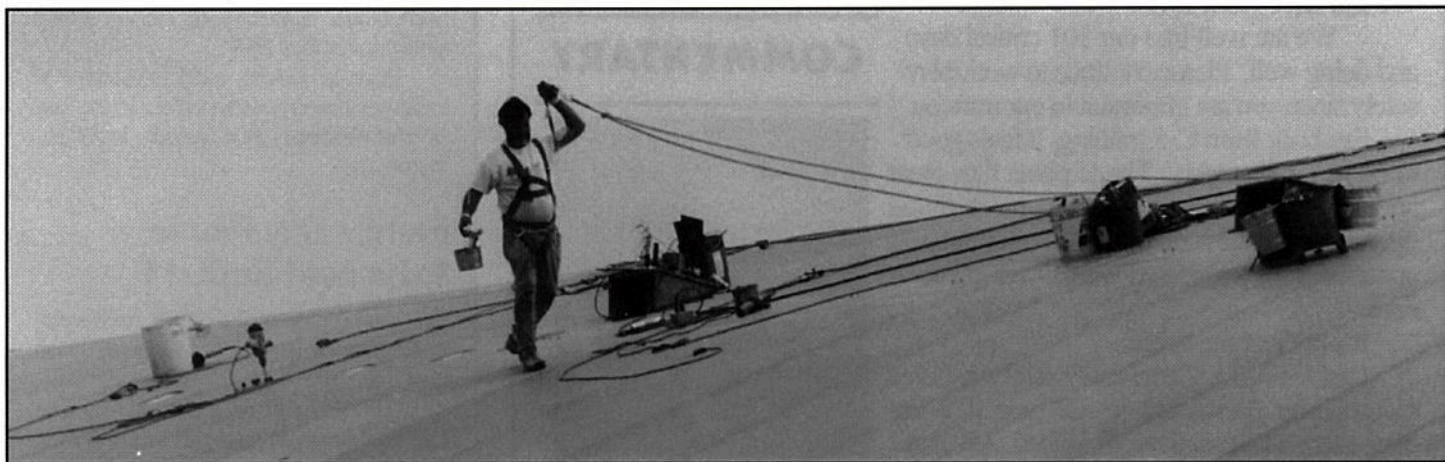


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**HIGH CALLING** — A worker holds his tether line as he moves across the hangar roof making repairs.

## Building boom aimed at Westover's future

by MSgt. Gordon A. Newell

Westover is in the midst of a building boom that has construction crews toiling in just about every corner of the 2,600-acre base.

From the main runway to Dogpatch, from billeting to the East Ramp, workers are in various stages of projects that are designed to maintain the base's vital role in the defense of our country.

"Many of these projects have been in the pipeline for a few years and they are all being done with one thing in mind, to make Westover a world-class facility that the Department of Defense can use in any contingency," said Lt. Col. James Joyce, commander of the 439<sup>th</sup> Support Group.

One of the major jobs being done is the resurfacing of the base's 11,600-foot main runway. The cost is \$2.3 million for the job that thankfully only needs to be done every 15-20 years.

Airfield Manager Bob Rys said the runway took a beating during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm when the base was used as a major C-5 staging area.

"Large cracks started showing on the sur-

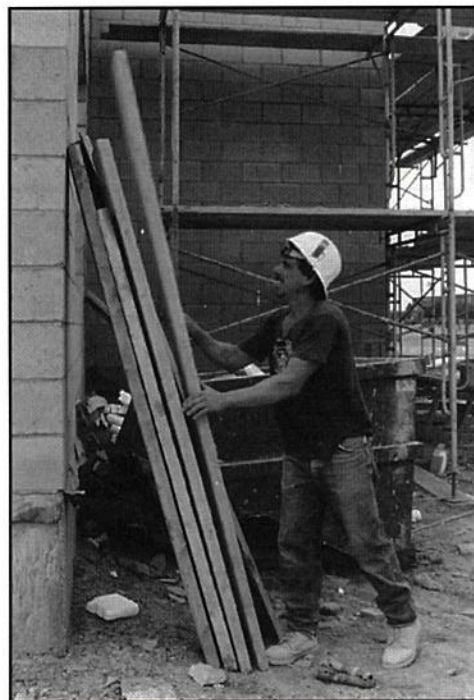
face," he said. "But even so, the runway remained in fairly good shape. It hasn't been done since 1978, so it was long overdue."

While work is going on, the runway is closed and traffic is diverted to the shorter (7,050-foot) secondary runway. The job should be completed by the end of August, Rys said.

Another major project nearing completion is the construction of two huge fuel tanks just south of the pull-through hangar that will expand the base's fuel storage capacity to 7,600,000 gallons. The job cost \$3.9 million.

"DOD recognized that Westover was in dire need of more fueling capability during Desert Storm," Joyce said. "These new tanks should give us plenty of storage for just about any contingency. After all we are the 'last gas' before heading out over the Atlantic Ocean."

The Flyers Inn too, is getting a long-awaited facelift. One building has been completely renovated at a cost of \$2.7 million and work on the second building is



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**SETTING THE STAGE** — Kevin Ducharme, of Pittsfield, builds staging to work on renovating the communication building.

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## Positive feedback

The Kosovo conflict is now over and our potential of mobilization is greatly reduced. Our Air Force will now attempt to settle into the support of a peacekeeper force role. In the next couple of months you will hear more about support of the Air Expeditionary Force. There will continue to be a call for volunteers to support deployments anywhere from two weeks to three months. We still have work to do.

We are well into our 101 critical days and doing well. Please continue to work/play safely since you are important to our mission.

