 includes: CPU (486SX-33 Mhz), RAM (8 Meg), CD-ROM (2X), hard drive

(80MB), Sound Card (16 Bit), Video Card (SVGA), monitor size & dot pitch (15"/.39mm), speakers and Windows (V3.1). Electronic testing will be done at the Computer Learning Center.

According to TSgt. Kevin Brown, chief of education and training, enrollees are enthusiastic about the CD-ROM course. Advantages include material which is more current than in the book course and the interpersonal nature of the CD-ROM, Brown said.

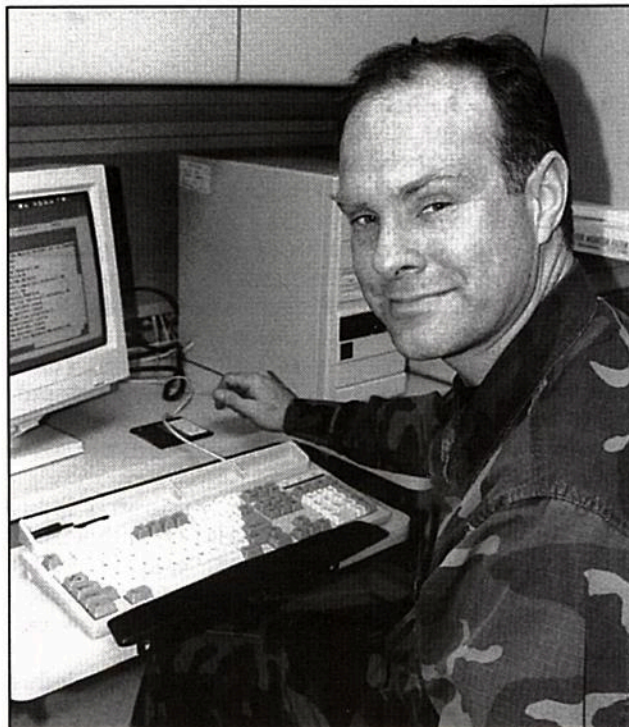
The NCO Academy Course 6 for staff and technical sergeants is being prepared in a CD-ROM version. No date has been set for introduction of the new course.

Other correspondence courses available on CD-ROM are the Air Command, and Staff and the Squadron Officers School.

For more information on the CD-ROM course, talk to your training NCO.

Patriot People

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Years of service: 8
Favorite sport: Baseball
Favorite hobby: Collecting bottle caps
Ideal vacation: Mediterranean cruise
Best way to relax: Cup of coffee and a good, thick book
Preferred entertainment: Arguing politics
Favorite hero: Major Mud
Favorite music: Classical/Folk/Alternative
Favorite movie: *Amadeus*
Favorite aircraft: 747
Pet peeve: Narrow-minded people
What I would do if I won \$1 million: Spend the rest of my life in graduate school



