

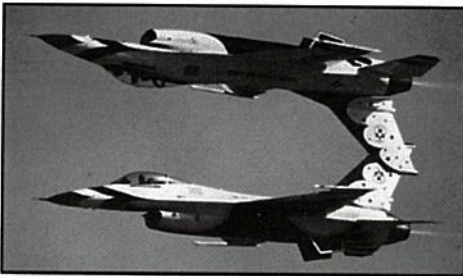
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Thunderbirds at Great New England Air Show '98



by MSgt. Gordon A. Newell

The 1998 edition of the Great New England Air Show is scheduled for Sept. 12 and 13 and will feature a repeat performance by the Air Force Thunderbirds while commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Air Force Reserve.

"We're thrilled to have the Thunderbirds again this year," said Lt. Col. Tom Mazauka who has been named director for the air show and open house. "When they performed here in 1996, they were amazed at the size of the crowds and the tremendous response they received from New England fans."

Prior to their appearance here two years ago, the Thunderbirds had not been at Westover since 1987. Since that time, Westover's show has grown to be one of the five largest in the country and drew more than 700,000 spectators in 1996.

"I am looking forward to this air show. I know that the Galaxy Community Council does a tremendous amount of work in helping to make the show a reality and I am very thankful for their efforts," said Brig. Gen. James D. Bankers, commander of the 439th Airlift Wing. "This will be my first show here but I have heard a lot about the huge crowds. I'm sure that we'll have another first class event that the people of New England will once again enjoy."

Adding a touch of international flavor will be the British army's Red Devil preci-

sion parachute team. The red-suited Brits are no stranger to Westover, they thrilled hundreds of thousands of New England fans while performing during the 1994 show.

Mazauka said his team has already begun to invite military flying units as well as the World War II vintage War-

birds to be part of the show.

"We're hoping to have some of the newer and more exotic planes such as a C-17, B-2 bomber and the F-117 here on display. We'll try to make this the best show ever held here," he said.

As always, the show is free of charge. Gates open each day at 9 a.m.



TSgt. Howard Garbarsky

HOSPITAL VISIT -- In addition to dazzling hundreds of thousands of spectators with their aerial demonstrations, members of the Thunderbirds took time from their busy schedules to visit youngsters hospitalized at the Shriner's Hospital in Springfield.

Firefighter Joe fires up kids with safety tips

Article and photo
by TSgt. W. C. Pope

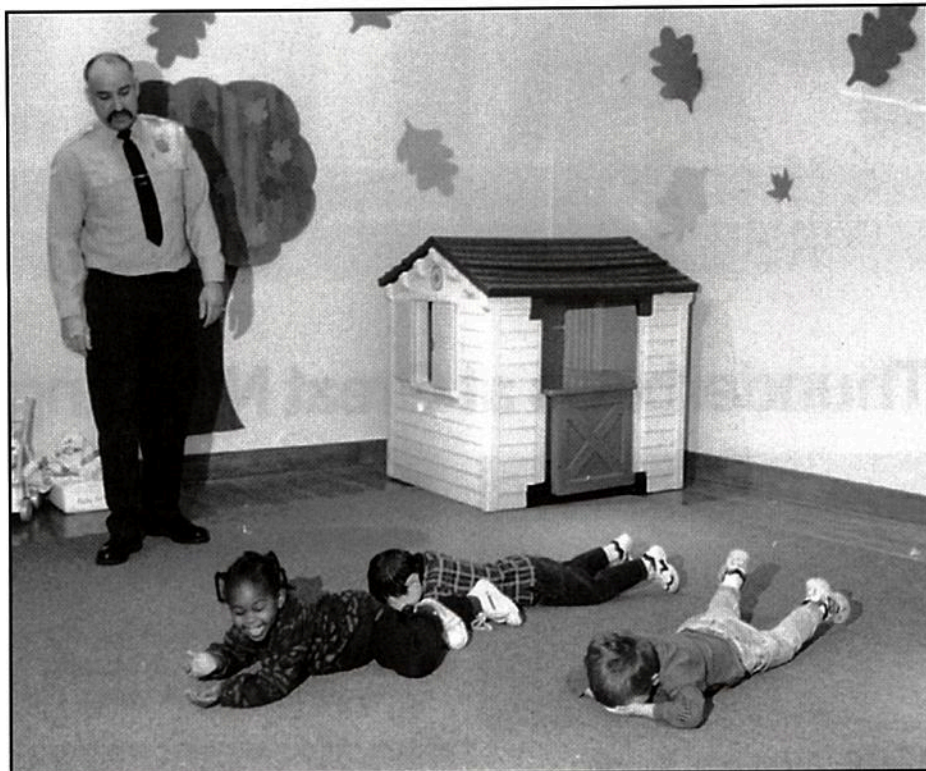
If Joe Kara could have two first names the other would have to be 'Firefighter', that's what most of the area school kids call him.

