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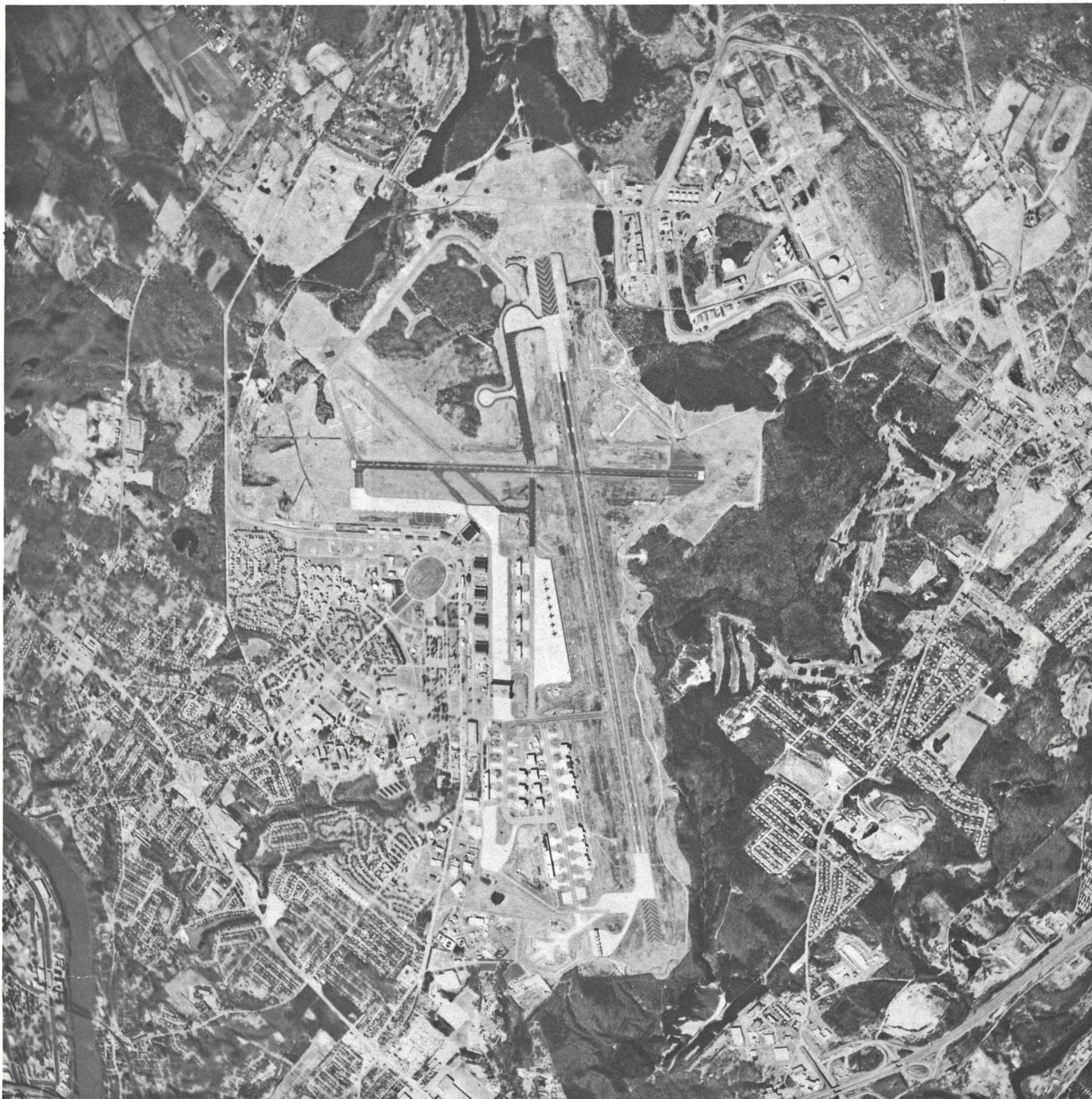
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# Collins calls it "quits"



**TSgt. Frank Collins, at the vehicle dispatch desk at Hangar 5.**

(USAF photo by Sgt. Sandra Michon)

A military career spanning 33 years and service in Asia ended, on Nov. 5, with the retirement of TSgt. Frank Collins, chief dispatcher of the base's transportation section.

The five-year active duty veteran has served with the Army National Guard before transferring into the Air Force Reserve at Stewart AFB, N.Y. He then relocated to Westover and its combat support group in 1970. He was recalled to active duty during the Pueblo Crisis in Korea.

Sergeant Collins will continue in his dual civilian role of New York City school bus driver and security officer at Madison Square Garden in Manhattan.

"I meet a lot of famous people working at the Garden," he said. When

Frank Sinatra performed, I was part of the security outside his dressing room door. I remember how very specific he was about visitors and especially autograph seekers. I also was Mohammed Ali's bodyguard. Before and after his fights, I escorted the champ down the aisle to ringside."

With his retirement, Sergeant Collins wouldn't be accompanying his friend, MSgt. Leroy Johnson, NCOIC of base transportation. For approximately the past 30 years, they've been commuting together, to UTA weekends.

"I'm not the only one who will miss Frank, said Sergeant Johnson. "He'll be missed by everyone who has ever worked for him and with him."

## Children's Christmas Party

The Annual Children's Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Base Gym. The party is open to dependents of Westover Reservists, active duty dependents from Westover and DoD dependents.

Children's age groups range from one-year to 14-years-old. Gifts available will be appropriate for the different age categories. Santa will be on hand to distribute the gifts and refreshments will be served.

