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Aircrews learn survival skills in new programs

By Capt. Rick Dyer

Westover's aircrews will receive more realistic survival training as the result of a new program initiated on base during the May 30-31 UTA.

Life support specialists from the 439th TAW's Aircrew Life Support section have launched a "hands-on" survival training program which for the first time involves field exercises conducted at Westover.

Approximately 120 members of the 731st TAS received the instruction in May. Similar training will be provided for the 337th TAS, and other units, in the coming months.

"We're excited about the program," TSgt. John Sambor, life support NCOIC, said. "Previously we had been giving briefings and slide presentations, but now we are able to take the crews into the field and let them learn by doing."

Sergeant Sambor said that the survival course is designed to augment the training which the aircrews receive at the survival school at Fairchild AFB, Wash.

"Obviously there's just so much we can accomplish during the 16 hours of UTA, but we have been able to design a program that is quite comprehensive," the sergeant added.

Members of the 731st can attest to that. During the sessions held at the base's Stoneybrook area, they were



At left, TSgt. Sharon Williams, 439th Life Support Section, conducts a water and food procurement course. TSgt. Don Burroughs and Maj. David Fitzgerald and James Gallin, all of the 731st TAS, watch her check out a groundhog hole. (Photo by SSgt. Howard Garbarsky)

taught how to build fires in the rain, read a compass and convert a parachute into a shelter.

It may not be haute cuisine, but they also learned that cattail can be eaten cooked or raw, and that even stagnant water becomes drinkable when boiled or treated with halazone.

"Our goal is to teach how to become self-sufficient—to have the confidence and common sense necessary to survive," said TSgt. Sharon B. Williams, one of the instructors. "Even simple things can make the difference."

To demonstrate the point, Sergeant Williams showed her pupils how a cotton ball dipped in vaseline could be used to start a fire in rainy condi-

tions. "Remember, it's petroleum jelly — gasoline — and it burns even when it's wet," she said.

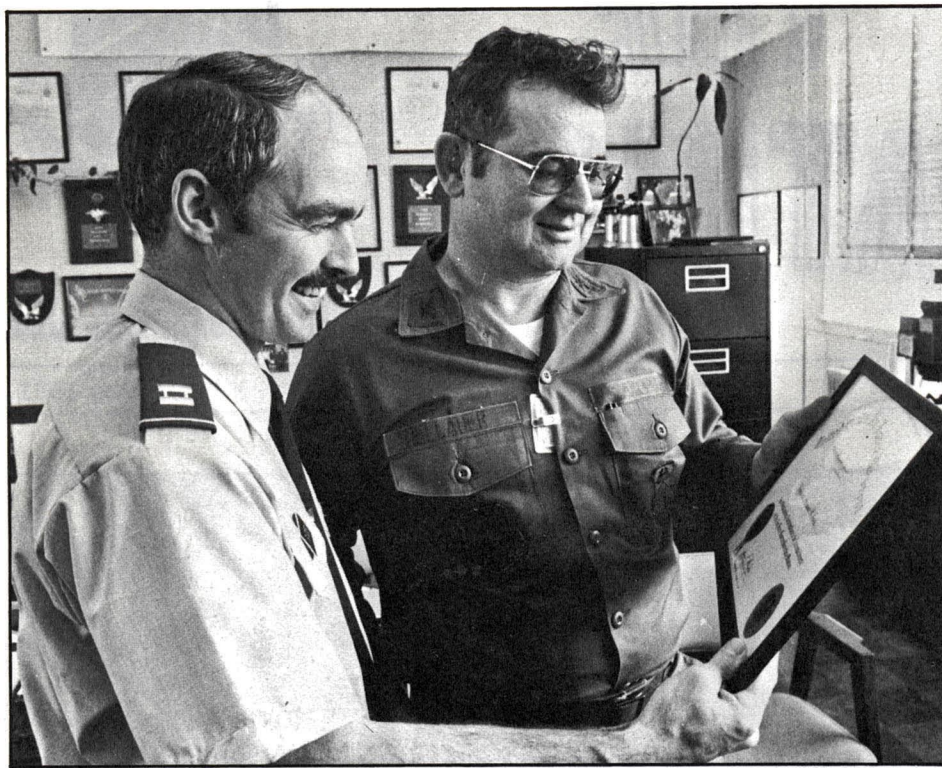
As Sergeant Williams worked with a flint and piece of steel, TSgt. Paul N. LaRochelle was nearby demonstrating how five panels of a parachute could be fashioned into a shelter.