Not only is he a member of the Westover fire department, he also has earned the reputation of being the base's emissary for fire-safety in the Pioneer Valley.

Firefighter Joe has been entertaining and teaching children of all ages for 22 years. "It all started when I joined the Air Force in 1976. I had a supervisor that noticed that I had a way with kids, especially his young son," said Kara. "So he volunteered me to work with the kids and fire-safety, I've loved doing it ever since".

According to Kara, he was a little apprehensive at first, but feels that if he can save one child from becoming a fire fatality all of his efforts over the years will have been worthwhile.

Each month he schedules different fire-safety presentations at area childcare centers and schools. At the Chicopee Child Development Center, located in a former Westover Chapel, he recently showed children what they should do if their clothes



STOP, DROP AND ROLL — Kids at a local preschool center act out Joe Kara's instructions to "Stop, Drop and Roll". Kara is a firefighter at Westover and has been teaching children fire safety techniques for 22 years.

catch fire. He demonstrates by showing them the "stop, drop and roll" method. He puts his hands on his face, drops to the floor and rolls around. The kids react with laughter but then each in turn performs the maneuver to show they were paying attention.

This year alone Kara has conducted

260 separate sessions with the local and hometown preschools. Demonstrating techniques such as crawling under the smoke, stop drop and roll, smoke detector benefits, and matches and lighters awareness.

Firefighter Joe always ends his program by bringing out a variety of inoperable cigarette lighters from his massive collection. Holding out one that looks like a shiny-silver dolphin he shows it to his captivated audience.

"Do you kids think this is a toy?" he asks. The children answer with a resounding "No". Through repetition Joe showed the kids lighter after lighter that could be mistaken as a toy.

Kara says he has received a few plaques in recognition of his fire safety efforts and even honorable mention in the April 1997 issue of "Firehouse Magazine" for the Heroism and Community Service Award. But the rewards he treasures most are the hand-drawn ones he gets from the kids who show they were listening to his tips on fire safety.

Kara is a nationally certified public fire education officer and fire marshall in the state of Connecticut.

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Riley fights medical battles; base supportive

by MSgt. Sandi Michon

What began as a rash on Capt. Kevin Riley's leg in April 1996 resulted in the biggest challenge of his life—one that he is still trying to overcome.

After taking antibiotics to clear the rash, Riley noticed other symptoms develop such as joint pain, fatigue and back problems. Having just celebrated his fortieth birthday, he jokingly referred to his ailments as "old age."

By the end of 1996, his medical situation was clearly no joke. He had developed extreme fatigue, crushing headaches, he couldn't concentrate and he was losing short-term memory. His brain had shut down similar to that of a stroke victim; he couldn't walk and could hardly talk. "Most people thought I was going to die. I was starting to believe it, too," said Riley.

To add insult to injury, finding a definitive diagnosis was elusive.

"I was tested for everything under the sun, and everything was negative. But I felt worse and worse," explained the six-foot, four-inch Support Group executive officer. Eventually, doctors began to treat him symptomatically for Lyme Disease and Riley began to show a modest improvement. What the Rileys concluded as they wandered through their baffling medical maze, is that initially, Lyme disease had been misdiagnosed. Taking the antibiotic in April had driven the Lyme infection from the blood into his body tissue—causing Lyme disease detection tests to return negative. His wife's bout with Lyme disease gave them helpful comparisons.

Riley and his wife, Wendy, have five boys, age 11 to three. Due to his illness, he was unable to work his Reserve duties, and went on short-term disability from his fulltime consulting job. Money was tight, and the Rileys warned their boys that there might not be a Christmas, in the traditional sense, for them that year. On Christmas Eve, two burly gentlemen from their local church showed up at their doorstep with bags brimming with food items and toys for their boys. "We rejoiced at God's provision," said Riley.

Kevin and Wendy also raved about the support they received from their Westover family. Base members sent cards, financial donations and Family Support delivered enough food to feed an army—and with five boys—that's about what you need. "I treasure every card I got," said Riley. While serving at Westover, Riley attended the Chaplain's Evangelical Services and has received periodic donations from fellow members throughout his absence.



Capt. Kevin Riley

"Family Services calls monthly to see how we are doing, we have gotten boxes of boys clothing and friends call regularly. It is all so encouraging to me," he said.

