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Security increases in preparation for C-5

By Nora MacKay

Security at Westover, both on and around the flight line, has been tightened to protect the most recent addition to the base, the C-5A Galaxies.

According to Chief Harold Voelker of the Security Police, security along the flight line has been increased by 90 percent.

The C-5 is "a national asset," Chief Voelker said. "We are charged with protecting government property and personnel.

"Sabotage is our main concern. You cannot wait for threats to be made," he said.

Several C-5s have been temporarily stationed here, even though the first C-5 to be permanently stationed at Westover is not scheduled to arrive until October. To provide 24-hour security for the giant cargo jets, 30 additional Air Reserve Technicians will be hired, according to TSgt. Michael Dutton of the 439th Weapons Systems Security Flight.

"No one will be able to get near the flight line without being challenged," Sergeant Dutton said. Members of the 439th WSSF, whose performance has been named "Best in the Air Force Reserve" for four of the past five years, enforce a continual security perimeter around the C-5s. They are armed with M-16 rifles and are authorized to use lethal force.

In addition to increased security around the flight line, gate security enforcement by the Security Police and terrorist briefings by the Office of Special Investigations (OSI) have been stepped up.

Members of the Security Police question and review the more than 500 daily visitors to Westover. An additional security gate may be added to re-route evening traffic to the Consol-



TIGHTENED SECURITY — Sgt. Andres Aviles of the 439th WSSF patrols the security perimeter around the C-5A Galaxy.

(USAF photo by Nora MacKay)

idated Open Mess, which is frequently rented by civilians, Chief Voelker said. Furthermore, agents from OSI regularly brief Westover commanders on both domestic and international terrorist activities.

Base security will function at its most efficient level if the more than

2,500 civilian and military workers employed here remain aware and alert, Chief Voelker said.

"If someone looks suspicious, if there is a box that should not be there . . . or something looks tampered with, we should be called in immediately," he said.

Family Day on Sept. 12

Westover will hold its second annual Family Day picnic Sept. 12 during the UTA weekend.

All base personnel and their families are invited to attend the festivities.

There will be volleyball and softball competitions between the squadrons and the starting time on Saturday is 2 p.m.



EDITORIAL

Help save the windows

John Frykenberg is a man with a vision... and a mission.

Frykenberg, the president of Chicopee's Chamber of Commerce, wants to rescue 12 stained glass windows located in the former Westover Chapel.

For nearly 13 years, the windows have been hidden from view, covered with sheets of plywood, in what is now the Chicopee Child Development Center.

When the Strategic Air Command left the base in 1974, the chapel building was sold as surplus property to the child care facility.

Since then, a number of citizens and organizations have attempted to raise funds to remove and preserve the windows. Most recently, Frykenberg and the Chamber's Military Affairs Committee have taken up the cause.

"They are works of art," said Frykenberg. "The windows are an important part of the cultural heritage of both Westover and Chicopee. Most importantly, they symbolize the sacrifices of the men and women who served at the base."

Some of the windows were paid for by children who lived at Westover. Some are memorials to deceased airmen who served here. The people who want to salvage these windows call them "stained glass treasures."

Frykenberg hopes that one day the windows will grace a visitor's center and museum which the Chamber of Commerce wishes to build at Westover. But the salvage operation has a steep price tag.

"We estimate that it will cost around \$40,000 to remove the windows, store them, and replace windows in the former chapel," Frykenberg said. "Thus far, we've raised \$8,000, primarily from the sale of souvenir brochures at the air show." He added that around \$5,000 has been raised by the Westover chapter of the Air Force Sergeant's Association.

