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Open house is July 30-31

By Capt. Rick Dyer

Westover will roll out the red carpet and swing open its gates on July 30-31 when the base hosts a gala open house.

Thronges of visitors from throughout New England are expected to view the base during the two-day celebration. The open house is being held this year in conjunction with the National Model Airplanes Championships.

"We feel that we have something exciting to offer just about everyone," said Col. Roy E. Ayers, deputy commander for resources. "There will be a lot of activity here, and it will give us the chance to visit with our friends and neighbors," he said.

The 439th's C-130s will be prominently featured. Plans call for aerial demonstrations and static displays by 337th crews on both days of the event.

According to Colonel Ayers, a number of other Air Force and military aircraft will be on static display. Sky diving demonstrations by the U.S. Military Academy's "Black Knight's" aerial demonstration team are also tentatively scheduled.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics will be conducting its national flying championships at Westover starting July 24. The competition's final events will be staged during the open house.

The open house will be conducted each day from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Nearly 250,000 people toured Westover when its last open house was held in June of 1980.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics will be conducting its national championships at Westover July 24-31. Throughout the week, competition in the various model classifications will be held and is open for public viewing from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

"This is shaping up to be our best national championship ever," according to Geoffrey Styles, public relations director

of the A.M.A. "We've already received over 2,000 entry applications from all over the United States more than any national championship we've ever held. It also marks the first time the nationals

have been staged in New England so their has been a tremendous response."

The championships are being co-hosted by the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce and the 439th TAW.



photo by Capt. Philip Weber

No, it's not the Return of the Jedi at Westover but the 439th Tactical Hospital's Emergency Medical Team responding to a staged gas leak during the June UTA from left to right SrA. William Archambeau, Sgt. Thomas Stark and SSgt. David Hall. Lt. Col. Clint Brown 337th TAS played the victim.



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Boy Scouts pitch tents in Westover's Dogpatch

A readiness exercise was held at Westover May 20-22. This time it was not Reservists who were being tested, but 59 Boy Scout troops were evaluated on how well they lived up to their motto, "Be Prepared."

Eleven hundred Scouts spent Friday and Saturday night in tents in the Dogpatch area and 1000 more attended Saturday's activities.

"Every other year Massachusetts Scouting organizations get together to expose Scouts to larger group activities," said Col. Roy E. Ayers, base commander.

"Westover is an ideal spot. We have a good camping area, the area is secure, and we have woods and water," explained Colonel Ayers. Base resources included a water tank, tents from the 74th AES and 42nd MAPS and trailers for platforms. Westover also provided a C-130 for static display.

Massachusetts state troopers brought in a canine team and the 1059th Army National Guard Medical Detachment provided a helicopter demonstration. A mock store robbery was staged for the Scouts to increase their observation skills. Other activities included tests for earning various merit badges.

"The exercise was a huge success," said Colonel Ayers. The colonel was involved in the opening and closing cere-



photo by Capt. Philip Weber

Col. Roy Ayers, Westover Base Commander observes the past in review on the final day of the boy scout encampment.

monies and he spoke highly of Scouting activities.

"I think the Boy Scouts are one of the best youth organizations in the country," commented Colonel Ayers. "They teach leadership, citizenship, accomplishing goals, working together and enjoyment of the outdoors. For many boys, it provides one of the few

sources for a male role model."

This August, Westover will host approximately 700 Scouts to expose them to the law enforcement field. "This is a repeat of last year," explained Colonel Ayers. "We have the facilities and trained personnel, and we feel proud to be able to help the Scouts."

Explorer post advisors needed

Col. Roy E. Ayers, base commander, needs help. As an avid backer of Boy Scouting, he is attempting to establish an Explorer Post at Westover and is looking for some volunteer advisors.

"We need three basic ingredients to start an Explorer Post," the colonel said. "Facilities, young people and advisors. We have the facilities and Scouting executives feel they can recruit the young people. I'm trying to recruit the advisors."

Explorer Posts can be in any career

field. "Some of these career fields are appropriate for Westover," said Colonel Ayers. Some are: law enforcement, outdoor education (woods and water), medical emergency teams, engineering, marksmanship (air gun), medicine, nursing, fire fighting, auto mechanics, wood working and aviation.

Anyone interested in helping out with this worthwhile project is asked to call the base commander's office at extension 3044.

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Volant Oak, a real test for 337th TAS

By **SSgt. Gordon A. Newell**

"We are the United States Air Force in Central and South America," said Lt. Col. Jerry Bryant, Commander of the 337th TAS, in assessing the role of the Air Force Reserve in "Volant Oak," at Howard AFB, Panama.