Mid-January, Riley began intensive intravenous drug treatment to attack the infection in his body. If the treatment is successful, he hopes to start therapy to regain functions he has lost over the past year. He is much better than December of 1996, but is still unable to work due to physical pain, and problems with cognitive function and short-term memory. Early in 1997, he lost his fulltime job, went on long-term disability, and now has to pay for his medical coverage.

Despite the challenges, the Riley family remains very upbeat. They give God the credit for His continuous provisions during this extended challenge. Kevin is still hopeful about returning to his Reserve position, and he is effusive in his praise for the continued support of base personnel. "Thank you for thinking of us," said Riley, referring to Westover friends. "Thank you for all your love, prayers, support, and encouraging cards. It has helped us so much."

Reserve ID cards to go green, step toward full integration

In another step toward achieving full integration of the active and reserve military components, Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen has announced that identification cards for all active component and Reserve active status U.S. military personnel will now be the same color—green.

This initiative, which will be phased in over a two or five year period that could begin as early as June 1998, calls for chang-

ing the color of the Reserve active status forces identification card (DD Form 2 - Reserve) from red to green. Only the color of the card will change, there will be no associated changes to current service benefits, privileges and entitlements.

The change is in response to the pledge made by Cohen in a recent policy memorandum calling on the civilian and military leadership of the Department of

Defense to eliminate "all residual barriers—structural and cultural" to effective integration of the Reserve and active components into a "seamless Total Force."

According to SSgt. Louis Costanza, assistant chief of customer service at the 439th Military Personnel Squadron the program is only in its beginning stages and further information on when the program will be implemented at Westover is forthcoming.

Lt. Col. Joyce is 439th Support Group commander

Article and photo by TSgt. W.C. Pope

Lt. Col. James Joyce isn't exactly a new face around Westover, but he is the new guy on the block at the 439th Support Group.

He was recently selected to fill a vacancy that was created when Lt. Col. Paul Torpey left after only two months to take a pilot's position with a civilian airline.

Joyce has served at Westover since 1990 when he became aircraft maintenance officer for the 439th Component Repair Branch, and in 1992, he was chosen as aircraft maintenance supervisor for the 439th Equipment Maintenance Squadron. He joined the 439th Aircraft Generation Squadron in 1994, and in 1996 accepted the position of deputy commander of the 439th Logistics Group. He was promoted to his present rank in June of 1997.

As Support Group Commander, Joyce oversees about 500 security, civil engineering, mission support, communications and services members. "My goal is to keep everyone in the Group together as a team," Joyce said. "Reservists need to get more hands-on training and to feel more a part of what's going on here at Westover."

Joyce started his Air Force career when he enlisted in 1970. He served as a loadmaster-flight steward on C-118A, VC-118A and C-54 aircraft logging more than 2,500 hours. He was honorably discharged in 1974 and earned a bachelor's degree in 1976 from the University of Wisconsin.

In November of 1979 he received his commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force from the



Lt. Col. James Joyce

Officers Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas. He served in a myriad of aircraft maintenance officer positions. In 1986, he took a tour with the Recruiting Service. In August of 1990, he entered the Air Force Reserve as an air reserve technician.

The British are coming...



RAF LOAD — Members of Westover's 42nd Aerial Port Squadron loaded an experimental pallet onto a British C-130 on its way to Canada. The pallet was built by a Connecticut company for the British government.

photo by TSgt. W.C. Pope

439th ALCF wins Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

by SrA Andrew Reitano

The 439th Airlift Control Flight has been awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for exceptional meritorious service.

The unit, which deploys to diverse locations worldwide to support major contingencies and exercises by establishing airfield operations, received the award for the period of Oct. 1, 1995 to Sept. 30, 1997.

"It's very gratifying for the unit to receive this award because it recognizes all the hard work that the people in the unit have done over the past years," said Lt. Col. Thomas Mauzaka, 439th ALCF commander.

Considered the wing's mobility experts, the ALCF played an instrumental role during the Operational Readiness Inspection in March 1997. Although the unit wasn't assessed on individual performance, individual kudos they received were very positive, according to Capt. Jay Learned, 439th ALCF operations officer.

"The unit did very well during the ORI, he said. "We have super-talented



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Lt. Col. Thomas Mauzaka

people who have developed systems that are applicable and usable for units Air Force-wide."

"We had a particularly good year and we feel that our performance during the ORI, and other accomplishments, put us in pretty good shape. When you've skated a good performance, you know you're going to win a gold medal," he said.

According to Learned, the award is

further motivation for the unit to continue its quest for success.

