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Great New England Air Show August 12-13

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT —

More than 750,000 aviation enthusiasts are expected to flock to Westover on Aug. 12-13 to see the Thunderbirds, and the Golden Knights precision parachute team. More than 100 current and vintage static aircraft are projected, and famed aerobatics pilots Mike Goulian and Shawn Tucker will make return appearances. Gates will open at 8:30 a.m., and the show schedule runs approximately to 4 p.m. For safety reasons, bicycles, roller blades and coolers are not allowed in the display areas.



Team Yankee helps sharpen medical skills

by MSgt. Tom Allocco

This year's biggest ever Team Yankee exercise of 30 units from four services reaffirmed the medical specialists' commitment that no combat casualty will ever suffer needlessly due to lack of training or equipment of caregivers. The joint medical exercise was a dress rehearsal of the myriad skills, from suturing to record keeping, and moving casualties from fighting position to CONUS hospital.

Team Yankee 2000, held May 18-21, marked the 11th anniversary of the medical training program that brings active duty, Guard and Reserve members to Westover for one of the largest joint-service mass casualty field exercises on the East Coast. Approximately 750 airmen, soldiers, sailors and marines participated in the two-day exercise that focused on treating and evacuating casualties from the "front lines" in Dogpatch to a Battalion Aid Station to the simulated Aeromedical Staging Facility at the Base Hangar.

This year's Team Yankee included several "firsts," including the introduction of ORIs for Westover medical and Military Personnel Flight members, and the inclusion of civilians in the exercise.

Westover's 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron and the 459th

Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron of Andrews AFB, Md. used the exercise as a joint 36-hour ORI. The 439th ASTS medical specialists were successfully rated on their ability to conduct a recall, go through a processing line, deploy overseas, and set up and operate the Aeromedical Staging Facility in the Base Hangar.

The aeromedical specialists set up a 50-bed facility in the hangar and made arrangements for medical care, feeding, personal hygiene and other needs of casualties. Members of the Westover Civil Air Patrol served as simulated patients.

Westover civilian firefighters met their state mandate to be current in EMT training. National Defense Medical Service specialists, whose mission includes responding to the threat of terrorism, also underwent training.

Team Yankee served as a final exercise for 12 EMT students who trained on three-day weekends for six months. The students included Westover medical specialists, civilian firefighters and Navy and Army Guard members.

The exercise pulled in a wide variety of skills. Westover civil engineers, Marine reservists and Navy Seabees set up tents, power and

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439th AW MISSION: Actively support national objectives on a global scale with ready, mobility forces.

Lodging update

I want to bring you up-to-date on one of the things we are working on. One of the priorities I defined last year was Quality of Life Improvement. Top of this list was lodging. I realize that our lodging is in dire need of improvement.

By July "B" weekend, we will have our second building renovation completed. We are now starting on the "Airmen Dorms." We pushed last year for QOL money from AFRC and will begin renovation of Building 5103. This renovation will result in 75 single rooms, each with its own bathroom.

Commentary

This year, when I was approached by Congressman Olver's staff and asked what our most important need was at Westover, I said "Lodging!"

We have worked with the AFRC Civil Engineering staff to package buildings 5104 and 5105 as a Military Construction Project and — thanks to Congressmen Olver, Neal and their staffs — this project has been inserted into the House Armed Services Committee and House Appropriations Committee — Defense Budgets. This is a \$7.4 million dollar insert. The House and Senate committees now go to conference to work out what will be in the final Defense Bill for 2001.

This is great news for us and puts us halfway there. Should we get this project for next year, the next step would be a brand new lodging facility. It would be sized for 200-300 rooms at the new Air Force standard of 250 square feet per room with bathroom. The number of rooms would depend upon our final lodging requirement. We would begin to work this project now to hopefully have completion by 2008. Then, we would demolish buildings 5101 and 5102.

There you have the vision for lodging here at Westover. It will continue to be a long road. Construction will lead to more people going off base in contract quarters. With the opening of Six Flags over New England in Agawam, it will make rooms tougher to get near by. We are looking out to 30 minutes driving time for places to accommodate you. I want you to know we have not turned a blind eye to our lodging situation. The lodging staff is working hard to meet your needs until we can obtain the type of lodging you deserve!

You are the reason we continue to succeed, so please bear with us. Thanks for your continued service to our country.

by Col. Martin M. Mazick
439th AW Commander



Col. Mazick

Briefs

Volunteers needed for annual stand-down

Volunteers are needed for the 2000 Western Massachusetts Veterans' Stand-Down to will be held at Westover Sept. 30.

Individuals with medical skills, as well as general manpower, are needed, according to Maj. Kathy Schnepf, of the 439th ASTS, who is coordinating the event.

Thanks to a combination of joint service and civilian efforts last year, more than 350 veterans received legal consultation, social services, job placement, health care and needed clothing.

For information contact Maj. Schnepf at (802) 557-3073. Volunteers are asked to respond by Sept. 10.

Performance Planning classes are cancelled

The performance Planning office has cancelled classes that had been scheduled for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Cancelled are:

Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, July 10-13; Confronting Difficult Issues, Aug. 22-24; Mentoring, Aug. 30; Leadership and Performance Management, Sept. 12-14.

Classes scheduled from October through December are still expected to be held.

Wing CC will hold Commander's Call

Col. Martin M. Mazick will conduct quarterly Wing Commander's Calls starting at 1530 hours in the Base Hangar.

For planning purposes the schedule follows:

9 Sept. 2000	2 Dec. 2000
10 March 2001	9 June 2001

Lodging e-mail

Westover's lodging office has established a new e-mail address: lodgingconcerns@cef.afres.af.mil, which will be read regularly by the Support Group Commander, lodging manager and assistant manager.

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Stakeholders Report Executive Summary

by Col. Martijn M. Mazick
439th Airlift Wing Commander



Mission

The 439th Airlift Wing will actively support national objectives on a global scale with ready, mobility forces.