"The entire operation is a real challenge to our crews," said Colonel Bryant. "In a minimum control area such as Panama, it's a true test for the crews to take care of themselves, their planes and equipment."

The 337th replaced the 433rd TAS of Kelly AFB, Texas in late May and remained there until July. The unit is usually rotated into the area every 18 months.

Major Michael T. Lopardo, a 337th aircraft commander who returned from a tour in Panama in early June explained what Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard crews are doing in the area.

"Basically we take part in four different types of missions, search and rescue, channel missions (supplying U.S. Embassies in Central and South America), JAAT (Joint Army and Air Force Training), and local training missions.

"In addition we pull alert duty for 24 hour periods. In that status, we are required to be airborne within three hours after being alerted," he explained.

As of June 27, 337th aircrews participating in Volant oak flew a total of 55 missions with 195.9 flying hours, carried 1148 passengers and 305.8 tons of cargo. The aircrews have flown into the following airfields on directed missions Lima, Peru; La Paz, Bolivia; Bogota, Columbia; Quito, Ecuador; Tegucigalpa, Honduras; San Juan, Costa Rico; Guatemala City, Guatemala; El Salvador, San Salvador; Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico; Montevideo, Uruguay; Brazilia, Brazil; Manaus, Brazil and Belize City, Belize.

Lt. Col. Robert H. Yanney, a 337th pilot, returned to Westover during the June UTA after spending two weeks in Panama. "The experience gained during Volant Oak is invaluable," he said. "It's the real world. Aircrews must work as a team in everything they do. Different temperature, elevation and weather conditions provided us with good training tests too,"

On one five-day, four-night channel mission, Colonel Yanney's crew flew from Howard AFB, Panama to Peru,

Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay and Brazil before returning to Howard.

"During that trip alone, we accumulated 27 flying hours and during the two weeks racked up 53 hours, encountering many different situations," he said.

One unusual happening occurred while landing at La Paz, Bolivia. "The airport at La Paz is located at 13,350 feet elevation so before we could land there, we had to de-pressurize the aircraft so our bodies could become accustomed to that altitude after leaving the aircraft," he explained.

While most of the flights out of Howard AFB are designed to support U.S. Embassies in South and Central America. They also fall into the category of being "Ambassador of Goodwill" missions. Lt. Col. Donald Ridgway's crew consisting of Maj. John Harris, Capt. Chuck Miffitt, TSgt. Paul Harrison,

TSgt. Steve Storm, MSgt. Jim Maynard, and TSgt. Dick Coda flew the 193rd Infantry Brigade Band and the units jump team from Fort Clayton, Panama into Bogota, Columbia where they performed at eight events in three days to an audience of over 4,000.

"Flying in an area like Panama is different than flying in almost any place in the world," Major Lopardo said. "Facilities are pretty limited so aircrews must spend a lot of time planning flights which provide excellent training opportunities."

"I've been to Panama several times," the major stated, "and one thing that always impresses me is how poor the people of that country are. Every time I go down there I become more appreciative of what we have here in the United States."



For Air Force Reserve mothers

Fatigue has a double r

By Sgt. Sandra M. Michon

When most 439th Reservists prepare for their UTA weekends, they collect their fatigues and boots.

When Carol Pelletier readies for the trip to Westover, she packs fatigues, boots and booties.

Booties?

Carol Pelletier is a sergeant with the 905th CAMS. She is also one of several woman Reservists at Westover who have to juggle their military commitments with their roles as mothers of young children.

The experience of these Reservists indicates that this dual role is not always an easy one.

Getting a babysitter is a big problem especially for single parents and in situations, such as Carol Pelletier's where both parents are Reservists. Carol and her husband SSgt. David Pelletier are both members of the 905th, and have a six-month-old son, Nicholas. "I have to drop him off on Friday night, and I don't

see him again until Sunday," commented Carol.

SrA Carol Deyette, administration specialist with the 905th CES, is a single parent of boys age three and five. "Babysitting is a problem," she said, "especially to get someone at 6:30 Sunday morning."

Airman Deyette's problem is compounded by the fact that she is separated, and her husband is an Army Reservist. "Our UTA's often coincide, so I really have to scramble to find a sitter," she said.

Mothers whose spouses are not in the military generally have an easier time. They say that husband support is a major factor in coping. MSgt. Barbara Bender, chief of quality force in the 439th CSG and mother of nine-month-old Kimberly, said, "It has been no problem. Either my husband cares for her, or we use the sitter who watches her during the week."

