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Westover pours \$155 million into local economy

by MSgt. Gordon A. Newell

The influx of more than 380 active duty and Marine Corps reservists helped push the total economic impact that Westover provides to Western Massachusetts to more than \$155 million during fiscal year, 1996, the Air Force announced last month.

The two Marine Corps units—Marine Support Squadron Six and Marine Wing Support Squadron 474, Department B—consist of 54 active duty and 331 Reservists. The units moved to the base in July after South Weymouth Naval Air Station, their previous home, was closed by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

"Westover's overall figures for FY 1996, pretty much parallel 1995, said Col. James P. Czekanski, commander of the 439th Airlift Wing. "The addition of the Marines pushed our figures up by more than \$7 million for the year."

According to the Air Force, the total economic impact on communities located within a 50-mile radius of the base was \$155,520,157 during FY 1996 which for the federal government was Oct. 1, 1995 through Sept. 30, 1996.

The base's total payroll for the year was \$75,094,360, up from \$70,751,096 a year ago. Military pay accounted for \$27,906,450 while federal civilian salaries totaled \$43,861,542. Another \$3,326,458 was paid to other civilians.

In addition to the 2,915 reservists who drill at the base, the base employs 1,030 general schedule and federal wage grade civilians and 237 other civilians who work in the base exchange, bowling alley gymnasium, etc.

Westover has undergone a construction boom over the past 10 years and during the past year, \$12,800,877 was expended on base improvements such as new roads and curbing and renovation projects on several buildings and hangars. Another \$4,415,061

went to pay for service contracts that include only contracts let in the local area for services, materials, equipment and supplies.

"In checking with our contractors, it was discovered that 80 percent of the contract money went to local subcontractors," Czekanski said. "So most of the funds are directly benefiting the Pioneer Valley area."

Besides the Air Force Reserve units assigned to the 439th AW, tenant units

include the Mass. Army National Guard aviation support facility; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; U.S. Armed Forces Reserve Center; Dynamic Sciences Inc. (weather station support); Army-Air Force Exchange Service; Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office; Military Entrance Processing Center; 01 AS14 2499 Reserve Readiness and Mobility Squadron and TOW Platoon HQ CO, 4th Marine Division and the two new Marine units.



"HEAVY" SNOW — Straining beneath 12.7 inches of heavy, wet snow, scores of branches and wires gave way, leaving much of the base without power during the December UTA weekend. The double-punch storms that hit the area on Dec. 7 and 8, made the UTA commute impossible for Reservists travelling long distances, or from higher-altitude areas. Fallen trees blocked many roads and driveways, allowing some reservists to travel no farther than their garage.

Westover's December weather had exceeded normal precipitation levels by mid-month, and the area had eight consecutive days with the sun hidden behind dense cloud cover.

All in all, base forecasters still predict a mild winter. Only 34.7 inches of snow is predicted, compared to 107.7 tallies from last winter.

photo by TSgt. W.C. Pope

Medical units add to bulging trophy case

by MSgt. Tom Allocco

The 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron and 439th Medical Squadron earned top unit and individual honors from the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States in November.

The 439th ASTS was named Air Force Reserve outstanding aeromedical staging squadron and the 439th MDS was named outstanding reserve medical squadron with a generation mission.

Individual awards were presented to 1st Lt. Lydia Todd for outstanding reserve officer assigned to a non-deployable medical unit and was named AFRES Young Health Care Administrator; SMSgt. Frances Bloom, outstanding reserve NCO assigned to an aeromedical staging squadron; SrA. Todd Bulger, outstanding reserve airman assigned to an aeromedical staging squadron; and SrA. John Beyer, outstanding reserve airman assigned to a non-deployable medical unit.

The Society of Air Force Reserve Medical Service Corps Officers presented MSC Excellence Award plaques to Col. Joseph A. Curley, 439th MDG commander; Todd and 2nd Lt. Calvin Mellor.

The 439th ASTS was cited for its successful transfer from Griffiss AFB to Westover, outstanding performance in Patriot Medstar development of a model training program and support of emergency medical technician training.

The 439th MDS earned recognition

for providing medical care at the Indian Health Clinic, Winslow, Ariz.; exceptional service at Wiesbaden and Frankfurt, Germany; and support of Patriot Tiger and Patriot Medstar. Squadron volunteers provided medical support for area homeless veterans during Operation Stand Down.

Todd was recognized for her service as 439th MDS health services administrator. She was credited with developing a model OJT program. She created a human resources and development section and developed a plan to unite OJT, readiness training, career guidance and other functions under the section. Todd served as the Health Services Inspection Team liaison for the 439th MDS.

Bloom, who serves as 439th ASTS superintendent of nursing services, was instrumental in developing nursing service and unit goals and other aspects of the Quality Improvement Process. She revised the tracking system for staff development which resulted in full compliance with all training directives.

Bulger played a key role in Team Yankee as a 439th ASTS medical services specialist. He instructs in EMT skills and Continuing Medical Readiness Training. At Sheppard AFB, Texas he disregarded his own safety to search for two missing students during a weather emergency. He also served in Operation Sea Signal and restore Hope.

Beyer was recognized for contributions to data entry and system operations as a 439th MDS medical services

specialist. He developed a database system to schedule physical exams and an immunizations monitoring system. Beyer also coordinated the computer link-up to the Local Area Network.

In addition, the 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron won the Outstanding Reserve Quality Initiative for its Total Quality Management program.

The unit has achieved 100 percent completion in cascade training and hosts monthly TQM training sessions. The commander served on a PAT that resulted in a proactive recruiting team that schedules recruiters for job fairs at local high schools and college career days.