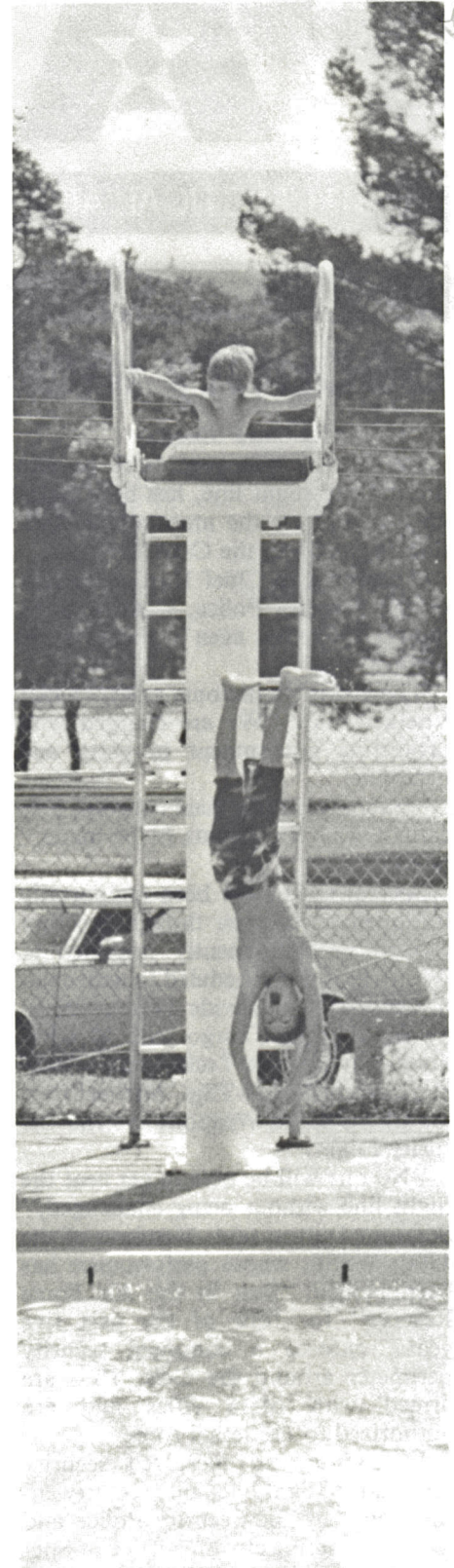
Frykenberg, the Military Affairs Committee, and the Sergeant's Association have performed yeoman service in this "rescue mission." But they can't do it alone.

A bank account for the window project has recently been established. Donations may be sent to the Westover Window Fund, care of the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce, 93 Church St., Chicopee.

Frykenberg's mission deserves the moral and financial support of each and every person at Westover.

The preservation project is an expensive proposition, but given its historical, cultural and sentimental objectives, it is well worth the cost.

— Maj. Rick Dyer
Public Affairs Officer



(USAF photo by Nora MacKay)

HOW TO BEAT THE HEAT — A young member of the Westover community takes the plunge to cool down at the base pool.

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Q and A

with Edward C. "Pete" Aldridge



Editor's Note:

Edward C. "Pete" Aldridge recently completed his first year as Secretary of the Air Force.

He was appointed to the post in June, 1986 by President Ronald Reagan, following service since 1981 as Under Secretary of the Air Force.

The secretary received his bachelor of science in aeronautical engineering from Texas Agricultural and Mechanical University, and holds a master's degree in the same field from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

He has held a number of positions in the Department of Defense since 1967, and served as an adviser to the Strategic Arms Limitations Talks in Helsinki and Vienna.

While under secretary, he underwent training by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to fly aboard the space shuttle.

Secretary Aldridge recently responded to questions from Maj. Rick Dyer of the Patriot staff:

Q: What are your top three priorities as Secretary of the Air Force and what is being done to address them?

A: First, and foremost, is the welfare and quality of life for our people. I want to be sure that compensation programs remain competitive with civilian counterparts and that quality of life programs continue so that we can attract and retain skilled, professionally motivated people to perform the mission into the next century.

Second, I am committed to development and efficient acquisition of the best systems for our people to perform that mission. That may mean selecting the best among existing alternatives — such as our selection of modified F-16A Falcons to modernize our air defense forces — or new systems expanding the horizons of technology — like the Advanced Tactical Fighter and Advanced Technology Bomber.

Finally, I am exploring alternatives to improve interaction with international friends and allies, particularly in Central and South America. Faced with declining foreign aid and security assistance funding, we are trying to find "easy-to-do" programs that can be implemented within our own budget, where possible. We are developing new exchange programs, pilot and professional military training programs, and other initiatives to strengthen our ties with these important countries.

Q: What is the major problem confronting the Air Force in 1987 and what is being done to rectify it?

A: Without question, our major challenge is continuing our modernization and readiness programs in the face of declining budgets. The President's budget for defense provides a well balanced, and fiscally responsible program. It is, however, far below the level we projected for FY 1988 as recently as three years ago. Thus, programs we had hoped to be completing or beginning have been extended, or slipped into future budget years, or cancelled outright.