Stakeholders

Priorities identified for 1999 were Readiness, Recruiting and Retention, One Standard, Quality of Life Improvement and Infrastructure Improvement. Stakeholders include: 439 AW members and their families, Westover tenant units, Griffin Services Inc, Galaxy Community Council, State of Massachusetts, 22nd Air Force (22AF), 21st Air Force (21AF), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Tanker Airlift control Center, Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC), Air Mobility Command (AMC), Air Combat Command (ACC), United States Transportation Command, Air Force Material Command, United States Strategic Command, United States Space Command, United States Southern Command, Air Force Electronic Systems Command, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Drug Enforcement Agency, United States Customs Service, Defense Accounting and Finance Service, Air National Guard, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and National Command Authorities.

Milestones

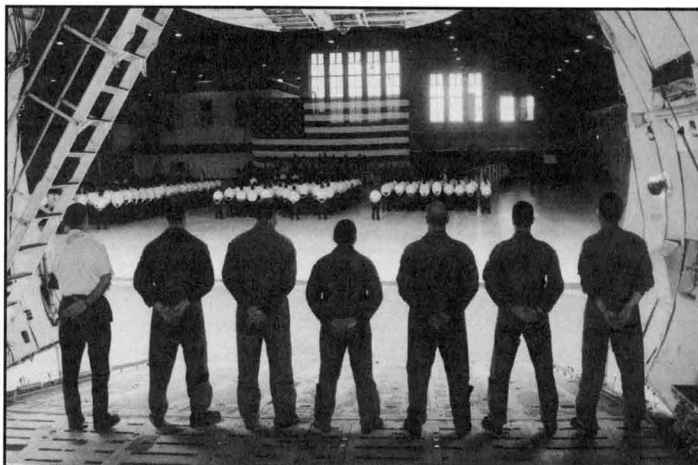
In **January**, the 439th Civil Engineering Squadron (CES) rebuilt a community and a Westover C-5 delivered almost 100 tons of supplies after Hurricane Mitch devastated Honduras. The wing newspaper won second place in Air Force Reserve Command competition, together with individual honors.

In **February**, 288 reservists and two Marine units deployed to Savannah, Ga. for Operation Southern Comfort. In 17 missions they ferried personnel and equipment in a simulated wartime training exercise. By direction of the Defense Secretary, aircrew and mobility personnel began receiving anthrax shots. The 439th Aeromedical Evacuation

Squadron (AES) deployed 45 members to the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La., as the lead aeromedical evacuation element. More than 3,400 tons of cargo and 800 passengers were processed by 39 members of the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron (APS) during annual tour training at Ramstein AB, Germany. Members of the 439th Medical Squadron (MDS) and 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron (ASTS) performed annual tour training at Keesler AFB, Miss. Congressman John Olver reaffirmed his support of Westover in a base inspection and review of military construction proposals.

In **March**, Col. Martin M. Mazick succeeded Brig. Gen. James D. Bankers as wing commander. A "Tiger Team" began Y2K contingency planning. The chapel initiated learning and fellowship programs on Saturday evenings of training weekends. Ten 58th APS members served on annual tour at Rhein-Main AB, Germany.

In **April**, 25 security specialists of the 439th Security Forces



SALUTE TO RETIREES — Members of the 439th Airlift Wing paid tribute to reservists and civilian employees who retired during the past year. The ceremony was held during the May UTA in the Base Hangar.

— photo by MSgt. Sandi Michon

Squadron (SFS) underwent two weeks of intensive "Patriot Protector" ground combat skills training in Texas. More than 150 members of the "Westover Family" celebrated "Women Putting Our Stamp on America," sponsored by the Federal Women's Program. The wing's Legal Office was named the best in AFRC. Wing aircrews began flying Operation Allied Force support missions. Westover conservation efforts earned a National Arbor Day Foundation Growth Award and a fourth Tree City USA award during a tree planting ceremony.

In **May**, 100 guests of honor representing 2,353 years of experience attended the sixth Wing Retiree Appreciation/Memorial Day ceremony. The Tiger Team made progress evaluating and testing backup plans for the Westover Y2K contingency plan. Local clergy were briefed on our wing mission at a Clergy Day, and flew on a C-5 orientation flight. The 439th AES ran a Mobile Air Staging Facility for Westover's Team Yankee, the largest medical mass casualty exercise on the East Coast. 500 members of 17 units from four services supported it. Medics aided 350 homeless veterans in Operation Stand Down at Westover. The Chief of Safety's presentation of Westover's Interim Safety Investigation Board process at an AFRC conference was cited as a benchmark. Landfill B (13 acres) was capped, one of many conservation programs to protect wildlife habitat and ground

Stakeholders ... continued

water. Services deployed 32 members to Malmstrom AFB, Mont.

The Transportation Flight and Base Fitness Center were named best in AFRC in **June**. Eight 439th SFS members completed 30-day tours at a Kuwait Air Base 35 miles south of Iraq, while eleven 439th CES members performed annual training at Eglin AFB, Fla. Briefings on the wing mission and an orientation flight were given to more than 40 municipal leaders.

In **July**, deployments included: 29 members of the 439th SFS to the Air Mobility Warfare Center, N.J., seven members of the 439th MDS to the Air Force Academy, Colo., and 10 firefighters to Mildenhall AB, England. Fifteen members ferried NASA cargo to Alaska in a mission which provided training and enhanced long-term cooperation with the agency. An Operational Readiness Inspection rated the 58th APS as Outstanding. They were the first AFRC unit to earn the Air Mobility Command Total Team award.

Aerial port members performed annual tour training in Virginia and Hawaii in **August**. Following years of studies and cost comparisons, Griffin Services Inc., Atlanta, Ga., tentatively received the contract to privatize 172 base support services positions. AFRC rated the 439th MDS as outstanding and honored several individual members. The Chiefs' Council gave 10 \$350 scholarships to Reservists and family members.

In **September**, we supported our first Aerospace Expeditionary Force tasking and said "thanks" to all our Reservists and their families

munity College of the Air Force graduates and received two Aerospace Education Foundation \$400 grants. We entered the Christmas season by paying tribute to our host city by dedicating one of our C-5 aircraft as the "City of Chicopee II" in ceremonies with local dignitaries including the Chicopee mayor and area youth.