Those wishing to attend should be at the base gym Dec. 17, between 9:30 a.m. and 12 noon. Any questions should be addressed to recreation personnel.

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## ON THE COVER

**A bird's eye view of Westover - if you were a bird flying at 35,000 feet. The photo, taken from an RF-4, familiarizes transient aircrews to Westover's runways and traffic patterns; and to the base's surroundings.**

(USAF photo by Capt. Leone 363 TRW Sr/Au AFB, SC)

# 'Patriotism' theme stirs Dining Out

Story by Capt. Rick Dyer  
 Photos by TSgt. Howard Garbarsky

A record-setting crowd enjoyed an evening of pomp, ceremony and camaraderie Nov. 5 when the 439th's ninth annual NCO dining out was held at the Consolidated Open Mess.

More than 350 wing members and their companions jammed the flag-draped club for the formal military dinner and dance.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of awards to the unit's outstanding NCOs and airman.



**MSgt. Frederick A. Allard**

MSgt. Frederick A. Allard, a flight engineer with the 337th TAS, was honored as the year's outstanding senior NCO.



**TSgt. Robert Fetherston**

TSgt. Robert Fetherston of the 905th CAMS was selected as the wing's outstanding NCO, and SrA Richard C. Messenger was cited as the outstanding airman.



**SrA Richard C. Messenger**

An award for the Wing's best "work center" went to the 905th CF.

In addition, retired MSgt. Howard Nolan was presented an Air Force Commendation Medal. Retired MSgt. Hans Jobst and TSgt. Mark Johnson received letters of appreciation and Honorary Recruiter Certificates from



After the formalities of dinner, dancing was the main activity.

14th Air Force for their recruiting support efforts.

The theme of this year's dining out was "Patriotism" and the traditional format of the evening was in keeping with that focus.

The dining out's guest speaker, CMSgt. Larry D. Huyett, referred frequently to patriotism in an eloquent after-dinner address.



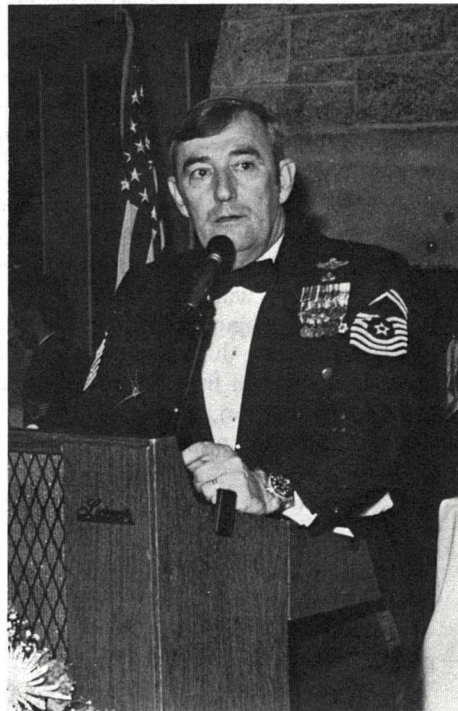
**Newlyweds, SSgt. and Mrs. Edwin Hellaver, Jr., 905th WSSF.**

Chief Huyett, the former commandant of the Air Force Logistics Command's NCO Academy/Leadership School, praised the Reservists for their willingness to serve their country. "Our school children pledge their allegiance to our flag. We pledge our lives," he said.

The dining out also was a pleasant "homecoming" for Chief Scott, who had served as the Base First Sergeant at Westover prior to assuming his AFRES position.

Following the prime-rib dinner, 439th revelers danced to the music of the Lamplighters.

SMSgt. Richard Rehnberg of the 337th TAS was chairman of the Dining Out Committee. He said that plans are already being formulated for next year's event, and that his successor would be named shortly.



**CMSgt. Larry D. Huyett**

# Wing gathers to say thanks and fare



General Haugen displays his gift with a sampling of the Reservists who came to bid the Haugens farewell.

(USAF photo by TSgt. Howard Garbarsky)

By MSgt. Larry Lentz

There was a sense of poignant celebration in the air as members of the 439th said good-bye to Brig. Gen. Donald Haugen and his wife Judy, on Sunday, Nov. 6. The former wing commander, after 32 years of military service, including the past five years at Westover, had retired and was in the process of moving to Florida.

Col. Louis Paskevicz, wing commander, acted as emcee and praised his predecessor for the many accomplishments during his tenure.

"General Haugen has done much to improve our life style by making many physical changes to base facilities. The wing's manning has increased from 80 to 104 present," said Colonel Paskevicz. "There also have been more promotions in the top three enlisted grades than in any other AFRES wing."

Under General Haugen's leadership, the wing participated with excellent results in numerous AFRES exercises including REFORGER. Condor Redoubt and Volent Oak he recalled.

## Behind every successful man . . .

Friendship was the theme as more than 60 women gathered to honor Judy Haugen as she and General Haugen prepare to leave Westover.

The luncheon was held on Nov. 6 at the Consolidated Open Mess and was organized by Carolyn Ayers, Helene Paskevicz and Marion Thomas.

The Haugens have been stationed at Westover for the last five years and Judy has been extremely busy. She has been a strong supporter of family involvement in the Reserve program. She has done much to encourage Reservist's wives to visit Westover to meet each other and gain a better understanding of their husband's role here. "These functions were a huge success," said Judy. "The women were very appreciative of the opportunity to be more involved." The yearly fashion shows, organized by Judy, have also encouraged family involvement.