"We are all very proud of winning this award and from what I can see, it already is having a positive effect on our troops," he said.

"Receiving an Air Force Outstanding Unit Award is not easy," Learned said. "But we have a great group of people who work very hard to get the job done."



SSgt. Shane Robitaille

SSgt. Shane Robitaille earns AFRC kudos

by SrA Andrew Reitano

A member of the Patriot Wing was recently awarded the Air Reserve Command Personnel Manager of the Year Award for the Technician Category.

SSgt. Shane Robitaille, 439th Mission Support Squadron, was recognized for his contributions to military personnel functions in the areas of programs and systems development and improvement.

"Sergeant Robitaille is a role-model NCO who goes above and beyond what you would want him to do," said SMSgt. Tammy Vezina, 439th Military Personnel Programs chief. "He's worked in a variety of mission support offices and has proven to be very reliable and dependable. His positive attitude and flexibility make him one of the best NCOs I've ever had work for me," Vezina added.

Although Robitaille was submitted by Vezina for the award, he was unaware

of this until being told he had captured the major command honor.

"I was completely surprised. Winning this award hasn't hit me yet," said Robitaille. "I didn't even know I had been nominated, but even more surprised because it's an Air Force Reserve-wide award. It's nice to be recognized but there are a lot of unsung heroes out there."

Robitaille, who currently works in the customer service flight and coordinates newcomers orientations, credits winning the award to his work philosophy and tremendous unit support. "It's a two-fold effort; treating people like you expect to be treated will get you recognized, and working together as a team is also an essential factor to personal and unit success" said Robitaille. "I've never been one to have a 'power wall' at my house. My work ethic is plain and simple, and winning this award shouldn't change it."

New system allows reservists to volunteer via web

WASHINGTON — The Office of the Air Force Reserve in the Pentagon is offering web-based, one-stop shopping for tours of duty to Air Force reservists.

By pointing a browser to the Volunteer Reserve System at <http://134.205.217/vrs>, a reservist can review worldwide opportunities from any location with web access. From their computer at home, reservists can connect to an extensive database of all available Reserve temporary duty assignments. When they find a tour that interests them, they can input their volunteer information, and the organization that posted the requirement will contact them if they are selected.

"In this day and age of increasing mili-

tary involvement and decreasing budgets, it makes sense to use existing technologies to link active duty and reserve commanders with cost-effective reservists who have the skills and experience to get the job done," said Lt. Col. Glenn R. Whicker, a VRS point of contact. "Never before has such a broad effort to bring the volunteer directly to the user been attempted."

The Office of Air Force Reserve invites any organization with a need for Air Force reservists to contact Whicker or Lt. Col. Bob Shaw at DSN 227-7036 or (703) 697-7036 for instructions on how to insert requirements directly into the system from a desktop computer. The Reserve

started offering the system to customers Jan. 21.

"It's easy, painless and most of all it works," said Whicker.

Whicker says the new system will improve Air Force Reserve Command's already impressive record of volunteerism. He claims the command is the leading reserve component in supplying needed skills to its active duty counterparts and has a solid history of providing timely, skilled augmentation to war-fighting commanders in chief.

"Volunteerism has been the key to Air Force Reserve success over the past decade," Whicker said. "Now we're ready to open the doors to a new level of integration by bringing this new system on-line." (AFRC News Service)