Outlook

The tempo at the 439th Airlift Wing will remain high as we look forward to continuing our support of AEF taskings, as we concentrate major resources on improving our recruiting and retention efforts, as we continue to improve the base's infrastructure, and as the wing prepares to put on another airshow. Continued AEF taskings, along with the fact that modifications to many of our aircraft will be completed this year, allow us to anticipate increased involvement in worldwide airlift exercises, contingencies and humanitarian relief efforts. All these will present participation challenges for our reservists.

The 439th ASTS will demonstrate its ability to meet mission tasks through their EORI. Our Medical Squadron will implement Phase II of the Anthrax Immunization program. All of us will work aggressively with our recruiters to bring more prior and non-prior service members to join our reserve family, as well as to retain the members who are already in place.

The wing will continue to develop our partnership with Griffin Services. We will work to bring more multi-service reserve missions to Westover.

The new Control Tower will begin construction and runway 15/33 will receive an upgraded lighting system. Other modernization efforts include completion of the renovation of the remaining VOQ, the resurfacing of several parking lots, construction of an Explosive Ordnance Disposal facility, completion of the fire training facility and disaster preparedness facility and construction of a gatehouse on Perimeter Road.

This year will also mark the beginning of construction for a new facility to bring the Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) from downtown Springfield to Westover.

All wing personnel, along with the Galaxy Community Council will be involved in planning and producing another Great New England Airshow on Aug. 12-13. Without a doubt, the year will be full of opportunities and challenges.



RODEO BIRD — Westover's C-5 is marshaled into its parking spot at Pope AFB, N.C. at the beginning of the Air Mobility Command's Rodeo 2000.

— photo by Capt. James Bishop

by celebrating Wing Family Day.

In two "Bosses Days" in **October**, 78 employers of Reservists enjoyed a base tour and C-5 flight. Westover hosted a Y2K symposium for local businesses, civic and emergency officials. Members of the 58th APS served at Ramstein AB, Germany. Westover was once again the host to a Junior Officer Leadership Development seminar attended by junior officers throughout the command.

In **November**, 30 reservists earned Community College of the Air Force degrees, three of whom earned two each, up 66 percent from 1998. Three 439th AES UTCs earned the top "Green" rating in the first evaluation of the new AMC Inspector General Operational Readiness Inspection. Westover hosted Commerce 1999, an annual business-to-business trade show. Veterans and deceased wing members were honored in ceremonies during a wing training weekend.

In **December**, the wing was recognized as among the "Top Eight" AFRC organizations producing the highest percentage of Com-

During 1999, we had several senior leadership changes including a new wing commander, logistics group commander, and five unit commanders. However, we continued to successfully meet our mission requirements.

Westover units answered the call by supporting AEF taskings, humanitarian missions, various exercises, deployments and volunteering to help wherever needed. Westover was involved right from the start with AEF 1, supporting 39 taskings from September to December.

We attained a new milestone surpassing 24 years of mishap-free flying. We saw numerous AFRC-approved and funded improvements of facilities valued at approximately \$18 million. We continue to maintain a positive and mutual relationship with our surrounding communities.

Our focus for 2000 is "Outreach" and that translates into letting not just our local community, but all our stakeholders know who we are and how we as "The Patriot Wing" will meet our vision of — TEAM OF CHOICE.

Conclusion

Minisub flies to Hawaii in belly of Westover C-5

by Gordon A. Newell

The newest member of the Navy's Pacific fleet submarine service is getting its sea legs in Pearl Harbor thanks to the 439th Airlift Wing.

The 65-foot sub, called the Advanced SEAL Delivery System and its support equipment were transported non-stop from Andrews AFB, Md. to Hickam AFB, Hawaii a couple of weeks ago. A Westover Galaxy provided the airlift as the C-5 is the only aircraft in the world capable of carrying out the mission. The total weight of the load was 197,000 pounds and one aerial refueling was necessary to make the trip to Hawaii.

It was the first time the sub had been moved by air.

SMSgt. Tom Dzwonkus, the wing's standardization/evaluation loadmaster, was at Andrews to oversee the on-load which took more than five hours to complete.

"The trailer which carries the sub was custom-made and we had some problems getting it into the plane," he said. "We'll be going back to Hawaii to perfect the loading process and to certify the process which can then be incorporated into the C-5 loading manual."

The trailer was constructed so it can be dismantled for transport aboard a C-17, the Air Force's newest airlifter, but two C-17s are needed to carry the 55-ton submarine and its support equipment, Dzwonkus explained.

The Navy won't say much about the



WHEN SUBMARINES FLY — The Navy's newest minisubmarine is loaded onto a 439th Airlift Wing C-5 at Andrews AFB, Md. for the long flight to Hickam AFB, Hawaii. This was the first time the sub was carried on a Galaxy.

— photo courtesy of U.S. Navy

sub's capabilities — like its speed and capacity, the depths it can reach or even if it can carry torpedoes—until they complete testing.

However, the craft can be carried on the decks of specially outfitted Los Angeles-class submarines that are also stationed at Pearl Harbor. The sub was designed to deliver a team of Navy SEALs anywhere in the world.

In 1996, Dzwonkus also worked closely with the Navy to develop C-5 loading procedures for the Mark V Special Operations Craft.

The Mark V is now routinely moved around the world aboard the giant Galaxies.



RODEO COINS — Col. Martin M. Mazick, commander of the 439th Airlift Wing, addresses reservists during Commander's Call in the Base Hangar in June. Sharing the podium with Mazick are 36 members of Westover's Rodeo 2000 team who received Wing Coins for their efforts at Pope AFB, N.C. in May. Westover's aircraft maintenance team captured a trophy as the best C-5 pre-flight team.

—photo by MSgt. W.C. Pope

Maj. Gen. Whaley, Brig. Gen. Czekanski to swap jobs

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Two Air Force Reserve Command general officers will trade jobs this summer, according to an announcement by the office of Air Force Reserve's directorate of personnel here in June.



**Brig. Gen.
James P. Czekanski**

Maj. Gen. Wallace W. Whaley, 4th Air Force commander at March Air Reserve Base, Calif. and Brig. Gen. James P. Czekanski, director of operations, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga. will swap positions Aug. 7.

