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Snow, Snow, and more Snow



Westover reservists got their first taste of winter on Sunday of the December UTA when a heavy snowstorm hit New England. The storm, which blanketed Western Massachusetts with up to eight inches of snow, caused 439th officials to release the troops early on Sunday. (U.S. Air Force photo by Maj. Robert Carroll)

Cub scouts invade Wing weapons flight



Cub Scouts Michael Hahn and Michael Hoagland wound up behind bars during the December UTA at Westover after attempting to infiltrate the flight line during a test staged by the 901st WSSF. (U.S. Air Force photo by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway)

By Capt. Dick Dyer

Two pint-sized infiltrators wound up behind bars at Westover during the December UTA.

Cub Scouts Michael Hoagland and Michael Hahn, both from Manchester, Conn., participated in a training exercise with the 901st WSSF. It may have seemed like a game of cops and robbers, but it wasn't merely child's play.

The two ten-year-olds were given the assignment of attempting to penetrate the security perimeter around Westover's flight line. For law enforcement personnel, it was an opportunity to match wits with smaller, and less predictable "violators".

Michael Hoagland is the son of TSgt. George Hoagland, 901st WSSF. Both boys are members of Cub Scout Pack 251 in Manchester, where the elder Hoagland is a den leader.

The youngsters led 901st defenders on an extended chase, but were eventually taken into custody and transported to the "klink".

"It was fun," Michael Hahn said later. "But I was glad they didn't keep me in jail too long."

Eleven Wing personnel presented awards

Nine Air Force Commendation Medals, a Community College of the Air Force diploma and an honor graduate certificate were awarded by Col. J. Frank Moore, base commander, during the December UTA. This was Colonel's Moore's last UTA as Westover's base commander.

Receiving Air Force Commendation Medals were:

— Capt. Jack Sanocki, 905th CF communications system officer, for his management skill and ceaseless efforts.

— 1st. Lt. Benjamin J. Pagoni distinguished himself as 58th MAPS terminal operations center officer.

— SMSgt. Robert Bohn, 901st CF communications operations superintendent for his outstanding managerial, technical and leadership skills.

— SMSgt. James Cantore, 901st CES for organizational ability and military excellence.

— TSgt. Galen M. LaFrancis, 905th CF ground radio operations supervisor, for outstanding professional skill, knowledge and leadership.

— MSgt. Clayton M. Baummer, 58th MAPS, earned his, as the outstanding NCOIC of ramp services.

— SSgt. Dennis Cierpial, 905th CF telephone equipment installer specialist, for effective identification of problem areas in the wire maintenance field.

— SSgt. John Clarke, 901st CF ground radio operator, for exceptional technical knowledge of radio operations, maintenance and crypto equipment maintenance.

— Sgt. Richard Call, 905th MOBSF for exemplary performance of duty as a refueling unit operator with the 416th Supply Squadron at Griffis AFB, N.Y.

— TSgt. James H. Alexander, 901st MOBSF, was awarded a Community College of the Air Force diploma in fuels distribution.

— A1C Menzo Mims Jr., 901st MOBSF, was awarded an honor graduate certificate for his academic excellence at Lowrey AFB, Colo, while attending the Inventory Management Specialist course.

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Fuels management branch running strong

By MSgt. Larry Lentz

Photos by Maj. Robert Carroll

With a wind chill temperature of minus 20, nothing was moving on the Westover flight line. An eerie quiet, as well as the previous night's blanket of snow, had settled over the base.

That stillness however, was abruptly shattered by the start-up cough, and then roar, of a truck engine. Moments later, the culprit truck with NATO and JP-4 designations made its way to a C-141, and its driver scampered out. Fighting the gusts and bone chilling temperature, he attached the fuel hose to the aircraft and then watched the dials on the truck's panel. The gallon numbers clicked rapidly until the aircraft's tanks were topped off.

With hose back in place, the driver hurried back to the relative warmth of the truck's cab. He then swung the pumper towards the 439th's C-130s parked further down the flight line. It would be some time before the Westover landscape would return to its earlier tranquility.

Back in the Fuels Management Branch office, the driver's deliveries would be included to the on-going tally. In 1981, similar efforts had added up to six million gallons of JP-4 fuel and another million gallons of 114/145 gas pumped to wing and visiting aircraft.