"We also instruct them on how to camouflage their shelters in the event they land in a hostile area and are attempting to evade the enemy," Sergeant LaRochelle said.

Other survival instructors are TSgts. Edwin Ross and John Prechtel, SSgt. George P. DeJesus and Amn. Jean P. Wood.

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Reserve recruiters lose their "secret weapon"



Capt. Norman Bates, U.S. Army, admires the plaque presented to him by Col. Joseph F. Hellauer, Jr., base executive officer, on behalf of the 439th CSG and the Air Force Reserve recruiters. (Photo by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway)

Capt. Norman Bates, an Army officer who resided in the base housing area, left on June 15 to assume a teaching position at West Point. When he did, Air Force Reserve recruiters lost their "secret weapon."

During the past year and a half, the veteran Army officer was "enlisted" by the recruiters to help enlist new Air Force Reservists. A neighbor of recruiter TSgt. Robert Hartung, Captain Bates never objected to being called upon any hour of the day or night to swear in a blue suiter.

"He's been great," Sergeant Har-

tung said. "He's made himself available to us on weekends, holidays and at all sorts of irregular hours to conduct the necessary swearing-in ceremonies. He even made house calls. Last February around Washington's Birthday, Captain Bates swore in five people for us."

Westover recruiters extended their appreciation to Captain Bates during the May 1-2 UTA when Col. Joseph F. Hellauer, 439th CSG executive officer, presented him with several awards and certificates.

Westover hosts weather study mission

An MC-130E aircraft from the 4950th Test Wing, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio used Westover as its temporary headquarters during the last 25 days of April.

The mission was to fly scientists and technicians from the Air Force Geophysics Laboratory, Hanscom AFB, Mass. over New England and as far as 100 miles off shore over the Atlantic Ocean gathering complex weather

data.

During their stay at Westover, the specially equipped Hercules, crews and researchers participated in a number of different test missions including the collection of information about large scale cloud and weather systems. Clouds were sampled when icing was present to test current techniques and develop new procedures for forecasting.

Briefs

Congratulations to SMSgt. Raymond Gosnell and TSgt. Diana (Clark) Gosnell, both of the 439th Tactical Hospital, on their marriage on May 9. The couple, who met at Westover, will live in Old Forge, N.Y.

Col. Charles R. Parrott, former 439th TAW vice commander, is now vice commander of the 14th AF at Dobbins AFB, Ga. He assumed the post June 1 after serving as mobilization augmentee to the Deputy to the Chief of the Air Force Reserve. He replaces Brig. Gen. Dennis Leadbetter, who became the MA to the 8th AF commander, Barksdale AFB La.

Local Memorial Day activities included keynote speeches delivered by two Westover officers. Col. J. Frank Moore, base commander, spoke at the South Hadley Memorial Day exercises held on the town common. In Southwick, Mass., Lt. Col. Jerry Bryant, 337th TAS commander, was the guest speaker at the flag dedication ceremonies sponsored by the American Legion Post.

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*Lots of Lox***Westover upgrades LOX facilities****By A1C. Paul Graveline**

Crews visiting Westover will breathe easier now that new liquid oxygen (LOX) facilities have been installed.

Two 400-gallon tanks are now located in the tower area of the runway, on a concrete pad complete with emergency apparatus.

"Westover's previous LOX operations were suspended for more than a year due to the condition of the previous facilities," said TSgt. Larry Helmer of Westover's fuels distribution system.