"This medical group has been in a constant state of reduction since Desert Storm," said Curley. "We had seven units in the group in 1990, including units at Niagara Falls, N.Y. and Pittsburgh, Pa. Now we have just two units. But we still take our share of awards. We're probably the most decorated medical unit in AFRES."

"We won eight of 20 national awards this year and nine last year. As a group, we've been singled out by 22nd Air Force as the best group for the last three years."

"I'm proud of this unit. Because of outstanding efforts at every level, we've become a family," he said.

Are you ready for some football?

The Consolidated Club is hosting two football viewing parties in January.

On Jan. 12, from 6 p.m. till closing, the club offers giant screen TV to view the AFC/NFC Championship. There will be raffles, games, prizes, and a free buffet at half-time.

The same fare is offered on Jan. 26 for the Super Bowl game.

Call the club 593-5531 at for more details.



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Medal of Honor memorial grove dedicated

by Capt. Paul Koscak

Twenty-one saplings planted outside Building 1100—the base's original headquarters—mark a special spot for Massachusetts recipients of the military's highest achievement, the Medal of Honor. The grove was officially dedicated in November during an event that brought three of the medal holders to Westover.

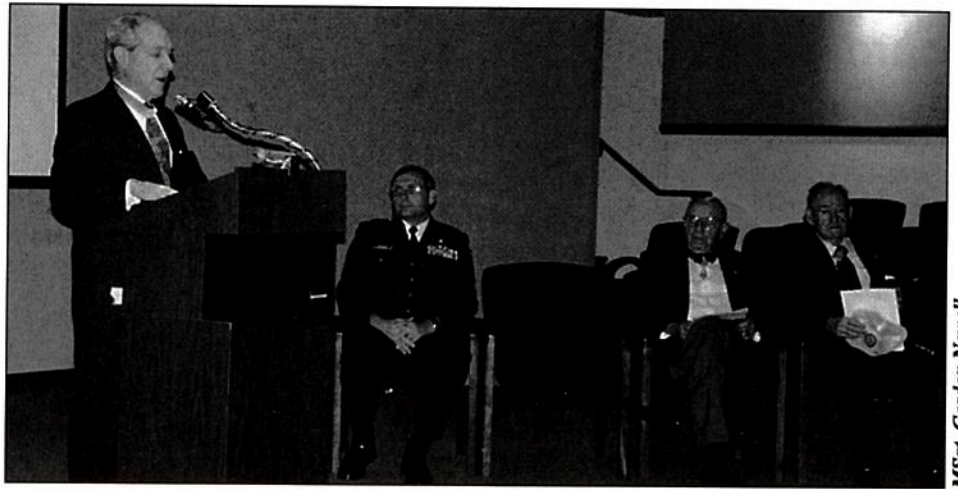
"They are national treasures in the truest sense of the word," Col. James P. Czekanski, commander of the 439th Airlift Wing, said.

Since the medal was created during the Civil War, 3,401 soldiers, sailors and airmen have won the distinguished award, 206 from Massachusetts.

The recipients were recognized in a ceremony at the base conference center highlighted by honor guards and a taped message from former President George Bush on the significance of Medal of Honor groves.

Westover's grove was planted this summer by children of reservists with trees from famous sites in U.S. history, such as Gettysburg, or the homes of Betsy Ross and John F. Kennedy, Gina Rossi, a base environmental engineer, said.

"We are but high visibility representatives of all veterans," Thomas Hudner, a former Navy pilot who was



MSGT. Gordon Newell

REFLECTING ON WAR—Former Navy pilot Thomas Hudner speaks during Westover's Medal of Honor recognition and Veterans Day celebration, Nov. 8. Looking on (from left) is 439th AW Commander Col. James P. Czekanski and World War II medal recipients Nicholas Oresko and Charles A. MacGillivray.

awarded the medal in the Korean War and is now state Veterans Affairs Commissioner, said. "To have all of them recognized through us is a true honor."

Hudner received the medal when he crash landed his aircraft to rescue a fellow pilot shot down near the Chosin Reservoir, Dec. 4, 1950.

He remained with the entrapped pilot, packing the fuselage with snow to protect him from the burning plane and warding off enemy fire until a res-

cue helicopter arrived.

The other two medal recipients, Charles A. MacGillivray of Braintree and Nicholas Oresko of Bayonne, N.J., earned the medal as Army infantrymen during World War II. Both men, in separate incidents, single handedly took out German fortifications against overwhelming odds.

"The price of freedom is not cheap," MacGillivray said. "Combat is the nastiest thing in the world."

Westover security police volunteer for duty in Saudi

Seven Westover reservists are among 44 Air Force Reserve members from nine security police units who are spending the holiday season deployed outside Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Members of the 439th Security Police Squadron and the 739th Security Police Flight who volunteered for deployment are: Sgt. Timothy Brock, SSgt. Michael Duchesne, SSgt. Alan Zawistowski, SSgt. James Hill, SrA Dominick Ferranti and MSgt. Patrick Whelan.

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One officer and 43 enlisted members have been participating in Operation Desert Focus since Nov. 15. The operation combines relocation efforts and security augmentation in response to the June 25 bombing of the Khobar Towers, which killed 19 service members. The reservists' 90-day deployment is part of an effort to increase force protection in the region.

"The attack on Khobar Towers should be seen as a watershed event pointing the way to a radically new mind-set and dramatic changes in the way we protect our forces deployed overseas," Secretary of Defense William J. Perry said in a report to assess the circumstances around the bombing.