TSgt. John Cascamisi tests a fuel sample on an analytical balance. The balance is sensitive enough to weigh a human hair, and determines the amount of sediment in the fuel to compare the results with acceptable standards.

A special effort by the fuels branch supported REFORGER in Sept. 1980. During a 20-day period, 2,200,000 gallons of fuel were delivered to 201 aircraft.

"While these deliveries are the most visible of our on-going activities, they are only one aspect of our jobs," explained MSgt. Charles H. Scott, assistant fuels manager. "With the cold weather here, we'll be very busy

supplying oil to heating systems throughout the base. That's in addition to our year-round deliveries to the military gas station."

At the main power plant, furnances yearly consume approximately 1,700,000 gallons of number six oil as they heat the larger base structures, such as its five hangars. Number two oil is delivered by a commercial vendor escorted by fuels personnel to individual heating systems at the other facilities, such as billeting, base housing and the base exchange.

The petroleum destined for the gas tanks of military vehicles amounts to 100,000 gallons of regular and unleaded gas and another 40,000 gallons of diesel.

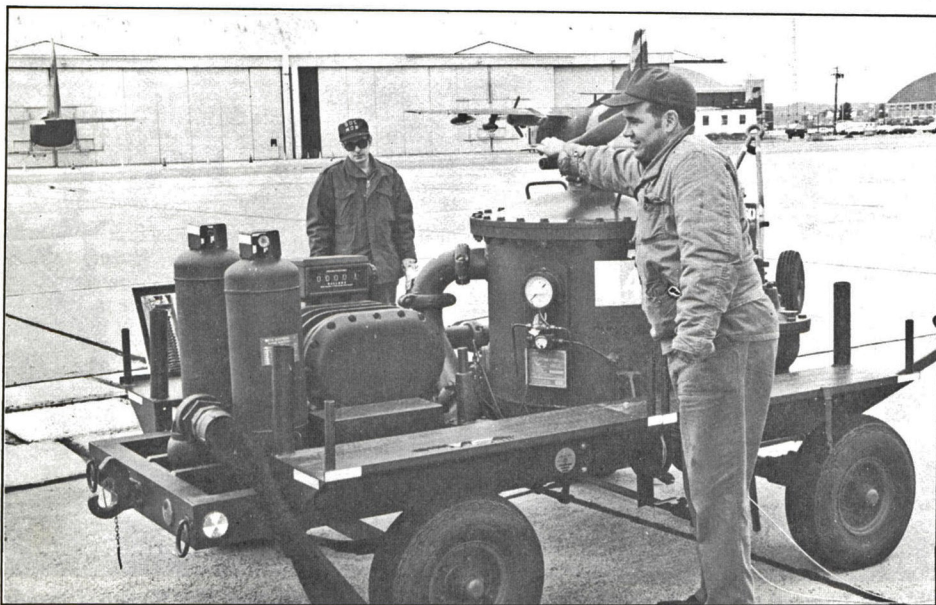
"Besides fuel, we distribute LOX, or liquid oxygen, from the base's new LOX facility and its two 400-gallon tanks," continued Sergeant Scott. "And we're responsible for supplying various alcohol mixtures, engine oil and demineralized water to aircraft."

The "we" are 13 full-time civilians and 19 reservists from the 901st and 905th Mobility Support Flights. TSgt. James Alexander is the 901st NCOIC while TSgt. David J. Pacheco has similar responsibilities with the 905th. Divided into three work areas, they are supervised by Fuels Management Officer Wilfred Mathieu, a 22-year Air Force veteran.

The administration and accounting section serves as the nucleus of the fuels operations. Mrs. Alma M. Audette keeps work schedules and ensures that there's adequate fuel of all types on base.

The controller's office receives requests for fuel deliveries from maintenance's job control and from base operations. Joseph Bledsoe dispatches the drivers with the right type and amount of fuel.

Quality control labs ensure that the government's fuel purchases meet all standards. Last year, more than 1,000 samples underwent five tests for purity and quality by Sergeant Scott. Many of the samples, in turn, were sent to the Aerospace Labs at Sears Port, Maine. Their analysis serves as a check and balance to guarantee Westover's measurements are accurate.