Since oxygen supports spontaneous combustion, the location of LOX facilities must be away from combustible materials.

With this in mind, the old tanks situated next to the tar-based runway had become a safety factor. With the new tanks situated on a concrete pad, this problem has been eliminated.

"Special safety equipment, such as masks, gloves and aprons must be worn when handling liquid oxygen," noted Helmer. This is because liquid oxygen has a temperature of approximately minus 392 Fahrenheit, and can kill skin tissue by freezing upon contact.

After donning such equipment, military fuels technicians fill trailer-mounted tanks at the facility, and take them to awaiting aircraft.

"The newer C-130s have the capacity to take on liquid oxygen, which

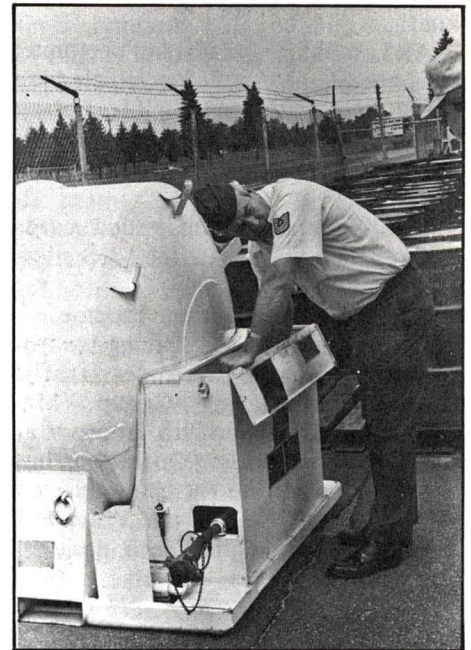
doubles and sometimes triples their supply of aviators' breathing oxygen," said Helmer. "Also, many fighters that stop over at Westover have LOX capacity."

The existence of the new facility will therefore contribute to Westover's capacity to accommodate other Air Force aircraft.

Model aircraft meet to be held at Westover

S.A.M., the Society of Antique Modelers, will hold their annual flying meet July 5 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Westover.

George M. Bumstead, modeler contest director at Westover, said participation is for Westover personnel and their guests only. The gates will open for contest participation at 8 a.m.



MSgt. Charles Scott, NCOIC of the Fuels Lab points out the safety features of the LOX equipment. (Photo by SSgt. Peter Maille)

ASK THE IRMAN

During the May 2-3 UTA, SrA. Donna Stewart of the Public Affairs Office asked several Reservists: "What would you like to see changed in the Reserve program to make it better?"

TSgt. Rod Brooks, 439th CSG — "Make training programs more meaningful. Not that we have poor training, but we need more of it."

A1C. Connie Ruel, 439th TAW — "We could improve the Reserve by attracting more dedicated Reservists."

TSgt. George Conway, 439th TAW — "More emphasis on intramural sports for Reservists, more off-duty activities in a social atmosphere — like picnics, barbecues, etc."

SMSgt. Guy Iannuzzo, 439th TAW — "A closer communication between NCOs and new members, better orientation that would allow new personnel to see how each unit contributes to the overall mission. This would give Reservists a better idea of what the wing mission is all about as opposed to only their own unit."

Sgt. David Pierrepont, 439th CSG — "Promote a greater feeling of belonging, and provide a better understanding of what the Reserve is about through more information pertaining to the different units on Westover. Also increase personnel awareness of the requirements for advancement."

Brief

Two members of the 1917th Communications Squadron recently received recognition for their contributions to the Air Force. **TSgt. Thomas J. Foster**, NCOIC Strategic Communications and Control Systems, earned the Meritorious Service Medal for his work at Malstrom AFB between 1972 and 1980. The Air Force Commendation Medal was awarded to **SSgt. David S. Mitchell**, communications radio technician, due to his performance between 1976 and 1981 at Little Rock AFB, Ark.

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Base's safe drivers to get traffic citations

By Sgt. Peter G. Maille

Safe drivers at Westover will soon be receiving traffic citations—the good kind!