Whaley has commanded 4th Air Force since June 1993. Czekanski has been at Headquarters AFRC since 1997, first as the inspector general and then as director of operations, beginning in April 1998. From March 1992 through

May 1997, Czekanski was commander of the 439th Airlift Wing at Westover.

Both men have similar military experience, including being commissioned through Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1968. Whaley graduated from The Citadel, and Czekanski is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts. Czekanski began undergraduate pilot training at Williams AFB, Ariz., in July 1968. A month later, Whaley entered UPT at Laredo AFB, Texas.

Other similarities are command of airlift groups and wings and numerous flying hours in C-5, C-130 and C-141 aircraft.

This is Czekanski's first assignment as a numbered air force commander. Whaley briefly commanded 14th Air Force (forerunner of today's 22nd Air Force) at Dobbins ARB, Ga. in 1993, before assuming command of 4th Air Force.

Czekanski is the second former Westover commander to take over a numbered Air Force this year. In May, Brig. Gen. James D. Bankers was handed the reins of 22nd Air Force. He had led the 439th from May 1997 through March 1999. (AFRC News Service)

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lighting in the base camp. Members of 439th Services prepared almost 2,000 meals in the field. Specialists of the 439th Communications Squadron and the Air Guard's 104th Fighter Wing set up communications, and the 439th Security Forces Flight provided security.

A four-member PERSCO team from the 439th Military Personnel Flight set up a field personnel processing operation and conducted a successful ORI.

"The base camp went from 'nothing to functioning' in hours, and sustained itself for 24 hours because each component contributed something to put it all together," said HMC Rick Walker of Naval Hospital 301 Portsmouth.

"With the drawdown, none of the services can do their wartime function independently. Joint training like Team Yankee is more important than ever," he said. "Normally the Air Force doesn't have a battalion aid station and the Army doesn't do air evacuation. It was a great learning experience."

He noted that Team Yankee is a financial bargain when the exercise does triple duty as required field training for reservists, an ORI, and EMT training for civilians.

The scenario, written by Marine Col. Gerard Boyle, revolved around a North Korean invasion of the Republic of Korea. The exercise started on May 18 when 439th ASTS medical specialists went through an outprocessing line and "deployed" to Osan AB, Korea.

"They arrived with chemical warfare

gear in a hostile environment and received a 'just in time' briefing of the latest threat conditions and other developments. They then simulated the relief of another unit, just as they would in a real-world emergency," said CMSgt. Mark Gilyard, 439 ASTS medical services superintendent.

Other Team Yankee participants went to the "front lines" at Dogpatch where they treated casualties and called in a Blackhawk and a Huey helicopter and humvee ambulances to transport them to a Battalion Aid Station for emergency care. The next steps in the life saving process were the Medical Treatment Facility, followed by processing through a Mobile Aeromedical Staging Facility at Pad 19 in the Dogpatch area. Members of the 42nd APS assisted in the loading of patients on a C-130 for a 30-minute flight, which simulated evacuation of casualties to the Aeromedical Staging Facility in the Base Hangar.

The exercise continued through Saturday, at which time patients were offloaded at a simulated CONUS facility in Hangar 3. Ambulances from area municipalities were used to



EXERCISE 'PATIENTS' — Members of the 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron move a "patient" during the Team Yankee exercise held at the base from May 18-21.

—photo by MSgt. W.C. Pope

simulate distribution of patients to hospitals.

"Team Yankee 2000 proved to be a valuable training event which can also be used to test and evaluate UTCs and joint service operations," Gilyard said.

A road map to Westover's medical units

EDITOR'S NOTE: The PATRIOT routinely publishes unit features to help reservists understand the various missions of the 24 units at Westover. This feature is being republished to update recent medical unit changes and to correct errors in the previous article.

by MSgt. Sandi Michon

If injured in a war, you might be treated by one of Westover's three medical units—depending on how close you are to the front lines.

The three units—the 439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron (AES), the 439th Medical Squadron (MDS) and the 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron (ASTS) have 444 reservists. Westover also provides administrative support for 89 reservists with the 722nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron located at Fort Hamilton Army Post in Brooklyn, N.Y.

If activated, the 439th AES, and the two ASTS units would work with

army personnel to move patients away from the front lines to various levels of medical treatment. The 439th MDS remains at Westover to medically support the C-5 airlift mission. The MDS and ASTS units fall under the Airlift Mobility Command, while the AES falls under the Air Combat Command.

To understand the primary role of each unit, particularly their wartime missions, a summary is provided:

439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

The 439th AES is commanded by Col. Dennis J. Manning with 163 authorized positions. Of the four units, the AES would handle patients closer to the front lines. According to Lt. Col. David Zamorski, AES Health Services Administrator, the unit has a tasking for two Mobile Aeromedical Staging Facilities (MASF).

The MASFs are tents set up in bare-base areas, such as a dirt airstrip. They receive patients from a MASH unit and maintain the patient until they can be airlifted for further treatment. "We coordinate all patient airlift movement from the MASH unit—all the way home, if necessary," said Zamorski. "We function like an ambulance dispatch—we provide transportation for the patient, and figure out which medical facility they go to next."

The AES must not only provide all the communications personnel and medical staff at a fixed location, but they also have the ability to provide aircrews, if necessary.

In addition, the AES provides personnel to coordinate the needs of all the MASFs in the theater through aeromedical command posts. These command and control functions would include requesting aircraft, managing medical aircrews and supporting equipment and supply requirements. Of the 17 AES units in AFRC, the 439th AES is one of three units with such comprehensive responsibilities.