TSgt. John B. Langevin (right) hooks up a fuel cart to an underground fuel supply system prior to refueling a C-130. TSgt. David A. Burden assists.

Col. Roy E. Ayers Jr. named Deputy Commander for Resources

By Capt. Rick Dyer

A C-130 command pilot with 27 years of military experience has been named 439th TAW Deputy Commander for Resources.

Col. Roy E. Ayers Jr. formerly commander of the 914th TAG at Niagara Falls IAP, assumed the position on Nov. 29. He replaced Col. J. Frank Moore, who has taken over Colonel Ayers' job at Niagara.

"Both officers are excellent men who have performed their jobs in an outstanding manner," Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen, wing commander, said. "They each bring tremendous skill and experience to their new roles, and the assignments will bring new perspective to two key management positions in the wing."

Colonel Ayers, 49, had served at Niagara since March of 1979. An Air Reserve Technician, he wore two hats with the 914th where he was both base commander and group commander.

A native of Leesburg, Fla., Colonel Ayers has flown more than 7000 hours with approximately 3000 hours in C-130 aircraft.

Prior to his assignment at Niagara, he was a deputy commander for operations with the 919th Special Operations Group, Duke Field at Eglin AFB, Fla.

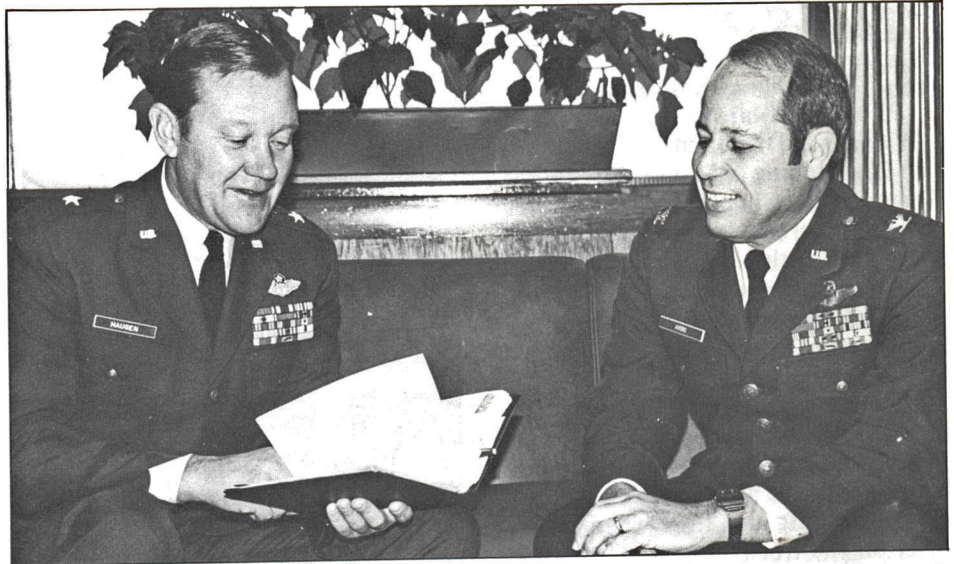
The colonel served in Viet Nam during 1966-67. He flew numerous combat missions in C-130 aircraft.

Colonel Ayers studied at the University of Florida and the University of Miami, and was commissioned in 1955 through the aviation cadet program. Following graduation from pilot training, he spent 11 years piloting B-47 and B-52 aircraft on active duty.

While at Niagara Falls, the new deputy commander was extremely active in community affairs. He chaired several committees for the local chamber of commerce and was chairman of the Federal Executive Board in Buffalo and the Niagara Falls United Way Campaign.