Commanding the operation is Capt. Russell Waggnor, commander of the 927th Security Police Squadron, Selfridge, Air National Guard Station, Mich. In addition to reservists from Westover and Selfridge, the deployed reservists are from the following units:

- * 302nd SPS, Peterson AFB, Colo.;
- * 926th SPS, Naval Air Station New Orleans Joint Service Base, La.;
- * 917th SPS, Barksdale AFB, La.;
- * 908th SPS, Maxwell AFB, Ala.;
- * 910th SPS, Youngstown-Warren Air Reserve Station, Ohio;
- * 944th SPS, Luke AFB, Ariz.

Air Force adds blue cardigan to uniform

(AFNS) - Headquarters, United States Air Force has announced the wear of a new Air Force blue cardigan sweater as an optional uniform item.

The new long-sleeved cardigan sweater, made of a blend of acrylic and wool, is washable. The blue service dress shirt or blouse collar may be worn inside or outside the sweater and worn with or without the tie or tab.

When worn indoors the cardigan may be completely buttoned or unbuttoned; however, if worn outdoors, the sweater will always be worn completely buttoned. The cardigan will not be exposed when wearing another outer garment, such as the lightweight blue jacket. In addition, hospital and food service personnel will not wear the new blue cardigan instead of the white cardigan sweater with special duty uniforms.

Officers and Senior Noncommissioned Officers will wear shoulder mark rank insignia. All other enlisted personnel will wear metal rank insignia horizontally on the epaulet with the bottom of the insignia one inch from the shoulder seam.

The fit of the cardigan, when buttoned, should not pull between the buttons. Epaulets should fit on the shoulder and not extend past the shoulder. The length of the new cardigan should be four to seven inches below the waist.



GOIN' TO THE CHAPEL — The new chapel facilities in Building 1100 were a fitting backdrop for a wedding. On Nov. 9, SSgt. Louis Curto, 42nd APS specialist wed Helene Tripoli. Officiating as justice of the peace was SSgt. Fran Kelly, family services technician with the 439th MSS. The stained glass windows in the background were transplanted from the original chapel at Westover.

C-130 tactical airlift, KC-135 tanker units realign

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — Air Force Reserve officials here have announced plans to realign its C-130 tactical airlift and KC-135 air refueling aircraft effective April, 1, 1997.

Under the Reserve's new structure, C-130 units will report to the command's 22nd Air Force at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga. and all of the KC-135 units will belong to 4th at McClellan AFB, Calif. The C-130 units currently fall under the Reserve's 10th Air Force at Naval Air Station, Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, Carswell Field, Texas, and the KC-135 units are divided between 4th and 22nd Air Forces. Reserve HC-130 rescue aircraft and MC-130 special operations aircraft will remain under 10th Air Force.

The reorganization is the result of an

Air Force announcement Oct. 22 in which the service will transfer its C-130 transports from Air Combat Command to Air Mobility Command. This revision places all Reserve transport aircraft under AMC control in the event of war or other national emergency.

In related actions, the 445th Airlift Wing and its C-141 transport aircraft at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, will transfer from 22nd to 4th Air Force. The 701st Combat Operations Squadron at March AFB, Calif.

The Airborne Warning and Control System at Tinker AFB, Okla., will align with 10th AF. The 307th Red Horse Squadron Kelly AFB, Texas, and its Detachment 1 at Barksdale AFB, La, will realign under 4th AF.

"Assigning all C-130 airlift units to 22nd Air Force has several benefits," said Brig. Gen. John Batbie, director of plans at Headquarters AFRES. "It puts all the functional expertise in one numbered air force and cuts staff duplication. The same is true for pulling all the KC-135 units into 4th Air Force. It gives us a single point of contact for management of the aircraft."

AMC-gained strategic airlift C-5, C-17 and C-141 units, and AMC-gained KC-10 tanker/cargo units will remain distributed between 4th AF and 22nd AF, keeping an east coast/west coast division. Shifting the 445th AW to 4th AF helps balance the span of control between 4th and 22nd Air Force.

Current Ops lines up missions, provides aircrew training

by MSgt. Sandi Michon

With 16 aircraft, 220 aircrew members and limited flying time, it's a wonder how everyone gets to fly. But not for the folks in current operations who toil behind the scenes, making the connections and sweating the details.

"Our job is to maximize the use of our C-5s and provide all aircrew currency training," Elaine Bernash, an air transportation specialist, said. "We need all types of flights and all kinds of cargo to provide required and realistic training for our aircrews."

The first step is acquiring missions. That sometimes means "beating the bushes."

"We acquire two-thirds of our missions by coordinating through networks in the system — people contact us; we solicit airlift needs from them," Bernash said. Many missions airlift other services to support their training needs.

The remainder of the missions are sought through airlift allocation conferences which dole out missions from Airlift Mobility Command and/or Air Force Reserve.

According to Bernash, badly-needed overseas missions are getting harder to come by because of recent



Elaine Bernash

policy changes, and competition with C-141s, C-17s and commercial contracts.

Once a mission is secured, myriad details follow to take the mission from start to finish. Current operations staff are the aircrew's travel agent. They make all the diplomatic clearances for each country, arrange billeting, fuel, on and off-loading of cargo and general maintenance services.

"It can be a real nightmare when an aircraft is delayed enroute," MSgt. Linda Colucci, another air transportation specialist, added. "Then you have to re-coordinate everything from the point of delay on." This is true especially when air refueling is part of the flight plan.

In a typical week, Bernash and Colucci coordinate with support staff throughout the world. Unfamiliar airfields pose unique challenges, as well as some thick accents that barely qualify as English. One week in November they coordinated flights to Alaska, Hawaii, Australia, Africa, England, Germany, Turkey, Puerto Rico, Qatar and various points stateside.

"It takes the right attitude, personality and diplomacy to meet the challenges of this job," Bernash said. "But it makes the job interesting."

(See graphic below for workload.)