439th Medical Squadron

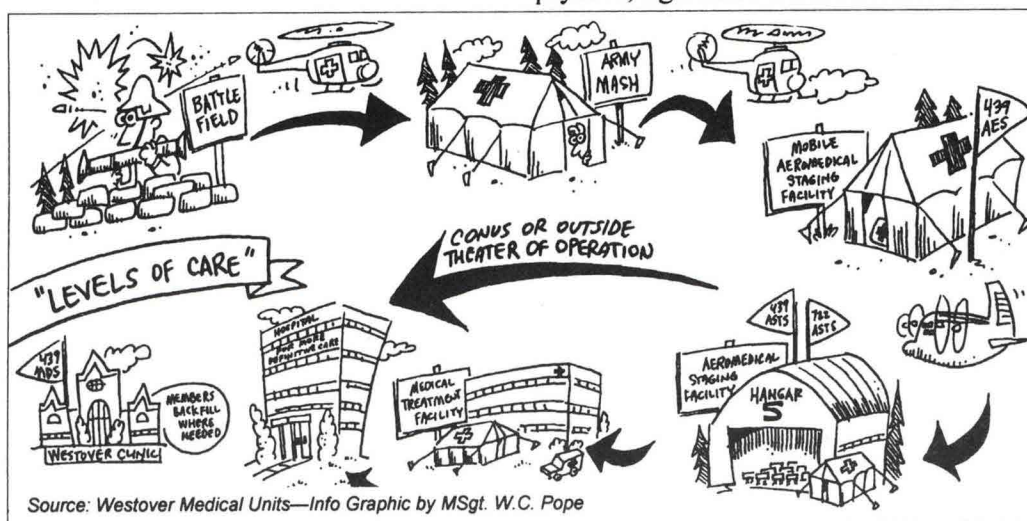
The 439th MDS is a fixed facility at Westover under the command of Col. Yash Malhotra. Their primary wartime mission is centered here at the base where they provide the medical support for all base personnel needed to launch C-5 missions.

They provide flight physicals and medical documentation for aircrews. If Westover becomes a stage base, the MDS also treats transient aircrews.

The MDS maintains 17 medical career fields to perform their diverse function. During peacetime, the 79 MDS members provide all physicals, flight exams and immunizations.

The MDS is very active in community disaster drills and augments civilian resources responding to local incidents.

The MDS does not have a mobility mission, but may send individuals to other bases to backfill positions vacated by active duty personnel sent to a forward operating theater.



439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

The 439th ASTS is one of 23 ASTS units in the Air Force Reserve. Commanded by Col. Sarah Waterman, the ASTS has a wartime mobility mission to set up and staff a 250-bed Aeromedical Staging Facility (ASF) between a Medical Treatment Facility (MTF) and an aircraft. "We're a medically-staffed passenger terminal whose primary responsibility is to monitor patients transiting through the medical aerovacuation system," said Waterman.

Casualties enter into the aerovac system at a Navy Fleet Hospital or an Air Force Air Transportable Hospital (ATH) and are put onto specially configured aircraft through a Mobile Aeromedical Staging Facility (MASF).

Patients are flown to the next level of care, received by ASF personnel and transported to a hospital.

The ASTS is a personnel package that would be deployed to an area that has pre-positioned assets. The ASF assets could be set up in tents, or in any "building of opportunity."

The 180 members of the 439th ASTS have a peacetime requirement to train for their mobility mission.

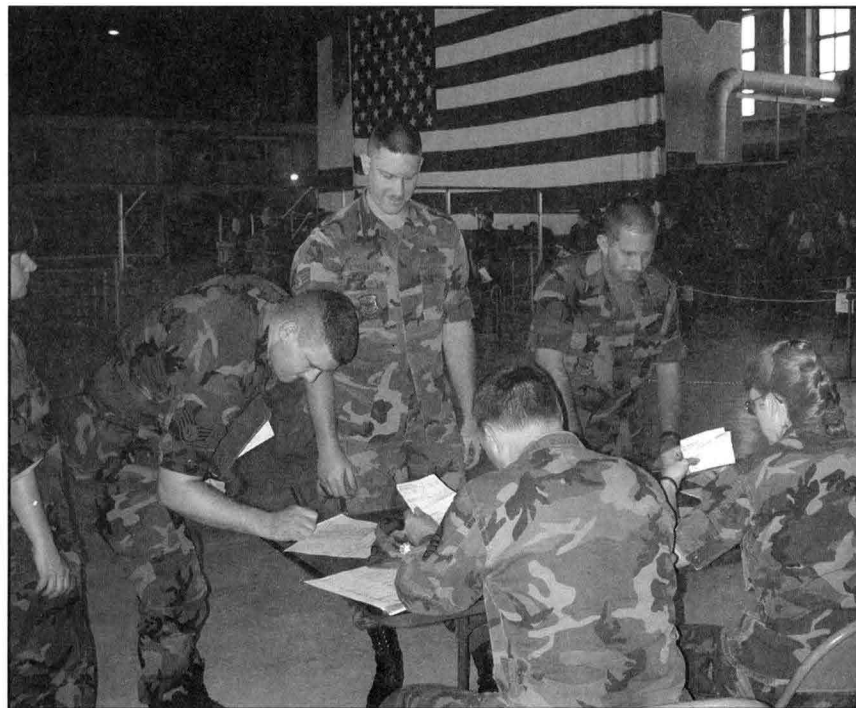
722nd Aeromedical Staging Squadron

The 722nd ASTS is a geographically separated unit attached to the 439th Airlift Wing for support, but physically located at Fort Hamilton Army Post in Brooklyn, N.Y. Command and control is with the 622nd Regional Support Group at Dobbins ARB, Ga. The unit has 89 reservists and is commanded by Maj. Dwayne F. Wilson.

The mission of the 722nd ASTS is similar to the 439th ASTS except they have a 100-bed staging facility.

Mobility exercise keeps reservists on their toes

—photos by MSgt. W.C.Pope



CHECKING IN — SSgt. Jeff Kingsbury and SSgt. Ryan Cool, members of the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron, have their records reviewed in the mobility line during an exercise on June 4.



HELPING HANDS — Forklift driver TSgt. Jesse White maneuvers a loaded pallet onto a flatbed while SSgt. Terry Lovett gives him directions. They are both from the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron.



Kosovo Campaign Medal earns presidential approval

by Capt. Mike Franco

Following a long military tradition, those who participated in, or were in direct support of American efforts during the Kosovo operation, will receive a token of our nation's appreciation — the Kosovo Campaign Medal — if they meet eligibility requirements.

President Clinton approved the medal May 3. The KCM will be awarded to service members who were involved in Kosovo operations to include Allied Force, Joint Guardian, Allied Harbor, Sustain/Shining Hope, Noble Anvil and Task Forces Hawk, Saber and Hunter.