Pistol competition will be conducted

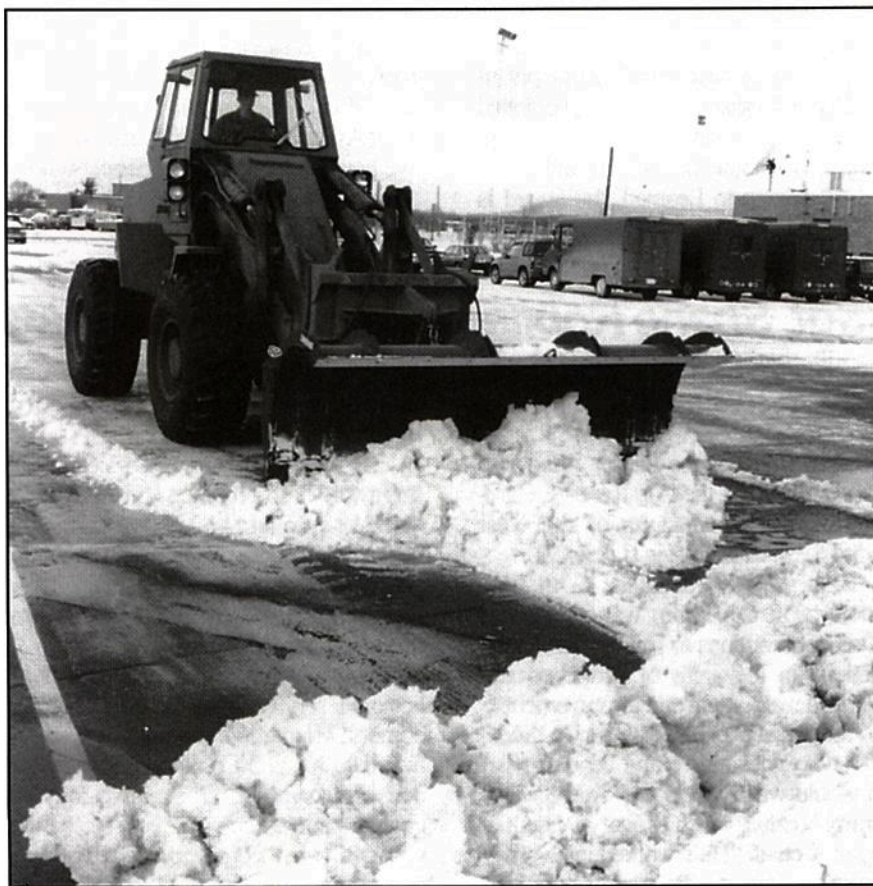
Things will be popping at the Westover small arms range April 5.

Starting at noon that day, the 439th Security Forces Squadron will host an elementary level, Excellence in Competition, pistol match.

The match, which will be held in accordance with AFI 34-127 and AFCAT 21-209, will be limited to 80 competitors and 10 alternates. Those wishing to register may do so on the February A UTA or by contacting the 439th SFS Combat Arms training staff at ext. 3210, 2079 or 2061. Walk-in registrations will not be accepted.

The competition is open to all members of the United States military, including active duty, reserve and national guard. Military retirees and civilians are not eligible. Informational packets will be available to all register competitors. If registration slots are not filled by Feb. 8, further registrations may be made by contacting SSgt. Michael E. Companik at the following e-mail address: redhat@ct.2.nai.net.

Shooters who qualify in the top 10 percent and achieve a minimum score of 270 will qualify to wear the Air Force's Excellence in competition badge.



CLEARING THE WAY — Navy Seabee OES Mark Creed, a member of the NMCB-27 from Worcester, Mass., plows slush and snow from the Base Operations parking lot during a recent storm.
photo by TSgt. W.C. Pope

Rehearsal

TRYING YOUR PATIENTS — Members of the 439th MDS respond to a casualty exercise. The training exercise tests their ability to triage, treat and transport victims of a simulated disaster. SSgt. David Sala (upper right) receives oxygen while awaiting transport. At right, medics rush to bring stretchers to more wounded. Below, clinic personnel treat the victims fractured femur.



SSgt. Charlie Cangemi



SSgt. Charlie Cangemi



SrA. Andrew Reitano

SSgt. Charlie Cangemi



BURN VICTIM — TSgt. Robert Larkowski (left) and TSgt. Edward Barrientos team up to treat their badly burned and dehydrated burn "victim", Maj. John Adams.

Reserve recruiters attend school

by TSgt. Michael Hurley
42nd Aerial Port Squadron

An energetic group of Westover Reservists embarked upon a recruiting mission to C.H. McCann Technical High School, nestled in the mountains of North Adams, Mass. in December.

Led by SSgt. Ron Salafia of the 439th Recruiting office, the Reservists from various base units used their interpersonal communications skills to "paint the picture" of the Air Force Reserve program.

More than 100 bright-eyed seniors, weighing their futures and its options, listened intently to the information they were presented.

Members of the 439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron demonstrated the equipment used during an actual mission, while the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron showed videos on how the Air Force Reserve moves needed supplies and equipment



AIMING HIGH (SCHOOL) — SSgt Kevin Bowen and TSgt. Paul Cloutier man the recruiters table at a high school in North Adams.

all over the world.

Being from a technical school, the student were intrigued by the various displays of the 439th Maintenance Squadron. Members of the MXS showed student how they can use what they are being taught and expand it into various maintenance fields.

According to Salafia, the whole exhibit was outstanding for recruiting purposes. "As a recruiter, I wanted to have eye-catching displays and enough Re-

servists, so the students could go in any direction," said Salafia. "The students had access to Reserve specialists in nine different fields from which to gather information that peaked their interests.

"I am very thankful to all the Reservists who joined me because there is no way I could have answered all the questions from students," Salafia added. "This effort is just another example of how and why the Air Force Reserve is truly 'A Great Way to Serve.'"