I'm back from C-5 training. It feels good to be in T-tails again. The airplane flies great and I can't wait to take part in more flying operations. I have been out and about more and continue to be impressed with all we get done here.

It's not just me either.

Last UTA, Lt. Gen. Bailey, 21st Air Force Commander (he would be our boss if Westover were to be activated) visited. He had many compliments to pass on to our aircrew, maintenance and support personnel. He was impressed with our base, its facilities and especially the job the club did at the dinner hosted in his honor.

Those of you that got to hear his remarks got a big picture view from a commander not afraid to address any and all issues. In addition, I hear from people around the command who praise your individual and team efforts.

Keep up the good work, I'm proud of what you do.

## COMMENTARY



**Col. Martin M. Mazick**

by Col. Martin M. Mazick  
439th AW commander

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## Briefs

### Peters nominated Secretary of Air Force

President Clinton has nominated F. Whitten Peters to be Secretary of the Air Force.

Peters, of Washington D. C. has been Under Secretary of the Air Force since November 1997.

Prior to joining the Department of Defense, Peters was a partner in the law firm of Williams & Connolly in Washington.

### Family Day Picnic to be held Sept. 11

The 439th Airlift Wing will celebrate Family Day Sept. 11 from noon until 5 p.m.

All Westover reservists and civilian employees are encouraged to bring their families to the base for the day.

Activities will include hayrides for the kids, clowns, and ice cream, horse-shoes, volleyball, raffles, souvenirs, face painting etc.

The event will take place on the ball field, adjacent to the Wing Headquarters building.

### Center for Excellence offering four courses

The 439th Airlift Wing Center for Excellence has slots open for four courses over the next several months.

A three-day course entitled "Confronting Difficult Issues" will be conducted July 15-16 and Sept. 14-16.

A three-day "Leadership and Performance Management" session is scheduled for Aug. 3-5 and a Mentoring workshop is slated for Aug. 11.

Anyone wishing to sign up for these classes is asked to contact Lt. Col. Armand Tourangeau or CMSgt. Kathy Wood at ext. 2273 or 2876.

## JULY UTA SCHEDULE

**A UTA July 10-11**  
**B UTA July 24-25**



# Pride is major innovator for Honor Guard

by MSgt. Tom Allocco

When the occasion is special, you want to look your best. That's why Westover has the all-volunteer 439th Airlift Wing Honor Guard. The men and women in the formal, silver-trimmed uniform are a visual display of our highest standards. Like echoed Taps, the presence of the honor guard lends magic to an occasion.

There are only a few more than a dozen active members of the honor guard but their contribution is out of proportion to their numbers. They are called on to lower the colors at retreat or to salute a fallen veteran at a funeral or lead a formation at a community parade.

It's the way they do it that distinguishes them. From the sharp clack of heel taps to the glitter of silver bayonet, everything says pride.

TSgt. Tom Roe, 439th AGS, and a small group of reservists spearheaded Westover's honor guard in 1982.

The honor guard is successful due to the efforts of members like TSgt. Miguel Colon of the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron, who has participated since 1991. Like all members he is busiest during the string of summer ceremonies from Memorial Day to Labor Day, sometimes marching in several parades during a single weekend.

Last Memorial weekend the honor guard formed three separate contingents, which shared duties at parades and ceremonies in Chicopee, Agawam, Ware, Ludlow, Somerville and Longmeadow. This summer they also started conducting retreat ceremonies on "A" UTAs.

Members rotate carrying the colors, bearing arms and other roles. Normally they meet before functions to sharpen their skills with an hour or two of rehearsal.

"You have to have military discipline and military pride, keep the uniform up and stay sharp because you're in public and people see you," Colon said.

"There's a feeling of pride to be out there representing the Air Force and myself and the unit," Colon said.

"The hardest part is that everyone has to be in sequence, to have the same movement at the same time, with no one ahead or behind anyone else. It feels good when everything comes out right," Colon said.

MSgt. Anita Mancini, current NCOIC and member since 1993, participates in at least 50 ceremonies a year. She expects to soon be even busier due to the recent national commitment to provide all veterans with a military



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funeral, complete with a salute and flag presentation.

Mancini oversees training on UTAs in the dormitory parking lot near their office in Bldg. 5105. On rainy days they drill in Hangar 3.

Mancini and TSgt. Jennifer Lavigne of Finance recently completed two weeks of intensive training at Bolling AFB, Washington DC. The long days started with PT and included two-hour lunch breaks -- one hour to eat and one hour of "press off," to press uniforms and shine shoes.

To serve on the honor guard means to strive for an image of perfection. Members start with the basics in the weapons and colors manuals and polish their moves with constant practice. Before they're ready for the public, they must master the 13-pound wood-stock M-1 and bayonet as though it was second nature.

"Our honor guard coin says 'to honor with dignity' and you have to work hard for

that, even when you are cold and wet," Mancini said.

"When you finish a parade or funeral or wedding, there's a sense of a job well done. That keeps you going. It's what's kept me going for 16 years," Mancini said.