The Federal Executive Board is a committee comprised of all federal agency chiefs in the Buffalo Area. Its purpose is to foster inter-governmental cooperation and to improve the quality of federal service in the community.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge," Colonel Ayers said. "The DCR of an installation this size is definitely in the people business, and I en-



Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen, (left) 439th TAW commander discusses upcoming events with his new 439th TAW Deputy Commander for Resources, Colonel Roy E. Ayers, (right)

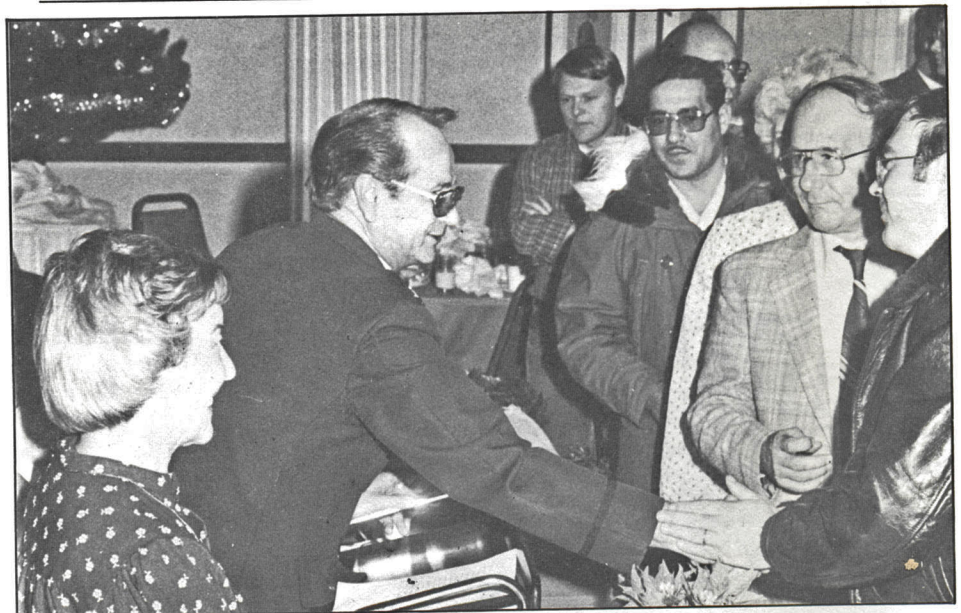
joy working with people."

The Colonel said one of his immediate priorities would be to continue the work of Colonel Moore in upgrading base facilities. "I also hope to get involved with the local community, in much the same fashion as I did at my last position," he added.

Colonel Ayers is the recipient of the Air Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Force Commendation Medal. He is married to the former Carolyn Barton and the couple have five children.

The new assignment to Niagara will mean a return to the cockpit for Colonel Moore, since he'll resume flying status with the 914th TAG.

The colonel served as base commander here since October 17, 1976. Colonel Moore was honored by the 439th at the Reserve Officers Association Christmas party during the December UTA. He was also the guest of honor at a luncheon attended by more than 200 base employees and community leaders Dec. 8th at the Chateau Provost in Chicopee.



Bidding farewell to Col. J. Frank Moore, are some of the more than 200 Westover people who attended a luncheon in the colonel's honor at the Chateau Provost. (Photo by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway)

Shape up or ship out is the new DoD rule

By A1C Sandra M. Bartosz

Westover reservists over age 30 were officially weighed-in during the December UTA in compliance with DoD directive 1308.1. The objectives of the directive are to establish a uniform weight management system and standards for all the military services to enhance the attainment and retention of good health, physical fitness and a trim military appearance.

The new revised weight standards are based strictly on an individual's height and sex and no longer allows additional weight for those over age 30. Overweight reservists have until April 15, 1982 to lose excess weight. Those who do not meet the required weight will then be placed in a weight reduction program in accordance with paragraph 15, of AFR 35-11.

Maj. Frank Purnell, 439th CSG executive officer, said the administrative procedures will be outlined in wing specifications. Clearly Major Purnell is behind the new standards: "The Air Force weight standards are based on medically sound data which shows a correlation between obesity, diabetes, hypertension, etc. Our primary concern is the well being of our people as well as to project a positive mental image."