Judy has been very active in the community as well. She and her husband have worked hard with the local chambers of commerce to make Westover a part of the community. "Before, their attitude was 'us' and 'them', now it's

WE," she said.

She has also volunteered large amounts of time helping with the Channel 57 auction held each year to raise money for the public broadcasting station based in Springfield. Judy also volunteered for three years at the Holyoke Hospital in their emergency room assisting patients and medical staff in whatever way possible.

Col. Roy E. Ayers, base commander, interrupted the luncheon to recognize another interest Judy has pursued. He presented Judy with a certificate of recognition for logging 4600 miles of jogging at Westover. Judy has set a fine example of physical fitness and has promoted recreation participation for women and children.

Among Judy's gifts was a pewter C-130 necklace; a special memento of the 439th TAW.

"I've had lots of fun and lots of challenges," commented Judy on her years with the military. She smiled as she explained her feelings about retirement, "We recently celebrated our anniversary and toasted, no job and no kids. . ."



General and Judy Haugen pose with some of the many gifts they received at their farewell gathering.

(USAF photo by TSgt. Howard Garbarsky)

# well to General and Mrs. Haugen

Plaques were presented by Col. Warner Jones, hospital commander; Col. Jerry Bryant, 337th TAS commander; and Lt. Col. Hal Lawrence of the 905th CAMS; Capt. Glen Martin, headquarters squadron commander; Lt. Col. Ed Kosakoski of the 74th AES; and Col. Joseph Hellauer, former 439th CSG executive officer, representing the member of the 911th TAG at Pittsburgh.

In addition, Col. Jim Thomas, wing deputy commander for operations gave the Haugens a C-130 poster and the 58th MAPS Maj. Andrew Kaznay presented a picture of an 'Old Air Force friend.' Maj. Barry Monahan offering was a gallon of Vermont maple syrup.

Finally, Col. Roy Ayers, 439th CSG commander, gave the general a digital blood pressure machine. It will come in handy after exercising on the rowing machine given by Colonel Paskevich.

After receiving an extended standing ovation from the more than 200 in attendance, General Haugen expressed his appreciation.

"I am overwhelmed and will have many fond memories of you and Westover." He went on to say that "I have been a commander for half of my career. It always has been difficult to leave one unit and transfer to another. This has been my longest assignment in 32 years. So it is an especially difficult time as we leave this unit, not for another, but for retirement. The unknown waters, for us, are uncharted. But, I am sure we'll meet the challenges of retirement."



General Haugen shows off a wooden clock with a laminated photo of a C-130 flying over Niagara Falls on its face. It was presented by Col. Paul Huffman, former vice commander, on behalf of the 914th TAG.



TSgt. Ann T. Roberto

## "Patriot People"

**Name:** ANN T. ROBERTO

**Rank:** TSgt.

**Age:** 27

**Address:** 55 Exeter St.  
Arlington, MA

**Unit:** 439 CSG/DPM

**Position:** Admin. Assistant

**Civilian Occupation:** Secretary

**Favorite Food:** Ham

**Favorite Beverage:** Pepsi

**Favorite Sports:** Hockey

**Favorite Hobby:** Reading

**Ideal Vacation:** England

**Best Way To Relax:** Reading

**Preferred Entertainment:**

Listening to Soft Music

**Favorite Celebrity:** Paul Newman

**Favorite Music:** Classical

**Favorite Magazine:** Good House-keeping

**Favorite Book:** Thornbirds

**Favorite Color:** Blue

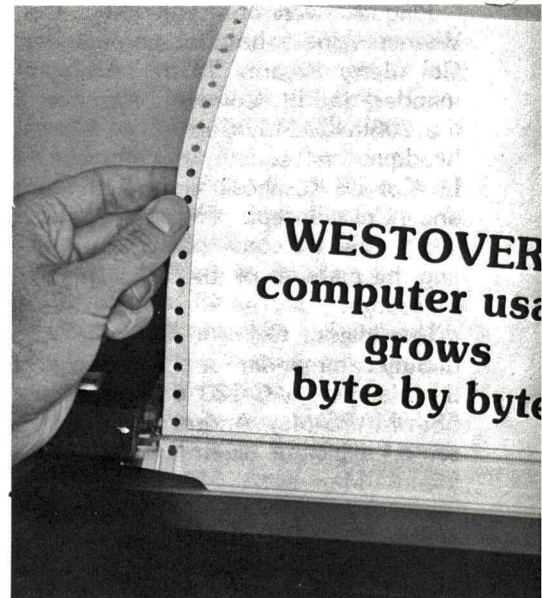
**Favorite Car:** Honda

**Pet Peeve:** Time Constraints

**Best Thing About Westover:** I met my husband here.

**Worst Thing About Westover:** Distance

# Data Automation selected by A



Marlene Roberts enters input on the computer terminal.

Little green characters are invading Westover, and there are going to be more!

"Their presence is a factor in our recent AFRES award, and they spell PROGRESS for Westover," said George D'Amours, base data automation officer.

The green characters are familiar to anyone that has worked on a computer screen, as most of the characters are green on a dark, television-like screen.

#### AFRES award

Westover's Data Automation Section, part of the base Comptroller Office, was chosen Fiscal Year 83 AFRES Data Processing Installation of the Year. "This award means a lot to us," said Mr. D'Amours. "In order to be chosen, you must have outstanding personnel to operate the complex equipment. They put in long hours of dedicated service, often starting several hours before Westover begins normal operations. We must also

rely heavily on our host base, Hanscom AFB, Mass, which has provided excellent support.