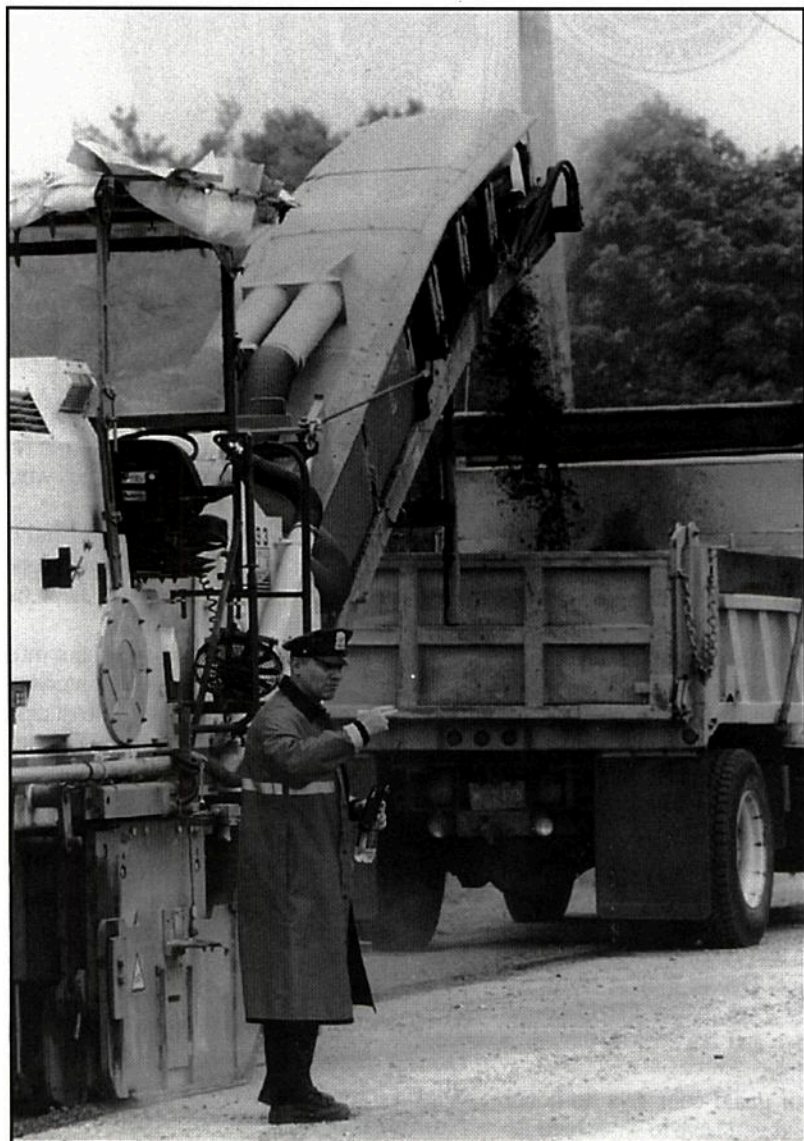
Prospective honor guard members must be at least a "5" level, undergo an interview process and accept two-years of at least eight events each year, in addition to training sessions.

Capt. David Post serves as honor guard officer in charge. Other members are SMSgt. Glenn Brault, MSgt. Hubert Jaundoo, MSgt. Patricia Schanzer, TSgt. Jennifer Lavigne, TSgt. Robert Fredette, TSgt. Daniel Witt, SSgt. Luisa Cabana, SSgt. David Beauregard, SSgt. Jeffrey Green, SSgt. Paul Brandt, SSgt. Donna Maxam, SSgt. David Steiner, SSgt. Georgiana Steiner and SSgt. Paul Neslusan.





**RUNWAYS, ROADS AND RAZING** — Milling machines scrape off top surface of the runway to prepare for resurfacing (at left). At bottom left, Rich Roy, Chicopee police officer, directs traffic around paving operations on Westover Road leading to the base. Nothing lasts forever, so it is with the last wooden building on base. The old civil engineering building was razed in May.



## Construction boom

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currently underway and will cost about \$2.8 million.

"Our billeting facilities were woefully lacking but now we'll have a place we can be proud of," Joyce said.

Some other projects currently under way and their costs follow:

Capping old landfill, \$3 million; roof repairs for five barrel hangars, \$2.7 million; fire training facility, \$1.54 million; renovations for communications building, \$1.43 million; renovations for Hangar 3, \$1.1 million; decontamination wash rack, \$488,000; Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) for runway 15-33, \$248,900; parking expansion on East Ramp, \$111,000; and fuel pit hydrant work on the East Ramp, \$35,000.

In addition, the Marine Corps Reserve is spending around \$5 million renovating building P1900 for their new home.

Some other projects being planned for the near future include a new Base Readiness facility; renovation to building 1310 for the 439<sup>th</sup> ASTS; renovations to Airmen's Quarters and a family camping area that will have electricity, plumbing and water.



# Stop-Loss may affect Westover personnel

by Anne Kymalainen

Imagine waiting until age 60 for mandatory retirement from the Air Force Reserve, and then being informed two months before retiring, that you aren't. Due to an Air Force-wide Stop-Loss effective June 15, this unusual scenario happened to Chief Master Sergeant Thomas McShane of the 439th Aircraft Generation Squadron.

The Stop-Loss program will temporarily keep active duty people, unit reservists and individual mobilization augmentees in critical career fields from moving to inactive status, due to the ongoing air campaign in the Balkans. Approximately 35,000 members of the Selected Reserve may be affected by this action, 1,437 at Westover Air Reserve Base.

Second Lieutenant Kelly Braudis, Military Personnel Flight commander, said 42 reservists here who were projected losses or reassignments on or after June 15, must now extend their commitment until a tentative date of December 15. It is up to the individual's commander to determine if Unit Training Assembly weekends are required while waiting to separate.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael E. Ryan said "We take Stop-Loss seriously and are working hard to ensure the lives of our Air Force members, their families and the civilian

employers are not disrupted any longer than is necessary to meet our national commitments."