Sergeant Bender is an ART at Westover, so annual tours don't pose any major problems as far as child care goes. "I have someone who watches Kim for me regularly during the week, so there's no hassle during the 15-day annual tour, which I generally do at Westover," she said.

For other Reservists, particularly for those whose units deploy, annual tour time poses more of a problem.

TSgts. Corinne and Ken Squier, both of the 905th CAMS, have three boys, six years, three years and six-months-old. "On annual tours I get a babysitter during the day and my husband takes over the rest of the time," explained Corinne. "Ken is really great. He's 100 percent supportive of any travel opportunity the Reserve offers." Sergeants Squier did their annual tour together during Condor Redoubt in 1981. "We were lucky to get a sitter for the entire two weeks."

An assistant to chief nurse for the 74th AES, Capt. Mary Griffin-Bales is the mother of 14-month-old Ian. "I've

been in the Reserve 10 years. It's just understood that I'll continue," she said. Captain Griffin-Bales said that her husband is very involved in Ian's care. "He does some things better than I."

Most mothers who were interviewed commented that it is hectic getting prepared for UTA's. "It's hard," said TSgt. Kathy Wood, training technician with the 905th CAMS. "You're thinking about your Reserve job for the following day as well as all the preparations for the babysitter." Sergeant Wood and her husband MSgt. Paul Wood, operations assistant with the 439th TAW, are the parents of two-year-old Erin.

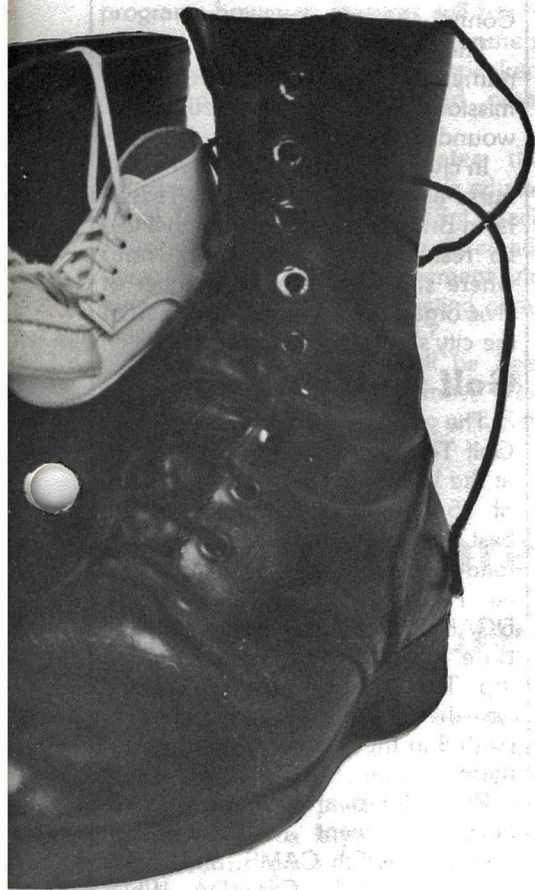
The children of military moms seem to like the situation. "Our daughter



TSgt. Corinne Squier gets a hug from Daniel Allen.



meaning



loves our uniform." said Kathy Wood. "I think the first word she spoke was stripes."

The Squiers have served five years in the Reserve after each serving active duty time. "Our kids love it. They've grown up with Mommy and Daddy in the military."

Many moms said that they enjoy the Reserve and feel their participation offers them fulfillment which makes them "happier mothers for happier children."

A dilemma Reserve mothers face is a sick child. "Then you're really torn between the Reserves and home," explained Sergeant Carol Pelletier. "Most of the commanders at Westover are flexible, said Sergeant Kathy Wood.



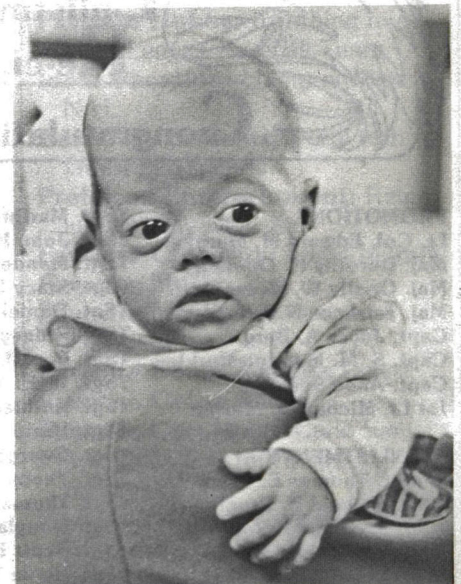
TSgts. Corinne and Kenneth Squier spend a few quiet moments with their children, Kenneth Michael six' Shawn Patrick, three and six-month old Daniel Allen, before leaving for Reserve duty.