"The award comes at a time when Westover can expect a significant expansion to its present computer system."

#### Computer management

The Westover Data Automation staff is responsible for all of the computer products used in the management of the base. Base wide, 70 full time personnel are trained as CRT (cathode ray tube) operators and are capable of making input into the system. "Some departments submit input directly into their CRT's where they work, and other departments bring their input to us in the form of keypunch cards," explained Mr. D'Amours.

"Whatever the method of input, we are responsible for getting the output to the user once it is returned from the main computer system at Hanscom,"

he continued. "We also directly coordinate all new terminal installations and monitor all computer-related repairs."

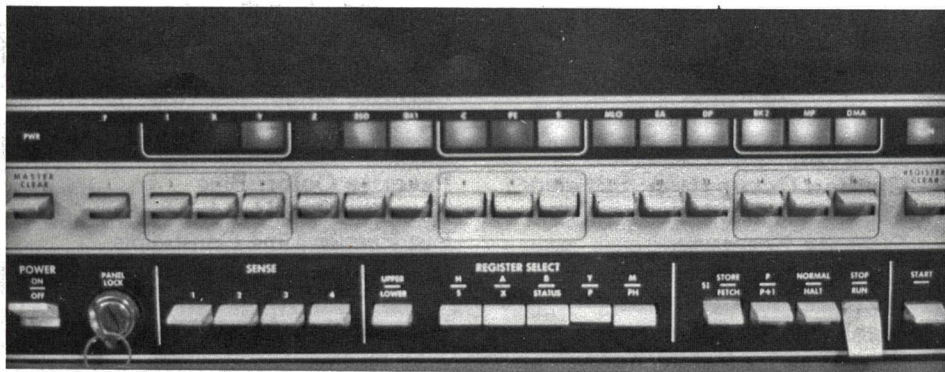
Mr. D'Amours is very active in the planning and installation of the new Air Force system at Westover and also acts as security advisor regarding computer terminal use. The computer future for the base includes changing computer systems and expanding existing equipment.

Westover currently has 10 CRT's, keypunch machines and printers. Base supply has three other terminals which are separately used. The supply terminals and other base terminals now run through two different computer systems at Hanscom. Phase IV should change all that.

Phase IV is a two-year program that is important to the expansion to Westover's present system. It is part of an Air Force effort to change existing systems and is scheduled to begin next June. Lt. Col. Keith Berry, HQ/AFRES Director of Data Automation, is in charge of the AFRES-wide expansion and will be providing command guidance on all the equipment Westover will receive. By the middle of next year, Pease AFB, N.H. will become Westover's regional processing center and host of all of the base's computer activity.

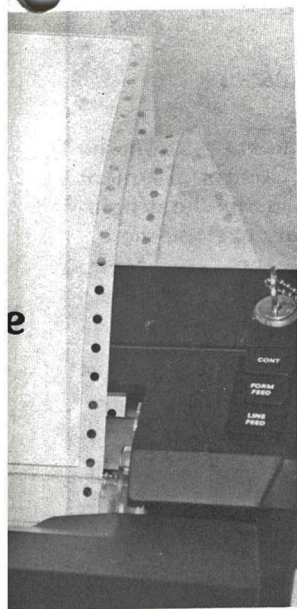
#### Enhancements

Enhancements to Phase IV for Westover include additional CRT's and more up-to-date equipment. Mr. D'Amours stated, "Some of the current CRT's will be replaced by those with word process-



Control panel at Honeywell equipment in the Data Automation Section.

# Section AFRES



Data Automation section staff, (l. to r.) Thomas Kubacki, Eileen Belniak, Rita Nodwell, Helen Helmns, Marlene Roberts and George D'Amours.

Story by Sgt. Sandra Michon

Photos by Maj. Bob Carrol and Capt. Philip Weber

ing and programming capabilities, as well as storage transfer. That will make us much less dependent on the central system at Pease during the day.