The Stop-Loss was announced in addition to the 1999 fiscal year end strength management plan, which prohibits reservists from outprocessing until after the current fiscal year ends in October.

Of almost one hundred Air Force Specialty codes included in the plan, thirty-eight are specialties held by Westover reservists.

Braudis said "If a member is affected by the Stop-Loss, they will be notified in writing by their commander. When the Stop-Loss is revoked, the Personnel Relocations office will strive to expedite pending separations and retirements."

"I have mixed reactions about it," said McShane. "I thought come heck or high water, I was retiring at age 60 and that was that." He found out he wouldn't be retiring in August as planned through a co-worker, who joked that they finally figured out a way to keep him around. Although McShane says he would like to bring his Air Force Reserve career to some type of closure, it wouldn't break his heart to stay longer, due to his affinity for his co-workers. "I may feel differently if I got activated," he said.

Reservists involuntarily called to active duty cannot be kept on extended active duty longer than 270 days, unless the president authorizes a partial mobilization, which allows members of the Ready Reserve to be involuntarily called to active duty for up to 24 months.

The Stop-Loss will last indefinitely, pending further reviews in the coming months or the termination of the presidential call up for Kosovo.

## The Stop-Loss affects:

- ✓ Expiration term of service
- ✓ Mandatory separation date, including age 60
- ✓ Reassignment to a lower category of availability
- ✓ Assignment to the retired Reserve, awaiting pay at age 60
- ✓ Assignment to retired status at age 60
- ✓ All separations before expiration terms of service that are for the convenience of the member



## Union memorial scholarships

**SCHOLARSHIP WINNER** – Christine Hemonds holds an enlarged copy of a \$300 scholarship she was presented by Westover's American Federation of Government Workers. The scholarship was presented in memory of former Westover Fire Chief Haskell Jenkins who died earlier this year. Her husband Bruce, a member of the base fire department is at left while Gerry Gagnon, president of Local 3707 is at right. Theresa Gosselin was recipient of another \$300 award presented by the union in memory of Rudy Benard, a past president of the local.





## Services train together

# Team Yankee hones medical skills

Article and photo  
by Capt. James Bishop

Get away! Drop your gun or I'll blow his head off!" yelled the crazed man holding a simulated .45 caliber pistol (a clear plastic Coke bottle) to the hostage's head.

"I will not get away and I will not drop my gun," the military policeman, Army Sgt. Chris Coates, answered evenly as he and another MP, guns leveled, crept closer from opposite angles, out of each other's line of fire. Finally, Coates "fired" two shots, and wrestled the gunman to the ground. The hostage was rescued, shaken but uninjured. The terrorist lay "dead."

The hostage scenario was one of numerous combat simulations occurring during the 1999 Team Yankee medical mass casualty exercise here May 14-15. With support from some 500 people in four branches of the service, representing 17 units from all over the Northeast, this was the largest exercise of its kind on the East Coast.

In the area of the confidence course at Dogpatch training grounds, a wounded Marine with multiple sucking chest wounds yelled for help. Nearby, an agitated Marine who had been shot in the face and arm resisted the emergency medical technicians' efforts, yelling, "I don't want any help...they shot my buddy."

The Marine would not cooperate, so the medics restrained him by "sandwiching" him between two stretchers.

"Sandwiching is a common technique with resistant patients in combat," said Hospital Corpsman Second Class Peter Volk, an instructor at Team Yankee "on loan" from the

125th Marines in Topsham, Maine.

This exercise is the culmination of a rigorous, nine-month training period for 26 Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and Navy students who have been preparing for medical duty, according to Marine Corps Reserve Col. Gerard Boyle, OIC of Team Yankee. Some will have an additional duty of taking care of casualties during a war or disaster. Others will go directly into medical service, Boyle said.

Team Yankee is a graduation exercise for the new emergency medical technicians, such as Navy Construction Mechanic 2nd Class Robert Hedges from Chicopee. Each of the students took the national register emergency medical technician exam in April.

Hedges said the standard training weekend over the last eight months involved reporting for class at 6 p.m. on Friday, staying until 11 p.m., then attending class for 12-13 hours on Saturday, with another eight-hour training day on Sunday. "I'm a mechanic with the Seabees, so I've had to study extra hard," said Hedges, who had no previous medical training.

Each student underwent 110 hours of classroom instruction, along with 10 hours of observation in either an ambulance or an emergency room. In hands-on sessions in the classroom, students learned about makeshift techniques like sandwiching combative patients to using the new automated external defibrillator, which automatically senses the heart activity, then delivers the appropriate shock to reset the heart's pacing.

The 25 students have been training

here since September 1998. Aside from the classroom work, students do practical applications and hear guest presentations by leading experts in chemical, biological, nuclear and environmental warfare.

This year, for the first time, the exercise occurred in two sites simultaneously: Westover and Ft. Devens, Mass. Plans changed quickly one week before the exercise, when all the Army Huey helicopters were grounded for a maintenance stand-down, Boyle said.

The exercise began at noon, Friday, and ran through 6 p.m. Saturday.

In the exercise scenario, groups of suicide terrorists are seeking revenge for a U.S. fighter attack on an Iraqi oil line. Also, a company-sized unit of Iraqi Republican guard targeted U.S. troops with small arms fire, light rockets and mortars. In the simulation, Team Yankee members deployed with advanced forces to contact aggressor troops. According to the plan, "rapid medical care and timely evacuation of all casualties is paramount."