Since Westover's C-5s fly round-the-clock, calls for assistance during off-duty hours can become routine for current operations staff.

In addition to Colucci and Bernash—a 2nd. Lt. with the 439th AES—two pilots, Lt. Col. Paul Torpey and Maj. Mike Kohut round out the busy staff that initiates and coordinates C-5 flights for the 439th AW.

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Misuse of government equipment results in fine, jail time, reprimand

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — An active-duty officer assigned to the 88th Communications Group here has been sentenced to nine months confinement, a \$10,000 fine and a reprimand for conduct unbecoming an officer.

Capt. William D. Hopkins Jr. was found guilty of wrongfully and dishonorably using Air Force computer and telecommunications equipment to locate, download and store computer graphics, including images depicting naked individuals and individuals engaged in sexual contact.

Hopkins pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced by a military judge sitting alone at his request.

During the trial, Hopkins submitted a letter from which the following paragraphs were extracted:

"As of last year, I had 23 years of impeccable service with the Air Force. I had many awards, medals, firewall officer performance reports, selected for regular commission, the whole nine yards. But then I made a terrible mistake. I threw it all away and more. I used my government computer for my own purposes.

"I told myself it was OK because: I'm only using it after working hours; I'm not causing a loss to the government—the computer won't be 'used up' because the hard drive can be erased and used again; I'm not making any money by what I'm doing; and besides, I know other people in my work center are doing it. Now, months later I look back and realize that I was obviously lying to myself, but buying into those lies, I went ahead.

"Nothing can remove the hideous scar on my lifetime of achievement with the Air Force. I wanted you to know my story, and have written it in the hope that if any of you are faced with such temptation—to use government equipment for a private purpose—you will recall my story, find the strength that I lacked, and do the right thing."

INTERNET POL

by Capt. Paul Koscak

Think of it this way: the internet—that big electronic hookup of government, private and commercial data banks—is like a radio station. It's a great way to get your message to huge audiences, but you never know who's listening. That's much of the reason why Air Force officials are concerned about what's being broadcast.

Because of that, website requests are beginning to get more scrutiny.

"Our policy has been, whenever anyone wants a website is 'do you really need one?'" said TSgt. Eric Hedges, who maintains the Air Force Link, the official web page of the Air Force. "If you're devoting lots of man hours to developing a website and are only getting 50 visitors per week, you have to ask yourself if it's worth it."

Websites are electronic billboards of sorts that grace—or tarnish, depending on your perspective—the internet highway. As the gateway to endless files of information throughout the world, they're becoming ever popular.

Pending official regulations on tapping this nascent entity, the public affairs office for the secretary of the Air Force is issuing guidelines to ensure the Air Force is professionally portrayed. Among them:

***Internet use is for official business only and needs a commander's approval, provided it doesn't interfere with official duties; is of reasonable duration**

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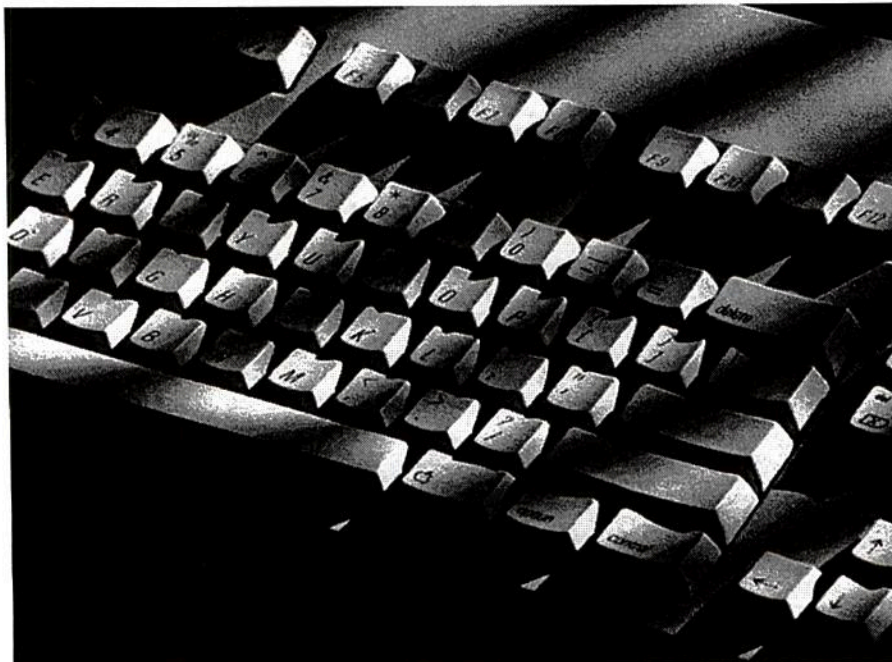
Security should be of great concern to every Air Force Reservist who uses a government computer. Listed below are some tips that will help keep you out of trouble.

*** Be aware of who is using your computer systems.**

*** Do not leave your computer unattended for long periods of time without logging off the network.**

*** Some one could use your computer to destroy files, applications software, etc., that are out of the network.**

*** Be certain that you have identified the correct attributes on files. Files someone might destroy may not be yours, but**



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and frequency; and serves an Air Force interest. Lewd, sexually explicit materials, chain letters, commercial enterprises or any link that reflects adversely on the Air Force is unauthorized use.

*Because the internet is unsecured, information can be intercepted by anyone. Classified documents must be encrypted and security for operations and sensitive unclassified material must be considered when using the Internet.

*All downloaded material (information entered into your computer from the internet) must be checked for viruses. Also, downloading of software from non-DOD sources is prohibited without authorization.

*Any information placed on the Internet reflects on the public image of the Air Force and must be cleared for release just like printed material. It also must be current, accurate and professionally presented.