Despite dramatic improvements in capabilities and force readiness over the past six years, declining budgets threaten all that we have achieved. And all involved, including the President and Secretary of Defense, recognize the fact that we can not really "do more with less."

Thus, in addition to presenting the Congress with a well-tuned defense budget, we are also exploring innovative management and leadership initiatives to get the most out of our present resources, across the board.

Q: Are the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard performing up to expectations under the "Total Force" policy?

A: Absolutely. In fact, the total force contribution to national security objectives is critical to achieving those objec-

tives. One of our key steps in assuring mission capability at less cost has been to transfer selected missions to the highly qualified Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard units.

However, we may reach a point of diminishing returns — a point where transfer of additional missions or increased shares of existing assigned missions will not be efficient or effective. That is something we look at on a continuing basis.

The performance of the reserve forces continues to be excellent, and they represent an essential element in our ability to meet national objectives.

Q: Do you envision any expansion of the mission of the Air Force Reserve during the next five years?

A: In general terms, I anticipate some further expansion or realignment, based on current planning estimates. But, there is nothing specific at this time. I fully expect the Air Force to continue to lead within DoD in implementing the total force policy.

Q: As undersecretary, you underwent training by NASA to fly aboard the Space Shuttle. Do you envision flying on the space shuttle in the near future?

A: Very regretfully, no. To be honest, I looked forward to that opportunity, both for personal adventure and for the chance to personally assess the potential value of military man in space. However, adjustments in the Space Shuttle program, the delay in planned flights from the West Coast, and my move into this position all work against a possible flight by me, at anytime in the foreseeable future.

Q: What was the most memorable experience of your shuttle training?

A: There were two: a positive one and a tragic one. The first was the experience of training with the most dedicated and motivated group of people I have ever known. They were the astronauts and ground support people at NASA. The second was the experience of watching, with the other members of my flight crew, the tragedy of the Challenger accident. My friends were on that flight. It is a day I will never forget.

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74th AES may be downgraded to flight

By Nora MacKay

The proposed downgrading of the 74th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron to a flight could force as many as 93 reservists in critical fields out of the Reserve, according to two officers in the unit.

A critical shortage of nurses is sweeping the nation, and the military is not immune. According to the Department of Defense, the biggest shortfall is in the Reserves. Not surprising, because 93 percent of the air evacuation crews are in the air reserve forces.

If the downgrading of the 74th is approved, reducing the squadron to a flight will be accomplished through attrition, said Maj. Tom Morrill, ART nurse for the 74th AES. "Over a period of years, many of (those who will lose their slots) will look for positions with other Reserve units," such as Maguire AFB or Hanscom AFB, he said.

But most of those who will be looking for new slots with other units are senior NCOs and field grade officers, said Capt. David Zamorski, ART operations officer for the 74th. New

units may not be willing to absorb them, and have them compete for promotions with those already in the unit, he said.

"We suspect most of those affected by the downgrading will get out of the Reserve system," Captain Zamorski said.

The loss of these skilled nurses and medical technicians will add to an already severe problem. In a recent report to Congress by William Mayer, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, he said the Department of Defense does not have enough trained medical professionals. Despite recent recruiting and retention efforts, the Reserves alone have a shortage of about 31,000 nurses.

"What we're looking at is losing a lot of valuable, key people from the Reserve," Captain Zamorski said.

If the downgrading goes through as proposed, the squadron would lose 26 of its 50 nurses, and 67 of its 107 air evacuation medical technicians, he said.

The reason for the proposed downgrading is the conversion from C-130s to C-5s. The 74th AES is required to perform training flights aboard a C-130. With the conversion, the unit "will no longer have the necessary equipment to support the training exercises," Major Morrill said.

The possibility exists for the 74th to obtain C-130s for training from other units, such as Pittsburgh or Niagara, but "it would be very difficult," Major Morrill said.

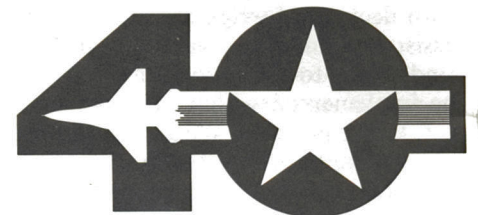
"We would have to go through the AFRES allocation board and compete for flying time with every other air evacuation unit in the country," he said. There are seven other air evac units on the East Coast alone, he said.