ART, military and civilian personnel who operate an Air Force vehicle here on a daily basis are eligible for an award program recently created to recognize good drivers and promote safety skills.

Safe drivers will be issued cards noting their accident-free, ticketless status.

These drivers will then become eligible for several safe driving awards sponsored by the Westover Traffic Safety Coordinating Group. Mr. Curtis Walker of the 439th Transportation Division's Vehicle Operations has been given a plaque for being selected as the 1980 Driver of the Year. His record showed he has been accident and citation free for 15 years.

According to Mr. Henry Winter, ground safety manager, selections will be made by a panel consisting of representatives from Security Police and the Transportation and Safety Divisions.

Benson graduates from NCO course

TSgt. Paul Benson of the 731st TAS was one of two Reservists among 300 participants to complete MAC's NCO East Leadership School held recently at McGuire AFB, N.J.

Benson has trained in C-123s since 1974. He currently has been upgraded to flight examiner loadmaster.

905th MAPF helps lengthy visitor

Personnel of the 905th MAPF had a somewhat "lengthy" task from May 26 to 29, as they loaded, rerigged and recovered simulated heavy equipment drops from a C-141B "stretch" Starlifter.

The active duty aircraft with a full Reserve crew from the 701st MAS, Charleston AFB, S.C. was practicing for the upcoming Volant Rodeo exercises scheduled for the second week in June at Pope AFB, N.C.

Members of the 905th MAPF who actively took part during the four days of practice were MSgt. Robert Adams, MSgt. John Nagy, TSgt. Garry Gladu, TSgt. Raymond Lakota and SSgt. Paul Sabol.



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Career advisors — serving tomorrow's airmen today

By MSgt. Larry Lentz

Did you know that on the average it costs \$10,000 to recruit, enlist and train each new non-prior service Air Force Reservist? Not included in this estimate is the time expended for on-the-job training. The financial investment as well as the time lost through inexperience has a measurable impact on the readiness and capability of every West-over unit, flight, squadron and group.

Retaining experienced, well trained personnel in the Air Force Reserve is a top priority of all commanders, first sergeants, supervisors—everyone. To help convert priority into practical reality is the responsibility of West-over's nineteen unit career advisors.

The sergeants who make up the group of advisors serve under the full time supervision of TSgt. Roderick Brooks and his newly appointed assistant, Sgt. David Pierrepont.

In addition to their primary duty assignments, unit career advisors make time to interview first term airmen who have served for one year and again six months before the end of their enlistment.

"We're there to be the problem solvers," explains MSgt. Stuart DeGray, the 439th CSG's unit career advisor. "I, and my four assistants, want to resolve any problem, such as pay or promotion that might affect an individual's decision to re-enlist. Often, it's only a slight misunderstanding that is correctable."

Prior service personnel or non-obligated Reservists serving on second or subsequent enlistments are also routinely interviewed by their unit commander 12 months prior to discharge. If the enlisted person still desires to be discharged, Sergeant Brooks meets with the Reservist on a one-on-one basis. "Fortunately that doesn't happen too often," explained Sergeant DeGray. "Our prior service personnel have a re-enlistment rate between 90 and 95 percent. Like the unit advisors, I'll make every effort to correct any problems affecting a Reservist's career decision. I have been able to change some minds. But we'll never lie or make a promise that we can't keep."