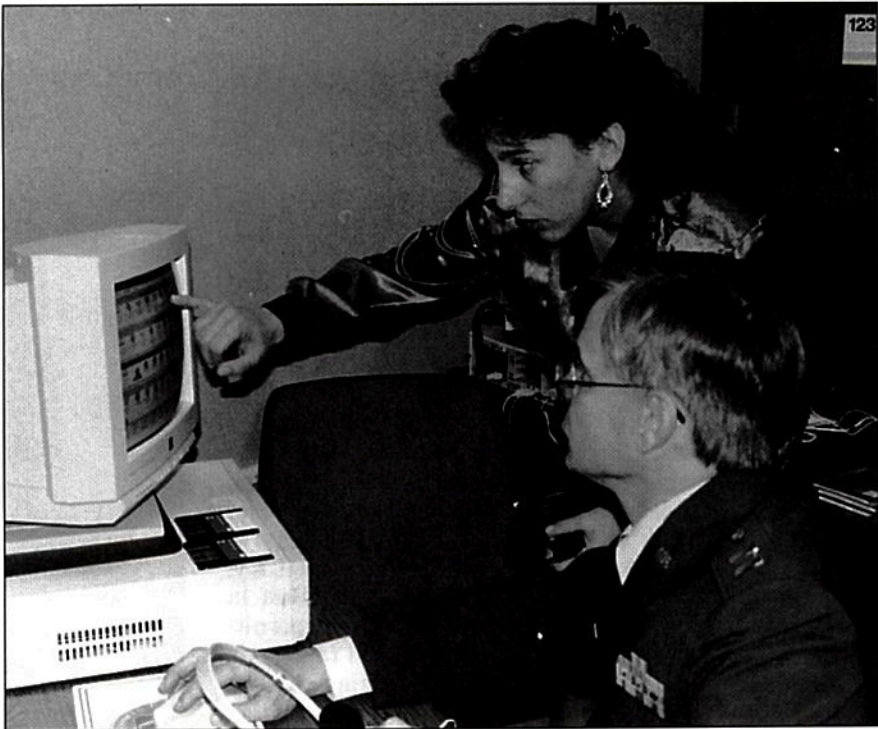
*Web sites must be tested and operational before being linked to the Internet

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the audit trail points to your logon identification.

* It is also recommended that you logoff the network if you aren't going to be at your computer for extended periods of time. Be alert and help prevent sabotage.

According to Tom Kubacki, of the Base Network Control Center, all base personnel are reminded that all unauthorized software (games, finance programs, greeting cards, etc.) on government computers is strictly prohibited. All DOD computer systems and related equipment are intended for communication, transmission, processing and storage of official U.S. government or authorized information only.



TSgt. W.C. Pope

A DRIVE TO LEARN — Dori Culla, CLC facilitator, instructs Capt. Charles R. Zoarski, information management officer, on how to use CD-ROM tutorial programs. Zoarski was one of many volunteer students at the Computer Learning Center located in Building 1875.

Center battles computer illiteracy

The new Westover Computer Learning Center battles computer illiteracy with hands-on courses.

The CLC is located in Building 1875 in the former Photo Lab. The classes focus on: Getting Started with Windows, Word 6.0, Excel 5.0, and Introduction to Power Point.

"The classes are small so there are opportunities for people to get one-on-one training with the instructor," said

MSgt. Jacqueline Davis, member of the CLC training team. "Plus you get hands-on training with the computers."

The CLC offers a flexible schedule on weekdays and UTA weekends. To sign up for classes, fill out AW Form 15 no less than 10 workdays prior to start of class. How to access the form, and for more information, call Davis at Ext. 3056.

Computer Learning Center schedule

Tuesdays	1000 - 11:30	
Wednesdays	1000 - 11:30	1300 - 1500
Thursdays	1300 - 1500	1800 - 2000
UTA Saturdays	1100 - 1300	1800 - 2000
UTA Sundays	0800 - 1000	

Dan Fisher brings Army skills to new position

by Capt. Mike Franco

"Service to the core" may be the best way to describe Westover's new Deputy Director of Services and Club Manager.

Dan Fisher became Westover's club manager Dec. 1 replacing John Filler who now manages the NCO Club, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

Fisher is a bona fide specialist with over 22 years in the military services career field while on active duty. Upon graduating high school near Dayton, Ohio, he spent 11 years in the Army as a cook where he had the opportunity to compete in the worldwide culinary show, Fort Campbell, Ky.

At the show, Fisher won "Best in Show" and "Best in Master Class," he said. He also worked with Army recruiters promoting food services and then transferred to the Air Force as an instructor for the Services Training School, Dobbins, ARB, Ga., where he later became commandant.

Fisher eventually became Chief of Services for the Air Force Reserve. He was responsible for the readiness and training of 43 units before retiring as a senior master sergeant.

"The reason I'm still in this business is because I enjoy my connection with military people," Fisher said. "I feel privileged to help carry on the great services reputation of Westover." Fisher's ultimate goal is to increase the club's membership through customer service — listening to what customers want and then bringing it to them.

"We want to make people feel at home here," he said. "This is their club, not mine."

Fisher says he will manage the club as a business, marketing it aggressively and creating programs to attract patrons. The club will run specials and plans to add new equipment and facilities for a micro-brewed beer and a kitchen dedicated to the lounge and the new bar menu.

"We will offer free activities like darts and pool," he said. Another goal is to keep the club open seven days a week, offering "fine dining at affordable prices with great service."

"We strive to cater to all military service members," he said. In fact, the club is currently trying to bring in a special



Dan Fisher

beer requested by some marine reserve members.