IN-FLIGHT TRAINING — TSgt. Mark Johnson, medical service specialist with the 74th AES, cares for a simulated patient during a training flight aboard a 337th TAS C-130.

(USAF photo by Nora MacKay)

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C-5A shreds flap panel approaching Westover

A C-5A from Kelly AFB in Texas lost a portion of one of the dozen flaps while approaching Runway 05 on July 11. Air Force and Lockheed-Georgia officials said they had never encountered a similar situation and a detailed investigation would be conducted at Kelly AFB.

The Galaxy landed without incident after about 17 percent of the 11- by 15-foot left inboard flap shredded and fell to the roof of a vacant building in the Springfield Industrial Center off Page Boulevard.

Debris retrieved

The largest portion of the aluminum honeycomb and thin metal flap was a 3- by 8-foot section. The entire damaged area was estimated at less than 100 pounds and was shredded into about a dozen pieces.

A recovery team was dispatched from Westover and retrieved debris from the former Westinghouse complex in East Springfield.

The aircraft had been at Westover for maintenance training and was scheduled to return that Saturday to Kelly AFB. Prior to the flight to Texas, the crew made approaches to Westover. After lowering the flaps before turning to Runway 05, pilots reported detecting some minor yawing. The damage was reported after the aircraft landed.

Lengthy examination

Because of the unique nature of the mishap, Air Force safety officials expected a lengthy metallurgical examination of the materials.

At the time the flap and shredded portions were shipped to Kelly, a structural engineer reported his preliminary assessment found no indications of mechanical failure or foreign object damage.

Opponents of the C-5A mission change have attempted to convince residents that this shredding incident was anticipated in the "dropped object" rate of 5.97 per 1,000 departures stated in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The draft and final EIS reports explain the Air Force system of accounting for all parts — some as small as a



FLAP SHREDS — Sgt. Herman W. Jones examines the shredded wing flap of a C-5A at Westover. When the flap shredded in flight, the metal dropped on a warehouse area in Springfield.

(Union-News photo by Michelle Segal)

rivet — after an aircraft lands. If the part is not present, then it is assumed to have departed the aircraft while in flight. Airlines and other civilian operators are not required to report similar incidents.

The dominant newspaper in the region cautioned readers that "reports of dropped parts are so rare, despite the frequency of flights over metropolitan

areas, that Saturday's incident should be considered in context as an aberration. From the public's viewpoint, the mishap could be considered lucky. No one was injured, yet the potential was serious enough to spur the intense investigation now underway."

Air Force officials had no prediction of a completion date for the investigation.



THE RIGHT STUFF — Members of the 439th CAMS exit the C-5 after their class breaks for lunch. A C-5 on loan from the 436th MAW, Dover AFB, Del., served as a giant classroom during the August UTA.

(USAF photo by Nora MacKay)



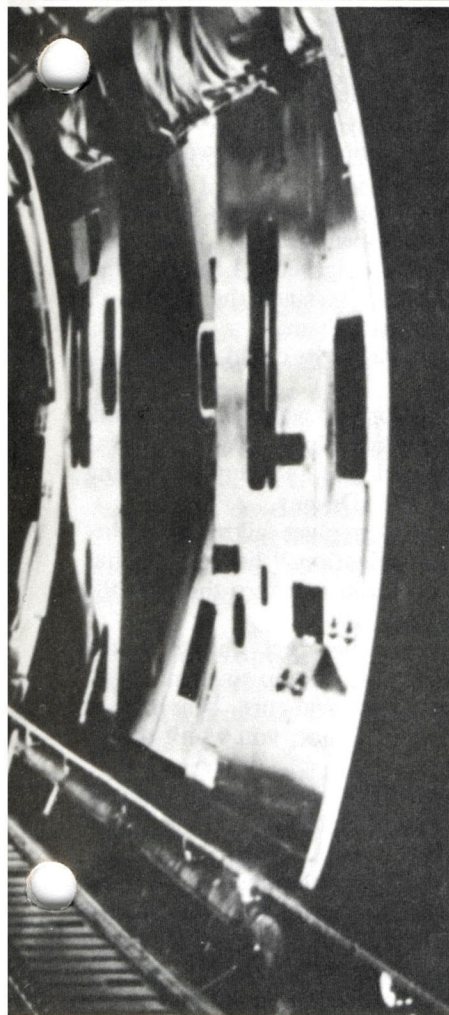
CONTROL PANEL — Part of the controls that operate the hydraulic system for the rear doors and ramp.