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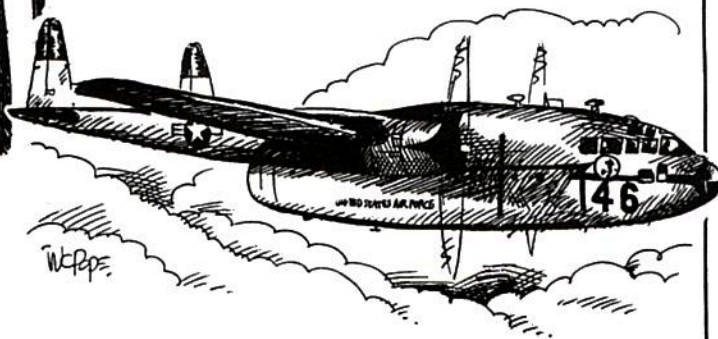
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Out of the Blue



Nine months after the U.S. Air Force was formed, the Air Force Reserve was created on April 14, 1948, under the command of Lt. Gen. Elwood R. Quesada.

The Fairchild C-119 known as the "Flying Boxcar" had clamshell rear doors for rapid aerial delivery of palletized cargo by parachute. It could carry 62 troops and 15,000 pounds of cargo. The C-119 was too late for the Berlin Airlift but eventually 1,052 were produced. Westover Reserve Aircrews of the 439th Troop Carrier Wing flew the "Boxcar" during the Korean War. This was to be one of the first tests for the Air Force Reserve. More than 118,000 reservists were recalled to active service to fight and support the war in Korea.



TSgt. W.C. Pope

Source: "Westover: Man, Base and Mission" by Dr. Frank Faulkner

Dery dies, was Westover airfield manager



Pat Dery

Pat J. Dery, who has been Westover's airfield manager since 1994, died Jan. 5 at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. He was 52.

Dery began his military career in 1969 and retired as a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Reserve in 1991 after serving in Desert Shield/Desert Storm. The last position he held in the reserve was as base plans officer.

As a C-130 Hercules navigator during the Vietnam War, Dery was twice awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Other awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal, a Presidential Unit Citation, Outstanding Unit Award, Combat Readiness Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and a Republic Of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Born and raised in Detroit, Mich., Dery received a bachelor's degree from St. Francis College in Loretto, Pa. and a master's in forestry from the University of Vermont in Burlington.

He leaves his wife, Jane M. (Nesky) Dery of South Deerfield; a son Matthew J. Dery of South Deerfield; a daughter, Anna Marie Dery of Sunderland; his mother, Elizabeth A. (Matthe) Dery of Waterford, Mich.; three brothers, Edmund of Mount Clemens, Mich.; Joseph of Portage, Mich.; and William of Plantation, Fla.; a sister, Donna Cayuela of Clarkston, Mich. and nephews and nieces.

The funeral was held at the Phaneuf-Blais Fairview Funeral Chapel and St. Anne's Church in Chicopee on Jan. 12.

Reservists to perform FAA inspection mission

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — The Air Force Reserve Command is joining the active-duty Air Force in support of the Federal Aviation Administration.

A new Reserve associate unit will perform flight inspections of navigational air radar and instrument procedures at military and civilian installations in the United States and overseas.

Tentatively set to activate June 1, the unit will stand up at Will Rogers Airport, Oklahoma City, and augment Air Force Flight Standards Agency Detachment 1, the on-site, active-duty unit. The Reserve unit, which is yet to be designated, is being activated to provide additional people to perform the FAA mission overseas if and when required.

The unit will augment the detachment with 23 people—one officer and three enlisted AGRs (Active Guard Reserve) who are full-time people, and seven officer and 122 enlisted traditional reservists.

The unit will be assigned to the operations group of the Reserve's 507th Air Refueling Wing, Tinker AFB, Okla., for administrative purposes.

A site activation task will visit Will Rogers Airport Jan. 26 to define actions needed to successfully implement this new associate unit. (AFRC News Service).

To your health



Ever wonder how to interpret the results from your military periodic physical examination? One way is to check your cholesterol count lab results.

Take your total cholesterol count and divide by the HDL count (high density lipoprotein) to get your cardiac risk factor. Risk factors six and under are considered acceptable.

The best way to reduce your cardiac risk factor is by diet, exercise and stress management.