Eligibility is also constrained by whether the member served within designated areas in the time frame of the air campaign that began March 24, 1999 and ended June 10, 1999, or in the defense campaign starting June 11, 1999 to an undetermined date in the future. If the member qualifies for both campaigns' time

frames, a bronze star can be added to the suspension and service ribbon.

During the air campaign, the member must have served in the land area or air space of Serbia, Montenegro, Albania, Macedonian, Bosnia, Croatia, Hungary, Romania, Greece, Bulgaria, Italy, and Slovenia; and the waters and air space of the Adriatic and Ionian Seas north of 39 degrees latitude. For the defense campaign, the member must have served in the land area or air space of the areas above, excluding Bosnia, Croatia, Hungary, Romania, Greece, Bulgaria, Italy, and Slovenia; and the waters and air space of the Adriatic Sea within 12 nautical miles of the Montenegro, Albania, and Croatia coastlines south of 42 degrees and 52 minutes north latitude.

Additional eligibility includes members that served, or are currently serving in a unit participating in or directly supporting a Kosovo operation for 30 consecutive days in the area of eligibility or for 60 non-consecutive

days providing this support involves entering the operations area. Members may also be qualified if they had been engaged in combat or performed duty that is equally as hazardous as combat during armed opposition, or if while serving they were wounded, injured or required medical evacuation from the area regardless of days served.

Aircrew members are qualified if they have flown sorties into, out of, within or over the area of eligibility in direct support of Kosovo military operations.

The KCM is intended instead of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or the Armed Forces Service Medal. It can also be awarded posthumously to any service member meeting the decoration's requirements. The medal's availability in the supply system is not expected until January 2001.

For more information, you may contact 1st Lt. Kelly Braudis, Chief, Military Personnel Flight, Ext. 2993

Base Honor Guard is looking for volunteers

by SSgt. Andrew Reitano



"Honoring Those Who Served" is the Department of Defense program for providing dignified military funeral honors to veterans who have defended our nation.

While military funeral honors are a long-standing tradition within the Armed Forces, this program is in response to a new law governing funeral honors for eligible veterans.

According to National Defense Authorization Act, Public Law 105-261, all military personnel will receive final military honors and no requests will be refused.

DOD officials recognize the added challenges created by the new law given, the sheer numbers, and demographic changes that have occurred over the past 10 years.

"Rendering military honors was previously performed when the mission allowed for it," said MSGt. Thomas Roe, NCOIC of

Westover's Honor Guard. "When it came down to choosing between the mission and rendering military honors ... the mission took precedence."

Roe is now serving in a four-year active duty slot because he also serves as a liaison between Reserve and active duty honor guards.

"To meet increased demands due to the new law, the force draw down, and number of veterans dying, it has become difficult for active duty honor guards to support all the functions," said Roe. Based on Veterans Administration statistics, by the year 2008, veteran deaths will be at 620,000 annually, or an average of 1,700 funerals a day.

Traditionally, the Westover Honor Guard handled events pertaining to the base and some funerals.

"With all the changes, the Air Force Reserve is now an integral part of the military honors program," said Roe. This expanded responsibility for the Westover Honor Guard is



TRUE PATRIOTS — Westover's Honor Guard performs at a Patriots game in Sept. 1999.

—photo courtesy of New England Patriots

in addition to its regular duties and obligations. With a national cemetery scheduled to open in Agawam, Mass. later this year, the Westover Honor Guard will feel the impact of the Total Force.

To keep the rank and file of the honor guard at peak capacity to meet the tasks that lay ahead, Roe has launched an on-going recruitment campaign. "Recruiting is a big part of my job here," he said.

"I will regularly meet with commanders, various base councils, and attend newcomers' briefings."

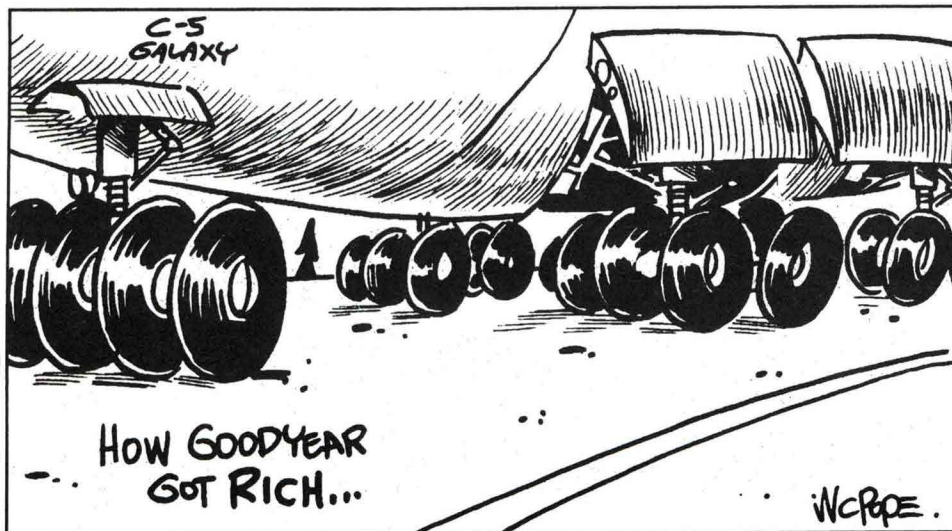
For the two months he has been in the job, Roe has recruited seven potential candidates, but many more are still needed. "The honor guard needs people who have pride in themselves, the military, and want to give something back to those who have served their country," said Roe.

"The military always takes care of its own, and this is a final salute we can give our deceased members," he said.

For more information on the honor guard, contact Roe at 557-3342 or DSN 589-3342.

Patriot Puns

by MSgt. W.C. Pope



Taking credit: travelers must now use government card

by Capt. James Bishop

It's official. As of May 1, all federal employees—including military reservists—have to use the government travel card for reimbursable expenses while on official travel.

"At a minimum, we want people to use the card for rental cars and lodging," said Capt. John Ryan, accounting and finance officer here. He said military personnel may also use the card for any reimbursable expense while traveling on government orders.