(USAF photo by TSgt. Sandi Michon)

THE C-5A AS

Since August, the 439th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Westover has been performing three UTA weekends a month in preparation for the arrival of the first C-5A on October third.

The 439 CAMS must be available at all times to perform maintenance on C-5s as they fly in and out of West



POST FLIGHT INSPECTION — SSgt. Scott Malone, flight line assistant crew chief, lowers the flaps and slats on the C-5 for basic post flight inspection.
 (USAF photo by TSgt. Sandi Michon)



HERE I AM — SrA. Rene N. Devin, 439th aircraft maintenance specialist, emerges from the front nose compartment where his group reviewed general inspection points.
 (USAF photo by TSgt. Sandi Michon)

CLASSROOM

over, according to C-5 Maintenance Project Officer Lt. Col. Alan B. Clune.

“Our objective is to be able to maintain the C-5s as they arrive, and this summer we have accomplished a major part of that task through classroom and actual hands-on training,” said Colonel Clune.

Hypnosis is helping smokers kick the habit

By SSgt. Tom Allocco

If you're a smoker, Maj. Chuck Curci, 439th TAW Social Actions officer, has one word for you — "life."

He knows he can't scare you into quitting. He is aware you've heard the words cancer, emphysema, heart attack and stroke a thousand times and that you're probably tired of hearing about them.

If you sat through one of Major Curci's two-and-a-half hour quit-smoking classes he'd just ask you to think about living your life the way you want to, without lung disease or catching your breath on every flight of stairs.

Major Curci is a licensed social worker who conducts a free class almost every UTA from noon to 2:30 p.m. on Sundays in Hangar 3. Of more than 100 Westover reservists who have gone through the class, about half have stayed off cigarettes.

One of the success stories is MSgt. Allen Sanders, 439th CAMS night shift supervisor. Last October, he kicked a habit of more than 35 years' duration with the help of Major Curci's hypnosis technique.

There is nothing mysterious about the hypnosis method, Sergeant Sanders said.

"Major Curci said every time you



want a cigarette to say no to yourself. I have a supply of chewing gum and when I want a cigarette I chew and say no," Sergeant Sanders said.

MSgt. Paul Norian, 439th CAMS assistant flight chief, also had more than three decades of filling ash trays until the day, "I just felt like quitting."

He wanted help to end his pack-a-day habit but, "I didn't want to be scared, that wouldn't have worked for me," he said.

Since he was hypnotized by Major Curci in October, he says, "I haven't even wanted a cigarette. I haven't had a single cigarette since the session. I just don't want them."

Now he wishes he could get his wife to quit.

Major Curci developed the classroom technique during eight years as civilian director of an Army counseling center at Fort Devens.

"It mostly involves talking about behavior modification," he said. He has led about 1,200 smokers through the class at Fort Devens.

"One of the first things I tell smokers is that it is up to them. Hypnosis isn't a magical cure. You have to want to quit. If not, you won't quit," he said.

Sergeant Sanders is glad he listened and is pleased he has earned the title of ex-smoker.

"I feel I breathe better. I'm not short-winded when climbing a flight of stairs. I'd definitely advise others to take the program," he said.

More information on the quit smoking program is available by calling Major Curci at extension 3546.

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Q: In 1987, Westover Air Force Base is scheduled to convert to an inventory of 16 C-5 aircraft. Viewing Westover as one cog in a very large wheel, what is the significance of this mission change?

A: The Westover mission shift is an example of our continuing alignment of selected missions to the reserve forces for more efficient and effective operation under today's fiscal environment.

Q: Is the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Program making inroads in the crucial areas of retention and morale?

A: From my point of view, the Employer Support Program is performing a valuable service to guard and reserve members and to the employers, themselves. No doubt they have contributed to the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard having the highest retention rates in the Department of Defense.

Q: How is the Air Force faring during its first year of Gramm-Rudman budget cuts?

A: I would have to say reasonably well. But the reason is that we have had some innovative and imaginative leaders in our commands and wings. These commanders and their staffs have found ways to get the mission done. They have benefited from the sharp cut in inflation and competition in many products and services. Many of our other acquisition and management programs, like the suggestion program, and "Should Cost" have also meant considerable day-to-day savings — helping in many cases to ease the effect of the budget cuts imposed by the Gramm-Rudman Hollings bill.