Patriot People

Name: David Henrickson
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Address: Winsted, Conn.
Unit: 42nd APS
Position: Air freight journeyman
Civilian position: Student
Favorite food: Seafood
Years of service: Three
Favorite sport: Football
Favorite hobby: Outdoor activities
Ideal vacation: Carribean
Best way to relax: Yoga
Preferred entertainment: Hanging with friends
Favorite hero: General Patton
Favorite music: Classic rock, 60s and 70s
Favorite movie: *Apocalypse Now*
Favorite aircraft: F-16
Pet peeve: Slackers
What I would do if I won \$1 million: Share it with family and friends



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Open House is for everyone

Among the best job benefits of being at Westover is a front row seat for one of the nation's most dramatic displays of air power when we host the Great New England Air Show and Open House every two years. You are in for a memorable experience when the base transforms into the most exciting place to be in New England on Sept. 12-13.

Westover does it bigger and better than almost anyone in the country, and our friends and neighbors know it. Two years ago more than 700,000 people poured through the gates to be part of the Great New England Air Show. This year, highlighted by the Air Force Thunderbirds aerial demonstration team, the air show will again be one of the premier attractions in the Northeast.

You can count yourself lucky to be a part of it. For one weekend in late summer we will be at center stage with a line-up that could run the gamut from World War II vintage warbirds to the B-2 and F-22.

It's a great way for us to say thanks to our supporters. We'll have a chance to shake hands with 8th Air Force B-17 veterans who come back to every air show to reminisce. And, we'll have the chance to autograph program booklets for youngsters who think every man and woman in an Air Force uniform stands 10-feet-tall.

In fact, we should be standing 10-feet-tall. This year's air show will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Air Force Reserve, which gives us plenty to brag about. This is our opportunity to show our fellow citizens what we do and we should take full advantage it. Our guests should leave the air show feeling that Westover and its citizen airmen fully deserve their unstinting support and respect.

So spread the word that something special is coming to Westover, and feel the pride at our Air Force Reserve's half-century celebration.

by MSgt. Tom Allocco
Public Affairs Craftsman

EDITORIAL

Anniversary showcases Reservists

1998 is doubly important to the Air Force Reserve Command. Not only do we complete our first year as a major command, we also celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Air Force Reserve.

The anniversary of five decades of continuous achievement is a great opportunity to ring our own bell, to remind the American people and our friends in the active forces that, over the years, our contributions to our nation's military capability have in-

creased significantly.

1998 is the command's year to commemorate the many events marking a half century of reservists' service to America, and it's your moment in the sun. I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity and to participate in local anniversary activities whenever possible.

by Maj. Gen. Robert McIntosh
AFRC COMMANDER

Briefs

Speed limit set; enforcement coming

Speed limits on the base have been standardized and those who drive with a lead foot should beware — base police will be looking for you.

According to Lt. Col. Jim Joyce, 439th SG commander, drivers previously have been confused by so many speed limits on base.

"We now basically have two limits, 25 mph on the ellipse, and 30 mph everywhere else," he said.

VOQ closed down for renovations

Westover's Visiting Officer's Quarters will be closed as of Feb. 8 for renovations. The lodging office will be moved to building 5103 at a date to be announced.

After Feb. 8, reservists on UTA or AFTP status, will need orders to receive contract quarters. Questions may be referred to ext. 2700.

PA should be told of all media contacts

With today's technology making information so widely available, news reporters can easily obtain the name, telephone number and e-mail address of people in our units.

Reservists are reminded to refer all media contacts to the Public Affairs office (413) 557-3500 for coordination and staffing. This will help prevent our commanders from being blindsided and allow us to "speak with one voice" on issues.

Quarterly awards

The Enlisted Quarterly Awards Board will meet Feb. 7 to select second quarter winners for FY 98. Packages must be turned in to the Quality Office in Bldg. 1850 no later than noon of Feb. 6. Packages must be in the new format — one side only of the nomination for, accompanied by a PC III print on the individual. Please submit six copies.