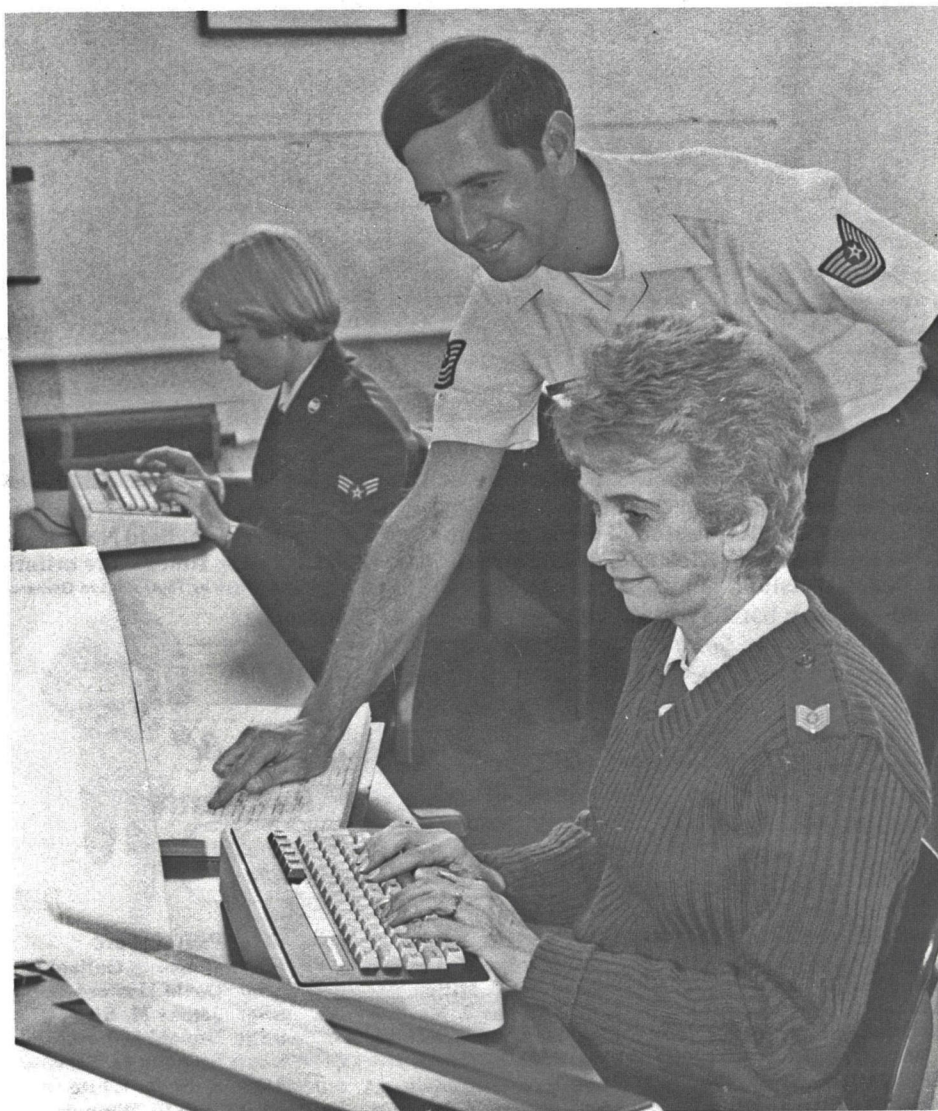
"We will also be increasing the equipment on base. For example, over the next two years, base maintenance is scheduled to receive 46 CRT's, 35 printers and four high-speed line printers. This will give the maintenance people instant access to information they need regarding aircraft status, work orders, supplies, etc.

### Benefits

"By providing the additional equipment," Mr. D'Amours continued, "we streamline the work functions. Using computer systems provides direct access to information and allows the user to update that information more rapidly."

Col. James Thomas, Wing deputy commander for operations, commented on the computer expansion at Westover. "We have nothing but benefit to derive from it. I need information to manage all the details of missions, flight schedules, manpower, etc. The more reliable and timely my information, the more effective its application, the more efficient our mission management."

Prior to computer terminals being installed at Westover in 1975, reports were prepared manually and sent to HQ/AFRES to be entered on their system. The turnaround time was at least 7-10 days. Presently, it's 24 hours or less.



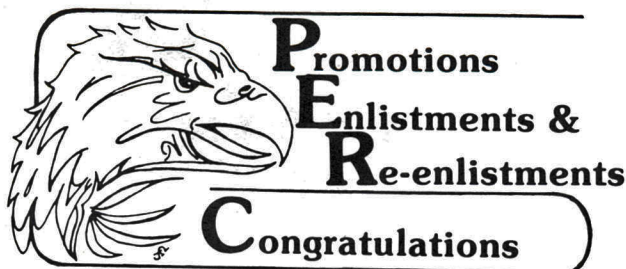
MSgt. Donald Proctor, Personnel Systems Manager, reviews input with TSgt. Marge Schoonover on terminals located at Base Headquarters, (building 1850).

## Kick, run and pass competition



Jimmy Shapiro, son of Debbie Shapiro, shows his winning style for which he won a trophy in the 9-10 division of the Kick, Run and Pass competition, held Nov. 5 outside the base gym. Kick and Pass distances, and 50 yd. running times were criteria for each division.

(USAF photo by TSgt. Howard Garbarsky)



### ENLISTED

SSgt. John H. Brames  
Sgt. Alan D. Parrott  
A1C John Gray II  
A1C Joseph A. Piecuch

### REENLISTMENTS

MSgt. Maurice J. Arcand  
MSgt. Robert A. Whitman  
TSgt. William J. Cichaski

TSgt. Doris B. Ford  
TSgt. Richard K. Hayes  
TSgt. John F. Millea  
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TSgt. Kenneth E. Schworm  
TSgt. John B. Sypek Jr.  
SSgt. David J. Boivin  
SSgt. Andrew J. Devault  
SSgt. Roberto Diaz  
SSgt. Eugene M. Dumont

SSgt. Paul K. Ford  
SSgt. James J. Gallagher  
SSgt. David Howard  
SSgt. James M. Serra  
SSgt. Donald L. Loveland Jr.  
SSgt. Stephen D. Stavros Jr.  
SSgt. Keith R. White  
SSgt. Paul G. Winnett  
Sgt. Jon R. Hart  
Sgt. Lisa M. Ranck

## BRIEFS

### ALCE loadmasters in Honduras

Two veteran loadmasters from the 439th's Airlift Control Element (ALCE) team are in Honduras participating in a military exercise there.

SMSgt. Donald Cowern and MSgt. Peter Johnson left Westover in late October and were in Honduras until mid November.

They are participating in Operation "Ahuas Tare II" ("Tall Pines II").

Sergeants Cowern and Johnson are supporting operations and the airlift movement of personnel and cargo at three Honduran airfields.

Other 439th ALCE members have previously participated in similar missions in Central America and Europe.