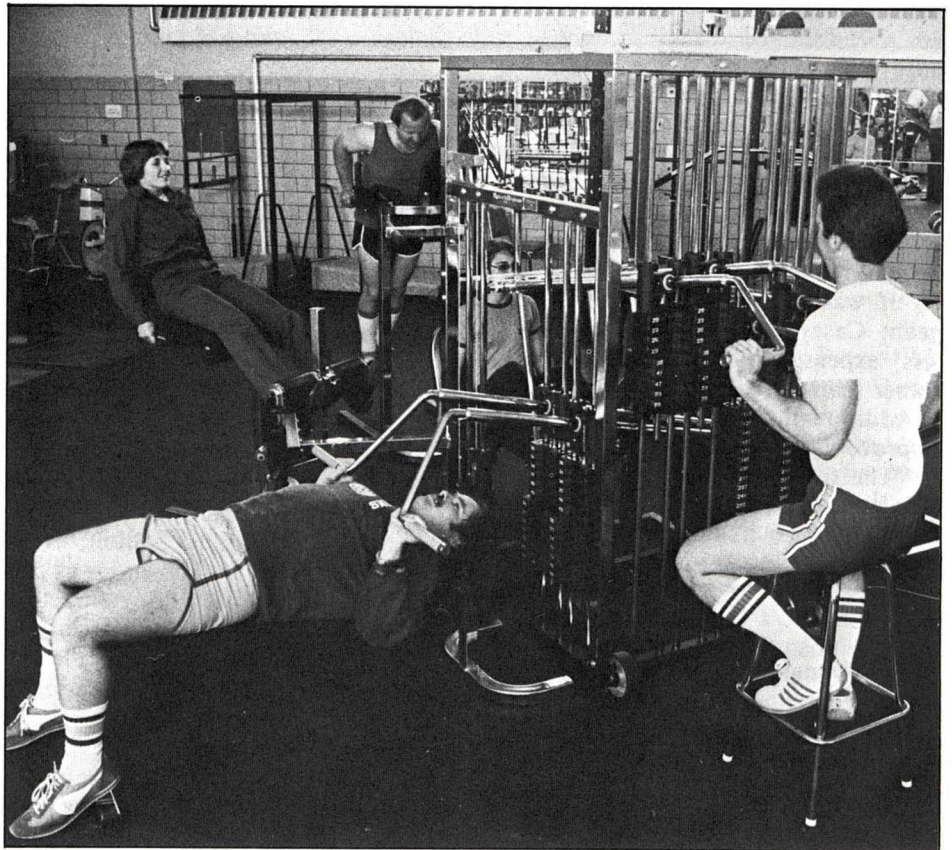
"We're successful because of the individual attention given to all Reservists by supervisors and the advisors," continued Sergeant DeGray, "That's why we're always looking for addition-

al volunteers to serve as advisors or assistants. We're also seeking new ideas or ways to improve retention. Anyone interested in the program should call Sergeant Brooks at extension 3953."

"We can never rest on past accomplishments," concluded Sergeant Brooks. "If we were 100 percent manned and stopped our retention efforts, it would seriously affect us. If not today, certainly tomorrow. And we're not about to let that happen."

The 19 unit career advisors are: 58th Mobile Aerial Port Squadron, MSgt. Howard A. Nolan; 59th Mobile Aerial Port Squadron, TSgt. Theodore T. Grace; 74th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, SSgt. L. C. Mays, Jr.; 337th Tactical Airlift Squadron, TSgt. Stephen M. Gates; 439th Combat Support Group, MSgt. Stuart E. DeGray; 439th Tactical Hospital, MSgt. Raf-

faele Frieri; 439th Tactical Airlift Wing, SSgt. Allen R. Tomlinson; 731st Tactical Airlift Squadron, SMSgt. Peter J. Fontana; 901st Mobile Aerial Port Flight, TSgt. William J. Cichaski; 905th Mobile Aerial Port Flight, TSgt. Robert Mercure; 901st Consolidated Aircraft Maint. Sq., SMSgt. Michael A. Sicuranza; 905th Consolidated Aircraft Maint. Sq., TSgt. Charles T. Maio; 901st Civil Engineering Flight, SMSgt. Paul F. Joachim; 905th Civil Engineering Flight, CMSgt. Albert C. Aniello; 901st Communications Flight, MSgt. Harold B. Crapo, Jr.; 905th Communications Flight, MSgt. Frank Sweryda; 901st/905th Mobility Support Flight, SSgt. John P. Lesure, Sr.; 901st Weapons System Security Flight, SSgt. Donald M. Lahue; 905th Weapons Systems Flight, TSgt. Randy L. Humphries.