"Being able to reschedule Reserve time offers a solution to family emergencies during UTA's."

Juggling the demands of both home and barracks requires dedication. "I don't know how they're able to do it so well," said one male officer. "It's hard enough for a single man or woman to do their jobs here well, but the Reserve moms who work for me do a super job despite the fatigue and special demands."

To ensure that these demands do not effect Reserve readiness, the Air Force has special requirements in situations where both parents are military or in the case of a single parent. They must sign AF form 357, which delegates child care responsibility to another individual in the event of mobility. In addition, as of Oct 1982, enlisting spouses of military people with dependents must, according to AFR 33-1, award custody of their minor children to some other person through court order. This is a serious commitment and a step, according to recruiters, too serious for some spouses to consider.

The role of a Reserve mother isn't always an easy one. The ups and downs of the experience are summed up by Sergeant Carol Pelletier, "He cries when I leave him on Friday, but has a big smile for me on Sunday evening."

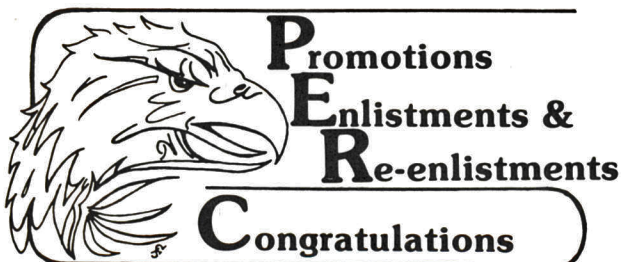


My mother wears combat boots?



(photo courtesy of Shuback Studio)

Sgt. Daniel Sklut, 905th WSSF, receives one of many gifts as Westover's "Airman of the Year" at the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce "Salute to the Air Force Reserve" Breakfast at the Open Mess on June 2. Insuring the proper fit is the chamber's George Ryan.

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SSgt. Joseph J. Menzyk
SSgt. Timothy P. Murphy
SSgt. Barbara A. Robotti
SSgt. James Stone Jr.
SSgt. Robert A. Timson
SSgt. Frank Watkins Jr.
SrA. Richard B. Mundt

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SSgt. Vincent R. Chiodo
SSgt. Thomas W. D'Ambrosio
SSgt. Calvin A. Mellor
SSgt. John E. Provost
SSgt. Edward F. Walsh Jr.
Sgt. James G. Chappuis
Sgt. Brian S. Mortimer
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A1C. Karen E. Bajek
A1C. Renee S. Belanger
A1C. Mark F. Hennessey
A1C. Debra J. Patten
A1C. Richard R. Petrillo Jr.
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AB Ellen T. Clark
AB Shelli A. Kotfila
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BRIEFS

74th Nurse retires

The 74th AES will lose a bit of its history on July 30 when Lt. Col. Jean ("Pat") Oslin retires after 21 years of military service.

Colonel Oslin was the first nurse to join the unit and will be its first nurse to retire. Prior to joining the 74th AES, she served with the former 905th TAG at Windsor Locks, Conn.

The veteran nurse has flown on numerous aeromedical evacuation missions, including the evacuation of wounded during the Vietnam War.

In civilian life, she is employed as a nurse-anesthetist at Park City Hospital in Bridgeport, Conn. Colonel Oslin resides in West Haven, Conn. where she is active in a number of civic organizations and is chairman of the city's board of health.

Golf tournament

The annual 439th TAW Spring Golf Tournament was held May 23 at the Westover Golf course. A total of 15 foursomes competed in the best ball tournament with the team made up of TSgt. Ken Ericksberg, Air Force Recruiting, Chet Pubek, DCAS, Ray Gelinis and Tom Hull of Base transportation coming out on top. They shot a score of 65 which was the lowest gross score ever recorded in the 4 years of the tournament.

Prizes for nearest to the pin on hole #10 went to TSgt. Paul Tetreault, 905th CAMS, and Karen Jablanski, 439th CSG/DA. While TSgt. Ericksberg and Anita Murphy, wife of airfield manager Art Murphy, picked up prizes for their drives on 16.