WEIGHT STANDARDS (Maximum Allowable Weight)

MEN			WOMEN		
Height		Weight	Height		Weight
Ft.	In.		Ft.	In.	
5	0	153	4	10	126
5	1	155	4	11	128
5	2	158	5	0	130
5	3	160	5	1	132
5	4	164	5	2	134
5	5	169	5	3	136
5	6	174	5	4	139
5	7	179	5	5	144
5	8	184	5	6	148
5	9	189	5	7	152
5	10	194	5	8	156
5	11	199	5	9	161
6	0	205	5	10	165
6	1	211	5	11	169
6	2	218	6	0	174
6	3	224	6	1	179
6	4	230	6	2	185
6	5	236	6	3	190
6	6	242	6	4	196
6	7	248	6	5	201
6	8	254	6	6	206

NOTES: 1. Age is determined using the birthday that occurs during the calendar year in which members are weighed.
2. A weight allowance of up to 6 pounds for clothing (including footwear) is authorized.
3. Height measurements do not include footwear.



The Air Force wool, pullover sweater should be available in military clothing sales stores in early 1982, say officials of the Air Force Uniform Board in Washington. Modeling the sweater are Maj. Victor M. Rogers, Air Force Data Services Center and Capt. Carla M. Stucki, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Personnel. (U.S. Air Force photo by Fred Hinshaw)

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Mary O'Connell leaves Westover

By Maj. Bart C. Cusick

"Westover is really going to miss her" said Brig. Gen. Donald E. Hagen, "She has been a key factor in keeping our headquarters running smoothly."

On November 27, Miss Mary O'Connell retired after a 33-year civil service career including six and a half years as the wing commander's secretary. Luncheon ceremonies were held at the Consolidated Open Mess November 24. More than 150 people attended.

Miss O'Connell's career spanned six assignments in six Air Force commands. Her first job was as clerk/stenographer with the Air Defense Command. Her last was as executive secre-

tary to the commander of the 439th TAW.

A polished oak plaque now hangs in her home. It attests to a job well done with units such as the 905th MAG, 439th CSG and 439th TAW.

According to Mr. Roy McCord, wing executive officer, Mary is an outstanding example of how the "expertise, and often perseverance of a dedicated civil servant can bring unity to outfits with constantly changing military turnover."

Mary lives in South Hadley with her father. Mary said, "I will be able to leave the job with no regrets, but it's the people — the friends that make it difficult to leave".



TSgt. Leda G. Partridge, airfield management supervisor, recently saved a co-worker's life using the Heimlich Maneuver at her civilian job at the Holiday Inn, Hartford, Conn.

Sergeant Partridge learned the technique by attending a first aid class conducted by the 74th AES at Westover. For more information about the first aid classes, contact the 74th AES at extension 2844. (U.S. Air Force photo by Maj. Robert Carroll)

ASK THE AIRMAN

What changes or improvements to the Reserve or to Westover would you like to see in the coming year?

Msgt. Andy Hoffman, 439th TAW — More meaningful two-week annual active duty training activities for everyone. Greater effort should be made to make younger airmen and new members of the Reserve feel wanted and needed."

TSgt. Robert Bieniek, 905th CAMS — "A different movie on Friday and Saturday nights of the UTA. Movies shown are current and generally worth seeing, but I'd like to have more of a selection."

SSgt. Lee Pearsall, 905th CES — I live quite a distance from Westover and would like to utilize other military commissary and Class C package store facilities nearer to my home. It would be more convenient to be able to use these without being required to be on active duty for more than 72 hours."

Editors note: Reservists and Guardsmen are authorized to shop in military commissaries and Class C package stores throughout the nation but only while on active duty status of 72 hours or longer. Westover's foodland is a branch of the BX system and not a commissary.

CMSgt. Henry J Scott, 439th CSG, first sergeant — Privileges of active and retired reservists expanded to include use of commissaries. Retired reservists should not have to wait until they're 60 years old to use this facility. People like commissary benefits, especially when they get older."

AB Rita Moore, 439th TAW — "What I'd really like to see is tuition benefits if possible — something similar to those of the Army and Air National Guard. A grant or tuition waiver of some sort is my hope."

ROBINS AFB, Ga. (AFRNS) — For the fourth consecutive year, the Air Force Reserve has exceeded its recruiting goal.

The command surpassed its congressionally-set manning total of 60,754 for fiscal year 1981 by swearing in 11,941 new recruits, 674 more than its objective.

AFRES recruiters achieved a first in FY 81. For the first time since the recruiting service began, they exceeded the non-prior service objective. During the fiscal year, 3,295 signed up in the Reserve, 338 more than the goal. Non-prior service accessions went from 11 percent below the objective in FY 80 to 11 percent above in FY 81.