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Capt. Jay D. Learned

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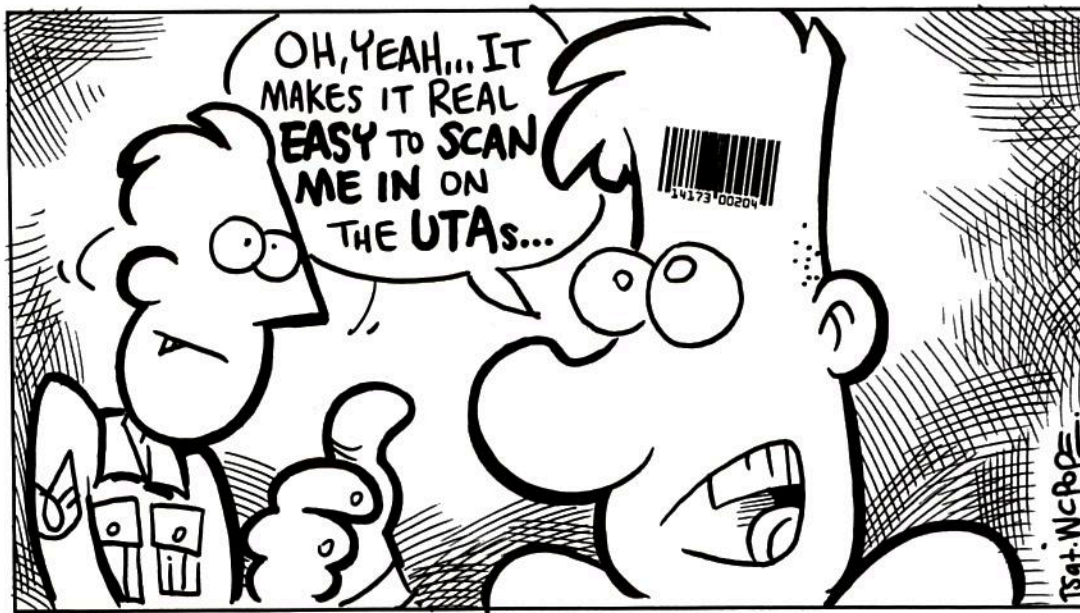
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Club events

Wine tasting, with an array of cheeses and fruit, is scheduled for Feb. 7 at 5 p.m.

Valentine's Day party on Feb. 14. Dinner from 5 - 9, dancing to Don Bastarache and his big band from 8 - midnight. For reservations, call 593-5531.

Free pizza delivery on base on UTA weekends. For delivery of pizza or other Italian entree from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., call Ext. 3896 to place order.



There IS a time to leave home without it

Normally, I'm pleased and proud when the numbers show that Westover is ahead of all the other 22nd Air Force units in some category or statistical area. But there is one "league leading" statistic that I've recently received which upsets me greatly.

Personnel from the 439th Airlift Wing owe \$154,831 in delinquent payments on their government-issued American Express Cards. These figures account for approximately 25 per cent of the total delinquencies within 22nd AF.

And the red ink dilemma isn't confined to Westover. In a recent letter, Maj. Gen. Robert A. McIntosh, commander of the Air Force Reserve, stressed the enormity of the problem. He noted that AMEX delinquencies have averaged more than \$15 million per month throughout the Department of Defense, and that the Air Force is responsible for slightly less than half of these late payments. Making matters worse, the Air Force Reserve has consistently had the highest delinquency percentage within the Air Force.

All of this is totally inexcusable. Over the past few years, our unit commanders have repeatedly stressed that the government AMEX card can only be used in connection with official Air Force travel. To put it simply, if you can't justify the expense on an Air Force travel voucher, you shouldn't use the AMEX card to make it.

We've also emphasized time and time again that the credit card bill is to be paid upon receipt. If you have charged official expenses, your Air Force reimbursement payment should only be used to repay AMEX.

Unfortunately, although most of our reservists are honest and honorable people who obey orders and pay their debts, some wing members aren't getting the message, and are giving us a black eye. This cannot and will not be tolerated. We will continue to take disciplinary action against those who choose to ignore their responsibilities, and abuse their government-issued credit cards.

There's definitely a time and a place to use your AMEX card. There's also a time you should leave home without it. It's your responsibility to know the difference.

Colonel James P. Czekanski
Wing Commander

Editorial

Major command fits Reserve well

The Air Force Reserve becomes a major command in February. This places into law the way we have done business since inception of the Total Force Policy.

The Air Force is regarded as a positive role model in the use of its Reserve Component. When we deploy for an exercise or for one of the many recent contingencies, it's hard to tell which people or units are reservists and which are active duty. That is why we wear our gaining com-

mand patches. The seamless daily operation enjoyed today serves us well.

We will continue to strive to keep our training, equipment, and performance indistinguishable from the active Air Force's. Meeting the high standards required in today's Air Force ensures a strong and viable Air Force Reserve for tomorrow.