This year's tournament committee consisted of Dale Altman, Art Murphy, Bob Martens and Paul Torpey.

Name omitted

The name of Capt. T.J. Grenham was omitted from the list of crew members who flew the record-setting C-130 mission at the Yuma Proving Grounds in April. Grenham was the navigator aboard the 337th TAS aircraft that dropped a single cargo load that weighed 42,300 pounds, equal to that of an Army M-551 Sheridan tank.

439th offer NCO Academy course

If Reservists can't go to the NCO Academy, then the Academy will go to the Reservists. Now, they can complete their academy requirements through a new program offered at Westover and other Air Force bases.

"Traditionally, CDC courses were completed, alone, without the benefit of any interrelationships among the students," explains CMSgt. Eugene Longfield, chief of Wing training. "The new program, however, features self-paced instruction in a classroom environment and a variety of excellent guest speakers presented on videotapes and other audio-visual formats."

"The curriculum duplicates the courses taught at the academy's educational facilities," reports CMSgt. Jack Murdock, the Wing's senior enlisted advisor. "It ranges from management and supervisory training to perfecting communication and writing skills."

Classes, at Westover, will be held every UTA starting in December. The times, such as Friday evening and Sat-

urday afternoon; or Saturday and Sundays at noon, will be selected for everyone's convenience.

Interested master and technical sergeants are urged to contact their unit first sergeant, by the July UTA, who will forward the names to a selection committee. They, in turn, will choose the first 25 candidates. Other classes, to include staff sergeants, will begin later.

The new academy format was initiated at the request of local base advisory councils and CMSgt. Henry Scott, AFRES' senior enlisted advisor," said Chief Longfield. "They wanted a quality and timely educational program similar to that already offered to officers. The new academy course will do just that."

"All NCOs should understand the importance of continuing their professional military education," advises Chief Murdock. "Their likelihood of promotion will be based on the number of points earned for completing these courses. The more points — the better the chance of an additional stripe."

Full-time career advisor now available at Westover

By TSgt. John Wallace Spencer

Almost everything in our society needs selling, even the most desirable of ideas, plans and products. However, success depends largely on qualified, dedicated people who can explain all the important details to the decision makers.

With this as a guide, a new position has been added to the CBPO, that of a full-time, Base Career Advisor. TSgt. Faith E. Longfield has been appointed to help retain qualified airmen in the Air Force Reserve.

Sergeant Longfield will assist Reservists in career decisions and provide proper motivation so that they remain in the Reserve program.

Working with unit career advisors, the veteran NCO will insure that commanders receive assistance in conducting a career motivation program. She will also:

— Insure that all paperwork on non-reenlistment Air Force Reservists is properly completed and maintained.

— Provide career motivation counseling and assistance.

— Schedule and conduct periodic career advisor visits to units and sections.

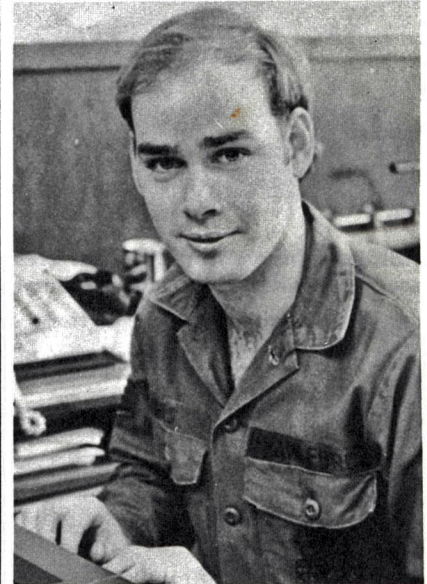
— Keep unit commanders informed of problem areas and correct conditions that might hamper reenlistment.

"I realize that every retention problem can't be resolved," Sergeant Longfield said. "But it's my job to make sure that unit career advisors are thoroughly familiar with all the avenues by which they might be solved," she added.

As a rule, the sergeant believes that most personnel who do not consider reenlistment have a solvable problem. "I believe that there's no substitute for personal contact in keeping an Air Force Reservist," she said.

Westover Reservists with questions concerning a career, or Reserve benefits, are welcome to visit the Base Career Advisor's Office in Building 1850, room 11.

"Patriot People"



Name: LARRY JONES

Rank: SSgt.

Age: 25

Address: 6 South Chatham Street
Springfield, Ma. 01109

Unit: 439th TAW

Position: Admin Clerk

Civilian Occupation: Looking for
a civilian occupation

Favorite Food: Lasagna from my
favorite Restaurant — Salvatore's
in Springfield.