AFSA Chapter 109 sergeants to elect four officers

Chapter 109 of the Air Force Sergeants Association will hold its annual elections January 9 at 6 p.m. at the base dining hall. The elections will be for president, vice president and the trustees for active duty and Air National Guard affairs.

Cards will be checked to validate the balloting and nominations can be made

from the floor. Refreshments will be served.

AFSA membership is open to all Air Force enlisted and former enlisted. Associate membership is also open to Air Force civilians and officers and offers all benefits except voting rights.

Chapter 109 meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the

Consolidated Open Mess. The executive council meets on the third Tuesday at the same time and place. Questions about AFSA, the chapter and membership benefits can be directed to TSgt. Marshall Hathaway at extension 2072/3562 or any chapter officer.

Westover to host Jan. Air Command and Staff College seminar

A new Air Command and Staff College seminar program, specially tailored to meet the needs of Reserve officers will begin at Westover in January.

According to Lt. Col. Edward F. Lincoln, chief of aircrew training, the success of a soon to be concluded

ACSC seminar here, convinced Air University officials to offer the new program at Westover.

Colonel Lincoln explained, "The upcoming seminar will be open to all officers in grades from captain through lieutenant colonel who have at least seven years of commissioned service.

This is an excellent way to complete a vital professional military education course."

Enrollment will be accepted during the January UTA. Officers interested in applying for the course should contact the education officer at ext. 3827.

New ALCE to improve wing readiness level

The 439th is one of five AFRES units tasked by AFRES headquarters to form and operate an airlift control element cadre. The new unit will be directed by Maj. Robert McMillan and consist of three officers and seven NCOs.

SMSgt. Ray Cailer will be the NCOIC responsible for operations while SMSgt. John Nagy will supervise loadmaster, aerial port and transportation activities.

The ten-member cadre would participate in the planning phase of an exercise or respond to a "no-notice" contingency. During the employment phase, they would form the nucleus of an expanded group. They would control, coordinate, and report airlift operations at a base when normal MAC or AFRES airlift control facilities are

nonexistent or require augmentation.

The size then would be determined by the mission and location of the operating base. For example, when the 439th and other units transited Goose Bay during REFORGER '80, the MAC ALCE's 250 person contingent there conducted most operations at the normally bare base. This included such areas as aircraft handling, food service, and fire fighting. During Westover's base support of REFORGER '80, the ALCE had only 50 representatives because all base support elements were already in place.

ALCE personnel will be the first to deploy to a forward operating base, preceding the support teams.

"We would survey the airfield and match its assets with our requirements," explained Major McMillan.

"Based on our recommendations, additional support personnel, equipment, and supplies would be identified and tasked."

"The initial groundwork for the ALCE has been completed," said Major McMillan. "We are now completing our roster and still need two operations officers, captain or major, with a pilot's or navigator's rating. Anyone interested should contact Lt. Col. Arthur Sorenson or myself.

"While ALCEs have been operating for many years, its establishment as a permanent cadre within a reserve unit is a new concept. It's another indication of the continuing reliance the active duty forces are placing on us. And that we'll have to respond quickly, and professionally to a wide variety of challenges."

Col. Gabriel A. Pons, commander of the 1st Aerospace Communications Group, AFCC, Offutt AFB, Nebraska, visited Westover's Detachment 5, 1ACOMMG in November. He presented SSgt. Maurice J. P. Bradgon and SSgt. Robert J. Downey with the Air Force Commendation Medal for their outstanding service while assigned to their previous bases. SSgt. Robert S. Jackson was presented a plaque for being selected the detachment's NCO of the quarter. All three men live in DoD housing at Westover AFB, Ma.