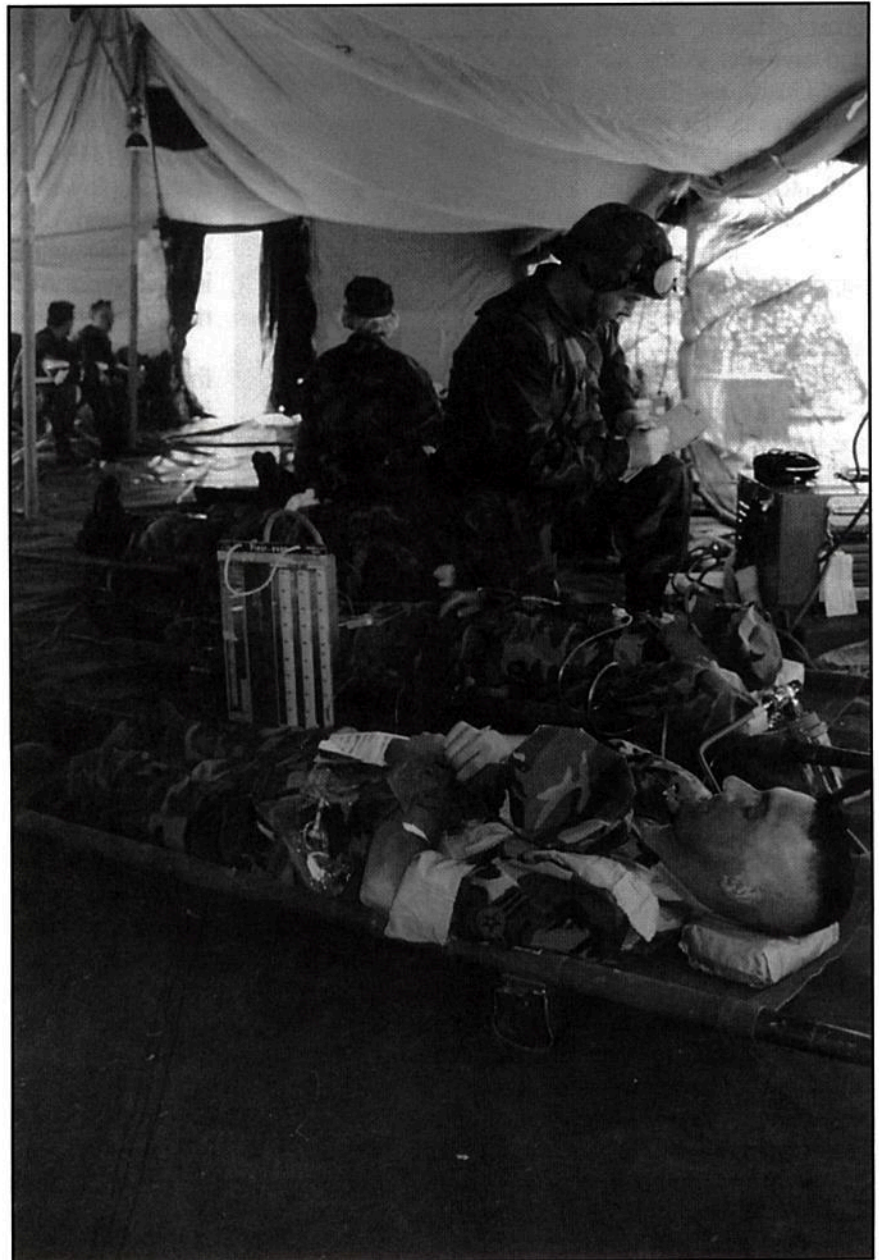
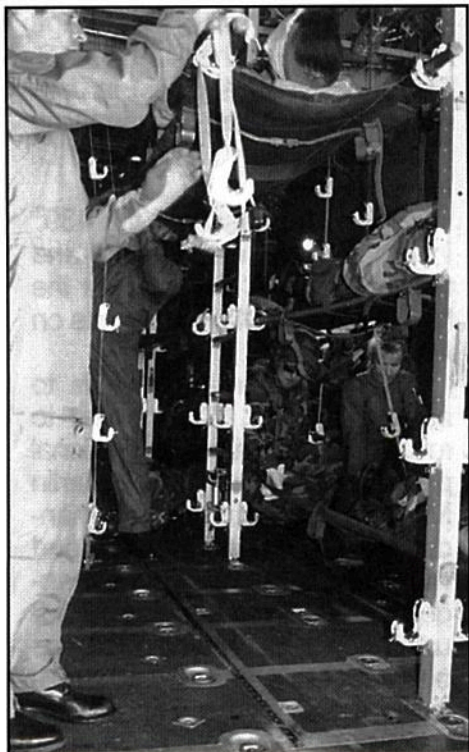
The evacuation was timely. A C-130 from Youngstown, Ohio taxied down the runway to the Mobile Air Staging Facility, run by 39 people from the 439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. The engines never stopped. Ten frenzied minutes later, about a dozen patients had been loaded and the cargo plane was taking off to spend two hours in the air before returning to the base hangar, a simulated forward staging facility.

"The beauty of this training is that it helps the students with both their military and civilian jobs," said Sgt. Maj. James Faria, exercise coordinator. They're now greater assets to their employers, wherever they're working, he said.





**MEDICAL TRAVEL AGENTS—** A Youngstown, Ohio C-130 taxis into Westover (left page) to pick up patients. A “patient” is discovered, treated and transported in top two photos. Patients are triaged and prepared for transport at the Mobile Air Staging Facility (right) and finally, (bottom photo) strapped onto the C-130 litters for airlift to a fixed medical facility .