However, in the first year personnel accounts were subject to limited cuts. In FY 1987 they share cuts equally with all accounts. That is a major operating

area and one in which apparently small percentage reductions translate into important impacts for our force planning and management. We are watching that very closely.

Q: For what would you like to be remembered during your stewardship of the Air Force?

A: There are two things. First, that I looked out for our people: preserved their compensation; improved their quality of life, and generally achieved those things that helped us both attract and retain the skilled, high quality people we need to perform our mission into the 21st Century.

Second, I want to be remembered for laying the groundwork for improving our future combat capability — from the technological leaps of the ATB and ATF and improved airlift in the C-17, to the force multiplier effects of improved space systems.

Numerous firms interested in surplus land

Thirty firms have expressed interest in developing 190 acres of surplus Westover land now owned by Chicopee.

The property includes 264 former military housing units and the former base hospital.

Chicopee bought the land to control development and set conditions which cannot be done through zoning or in any other way.

A concept plan approved by the mayor and Board of Aldermen has targeted certain parts of the surplus land for specific development.

Suggested development plans include industrial, commercial, and congregate housing within the 190 acres.

Allan W. Blair, president of Westover Metropolitan Development Corp., said the corporation expects to submit a proposal for industrial development.

WMDC has sold about 800 acres of surplus land at Westover to industries and has been acting as a developer for the past 13 years.

A developer briefing was scheduled for mid-September and the submission deadline for proposals to develop the property is Oct. 30.



Surplus Westover housing

(USAF photo by TSgt. Sandi Michon)

Brig. Gen. Schimmenti speaks on Federal Women's Program



Brig. Gen. Carmelita Schimmenti

(USAF photo by Nora MacKay)

By Nora MacKay

Women in the military have come a long way in recent years according to the Chief of the Air Force Nurse Corps who spoke at the "Progress Through Change" symposium at Westover.

Brig. Gen. Carmelita Schimmenti told the more than 100 attending the

Federal Women's Program, a component of Westover's Equal Opportunity Program, that one-third of the women in the military now serve in "non-traditional" roles.

"Women have gone from traditional female jobs, such as clerks and typists, to careers in avionics and engineering," General Schimmenti said.

But to get into these non-traditional career fields, the general advised that women not sacrifice their femininity in the process. She referred to herself and her style of management as the "velvet hammer — tough and assertive" but remaining compassionate and sensitive.

She called on the female employees at Westover to set goals and to strive to advance in both civilian and military ranks.

Another guest speaker, Ms. Lee R. McLaughlin, chief of acquisitions for the Air Force Geophysics Research Library, said she believes only two of every 1,000 workers set such long-term goals. Ms. McLaughlin is an authority

on proven methods of boosting employee morale and motivation.

"You can't get 'there' unless you know where 'there' is," Ms. McLaughlin said.

Citing her "formula for success" which she calls "PIE" — performance, image and exposure — Ms. McLaughlin said recognition and visibility have six times the impact of performance, and three times that of image. She said excellent performance and positive image are also necessary components of the formula.

Major Mary Griffin-Bales, Federal Women's Program manager for Westover, said she felt the program "was great."

"The turnout showed the support of the program," she said. Major Griffin-Bales said the diversity of the crowd — both men and women, workers and supervisors and commanders — demonstrated the depth of the support for the program at Westover.

Promotions

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 TSgt. David J. Boivin
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 TSgt. Wayne A. Moore
 TSgt. Kathleen A. Reale
 SSgt. John P. Bosley
 SSgt. Luis F. Carvalho
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 SrA. James M. Bowler
 SrA. Michael M. Kent
 SrA. John F. Powanstern
 SrA. Raymond T. Taylor



CASUALTY EXERCISE — Capt. Barry Cunha, 439th Tactical Hospital dental officer, and TSgt. Beth Brooks, medical technician, treat Sgt. Peter Botella, 439th CAMS heating specialist, during a mass casualty exercise conducted by members of the Tactical Hospitals, 74th AES and 439th CES near the hospital in June. The exercise included 14 "casualties" from a simulated chemical attack.

(USAF photo by SSgt. Tom Allocco)

Job opportunities are available at Westover

By Kevin Barrett

Westover reservists will be eligible to share in the opportunities coming to Westover AFB with the arrival of the C-5As in October.

An estimated 150 jobs will be available within the coming year, according to Civilian Personnel Officer Richard T. Wright. Although most jobs will be ART positions, there will also be some clerical, administrative, and support positions available.