### ROA chapter elects officers

A new slate of officers was elected by the Westover chapter of the Reserve Officers' Association at the group's monthly meeting during the October UTA.

Lt. Col. Dorothy Gates, a nurse with the 439th Tactical Hospital, was elected president. She succeeds her boss, Col. Warner E. Jones, the TAC hospital commander.

Other officers elected included: Lt. Col. Walter Holiday, vice president; Maj. Frederick Lindahl, secretary; Maj. Rene Reimann, treasurer; Col. James Thomas, officer-at-large (ART); and Maj. Theresa Maher, officer-at-large (Reservist).

### Westover CAP recruiting

The Westover Civil Air Patrol is actively recruiting new Cadets and Seniors. Boys and girls 13 and older are eligible to join the CAP as cadets. The youngsters must be good students and have an interest in aeronautics and the military. The CAP also needs qualified Seniors. Seniors are the adult advisors and volunteers that keep the CAP going. For more information contact the CAP on Tuesday nights at Hanger 7, ext. 557-3124.



# Hustling Hernandez wins third straight turkey trot race



Runners stretch out before the race. Marine Cpl. Debbie Thorn, (far right) ran the race in combat boots.

### By Capt. Rick Dyer

He may not own it, but at the very least Celio Hernandez has a long-term lease on the Westover Turkey Trot Road Race.

Hernandez, a technical sergeant with the 905th CAMS, ran away from a field of 60 other runners Nov. 5 to win the race for the third straight year.

The 30-year-old, 140-pound winner loped over the four-mile course near the Westover flight line in 21:20.

#### Just a workout

Hernandez, jumped out to an early lead and extended it with ease over the flat, but fog-shrouded, race route.

"It was sort of a workout for me, because I wasn't really pushed that hard," Hernandez admitted after the race.

A light drizzle fell throughout the race, but it failed to dampen the competitive spirits of the runners who vied for turkeys and trophies in the various age categories.

Cheryl Mathieu, a 29-year-old staff sergeant with the 439th CSG, was the overall winner in the women's division.

Mathieu, who jogs and participates in aerobics classes "to stay in shape," won the three-mile run in 21:55.

#### Siblings win

A brother-sister team scored a pair of victories in the 1.5 mile children's race. Ron Koper took first place in the boy's 12-15 category, while his sister, Kimberly, copped the gold medal in the girls' 8-12 division.

On hand to watch the Koper children were their parents, SMSgt. and Mrs. Ron Koper. Sergeant Koper is the chief

Reserve Recruiter at Westover.

SMSgt. Clay Gallant of the 439th CSG, runner-up in the men's 50-59 bracket, ran wearing "walkman" radio headphones.

"It gets a little lonely when you go as slow as I do," Gallant joked. The mere fact that Gallant was competing, however, was even more noteworthy.

Only last March, the veteran NCO underwent a triple coronary bypass op-

eration. To aid his recuperation, he took up "fast walking", and now covers 35 miles per week. "I've never felt better in my life," he said after the race.

Chaplain Lt. Col. Albert Ryan, a recent convert to running, made his first appearance in the race a successful one as he captured the men's 50-59 division.

#### Other winners

Other individual winners included Dean Nalesnik (boy's 8-12); Melody Lougher (girl's 12-15); Richard Kosiorek (men's 23-29); Kurt Hydt (men's 35-39); Burke Lynch (men's 40-44); Paul Dube (men's 45-49); Joni Street (women's 19-22); Maria Gay (women's 30-34); Faith Longfield (women's 45-49) and Eileen Hall (women's over 60).



SSgt. Cheryl Mathieu edges away from Wally Kiselauskos to win the women's title.

## Quiet Confidence

He's very soft-spoken, almost shy, yet incredibly confident.

And when TSgt. Celio G. Hernandez runs, he has reason to be confident. The hydraulic specialist from the 905th CAMS is usually alone when he crosses the finish line. He won the Turkey Trot for the third consecutive year, with the next competitor barely in sight.

The Springfield, Mass., resident said he started running only three years ago. "I started running for fun," he explained. "I had nothing to do after work. I started with one mile, and worked my way up from there.

Sergeant Hernandez can be seen running through Springfield neighborhoods almost every day at 6 a.m. "I run about 50 miles a week," he said. He related that he doesn't drink or smoke and he thinks that has helped. "I don't have any special diet, but I generally eat healthy foods."

His longest run was the 26-mile Holyoke Marathon in which he placed fourth. "Marathons are grueling," he said. "that's why I don't run them very often." His best running time was clocked this past summer at a Forest Park competition. He ran five miles in 25 minutes, 20 seconds.

Sergeant Hernandez believes that you only improve when you push yourself beyond what you think you can do. "Fatigue is a problem every runner experiences," he explained. "You have to admit, to yourself, that you are tired but keep running as fast as you can."



# Christmas/New Year

*Holiday Message  
From the President  
To the U.S. Armed Forces*

**O**n behalf of Americans everywhere, I wish you a happy holiday season and the best of new years.

In hometowns filled with sunshine and palm trees or snow and evergreens, this is the time in which we exchange warm greetings and expressions of love and hope. We go to parties. We give each other presents. But the best gift is one we all share. It is made possible by you who wear your country's uniform, and it renews itself each year. That unique gift is freedom.

The new year makes a time to renew our pledge to be our best—as individuals and as a nation. We are grateful to you for the part you've played in making 1984 another year in which we can strive for the best as we see it.