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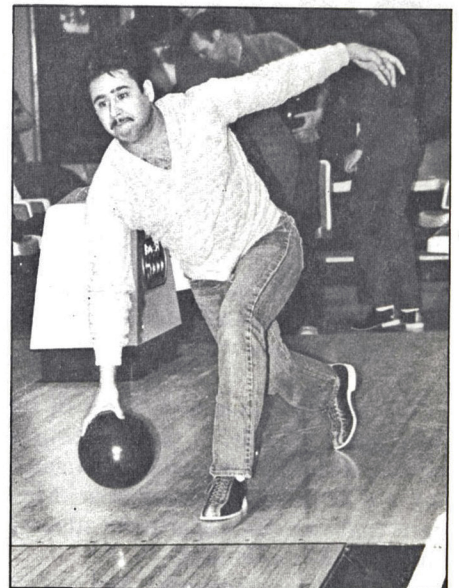
Westover's bowling leagues off and rolling

By A1C Sandra M. Bartosz

The daily sound of clattering wood has become common in building 5402 as reservists, dependents and guests enjoy Westover's Bowling Center. Since the alleys opened in July, 90 men's women's and junior league teams have formed. Every UTA Saturday, reservists take over the lanes for an evening of competitive Reserve league bowling.

League president SSgt. Paul Lemay explained, "The season will come to an end in May with a roll-off to determine the league champion. Trophies will be awarded in June to team champions and individual high achievers. I'm enthusiastic about the Reserve league and anticipate a larger turnout for a longer bowling season next year."

Reservists interested in substitute bowling or league information should contact Sergeant Lemay at ext. 2057. Others are asked to contact the Bowling Center at ext. 3990.



During a game with the Reserve Bowling League, SSgt. Brian Shove, 439th security police, displays his form. (Photo by Maj. Robert Carroll)

439th BX Fashions quite the style show

By MSgt. Larry Lentz and
TSgt. Marshall Hathaway

As a surprise blizzard raged outside the Consolidated Open Mess December 6, members of the Westover community kept warm inside. They were viewing the latest in winter fashions modeled by wing and base people.

It was the 439th's Second Annual Christmas Luncheon and Style Show. The event was sponsored as a community service by the 439th TAW wives and the Westover chapters of the Air Force Association, the Reserve Officers Association and the Air Force Sergeants Association and its auxiliary. It was coordinated by Judy Haugen, wife of the wing commander.



Capt. Thomas "T.J." Grenham

The show's theme was "Year of the Westover Family", and featured clothes from the base exchange including a wide range of winter wear. Margaret Sullivan, BX department supervisor, was the moderator.

The models promenaded and swirled individually and then formed into "families" who displayed four motifs — western, going to dinner, going to the theater and walking the baby.

In keeping with the family spirit, three of the models were from the same family. Former Wing Vice Commander Col. Paul Huffman's daughter Amy; son Larry and granddaughter Dana were featured. Another family team was Natalie Harmon, civilian passenger transportation agent and her four-year-old granddaughter Ayesha Hackman. They were joined by proxy grand-dad Fire Chief Haskel Jenkins.

Other models were Kevin Callahan, son of Mrs. George Caldwell; Capt. Thomas "T.J." Grenham, 337th TAS; TSgt. Faith Longfield, CBPO; TSgt. John Spencer, public affairs; Rhonda Swindell, daughter of retired Lt. Col. James Swindell and Leslie Torpey, wife of Capt. Paul Torpey, wing flying safety officer.

In addition to the fashions, guests were treated to a get acquainted hour and a beef stroganoff lunch. Maria Furnelli and Sandra Weeks, representatives of Max Factor and Sue Carrion and Mary Pierson of Revlon, spruced up the models and displayed cosmetics. Christmas music was provided by Claire Demery, reserve pay section, on the piano and General Haugen's son Brian, on trumpet. They also played the Air Force Song during the show's finale.

Fifty door prizes with values up to 125 dollars were distributed. The prizes were either donated or purchased from money given by the sponsors. They also included many hand crafted items made by members of the sponsors.

"I loved the clothes and the models were well chosen," said Kim Gomes, wing command section clerk. Amn. Karen Reader, 74th AES agreed and added, "the quality of the door prizes

was outstanding. It was an afternoon well spent." The opinions of the two women seemed to typify the feelings of the guests.



Rhonda Swindell and Kevin Callahan

Mrs. Haugen was extremely happy with the event. She said, "It was a super success. The models were fantastic and the support from the sponsors was terrific. In spite of the snow everyone seemed to have the Christmas spirit. It was the icing on the cake towards the year's end — Westover's Year of the Family.

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