Fisher is primarily responsible for the "revenue generating" facilities such as the club, bowling alley, and Four Seasons store; yet will act as an adviser to base senior leadership with regard to mortuary affairs, dining facilities, billeting and other services areas under the leadership of Christopher Menard, director of services.

According to Menard, Fisher's new job will be a challenge because a reserve club does not have a captive audience like an active duty club. Reserve club patrons come from all walks of military life — both reserve and active duty services, civilian employees, and retirees.

"A reserve club manager has to work harder and be more creative," Menard said. "Danny has the ideas, energy, and people skills to bring a diverse people together in this environment."

Fisher is a graduate of the NCO Academy and has a bachelor's degree in business. He is married to Roberta Richards, a software consultant and former public affairs officer, and has a daughter, Stacy, and three dogs named T-Boon, Jake, and Cleo.

SSgt. Vin Blanchard

New chaplain "fishes for men", loves fly fishing

by SSgt. Joe McLean

A fisherman and God's fisher of men, 1st Lt. Mark F. Schaarschmidt, of Meriden, Conn., joined the Westover chaplains program in October and will lead Protestant services each B UTA.

Schaarschmidt graduated from Rutgers University, N.J., with a bachelor's degree in German language and literature, before attending Concordia Theology Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. Graduating with a master's degree in divinity in 1979, he was ordained a

minister of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. He garnered an Army Reserve commission in 1990 with the 76th Division, West Hartford, Conn.

Schaarschmidt lost 130 pounds to overcome a weight problem that was keeping him from serving in the military. He then served six years as the Training Support Battalion chaplain.

He has worked as a Protestant chaplain at the Veterans Administration Hospital West Haven, Conn., since 1992. "I am happy to be a chaplain," said Schaarschmidt "but I do dream of being a school teacher in Germany and

honing my hobbies."

Having just started fly fishing, he now says "I'm hooked on fly casting." He learned how to cast on his last vacation at a bed and breakfast when they gave him a map and some flies. "When I caught a fish on first cast, I knew this would be another calling," he quipped.

Music is another pastime Schaarschmidt is working to improve. He mostly enjoys the accordion but can get by on the organ for church service.

Protestant services are held each UTA Sunday at 7:30 a.m. at the chapel in Building 1100.

Reserve drill pay effective January 1, 1997

Here are the one-day Reserve drill rates effective Jan. 1, 1997, reflecting the 3 percent raise included in the 1997 defense authorization Act. In general a weekend drill is worth four, one-day drills

Years of Service

Grade	<2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
Commissioned officers															
O-10	245.34	253.97	253.97	253.97	253.97	263.72	263.72	278.33	278.33	298.24	298.24	318.21	318.21	318.21	338.03
O-9	217.43	223.13	227.89	227.89	227.89	233.68	233.68	243.40	243.40	263.72	263.72	278.33	278.33	278.33	298.24
O-8	196.94	202.85	207.66	207.66	207.66	223.13	223.13	233.68	233.68	243.40	253.97	263.72	270.22	270.22	270.22
O-7	163.64	174.77	174.77	174.77	182.61	182.61	193.19	193.19	202.85	223.13	238.48	238.48	238.48	238.48	238.48
O-6	121.28	133.25	141.99	141.99	141.99	141.99	141.99	141.99	146.82	170.03	178.71	182.61	193.19	199.72	209.52
O-5	97.01	113.90	121.78	121.78	121.78	121.78	125.45	132.22	141.08	151.64	160.32	165.19	170.96	170.96	170.96
O-4	81.76	99.57	106.21	106.21	108.18	112.95	120.66	127.44	133.25	139.11	142.93	142.93	142.93	142.93	142.93
O-3	75.98	84.95	90.83	100.49	105.30	109.07	114.98	120.66	123.62	123.62	123.62	123.62	123.62	123.62	123.62
O-2	66.26	72.36	86.94	89.86	91.72	91.72	91.72	91.72	91.72	91.72	91.72	91.72	92.72	91.72	91.72
O-1	57.53	59.87	72.36	72.36	72.36	72.36	72.36	72.36	72.36	72.36	72.36	72.36	72.36	72.36	72.36
Commissioned officers with more than four years active duty as an enlisted member or warrant officer															
O-3E	0	0	0	100.49	105.30	109.07	114.98	120.66	125.45	125.45	125.45	125.45	125.45	125.45	125.45
O-2E	0	0	0	89.86	91.72	94.63	99.57	103.38	106.21	106.21	106.21	106.21	106.21	106.21	106.21
O-1E	0	0	0	72.36	77.31	80.15	83.06	85.94	89.86	89.86	89.86	89.86	89.86	89.86	89.86
Enlisted members															
E-9	0	0	0	0	0	0	90.06	92.08	94.16	96.33	98.49	100.39	105.66	109.78	115.95
E-8	0	0	0	0	0	75.52	77.69	79.73	81.80	83.97	85.88	87.99	93.16	97.31	103.55
E-7	52.73	56.93	59.02	61.10	63.18	65.19	67.28	69.38	72.51	74.57	76.63	77.64	82.85	86.97	93.16
E-6	45.36	49.45	51.50	53.69	55.71	57.71	59.83	62.91	64.89	66.98	68.00	68.00	68.00	68.00	68.00
E-5	39.81	43.33	45.43	47.41	50.53	52.59	54.66	56.68	57.71	57.71	57.71	57.71	57.71	57.71	57.71
E-4	37.12	39.21	41.52	44.72	46.49	46.49	46.49	46.49	46.49	46.49	46.49	46.49	46.49	46.49	46.49
E-3	34.99	36.90	38.37	39.89	39.89	39.89	39.89	39.89	39.89	39.89	39.89	39.89	39.89	39.89	39.89
E-2	33.67	33.67	33.67	33.67	33.67	33.67	33.67	33.67	33.67	33.67	33.67	33.67	33.67	33.67	33.67
E-1	30.03	30.03	30.03	30.03	30.03	30.03	30.03	30.03	30.03	30.03	30.03	30.03	30.03	30.03	30.03
E-1 with less than 4 months	— 27.78														

Note: It is expected that basic pay will be limited to \$300.56. Figures for O-10 in the chart show what pay would be without the cap.