# Operations tempo impact on Expeditionary Aerospace Force

Today, our Air Force people here at home and abroad are working incredibly hard supporting our national interests. Operations Northern/Southern Watch in Iraq and Operation Allied Force in the Balkans are tough challenges and our airmen are engaged in very dangerous and complex missions. Our thoughts and prayers are constantly with them.

We could not possibly mount operations of these magnitudes without the superb planning and preparations by our great officers, airmen and civilians in the active, Guard, and Reserve components. There is no doubt that the Air Force, and indeed the nation, appreciate your vital efforts— whether you're supporting operations from home base or abroad.

Operations Allied Force and Shining Hope are just causes— and we will prevail. These operations have again reinforced the importance of our expeditionary capabilities. As a service, the Air Force has always been expeditionary— during World War I, World War II, Vietnam, and other conflicts, the Air Force has deployed to remote places on short notice to answer our nation's call. Our transition to an Expeditionary Aerospace Force (EAF) is nearly complete and we've been on track to implement the Aerospace Expeditionary Forces (AEFs) schedule later this year.

Our planned AEF schedule uses 20 percent of our force to handle steady state contingency operations. Major theater operations require not only a Total Force effort, but commercial capabilities as well. Operations Allied Force and Shining Hope, in addition to our steady state Northern and Southern Watch commitments, require a force level commitment

well above 20 percent. This surge in our operations tempo is higher than during either the Gulf or Vietnam wars. For that reason, we have instituted the stop loss program for the specialties that are crucial to ongoing operations. We have provided commanders with the flexibility to waive stop loss in cases of compelling cause and undue hardship. We will cease stop loss at the earliest practical opportunity.

Let me assure you, our EAF concept is more important today than ever. Since many of the units scheduled to be in the first two AEFs on 1 October 1999 are currently deployed in support of Operation Allied Force, clearly this will have an impact on our AEF implementation timeline.

Once our requirement for Allied Force and Shining Hope have subsided, we'll reconstitute the force just as we would following any major conflict by providing time for rest and recuperation of our people

and time for the regeneration of our combat and support units' capabilities. We will have as the target, implementation of the AEF schedule on a sustained basis.

I know this is a very challenging and busy time for our people and units. I am extremely proud— but not surprised— of the way our Air Force people have risen to this challenge and are performing so magnificently. The work you are doing with aerospace power is critically important for our nation and freedom's cause. Keep up the great work and Godspeed.

One Team, One Force, One Family  
... One Great Air Force

by **Michael E. Ryan**  
**General, USAF**  
**Chief of Staff**

## COMMENTARY



**General Michael E. Ryan**

## Mint conditions



### OFFICIAL WING COIN —

The 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing has its own official coin, thanks to SMSgt. Chris Doyle of the 439<sup>th</sup> MXS. Doyle designed the coin in January at the request of then Wing Commander, Brig. Gen. James D. Bankers.

Minted in brass with the 439<sup>th</sup> insignia in relief on one side and the profile of a C-5 flying over the hills of western Massachusetts on the other.

The intent of the coin is to allow the Wing Commander to recognize the many exceptional people at Westover. Col. Martin M. Mazick, 439<sup>th</sup> AW commander, has embraced the idea and will give a coin to each commander to present to deserving individuals each UTA. The coin may be presented to either civilian or military members of the wing.



## Transportation, fitness center win AFRC awards

by SSgt. Andrew Reitano

The 439th Transportation Flight and base fitness center were recently selected as the best in Air Force Reserve Command.

After capturing their respective awards for 22nd Air Force, both organizations pushed forward to win at the command level.

There were no surprises that either unit did so well. This is the third consecutive time the fitness center has won the AFRC award for best sports and fitness program.

"We deserved to win it. It's like winning a championship. You don't want to win it just once, but ten times" said Jim Kelly, fitness center director. "We worked hard toward winning this award for the base and the people. By winning this award it shows we're doing good things for people."

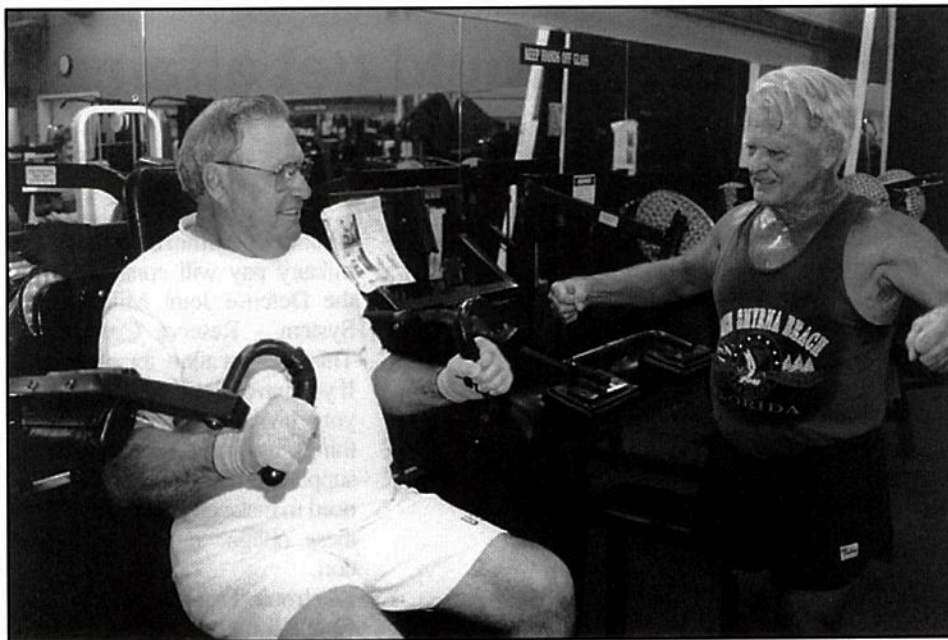
Kelly credits the success to the exceptional working relationship between the civilians and the reservists. "If the civilians and reservists didn't work together, we never would have won this award," said Kelly.