Reservists at Westover are urged to apply for these jobs as soon as possible. The application process takes approximately three to six weeks and jobs are already being filled.

Reservists applying for ART positions should fill out Standard Application Form 171. Once these are completed, they are then sent to Macon, Ga., to be rated. A certificate of eligibles is then sent back to officials here to select and assign eligible ART candidates.

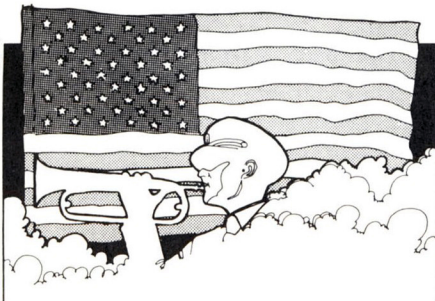
To help aid reservists in the application process, the Civilian Personnel Office will be open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. during UTA weekends.

Name: George J. Kudla
Rank: CMSgt.
Age: 39
Address: Ludlow, Mass.
Unit: 439th TAC Hospital
Position: Medical administrative manager
Civilian Occupation: Air Reserve Technician
Favorite Food: Pizza
Favorite Beverage: Wine
Favorite Sport: Soccer
Favorite Hobby: Stamp collecting
Ideal Vacation: Bahamas
Best Way to Relax: Hampton Beach, NH
Preferred Entertainment: Good game of volleyball
Favorite Celebrity: Clint Eastwood
Favorite Music: Soft rock
Favorite Book: On the Road with Charles Kuralt
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Car: Mercedes Benz
Pet Peeve: When people answer the phone and don't identify themselves
Best Thing About Westover: People
Worst Thing About Westover: Winter driving

"Patriot People"



CMSgt. George J. Kudla



MSgt. E.A. Tylutki: cycle crash victim

MSgt. Edward A. Tylutki, a flight engineer with the 337th Tactical Airlift Squadron, was killed in a motorcycle accident on July 5 in Esperance, N.Y.

Sergeant Tylutki's wife, Lois, was critically injured in the mishap.

Sergeant Tylutki, 51, was an Air Reserve Technician for more than 20 years and served at Westover with the 74th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron and the 337th TAS. At the time of his death, he was employed as a civilian as a quality assurance specialist with the Defense Contract Administration in Scotia, N.Y.

A resident of Duanesburgh, N.Y., he is survived by his wife and by their three children, Joann, Guy and John.

Air Force suggestion program offers rewards

If you have an idea on how the Air Force can get the job done better, faster or cheaper, the Air Force Suggestion Program is a way to get your idea evaluated. And in the process, you might even make some money.

Last year, the program saved the taxpayers \$246 million, and cash awards totaling \$3.8 million were given to Air Force members and civilian em-

ployees.

If your idea is used, you could earn between \$25 and \$25,000. To be eligible, your idea must change an existing operation and have enough potential benefit to warrant the cost of adoption.

If you have a good idea, put it on AF Form 1000 and bring it to TSgt. Rudolph Benard, Suggestion Program Officer, in Civilian Personnel.

439th AWM plans C-5 dedication ceremony

On Oct. 3, the new 439th Military Airlift Wing will host a dedication ceremony in the Base Hangar for the first C-5 to be officially stationed at Westover.

The ceremony will begin in the early afternoon, and all base employees — both reservists and civilians — are invited to attend. In addition, dignitaries from the state and local government, the private sector and the military will

be invited.

A brief reception for base employees will be held in the Base Hangar directly following the ceremony, and refreshments will be served. A reception for the invited dignitaries will be held at the Consolidated Open Mess as well.

Ideas for a name for Westover's first C-5 or for any of the other 15 C-5s are welcome. Suggestions may be sent to the Public Affairs Office.

New squadron commander has more than one racket

By Maj. Rick Dyer

As Lt. Col. Charles "Whitey" Joslin sees it, there is only one drawback associated with his recent selection as commander of the 337th Tactical Airlift Squadron.

"I've been so busy with the C-5 conversion," the 47-year-old pilot said, "that I haven't been able to touch a tennis racket in two months."

The colonel, who is serving on a special tour of active duty to prepare the unit for the Galaxies, wasn't referring to just a hobby. The world of volleys and serves is where he earns a living.

Colonel Joslin, a veteran pilot with more than 5,500 flying hours in KC-135, C-124, C-123, C-130 aircraft and now the C-5 Galaxy, is a self-taught tennis professional.