Reservists may use new pay category for special projects

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga.—Air Force Reservists have a new pay category to accomplish special projects such as getting ready for training and administrative support: It's the four-hour Readiness Management Period, available since Oct. 1.

In a policy letter, Maj. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, Air Force Reserve vice commander, said RMPs are available to conduct training preparation, maintenance training or support, unit administrative support and other related training activities. These activities are not authorized during aircrew ground training pe-

riods but RMPs can be used to perform them.

Commanders must authorize the Readiness Management Periods in advance and include the specific training requirements on the reservist's Air Force Form 40A. Performing RMPs—available to both reservists and air reserve technicians—is voluntary.

Although reservists can get 24 RMPs per fiscal year, they cannot use them on the same day as other inactive duty for training. Reservists can only take one RMP per day. No travel pay for RMPs is authorized.

(AFRES News Service)

New law allows more inactive duty points

Congress recently raised the ceiling on the maximum number of inactive duty points which reservists can earn annually from 60 to 75.

Inactive duty points are earned by completing inactive duty for training periods and completing Extension Course Institute courses. The 15 membership points, which are annually awarded to members for maintaining active reserve status, are also considered in the inactive-duty point category.

The new law does not contain retroactive or grandfathering provisions. That is, it will not affect ARC members with their retention/retirement year ending before Sept. 23, 1996.

However, it immediately affects members who earned more than 60 inactive-duty points in the R/R year that ended on or after Sept. 23, 1996. These individuals can earn up to 75 inactive-duty points toward retirement in any R/R year ended in September 1996, and all future years of service.

Patriot People

Name: Susan R. Dyson
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Unit: 439th MSS
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Civilian position: (ART)
Favorite food: Chinese
Years of service: 5 1/2
Favorite sport: Hockey/baseball
Favorite hobby: Watching favorite TV shows
Ideal vacation: Back home with family
Best way to relax: Being with family
Preferred entertainment: Reading/taking college courses
Favorite hero: My first commander
Favorite music: Top 40
Favorite movie: *The Breakfast Club*
Favorite aircraft: KC-130
Pet peeve: People who don't pay attention to directions



SSgt. Vin Blanchard

SrA. Susan R. Dyson

Patriot Praises

Promotions

SMSgt. Chaloux, Joseph G.
 SMSgt. Fiamma, Benedict B., Jr.
 SMSgt. Tankis, John C.
 MSgt. Boucher, Lori D.
 MSgt. Bower, Jeffrey B.
 MSgt. Bradshaw, Anna P.
 MSgt. Brown, Calvin C.
 MSgt. Cincotta, Paul M.
 MSgt. Delduco, Anthony J., III
 MSgt. Gohra, Raymond W.
 MSgt. Whittington, Charles
 TSgt. Ash, Deborah E.
 TSgt. Bieri, Mary E.
 TSgt. Glahn, Julianna M.
 TSgt. Lafleche, Laurence R.
 TSgt. Lau, Scott W.
 TSgt. Preble, Robert S.
 TSgt. Soriano, Ruel P.
 TSgt. Velez, Johnny W.
 SSgt. Bentley, Michael A.
 SSgt. Berry, Daniel P.
 SSgt. Brown, Eric R.
 SSgt. Bulger, Todd A.
 SSgt. Delano, Robert J.
 SSgt. Destefano, Teri A.
 SSgt. Felton, James M.
 SSgt. Hersom, Craig A.
 SSgt. Kalagher, Jared M.
 SSgt. Romprey, John C.
 SSgt. Sadakierski, Mark P.
 SrA. Allison, James D., IV
 SrA. Bissonnette, Jon N.
 SrA. Coyle, Charles B.
 SrA. DeJordy, Daryl D.
 SrA. Francis, Yaa Y.
 SrA. Johnson, Robin K.
 SrA. Lackman, Michael E.
 SrA. Malbaurn, Norman R.

SrA. O'Brien, Michael K.
 SrA. Rabel, Stephen M.
 SrA. Saintcalle, Richard R.
 A1C Viteri, Johnny A.

Enlistments

SSgt. Capuano, David M.
 SSgt. Gilbert, Mark
 SSgt. Leone, Daniel A., Jr.
 SSgt. Tanon, Ramon L.
 SrA. Chapp, Richard D.
 SrA. Conway, Kevin L.
 SrA. Goodwin, Michael J.

SrA. Roy, Steven P.
 SrA. Smith, Andrew R.
 SrA. Tynan, David E.

Reenlistments

TSgt. Coughlin, Warren M.
 TSgt. Goncalo, John W.
 TSgt. Homolka, Mark W.
 TSgt. Johnson, Lex S.
 TSgt. MacDougald, Kenneth
 TSgt. McKelligan, James M.
 TSgt. Raines, Larry W.
 TSgt. Wolff, Kenneth P.

TSgt. Zackaricz, Heather A.
 SSgt. Barley, John T.
 SSgt. Bulger, Todd A.
 SSgt. Conklin, Janene A.
 SSgt. Falcone, Vincent F.
 SSgt. Ferry, James H.
 SSgt. Fogal, Mark C.
 SSgt. Rose, James W.
 SSgt. Simpkins, Dale L.
 SrA. Marcotte, Daniel J.
 SrA. Reynoso, Ricardo
 SrA. Toft, Jason A.
 SrA. Walker, Christopher C.