Maj. Gen. Robert McIntosh
Commander Air Force Reserve

Briefs

3 Wing reservists receive honors

Three members of the 439th Airlift Wing have been feted as Airman, NCO and Senior NCO of the first quarter of 1997, and will now compete for annual honors.

SrA. Joshua O. Lambert, of the 439th LSS was named Airman of the Quarter, SSgt. Tammy A. Poirier, of the 439th ASTS was chosen NCO of the Quarter, and SMSgt. Frances A. Bloom, of the 439th ASTS, was selected Senior NCO of the Quarter.

The next awards committee meeting will be held Feb. 8 at Wing Headquarters. Nomination packages, using AF Form 1206, must be received by Maj. Max Mendoza, wing executive officer, by Feb 7.

Macedonia tour

The Air Force is seeking a captain or major to serve a tour of duty with a Military Liaison Team in Macedonia (formerly southern Yugoslavia) from May 1997 to August 1997.

The military-to-military program is a high priority, high visibility effort of national importance. The mission requires dealing with senior officers in countries which have had few previous contacts with the U.S. military. Therefore nominees must possess a high level of interpersonal skills as well as exceptional maturity, flexibility and self discipline.

Selectees will attend an indoctrination prior to leaving for the TDY location.

Further information is available from SSgt. Shane Robitaille at military personnel, Ext. 3418.

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Air Force reservists work inauguration

by Capt. Paul Koscak

Nearly a dozen Air Force reservists contributed to President William Jefferson Clinton's inauguration Jan. 20.

The blue suiters, who provided public affairs support for the Armed Forces Inaugural Committee, also served with their Reserve and Guard counterparts among the other services. In all, 79 reservists made up the 819-member committee that planned nearly every aspect of the president's inauguration, from managing a dress rehearsal to organizing parade participants to assisting news reporters with stories.

"Managing an event that's the envy of the world, the peaceful transition of power that affirms and celebrates the civilian control of our nation, is no small feat," said Air Force reservist Capt. Tom Deall, the public affairs officer at New Orleans Naval Air Station.

Indeed.

News reports estimated more than 300,000 spectators crowded the curbs of Pennsylvania Avenue, hoping to catch a glimpse of the president, the vice president, their families and supporters who led the 121-unit inaugural parade—a massive formation of 6,000 marchers representing everyone from American Indians to high school bands.

The support and promotion of these events is a 200-year military tradition that began in 1789 when a group of Revolutionary War veterans joined President George Washington on his march to take the oath of office on the steps of Federal Hall in New York City, then America's capitol.

This year, because of the drawdown of the armed forces, reservists took up the slack to ensure the Armed Forces Inauguration Committee continued its historic role, according to SMSgt Jeff Woodward who served as Air Force liaison to the committee.

The largest group of Air Force reservists—10—worked in public affairs, he said. They provided media escort, answered reporter's questions, coordinated the parade and



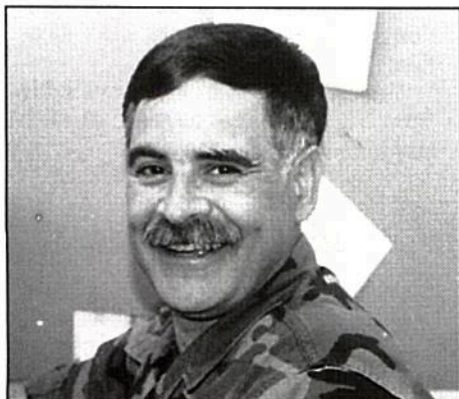
Army Sgt. Tonya K. Townsell

PARADE REST — Airmen from the National Capital Region stand in the Street Cordon for the Presidential Inaugural Parade.

wrote hometown news releases that spotlighted the military's role in the president's inaugural.

Capt. Paul Koscak served on the Armed Force Inauguration Committee as a media support officer.

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