The base gym replaced its former universal gym in May with a Paramount progressive resistance machine, which has 11 stations and is capable of total muscle development. Shown working out are, from left foreground, clockwise, Petty Officer 2nd Class Mike Munns; Amn. Kim Chagnon, 905th MOBSF; Bill Butchka, FBI; A1C. John Ferreria and SSgt. John Hartling, both of the 1917th Comm. Sq. The new machine makes it possible for neuromuscular conditioning to be closely aligned to natural movement and to reinforce the entire coordination and strength of all movements. Muscles can be trained independently and specifically for optimum dynamic functional strength, coordination and rehabilitation. (Photo by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway)

New revetment is a good investment

A protective shield for C-130s is being built from logs and earth by Westover Civil Engineers in preparation for August's CONDOR REDOUBT exercise.

When completed, the U-shaped "hot-round" revetment will be 174 feet wide, 135 feet deep and 20 feet high. It will be located on a former aircraft parking pad beyond the current flight-lines.

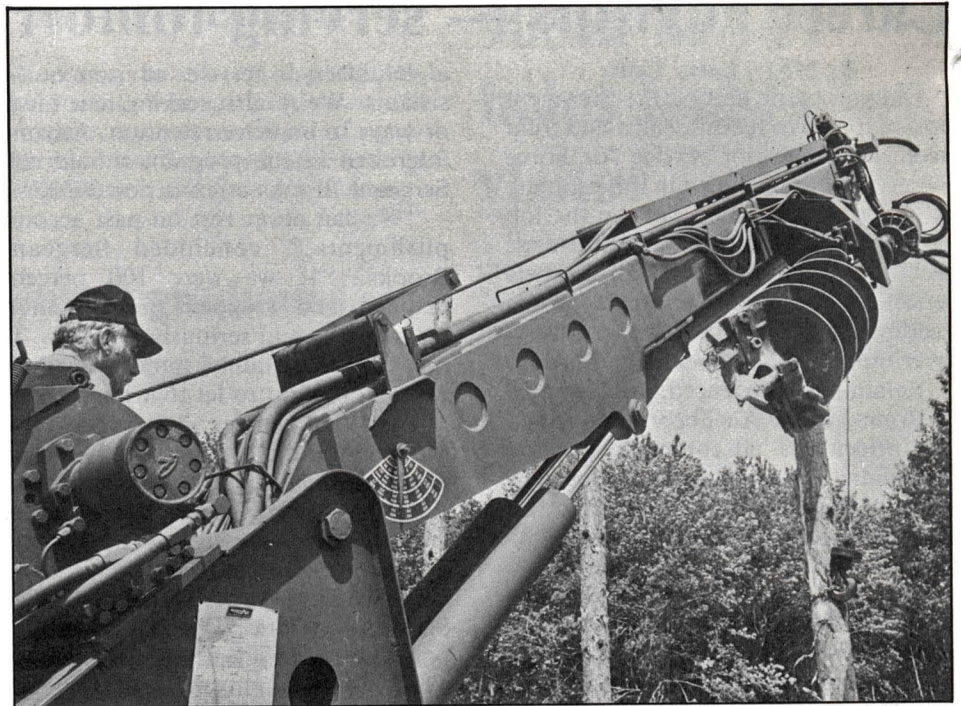
"It's part of the plan to make CONDOR REDOUBT as realistic as possible," SMSgt. Lindley Casey, 901st CES pavement and grounds superintendent, said. "An aircraft will be parked there when ammunition is down-loaded. In a real situation, if a hot round lodged in the chamber of a nose gun were to be discharged, it would be caught in the wall."

In most cases such revetments are made with corrugated metal and earth fill. However, exercise planners decided to use the logs from the pine tree grove near the base's Stoneybrook area instead.

"It was an economy move," Sergeant Casey said. "It will be much less expensive to use some trees, rather than the metal."

Additionally, the felled trees will improve base security.