Additionally, automatic teller machine withdrawals up to \$500 are authorized under the travel card program. The bank's ATM fee and the 1.9 percent transaction fee are reimbursable, according to a memorandum sent by Maj. Gen. James Sherrard III, chief of Air Force Reserve.

One simple and strongly recommended payment option available to travelers—split disbursement—pays your government card bill directly from your travel claim via electronic fund transfer at voucher settlement, according to Sherrard. Travelers must state on the voucher in 'block I' the amount of money to be forwarded.

Though the mandatory part is new with the 1998 Travel and Transportation Reform Act, a government travel card has been around for over 10 years.

AFRC receives a quarterly rebate from the bank based on total charges to the cards. The AF earned approximately \$1 million in rebates in fiscal year 1999. These rebates directly impact AFRC quality of life because the money is used to fund various command-wide projects, according to Sherrard's memo.

The base agency program coordinator is Dan McCarthy, who can be reached at the Travel Pay office at 557-3460.

Travel Card Q and A:

Q. Why was this law passed?

A. Congress passed the law in 1998 for all federal government travelers. The act simplifies travel payments when the card is used, helps track government travel expenditures and enables the government to take advantage of rebates from Bank of America (BoA), the GTC contractor, when personnel charge authorized expenses on the card.

Q. How will using this card benefit me?

A. Travelers now can obtain authorized cash through the use of the government charge card at thousands of ATMs worldwide. Using the card also means travelers no longer

have to carry large sums of cash. The BoA Visa is safe, convenient, and accepted worldwide.

Q. Do I have to use the card for everything?

A. No. Under DoD guidance, you are exempt from using the card for all expenses covered by the "meals and incidentals" portion of your per diem allowance. However, we encourage you to use the card at dining facilities that accept the card, thus reducing the need to carry large sums of cash.

Q. What do I have to use the card for?

A. The card should be used for all authorized government official travel, lodging accommodations and rental cars.

However, we encourage travelers to use the card at all merchants who accept it.

Q. What official travel expenses are exempt from mandatory use?

A. Allowable exemptions include laundry or dry cleaning, parking or local transportation system fares; taxi fares, tips, and all expenses covered by the "meals and incidental" portion of your per diem allowance. In addition, you do not have to use the card for telephone calls, especially if a government calling card is available for use through your agency. Finally, you are exempt from mandatory use at merchants that do not accept the government travel charge card.

Q. If I must use the card for airline tickets, do I have to use the base Commercial Travel Office (CTO) to purchase my ticket?

A. Yes, all airline tickets must be purchased through the on-base CTO. The CTOs are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with a toll-free phone number to provide this service.

Q. Is everyone who travels eligible for a card?

A. Yes, anyone who is required to travel may submit an application to their supervisor/commander for approval. Once the supervisor/commander signs the application it will be processed through your agency program coordinator.

Q. How do I get a Bank of America application?

A. Contact your Agency Program Coordinator (APC) at your location. If you're not sure who the person is, contact your supervisor/commander for assistance in identifying the APC. Your local Finance Office should also be able to assist you with finding your APC.

Q. Will the credit check performed by Bank of America affect my credit when I buy a car or home?

A. No, the credit check will only be performed with your permission and will show only a credit report that the bank inquired on your credit. The inquiry does not give a reason or show any dollar amount against your credit.

Q. What happens if I was issued a restricted card and I have exceeded my card's limit?

A. Contact your supervisor/commander and have them work the issue of raising your limits with your APC.

Q. Will I have to pay interest on late payment?

A. No, the bank does not charge travelers interest; however, you are responsible for paying your bill upon receipt, and commanders can take appropriate action if you do not pay on time. If your account becomes 120 days delinquent or canceled, you will be assessed a late fee of \$20.

Q. Can I use the card to get cash to pay travel bills?

A. Yes, keep in mind that there is a cash limit on the card, which will limit your ability to use cash. We discourage the use of cash for safety reasons and because the Air Force pays a 1.9 percent fee for cash withdrawals. However, there is nothing in the law or regulation that prohibits getting cash with the card and using that cash to pay travel card bills.

Q. What if I am on a long TDY and my travel card bill arrives before I file my voucher?

A. Before you leave you should make arrangements at your local base travel office for the appropriate methods for either receiving a monthly EFT payment to your banking facility and for instruction for filing 30-day interim vouchers during the duration of your long TDY. If you have questions, contact your FM or FSO. As with other bills, like house or car payments, you have to make advance arrangements if you are on extended TDY.

Q. What do I do if I receive my Bank of America monthly billing statement and have not yet received reimbursement from travel settlement voucher?

A. First, we highly recommend the use of the split disbursement option when filing travel settlement vouchers. This option allows your local travel office to split your entitled reimbursement money between Bank of America and your financial institution. However, if you choose not to use split disbursement you will need to contact your local travel office and inquire when you can expect reimbursement then contact Bank of America (1-800-472-1424) and explain you are waiting on reimbursement from travel. As soon as you receive reimbursement from travel, mail payment to Bank of America. Bottom line is, "you" as the cardholder are responsible for paying the card company.

Patriot People

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Civilian position: Administrative Assistant
Favorite food: Lamb and rice
Years of service: 12 years
Favorite sport: Skating
Favorite hobby: Outdoors
Ideal vacation: Israel
Best way to relax: TV
Preferred entertainment: None
Favorite hero: Apostle Paul
Favorite music: Contemporary Christian
Favorite movie: "Omega Code"
Favorite aircraft: C-5
Pet peeve: U-turn at Industrial Gate
What I would do if I won \$1 million: Travel