Many of you will spend this holiday season away from the loving circle of your family. I know this is a great sacrifice for you and for them. But it's part of the cost of preserving that special gift of freedom. I pray that 1984 brings new hope and opportunity for peace throughout the world and that this holiday season finds you safe, well, and rightfully proud of the job you're doing.

*Ronald Reagan*

## Program to test commissary privileges

WASHINGTON (AFRNS) — Some Air Force Reservists will be able to use their commissary privileges any time they choose instead of during their annual active duty, as part of a Defense Department test.

Under present regulations, Reservists must be on active duty for training for more than 72 hours and can't "bank" commissary use. The 1984 Defense Authorization Act provides for a test at

selected locations for Reservists to use commissaries at alternate times, according to Frank Rush, manpower and personnel director, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Reserve Affairs.

No decisions has been made on locations or how many Reservists will be participating in the test, he said. The test is expected to begin the first of next year and results presented to Congress by Sept. 30, 1984.



**"When I told everyone you were here for a very small operation, they all insisted it must be brain surgery!"**

## News around the Reserve

Four "Jolly Green Giant" helicopters from the Air Force Reserve's 302nd Special Operations Squadron at Luke AFB, Ariz, helped with rescue efforts during southern Arizona's recent floods by airlifting more than 50 residents of the Maricopa community south of Phoenix to safety. Maj. Tom Spencer, a full-time pilot with the Reserve, was on a training flight with three crew members when they spotted five men stranded on a front-end-load truck. Three other CH-3E "Jolly Greens" were launched after the first helicopter returned and helped move more than 30 people to higher ground. One pilot, Maj. Rick Davis, said his crew found several people on tree tops and lifted them out with a hoist. . . .

The Air Force Reserve's 79th Air Refueling Squadron (Heavy) (Associate) at March AFB, Calif., is now providing aircrews for the 18th KC-10 Extender delivered recently to the Strategic Air Command's fleet of advanced tanker/cargo aircraft. Under the associate program, the Air Force Reserve provides SAC with 50 percent of the KC-10 aircrews. This latest KC-10 delivery is part of a new \$2.7 billion five-year contract with McDonnell Douglas Corp. that will expand the KC-10 fleet to 60 by 1987. The KC-10s now entering the SAC fleet not only expand the Air Force's air refueling force, but also provide a new capability for long-range, non-stop deployments without required forward repositioning of tankers. . . .

The two aircraft chosen to replace Military Airlift Command's CT-39 fleet have received their military designations. The Lear Model 35A turboprop, manufactured by Gates Learjet Corp. has been designated the C-21A. The King Air B200C Turbo-prop made by Beech Aircraft Co., will be known as the C-12F. . . .

Former Air Force Chief of Staff retired Gen. John D. Ryan died of a heart attack Oct. 27 at Wilford Hall U.S. Air Force Medical Center, Lackland AFB, Texas. He was a patient at the Medical Center at the time of his death.

## The sky's not the limit . . .



**In order to land properly, Sergeant Olszewski 'flares' her canopy which breaks her forward speed.**

(USAF Photo by TSgt. Alan Sorenson)

It's a beautiful day, sun shining and wind blowing between five and eight miles an hour. You look up to the sky and in the distance a group of small figures start to appear. Their arms and legs are spread out and they seem to be floating through the air. As the figures become larger, they separate and deploy vibrant colored canopies, cruising for a few minutes and then gently landing.

For TSgt. Nancy J. Olszewski, 905th CAMS, floating through the air means freedom but it is no dream. For she is a skydiver.

"I started skydiving two years ago. It gives me such a fantastic feeling of freedom," she said.

"Two years ago, a special friend gave me a birthday present of my first jump so we could jump together," Sergeant Olszewski recalled. She has been jumping ever since, and now has accumulated more than 120 jumps.

"The feeling I enjoy the most is being under the canopy. The view is fantastic. I could stay there forever," she said.

Sergeant Olszewski usually jumps with the University of Massachusetts Sports Parachute Club out of Turner's Falls Airport. Most are from 8,000 feet. Occasionally, she jumps from a Twin Otter at 13,000 to 14,000 feet.

"I really like jumping from that plane.

It can take 24 jumpers to 13,000 feet in ten minutes. From that altitude, I get about 85 seconds of free fall time."