"People like to come here because they know they're going to get the best treatment we can give them," said Kelly.

At transportation, where an A-76 study is being conducted, the work environment is geared towards mission accomplishment and not the road to capitulation. Bob LePage, 439 Transportation officer said the people's dedication and ability to work through an ambiguous environment is what won this award for the squadron.

"I wasn't surprised at all that we won this award because I know what kind of people we have here," said LePage. "What surprises me though, is the people. They've been under an A-76 study. If the contract wins all these people will be gone. For them to operate at a level that wins these kinds of awards is a major accomplishment."

LePage credits the unit's success with the productive relationship between the reservists and civilians and a philosophy that's conducive to the overall work environment. "Rewarding employees with days off or letters of appreciation, taking in their suggestions, keeping them informed, and providing state-of-the-art training and equipment to do the job, keeps the people at transportation motivated and involved with daily tasks," said LePage.



**DEDICATION** — Hard work and commitment to quality are what led the fitness center and transportation flight to AFRC-level awards. **Top:** Frank Sweryda, right, a volunteer trainer at the base fitness center, instructs Jim Schulz on how to properly use the lateral shoulder raise machine. Sweryda is a retired Air Force master sergeant. This is the third consecutive time the fitness center has captured the top spot in AFRC. **Below:** Jim Hillebrand and Richard King repair an axle seal leak on a P-15 fire truck. Hillebrand and King are two of the 55 members of the award-winning transportation flight.





# Reservists should get affairs in order at MPF

As a reservist, you have contracted to serve your nation's defense on a 24-hour notice, and because of that possibility Westover's Military Personnel Flight wants to reemphasize to unit members how important it is to assure mobilization paperwork is in order. This won't only save yourself a great deal of aggravation during mobilization, it also can save your family undo stress after you're gone.

The place to start getting your affairs in order is military personnel, where the following forms should be updated if you were recently married, divorced, or had a child:

- ➔ **Record of Emergency Data, DD Form 33** The information on this form tells the military who to notify if you are killed in action. It also establishes who will receive unpaid pay and allowances.
- ➔ **Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS) and ID Cards** This system is used to enroll family members into the military health care system. Once you are activated and you lose your civilian health insurance, you need to make sure your family will acquire military health-care benefits.
- ➔ **Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI)** Your life insurance policy assures your family that they will be taken care of financially in the event of your death.

The next office that will help you prepare for mobilization is Finance:

- ➔ **Allotment Authorizations** Your military pay will continue under the Defense Joint Military Pay System - Reserve Component. This does not allow for allotments. If you have allotments taken out of your civilian pay to cover such things as your mortgage, child support, or life insurance, you will need to make arrangements to pay these obligations during activation.
- ➔ **Electronic Transfer of Pay (Sure Pay)** All military pay is received through electronic transfer, also known as "Sure Pay" or automatic deposit. Electronic deposit will continue to the financial institution and account to which your reserve pay is currently deposited. If you wish to change the account, contact the Military Pay office at Finance to obtain and complete a Standard Form 1199a.

The medical squadron can help your family get health care through **Uniformed Services Health Care Benefits & TRICARE**. TRICARE Standard is a health benefits program for all uniformed services. Spouses and unremarried children of re-

servists who are ordered to active duty for more than 30 consecutive days are covered during the active tour.

Reserve members are not covered by TRICARE; their health care is provided by the servicing unit.

Additionally, you need to make sure you're medically qualified for worldwide duty. Rated (aircrew) personnel are required to complete a physical examination annually. All other members are required to complete an exam every five years. You are also responsible for keeping your immunizations current.

Don't forget to make out a will and power of attorney for free at the base legal office.

And finally, a great resource for reservists who are activated is the Family Readiness Program.

This program offers assistance with pre-deployment, deployment, and reunions information; Family Care Plan development, Crisis assistance, and other deployment-related issues. If you have any questions, call the MPF at ext. 3428.

*(SSgt. Charlie Cangemi, 439th AW Public Affairs staff writer contributed to this article.)*

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## Patriot People

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**Position:** Medical technician  
**Civilian position:** Medical  
**Favorite food:** MREs  
**Years of service:** 2  
**Favorite sport:** Ice skating and dance  
**Favorite hobby:** Art, drawing, painting and sculpting  
**Ideal vacation:** Anything tropical  
**Best way to relax:** Being outdoors  
**Preferred entertainment:** Anything promoting physical, mental and spiritual growth  
**Favorite hero:** God  
**Favorite music:** Gospel/easy listening  
**Favorite movie:** Romantic Movies  
**Favorite aircraft:** F-16  
**Pet peeve:** Evil people  
**What I would do if I won \$1 million:** Invest wisely and give to people in need.



SrA. Susan Farrell

TSgt. W. C. Pope

## Patriot Praises

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 SSgt. Lankarge, Michael E.  
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### Retirements

Capt. Geiss, Jim R.  
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 MSgt. Knechtel, John A.  
 MSgt. Lawrence, Gary A.  
 MSgt. Tankevich, John J., Jr.  
 TSgt. Baush, Jill A.  
 TSgt. Fleury, Raymond B.