Favorite Beverage: Coke with rum

Favorite Sports: Baseball,
Basketball

Favorite Hobby: Coaching my
Little League Baseball Team

Ideal Vacation: Hampton Beach,
N.H.

Best Way to Relax: Party with
family and friends

Preferred Entertainment: Relax-
ing with my wife, Kim

Favorite Celebrity: Eddie Murphy

Favorite Music: Pop

Favorite Magazine: Sports
Illustrated

Favorite Book: Reader's Digest

Favorite Color: Green

Favorite Car: Monte Carlo Landau

Pet Peeve: Too much stress
nowadays

Best Thing About Westover: The
people are great to work with

Worst Thing About Westover:
The Chow Hall lines



USAF Photo by TSgt. Howard Garbarsky

Holding winners trophies after breezing to victory in Westover's First Relay Race are, from left: Ken Huckins, Cheryl Mathieu and Dan Carr.

Commander's Call

Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen, Wing Commander, presented 10 awards during Wing Commander's Call ceremonies on June 12.

Lt. Col. Walter C. Holliday, 337th TAS, and TSgt. Larry D. Montmarquet, were awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. Colonel Holliday received the award for developing training programs for the Navigation Section of his squadron and for his outstanding leadership abilities.

Sergeant Montmarquet received the medal for his accomplishments as an Air Terminal Operations Center Duty Supervisor at Dover AFB, Del. His efforts were instrumental in maintaining his unit's 99.7 per cent air transportation departure reliability record.

Capt. Glenn M. Martin, 439th TAW, and TSgt. Ronald J. Sliwa, 74th AES, received the Air Force Commendation Medal. Captain Martin distinguished himself as Executive Support Officer, Unit Administration. Sergeant Sliwa, likewise, distinguished himself as Assistant NCOIC of Medical Material.

TSgt. Anthony C. Vinyets, 439th TAW, was awarded a Certificate of Recognition for his superior performance as a staff administration specialist.

SMSgt. Leo J. Bourret, 439th TAW, received a Transportation and Traffic Management diploma from the Community College of the Air Force. Sergeant Bourret completed technical credits through the Aircraft

Mechanic-Jet Bomber School at Amarillo, AFB, Tex. and Air Force On-the-Job Internships. Management and general education courses were completed at Worcester Junior College and Independent Study of the Senior NCO Academy course.

Four were awarded Outstanding Performance certificates. They were: Col. Warner E. Jones, 439th Tac Hosp, Maj. George W. Caldwell, 439th TAW, Maj. James L. Scott, 439th Tac Hosp, and MSgt. Nicholas F. Perfido, 439th TAW.

Colonel Jones was a nominee for Outstanding Reserve Physician for 1982 while Major Caldwell was nominated for Outstanding Logistics Plans/Resource Plans Staff Officer. Major Scott was nominated Outstanding Reserve BSC Officer, and Sergeant Perfido was in the race for Outstanding Logistics Plans/Resource Plans Noncommissioned Officer.

Speedy trio captures base relay race

By Capt. Rick Dyer

It's nearly impossible to win a four-mile relay race by a one-mile margin, but someone obviously forgot to tell that to Dan Carr, Ken Huckins and Cheryl Mathieu.

The threesome set a blistering pace over Westover's blistering-hot pavement June 12 to win the base's first Four-Mile Relay Race. When Carr broke the tape to give the trio a winning time of 25:36, he was nearly a mile ahead of his nearest pursuer.

"We basically just run for recreation," said Mathieu, a staff sergeant with the 439th CSG. "This was the first time that we had competed together in an event like this," she said.

Huckins, who like Carr is a technical sergeant with the 905th CAMS, jumped out to an early lead and was a quarter-mile in front when he passed the baton to Mathieu. His two teammates then extended the margin of victory.

Second place went to the team of Ed Gaulrapp, Dave Barnard and Pauline Lenock. Aided by Gaulrapp's strong anchor leg, the trio was clocked in 28:35.

Waltraud Kiselauskas, Giovanni Lenoci and David Kelliher finished third in 30:55.

Under the rules of the event, each team had at least one female runner, and each competitor ran 1.3 miles.

The race was coordinated by Ron Turmelle, assistant director of recreational services. Trophies and T-shirts were awarded to the top three teams.

Turmelle said that the race was planned in conjunction with the President's Physical Fitness Program and will become an annual event at Westover.

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