When he's not flying for the Air Force Reserve, the 337th commander operates a tennis pro shop in Concord, N.H. There he strings and sells rackets, gives lessons, organizes youth tennis tournaments and sharpens his own backhand.

A strong doubles player, Colonel Joslin once teamed with his father to achieve a national ranking of 15th in father and son competition.

Along with another partner, Bob Pipes, he also earned a national ranking in the junior veteran (over 35) doubles division.

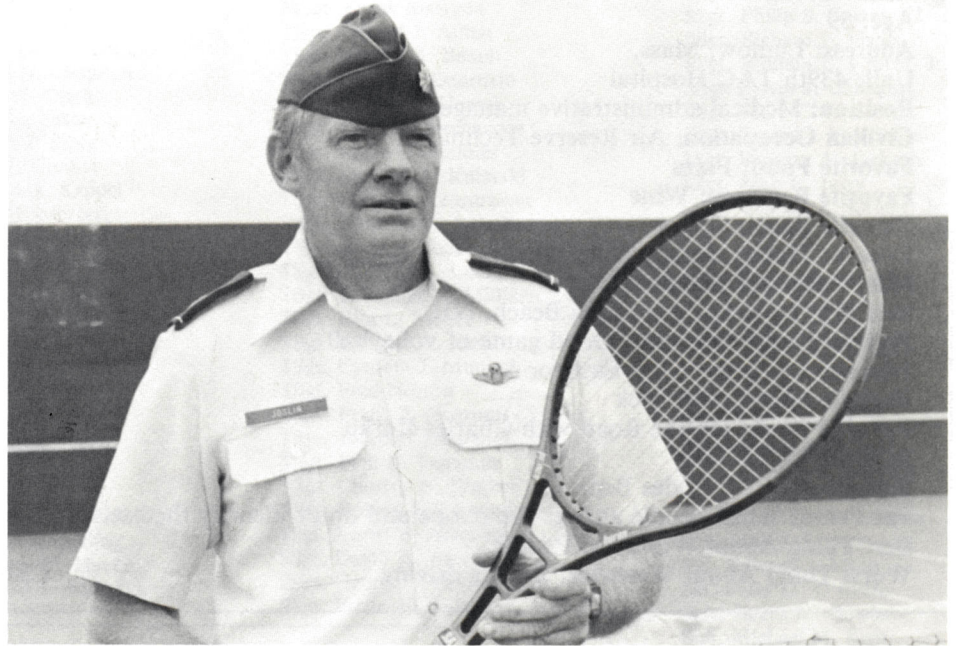
The colonel says he was "bitten by the tennis bug" while on active duty with the Air Force. "I was stationed in Puerto Rico at the time and playing as frequently as I could."

After nine years in the Air Force (during which he flew 100 combat missions in Southeast Asia) he returned to New Hampshire, earned a master's degree in guidance and counseling, and taught at a school in Concord.

But the allure of the tennis courts proved too strong.

"I decided that it was more rewarding for me to teach tennis players than it was to teach 7th and 8th graders," he said. "My tennis students were there because they really wanted to learn, which wasn't always the case in public school."

He speaks with pride about one of his star pupils, Paul Annacone, a Davis Cup team member. Annacone, a top-ranked professional who has beaten John McEnroe, is currently the #1



Lt. Col. "Whitey" Joslin

(USAF photo by Nora MacKay)

ranked doubles player in the world and is 23rd on the list of money winners on the professional tennis tour.

Colonel Joslin has also worked as a teaching pro at the Hyannisport (Mass.) Club. There, among his students were the children of Robert and Ethel Kennedy.

"I also had the opportunity to play doubles at the Kennedy compound with Rafer Johnson, the former Olympic decathlon champion," he recalled. "He had to be the fastest person I've ever seen on a tennis court."

Since becoming the 337th commander last spring, the veteran doubles player has found himself doubly busy as

the unit switches from C-130 to C-5 aircraft.

"I've been learning to fly the C-5 myself plus, as commander, I'm responsible for all the operations and training of the entire unit as we go through the transition. It doesn't leave very much time for tennis," he said.

Colonel Joslin hopes that the pace will slacken a bit once the conversion is completed.

In the meantime, he'll continue his long-standing practice of packing a tennis racket in his flight bag every time he flies on an overnight mission. "It's there...just in case," he said with a smile.

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