"The trees are directly in the sight line between the control tower and the building which houses the mechanical



MSgt. Edward Cote, Mass. ANG, eases a pole into place during the construction of the revetment at the Westover "Dogpatch" area. (Photo by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway)

brain for the runway lighting system," Sergeant Casey said. "The improved view will limit possible vandalism to the buildings."

Work during weekdays is done by base civil engineers. On UTA weekends

901st CES and 905th CEF do their share. Members from the Air National Guard at Worcester also aided by using their machinery to dig post holes.

The project is scheduled to be finished later this summer.

Awards presented at group commander's call

Four Air Force Commendation Medals to members of the 901st CES highlighted the awards presented by Col. J. Frank Moore on May 31 at the group commander's call.

Lt. Col. George F. Dillion, Jr. received his medal for his service as commander of the 901st CES. Colonel Dillion was cited for his organizational ability which contributed to the efficient and effective reorganization of the 901st.

SMSgt. Lindley H. Casey accepted his medal for his performance as construction superintendent of the 901st CES. Sergeant Casey's professional skill in the area of construction helped to develop research projects designed to solve problems in this field.

TSgt. Eugene F. Landry, Jr. was awarded his medal for his service as administrative technician with the 901st CES. Sergeant Landry's professional knowledge was evident, as all administrative functions of the squadron

were completed while substantially undermanned.

Major Peter C. November received his second oak leaf cluster to the Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service as staff procurement officer while attached to the 439th CSG from June 28, 1974 to October 31, 1980.

General Haugen presented some additional awards later in the ceremony.

Sgt. Peter Vanderpool received the Humanitarian Service Medal for his participation in the Texas tornado disaster relief operation of April 1979. Sergeant Vanderpool was cited for his direct, "hands-on" participation.

SSgt. Larry Helmer received a certificate for outstanding performance. Sergeant Helmer was awarded the certificate for being 14AF nominee to AFRES for the outstanding AFRES military fuels technician award for 1980.

TSgt. Donald Budzynkiewicz, an air reserve technician with the 901st Recip. Engine Shop died on June 7. He had been with the 439th TAW since July 8, 1974, and with the Navy from August 1968 to April 1973. Our sincere condolences are extended to his wife, Christine; son, Randy and his daughter, Cheryl Ann. A large contingent from the 901st and 905th CAMS attended the funeral; some of the members served as pall bearers.

*Patriot Profile***Social Actions job keeps "people person" busy**

By Capt. Rick Dyer

People are Doris Ford's business—and it's a business that keeps her busy.

A technical sergeant with the Social Actions Office, Doris is the wing's human relations instructor. She teaches human relations courses at Westover, stressing interpersonal communications, and also assists Reservists with personal problems and complaints.

People also play an important part in her civilian and personal life, where she also uses her extensive education and desire to help to make her community a better place.

The sergeant, who holds the Air Force Commendation Medal for her work in the Reserve, is a counselor at Springfield Technical Community College, where she helps run the school's gerontology program. Gerontology is the study of the aging process, and the college's program is designed to train young professionals to assist the elderly.

At STCC, Doris recruits and counsels students, oversees community relation efforts, and is working to establish a job bank for the pupils. She loves her work, and the college finds her an invaluable asset.

Fluent in Spanish, the sergeant holds a bachelor's degree in that language from the University of California at San Diego. She received her master's degree in counseling from the University of Massachusetts in 1977, and her credentials of advanced study in psychology from the University of Massachusetts in 1979.

Sergeant Ford is currently completing her courses for a doctoral degree from the Univ. of Mass. School of Education. She hopes to be "Doctor" Ford by the spring of 1982.

"I'm writing my dissertation on the problems experienced by minority students taking standardization tests, such as the college boards," she said. "I'd like to help solve some of those problems."

Doris is also extensively involved in the Springfield community. She is chairperson of the board of advisors to the Martin Luther King Fellowship House in Springfield. That organization is geared to assist minority students with tutoring and enrichment programs, and financial assistance.