## Awards and Decorations

### Air Force Commendation Medal

Capt. Rodney B. Furr\*\*\* 439 SPTG  
 TSgt. David B. Kelliher 439 LSS  
 TSgt. Steven MacKay\*\* 42 APS  
 SSgt. James M. Bowler 42 APS  
 SSgt. Susan P. Corey 42 APS  
 SSgt. Jane M. Drury 85 APS  
 SSgt. Jose F. B. Monteyro, III 85 APS

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## AFRC looks for reservists to serve on AFRC council

**WASHINGTON** – Air Force Reserve Command is looking for reservists to serve on the Air Force Association Reserve Council. The 18-member council gathers information of concern from its constituency to develop AFA policy recommendations on quality of life, equipment and modernization and military construction issues affecting the command and reservists.

Membership is open to officer and enlisted Active Guard and Reserve members, individual mobilization augmentees, and unit reservists. Applicants have until Aug. 31 to

submit their requests through their wing commander or agency equivalent to HQ USAF/REI, 1150 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20330-1150. They will learn in September if they have been selected.

Selectees serve on the council for two years and attend all meetings – usually in February, March, May and September – on orders at the expense of the unit or agency. Since these meetings sometimes occur in conjunction with symposiums, council members may be required to wear service or

mess dress uniforms.

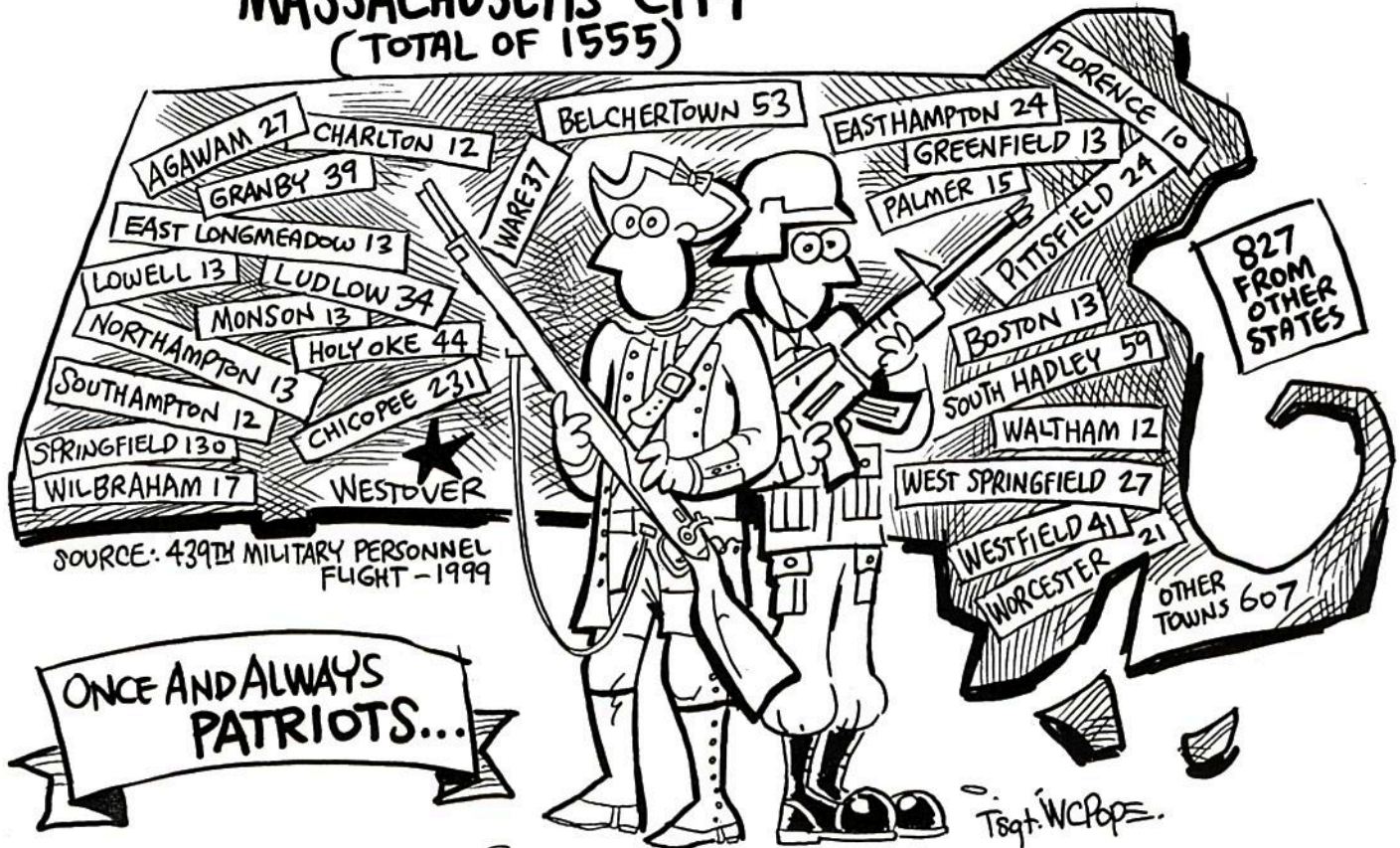
Other requirements include:

- \* A letter of endorsement from the wing commander or equivalent;
- \* Resume of military and civilian experience, including current and past positions held and participation in military and professional organizations;
- \* Copies of the last five performance reports;
- \* Current personnel data sheet;

Senior Master Sgt. Troy J. McIntosh has more information at DSN 223-2452 or (703) 693-2452. (AFRC News Service)



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