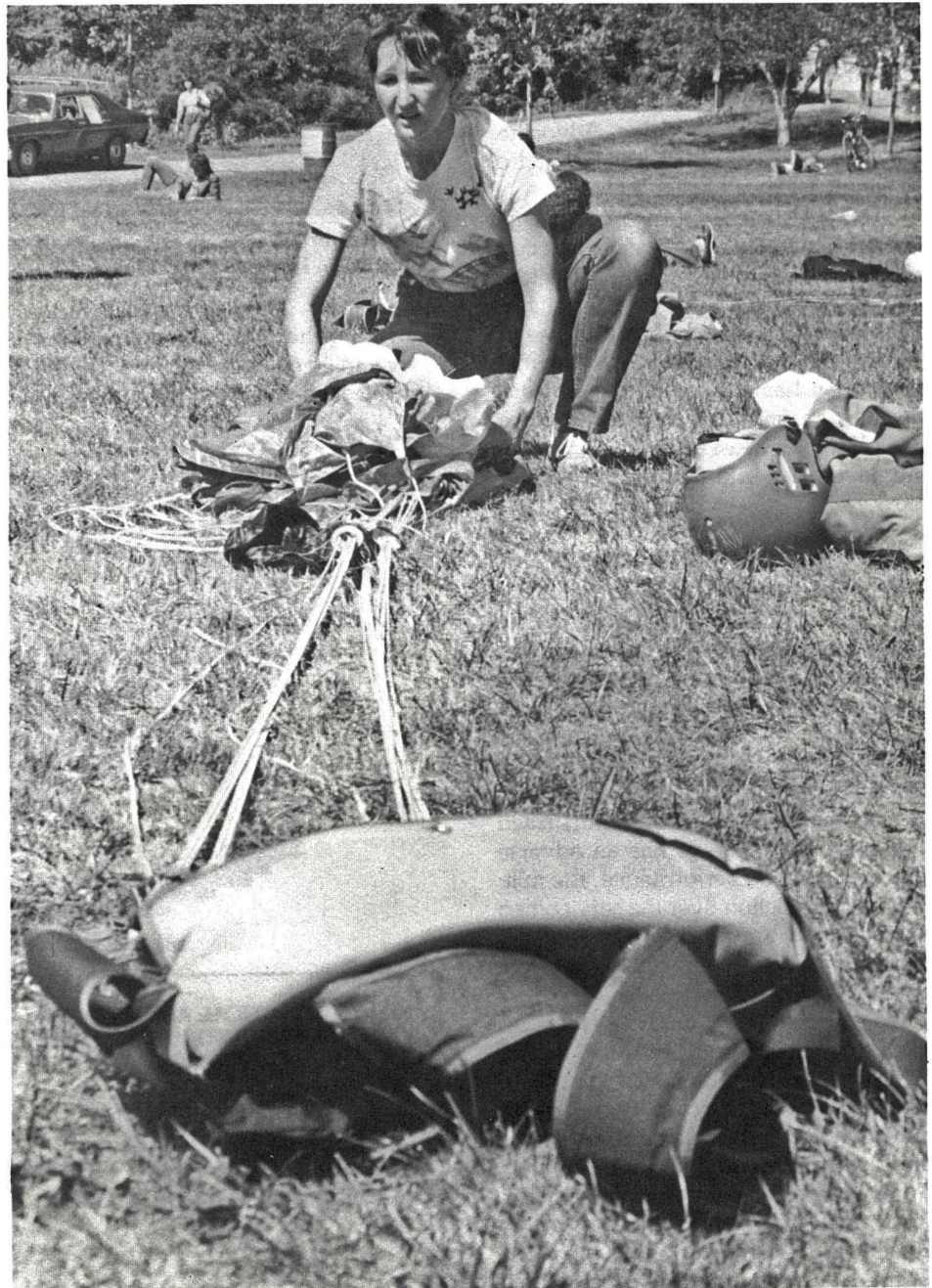
Her co-workers in the 905th CAMS tease her about her hobby. "They kid me about jumping out of a perfectly good airplane. But they're good natured about it."

She has been an administrative specialist in the unit for eight years. She joined the Air Force Reserve in hopes of traveling. That dream came true with her recent tour of Ramstein, Germany.

"I would like to see a skydiving club formed at Westover," Sergeant Olszewski said. "I know there are people on base that do jump. It would be a great promotion for the Air Force!"

She would also, one day, like to make a leap out of a C-130. "I don't know if that could be arranged, but I'd love to be able to do it."

"More and more people are getting into sport jumping. It's a sport I would recommend to anyone — with an adventurous flair."



**TSgt. Nancy Olszewski packs her 220 square foot Ram-Air Square Canopy at the University of Massachusetts prior to a recent jump.**

(USAF Photo by TSgt. Alan Sorenson)

# Judge Advocate seminar held at Westover

**By Capt. Philip Weber**

"A military man today is fortunate to have some of the finest legal talent working for them in today's Judge Advocate Corps", said Judge Albert B. Fletcher Jr., member of the three man U.S. Court of Military Appeals.

Judge Fletcher made the remark during the two day Northeast Regional "Annual Survey of the Law" conducted at Westover AFB, Oct. 29-30.

## 90 Judge Advocates attended

Ninety military Judge Advocates from both Reserve and Guard units throughout the Northeastern states attended the two-day conference sponsored by Lt. Col. Roy Mims, 14th Air Force assistant staff Judge Advocate, and hosted by Capt. James Bechtel of Westover's Legal Office.

"The JA's presently associated with the military today are just excellent counsel. Therefore, the young servicemen who finds himself in trouble is going to have excellent representation by the in-service attorney. An attorney in the military today has a great range of advice he must be prepared to give instead of specializing as most attorney's in civilian life have too," said Judge Fletcher.

## Two major decisions

The judge talked about two of the areas of the law that have come before the Court of Military Appeals during the past year. The death penalty and jurisdiction in drug cases involving those on active duty. On the latter, it has been determined that Military Courts have jurisdiction in such cases even though apprehension occurred while the serviceman was off duty. The Court ruled that since use of drugs has an adverse affect on their job performance, the military has jurisdiction over the serviceman even though apprehension may have occurred outside the base by civil authorities.

On the death penalty, Judge Fletcher said, "the military court on a two to one decision ruled that the military statute on the death penalty for capital cases did not meet the tests of the law under the Eighth Amendment."

He added that the decision affects six servicemen now being held at the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in homicide cases. "Now the congress or the President will have to draft a new death penalty statute for



**Maj. Robert Webster, MA assigned to the Judge Advocate Generals staff, covers changes in International Law.**

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the military," said Judge Fletcher.

During the two day seminar, the reserve military lawyers were briefed on the latest changes in environmental law,

international law, the privacy act, freedom of information, government contracts, military justice, military rules of evidence and labor laws.

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