TSgt. Doris Ford, human relations instructor, starts her class on Phase III, Discipline and Human Relations. (Photo by TSgt. Marshall Hathaway)

She also works with the Afro-American program, a cultural organization for students at STCC.

The sergeant came to Westover following 14 years active duty service with the Army and Navy, and after a hitch with the Army Reserve.

While on active duty with the Army, she served as a military intelligence agent, and worked a number of undercover assignments. She found her proficiency in Spanish to be extremely helpful during an assignment in Miami.

Although her current Reserve position seems somewhat tamer than undercover intelligence work, Doris believes it is no less vital.

"Good human relations means a more cohesive unit, and better retention," she said. "In my seminars and classes at the base, we talk about better communication, equal opportunity and employment, the various forms of discrimination, and sexism." The sergeant believes the topic of sexism is becoming more important as women assume more roles and responsibilities in the military.

"In social actions, we attempt to be a conduit of information, and a source of assistance for resolving problems

and complaints," the sergeant added. She feels that her experience in the Air Force Reserve has provided her with a personal benefit, because it has enabled her to become an instructor as well as a counselor.

"You might say that the Reserve has enabled me to broaden my own career horizon," she said with a smile.

For the future, Doris envisions using her doctorate to assist young people in an educational setting. She would also like to see her counseling role in the Reserve expanded, possibly to the point of being a clinician.

"Whatever it is, I know it will involve working with people," she added.

To anyone who knows Doris Ford, that doesn't come as much of a surprise.

Heartfelt condolences are extended to TSgt. Robert Scofield and his family on the death of his wife, Rita, on May 27.

Sympathy is also extended to MSgt. Edward Kruzlic, 905th CEF, and his family on the passing of his daughter, Kathy Ann, on May 18.

Survival Training . . .

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Members of the 731st TAS try their hand at firecraft. TSgt. Paul LaRochelle, left, observes Capt. David Rusch (partly hidden), 1st Lt. Tim Olmstead and Capt. Harry Polychron. (Photo by SSgt. Howard Garbarsky)

Sergeant Sambor said the only problem which arose during the first training session was the cancellation of a helicopter vectoring exercise during which "ground" airmen were to practice the skills needed to signal and bring "rescue" helicopter to them.

74th AES medics aid at Special Olympics

By A1C. Mary Borelli

Five volunteers from the 74th Aero-medical Evacuation Squadron acted as medics for the Special Olympics held in Palmer, Mass., May 9. The event is held every year for the retarded, most of whom are from the Monson Development Center.

This is the second year the 74th has sent volunteers to the event. Those who spent the day caring for the injured were, Capt. Mary Griffin, TSgt. Stephen Caraker, TSgt. David Shields, SSgt. Kathleen McMahon and SSgt. Patricia Petersen.

There were approximately 170 participants in this year's games. According to Sergeant Caraker, "It was a rewarding experience. I went last year and look forward to going again if asked."



TSgt. Paul LaRochelle, 439th Life Support Section, explains the proper handling of flares to Col. Louis Paskevicz, 731st TAS commander. Squadron crew members observe in the background. (Photo by SSgt. Howard Garbarsky)

"We had to scrub the vectoring drill due to the inclement weather, but we will reschedule it sometime in the near future," the sergeant said.

Sergeant Sambor added that he hoped to see the training program ex-

panded in the future. "There's no question about its importance," he said. "While we hope that they never have to use what we teach them, these skills could literally mean the difference between life and death."

How big is the Air Force?

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The Air Force is big business. Brig. Gen. Richard D. Murray, Air Force deputy director of budget, told U.S. senators of the Armed Services Subcommittee that the Air Force has:

- 133 major installations
- 2,850 minor installations
- 253 major squadrons
- 8,696 aircraft
- Clocked 2.7 million flying hours in 1980

- 812,800 personnel, including 569,000 military
- 501 million square feet of buildings
- 250 million square yards of air-field pavement
- 12,000 miles of streets and roads
- Replacement value of the buildings, utilities, pavement and land of \$92 billion.



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