The human side of flight safety

When the Wright brothers crashed in 1903 after a 59-second ride, they proved not only that flight was important, but getting back to the ground in one piece was too.

Through the decades, flight safety has struggled to keep pace with the speed of aviation advances. Before World War I, you could fly your airplane whenever and wherever you wished. More pilots were trained and more planes built during the four years of that conflict than in the 13 years since the first flight. Add that to the explosive growth of the nascent aviation industry and you have the formula for crackups and carnage.

And by the end of World War II, the U.S. was manufacturing more than 100 new airplanes per day. You could build an airplane faster than you could train the pilot to fly. Training time was notoriously short and casualties notoriously high.

According to the Southern California Safety Institute, the U.S. lost more planes and pilots in training accidents than in actual combat. During the mid 1940s, more planes crashed in a day than were built. Mountain-top monuments stand as solemn reminders of the many pilots who died applying their patchwork skills.

In 1946, there were 61 accidents per 100,000 flying hours, and pilots couldn't buy life insurance. Even during the Korean war, aircraft accidents exceeded combat losses.

Tragedy is a strict schoolmaster.

By the early 60s, the U.S. Air Force became a leader in safety. Today's accident rate is 2 accidents per 100,000 flight hours. But the current C-5 accident rate is measured in mere fractions.

The first C-5 rolled off the Lockheed assembly line in 1967. In 30 years, there have been just three C-5 crashes—Saigon and Oklahoma in the mid-seventies and Ramstein, Germany in 1990. What a record!

But the statistics don't show the human side of C-5 safety: flight-line mechanics who bake in the summer and freeze in the winter as they keep these flying wonders in top form; flight engineers who perform three-hour preflight inspections in 100-degree-plus cockpits; safety officers who brief again and again and again; aircrews who fulfill time-consuming currency requirements every six months; supply people who provide the parts and the support staff who provide all the people.

Westover's C-5's have accumulated 4,766 flying hours since 1987 and there have been zero accidents.

A good safety record is no accident.

MSgt. Sandi Michon
Patriot editor

Commentary

Briefs

Snow cancellations on TV, radio stations

If weather this winter is so severe that the Wing Commander deems it necessary to close the base or delay the opening, notification will be made on local radio and television stations.

Radio stations that will carry the message include: WHYN 560 AM, 93.1 FM; WMAS 1450 AM, 94.7 FM; WTIC 1080 AM, 96.5 FM.

Television stations carrying the message include: WWLP Channel 22 and WGGB Channel 40.

Sexual harassment hot line available

The Air Force maintains a 1-800 hot line to easily and freely report any concerns of sexual harassment or other improper behavior by military people and civil service employees. The hot line number is 1-800-558-1404 and is available from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

Allegations of misconduct can also be reported through local chains of command and base social actions offices.

Retreat ceremonies for '97 scheduled

A schedule for retreat ceremonies for the remainder of Fiscal Year 1997 follows:

February: 439th AES

March: canceled due to ORI

April: 58th APS

May: 439th Maintenance Squadron

June: 439th Medical Squadron

Aeromedical Staging Squadron

July: UTA done during March ORI

August: 439th LSS

September: 439th CES

Retreat is scheduled to begin at 1545 hours. Units are asked to be in place no later than 1530.

February UTA dates

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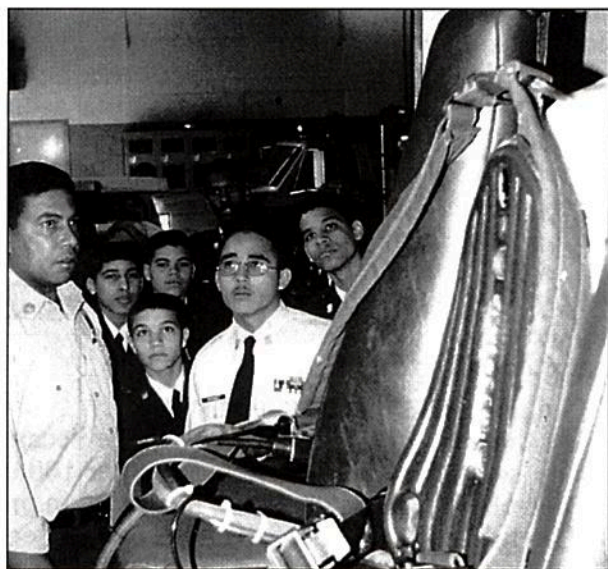
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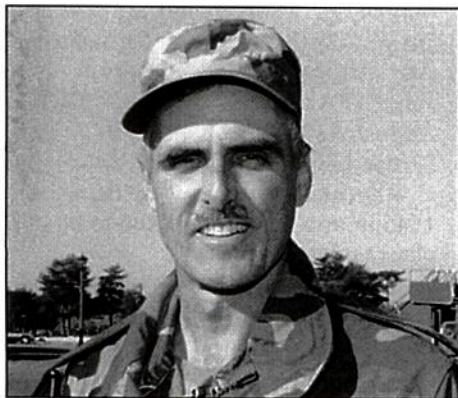


Community showcase

GRAND TOUR -- Whether it's for local eighth graders (above), or Air Force Junior ROTC students (right) -- Westover is a valuable resource. Throughout 1996, Westover hosted 96 tours, in addition to the 750,000 who attended the Great New England Airshow in August. On average, not counting airshow attendance, Westover is host to 75,000 visitors per year. This includes many military members from the four services, as well as a wide variety of civilian groups that utilize base resources.



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