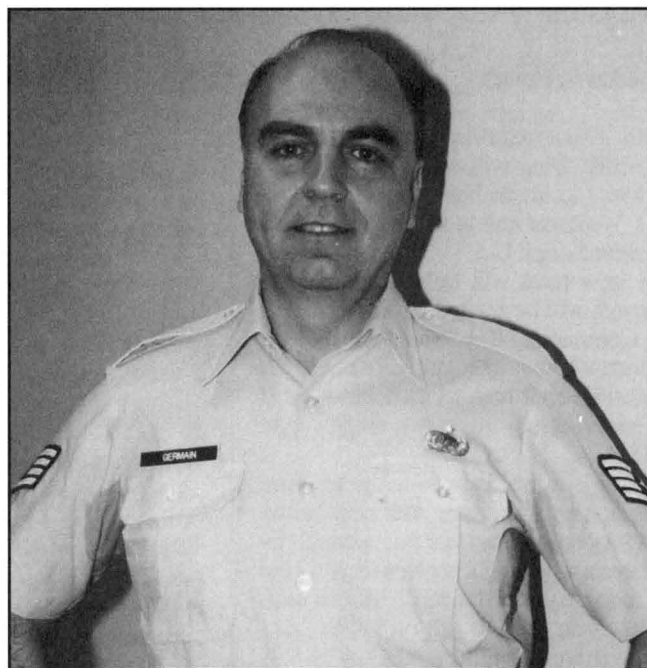


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SSgt. Hank Germain

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 SSgt. Martin, Ray E., Jr.
 SrA. McNutt, Charles W.
 A1C Blair, Jocelyn R.
 A1C Joubert, Joshua R.
 A1C Messina, Kasey R.
 A1C Niedziela, Joseph A.
 AB LaMountain, Andrea B.

Reenlistments

MSgt. Carney, Richter, R. J.
 MSgt. Demko, Nicholas S., Sr.
 MSgt. Dygon, Theodore E., Jr.
 MSgt. Jebb, William R.

MSgt. Perreault, George A., Jr.
 MSgt. Taylor, Christopher L.
 MSgt. Venturella, Frank W., Jr.
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 TSgt. Barton, Ronald L.
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 TSgt. Daddario, Lisa A.
 TSgt. Gardner, Robert K., III
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 TSgt. White, Robert T., II
 SSgt. Clark, William H.
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 SSgt. Cyr, Paul E.
 SSgt. Lavigne, Michael R.
 SSgt. Moriarty, Quinn D.
 SSgt. Snay, Shawn K.
 SSgt. Templeman, Jon E.
 SSgt. Thomas, Blain D.
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 SrA. Boscardin, Frank J. L., II
 SrA. Camidge, Leonard D.
 SrA. Cole, Brian W.

A1C Lapierre, Christina A.

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 Lt. Col. Devine, John C.
 Lt. Col. Sbardella, Jane L.
 Capt. Richardson, Robin J.
 SMSgt. Haring, Lee R., Jr.
 SMSgt. Marchisio, Lawrence E.
 MSgt. Bretschneider, Bruce J.
 MSgt. Rys, Robert E.
 TSgt. Moore, Thomas J.

Awards and Decorations

Meritorious Service Medal

Lt. Col. James R. Hosey**	337 AS
MSgt. Robert E. Rys	439 OSS
MSgt. Charles Sullivan	722 ASTS

Air Force Commendation Medal

TSgt. Warren E. Coleman	439 CES
TSgt. Kenneth Crawford	439 CES

Air Force Achievement Medal

1st. Lt. John M. Murphy	722 ASTS
MSgt. Brian M. Quirk	439 CS
TSgt. Robert J. Taylor	42 APS
SSgt. Debra Bosch	722 ASTS
SSgt. Mary Ann Greer	722 ASTS
SSgt. David A. Hawksley	42 APS
SSgt. Michael Morris	722 ASTS

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Employer Appreciation Days scheduled for October

by Gordon A. Newell

Air Force reservists assigned to the 439th Airlift Wing will once again have the opportunity to invite their civilian employer to visit Westover and to take an orientation flight aboard a unit C-5.

A new twist will be added this year. Employers will be invited to breakfast with Wing Commander Col. Martin M. Mazick. Reservists who normally drill on the A UTA should invite their boss for Oct. 14, while B UTA reservists may invite their employer for Oct. 28.

"This is a terrific opportunity to share our mission with your boss and help bolster his/her support for what you do for our country. I encourage you to nominate your boss early, as space will be limited," Mazick said.

Reservists should instruct their employer to arrive at the Westover Club by 8:00 a.m. for registration, and breakfast will be served at 8:30. Employers will be guests of the wing commander. Reservists are welcome to take part in breakfast with their boss, but must pay for their meal.

A C-5 orientation flight is scheduled for approximately 10:30. The flight will last for about 90 minutes. Following lunch, employers will be given the opportunity to visit a field exercise, which will be conducted in the Dogpatch area. Later in the afternoon, reservists may invite their employer to visit their on-base workstation.

Each reservist will be allowed to bring just one supervisor. Only reservists assigned to the flight crew will be allowed to take part

EMPLOYER APPRECIATION DAY	
Reservist's name, rank and unit:	_____
Reservist's home address:	_____
Reservist's daytime telephone number:	_____
Employer's name and title:	_____
Employer's company name:	_____
Breakfast for employer:	YES _____ NO _____
Breakfast for reservist:	YES _____ NO _____
Choice of UTA:	
Oct. 14 (A UTA) _____	Oct. 28 (B UTA) _____
I understand that I may nominate one person annually, and only an individual who is my supervisor, foreman, manager, etc.	
Signature: _____	
(Falsification of information on this form can be punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.)	
Return this form to:	
439th Airlift Wing/ Public Affairs, 100 Lloyd St., East Wing, Suite 103	
Westover ARB, Mass. 01022-1825	
fax: (413) 557-2011, for information, call: (413) 557-3500	
Personal Data Privacy Act 1974 (U.S.C. 552a)	

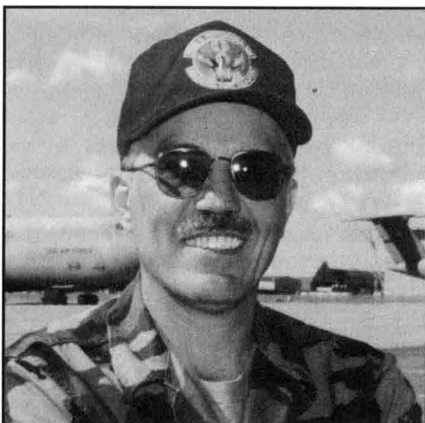
in the orientation flight.

To make reservations, fill out the application that appears on this page and return it to the Public Affairs office.

Further information is available at (413) 557-3500. Fax number is (413) 557-2011.

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