MILITARY PAY CHART

Reserve pay for one drill Effective January 1, 1998

| | Years of Service | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | <2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 18 | 20 | 22 | 24 | 26 |
| O-10 | 252.21 | 261.08 | 261.08 | 261.08 | 261.08 | 271.10 | 271.10 | 286.12 | 286.12 | 306.59 | 306.59 | 327.12 | 327.12 | 327.12 | 347.49 |
| O-9 | 223.52 | 229.38 | 234.27 | 234.27 | 234.27 | 240.22 | 240.22 | 250.22 | 250.22 | 271.10 | 271.10 | 286.12 | 286.12 | 286.12 | 306.59 |
| O-8 | 202.45 | 208.53 | 213.47 | 213.47 | 213.47 | 229.38 | 229.38 | 240.22 | 240.22 | 250.22 | 261.08 | 271.10 | 277.79 | 277.79 | 277.79 |
| O-7 | 168.22 | 179.66 | 179.66 | 179.66 | 187.72 | 187.72 | 198.60 | 198.60 | 208.53 | 229.38 | 245.16 | 245.16 | 245.16 | 245.16 | 245.16 |
| O-6 | 124.68 | 136.98 | 145.97 | 145.97 | 145.97 | 145.97 | 145.97 | 145.97 | 150.93 | 174.79 | 183.71 | 187.72 | 198.60 | 205.31 | 215.39 |
| O-5 | 99.73 | 117.09 | 125.19 | 125.19 | 125.19 | 125.19 | 128.96 | 135.92 | 145.03 | 155.89 | 164.81 | 169.82 | 175.75 | 175.75 | 175.75 |
| O-4 | 84.05 | 102.36 | 109.18 | 109.18 | 111.21 | 116.11 | 124.04 | 131.01 | 136.98 | 143.01 | 146.93 | 146.93 | 146.93 | 146.93 | 146.93 |
| O-3 | 78.11 | 87.33 | 93.37 | 103.30 | 108.25 | 112.12 | 118.20 | 124.04 | 127.08 | 127.08 | 127.08 | 127.08 | 127.08 | 127.08 | 127.08 |
| O-2 | 68.12 | 74.39 | 89.37 | 92.38 | 94.29 | 94.29 | 94.29 | 94.29 | 94.29 | 94.29 | 94.29 | 94.29 | 94.29 | 94.29 | 94.29 |
| O-1 | 59.14 | 61.55 | 74.39 | 74.39 | 74.39 | 74.39 | 74.39 | 74.39 | 74.39 | 74.39 | 74.39 | 74.39 | 74.39 | 74.39 | 74.39 |
| O-3E | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 103.30 | 108.25 | 112.12 | 118.20 | 124.04 | 128.96 | 128.96 | 128.96 | 128.96 | 128.96 | 128.96 | 128.96 |
| O-2E | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 92.38 | 94.29 | 97.28 | 102.36 | 106.27 | 109.18 | 109.18 | 109.18 | 109.18 | 109.18 | 109.18 | 109.18 |
| O-1E | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 74.39 | 79.47 | 82.39 | 85.39 | 88.35 | 92.38 | 92.38 | 92.38 | 92.38 | 92.38 | 92.38 | 92.38 |
| E-9 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 92.58 | 94.66 | 96.80 | 99.03 | 101.25 | 103.20 | 108.62 | 112.85 | 119.20 |
| E-8 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 77.63 | 79.87 | 81.96 | 84.09 | 86.32 | 88.28 | 90.45 | 95.77 | 100.03 | 106.45 |
| E-7 | 54.21 | 58.52 | 60.67 | 62.81 | 64.95 | 67.02 | 69.16 | 71.32 | 74.54 | 76.66 | 78.78 | 79.81 | 85.17 | 89.41 | 95.77 |
| E-6 | 46.63 | 50.83 | 52.94 | 55.19 | 57.27 | 59.33 | 61.51 | 64.67 | 66.71 | 68.86 | 69.90 | 69.90 | 69.90 | 69.90 | 69.90 |
| E-5 | 40.92 | 44.54 | 46.70 | 48.74 | 51.94 | 54.06 | 56.19 | 58.27 | 59.33 | 59.33 | 59.33 | 59.33 | 59.33 | 59.33 | 59.33 |
| E-4 | 38.16 | 40.31 | 42.68 | 45.97 | 47.79 | 47.79 | 47.79 | 47.79 | 47.79 | 47.79 | 47.79 | 47.79 | 47.79 | 47.79 | 47.79 |
| E-3 | 35.97 | 37.93 | 39.44 | 41.01 | 41.01 | 41.01 | 41.01 | 41.01 | 41.01 | 41.01 | 41.01 | 41.01 | 41.01 | 41.01 | 41.01 |
| E-2 | 34.61 | 34.61 | 34.61 | 34.61 | 34.61 | 34.61 | 34.61 | 34.61 | 34.61 | 34.61 | 34.61 | 34.61 | 34.61 | 34.61 | 34.61 |
| E-1>4 | 30.87 | 30.87 | 30.87 | 30.87 | 30.87 | 30.87 | 30.87 | 30.87 | 30.87 | 30.87 | 30.87 | 30.87 | 30.87 | 30.87 | 30.87 |
| E-1<4 | 28.56 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

Effective Jan. 1, 1998. This chart reflects a 2.8 percent increase over 1997 pay levels. Normally, reservists receive credit for four drill pay periods during one weekend unit training assembly. Source: DFAS



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