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Westover Supports Empire Glacier 78

On the weekend of January 14th, the Westover weatherman supplied an abundance of highly appropriate weather. By Sunday, everyone braced against a driving snowstorm strengthened by winds that propelled stinging sleet into faces and brought the wind-chill factor to the shivering level. It was the first day of Westover's participation in a combined forces exercise called **Empire Glacier 78**.

Westover was one of many bases selected to function as a support facility for this exercise designed to train and evaluate assigned forces in joint operations in a northern region winter environment.

The base provided space and ramp coordinates for operations, and shared maintenance facilities with the visiting units. Services offered included administrative, billeting, messing, fueling and base supply facilities. Space was also allotted for weather services, special photo operations and separate maintenance facilities. In addition, the base provided vehicles and lighting equipment.

Augmenting full-time base personnel, many reservists served on temporary duty in support of Empire Glacier 78 at Westover.

Referred to as a medium scale exercise, it was coordinated by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and sponsored by the U.S. Readiness Command. Army, Marines, Air Force, Army and Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve personnel were implemented in a total force policy intended to fuse all U.S. military assets into one force. Of the 14,000 people involved, 20 percent were reserve forces.

Westover acted as host for almost 600 troops from four participating units, all having a common factor. Their classified operations revolved around unconventional warfare. They were the 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Fla.; the 7th Airborne Command Control Squadron,

Keesler AFB, Miss.; the 10th Special Forces Group, Fort Devens, Mass.; and the 3rd Combat Communications Group, Tinker AFB, Okla.

A mythical nation located at Fort Drum, N.Y., was the heart of the winter "war." This mock country, friendly to the U.S., had been invaded by an enemy and it was the task of the friendly forces beginning on D-Day, January 26, to expel the invading forces by means of joint air and ground operations. The exercise at Drum was supported by various units representing 24 locations around the U.S. and Canada.

Air Force involvement included tactical close air support, air interdiction, air superiority, reconnaissance and delivery of troops and supplies in support of Army ground maneuvers. Emphasis was placed on conduct of airborne operations, raids, electronic warfare, air defense intercepts and unconventional warfare.

The dining hall served four meals a day with personnel from Langley AFB, Va.; Fort Devens; Shaw AFB, S.C.; George AFB, Calif.; and McDill AFB, Fla. joining to Westover's reservists to feed the participants.



MUSH Men from the Army's 10th Special Forces Group make their way across Westover's Parade Grounds on snow shoes.



Wing Commander's Message

By Brig. Gen. Billy M. Knowles

King Winter has certainly laid his hand on New England. He not only obstructed much of the January UTA planned activities but in so doing, cancelled the expected MAC/IG inspection scheduled for that weekend.

I know how disappointed the affected units were in having that inspection postponed, thus prolonging all the activities requisite on such occasions. In discussions with MAC/IG, it was apparent the month of February was out of the question due to existing inspection team schedules for other units. As a matter of fact, even one regularly scheduled March UTA (March 11-12) would offer a major problem in scheduling a team.

So, in order to get this inspection on the history side of the ledger, we are compromising with the MAC/IG to the extent that those units and personnel directly involved will perform their UTA on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 3, 4 and 5. The primary units are the 731 TAS, 901 APF and 901 CAMS. Any other Combat Support or Wing personnel required to support the effort will be individually contacted.

I've used the Commander's Message for this announcement so as to give the maximum notice to reservists who by necessity must coordinate such changes with their families and employers. I know everyone will understand and cooperate.

WESTOVER LEADS IN ENERGY CONSERVATION—AGAIN
AFRES conservation efforts have resulted in an overall 16.1 percent reduction during Fiscal Year 1977. Westover accounted for 42.5 percent of that: 43.5 percent less electricity, 72.6 cut in gas consumption, and 39.2 percent reduction in use of fuel oil. Another well done to us!!

BRIEFS

Joseph J. Uggiano, 439th Life Support personnel flight equipment outfitter, received double recognition at the Civilian Commanders' Call on Dec. 15. He earned an Outstanding Performance Rating and a Sustained Superior Performance Award for his "professional approach coupled with cheerful attitude" while, "through his system for accounting for equipment, he has reduced losses by 90%."

Westover's chapter of the **Air Force Sergeants Association Ladies Auxiliary** will hold membership meetings at the Consolidated Open Mess at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 7, March 7, April 4, May 2 and June 6.

Westover's **Patriot** was selected as the Best Unit Newspaper (category A) by 14th Air Force (Reserve) in the AFRES annual Information awards competition.

Reenlistment Bonus Test set for selected Army Reservists

AFPS — A new Congressionally-approved \$5 million reenlistment bonus test for selected Army National Guardsmen and Reservists began Jan. 1 and will terminate Sept. 30, 1978. The Department of Defense is conducting the test to determine what effect reenlistment bonuses will have on keeping men and women in the Reserve forces beyond first term enlistments.

The test period is for those qualifying, whose enlistments expire during the test period.

It applies only to the Army Guard and Reserve, not to Reserve components of the other services, since the Reserve manpower problem is most severe in the Army.

Only selected Army Guard and Reserve units will participate in the bonus program in order to measure the effect of this first bonus incentive program offered to Guard and Reserve units.

Those qualifying can receive up to \$1,800 for agreeing to reenlist for another six years, or \$900 for three years. Half of these amounts are offered as a lump sum on the date of reenlistment, with the balance in \$150 annual payments after each year of satisfactory performance.

Secretary of Defense Harold Brown

stressed that the reenlistment bonus program is only a test to determine if the incentive works. He said it should not be considered a reward or additional payment for past services.

439th Joins Red Flag

The 439th has been invited to take part in **Red Flag 78-4**. A C-130B from the 337th TAS and a C-130A from the 914th's 328th TAS will be participating in at least four low-level and airdrop missions on the Nellis AFB range in Nevada. Our crews and aircraft will integrate with four C-130S from the active duty 317th TAW from Pope AFB, in a "combat environment" which will employ opposing forces with simulated ground fire and supporting fighter cover.

SAV Members of the 439th will travel to Fort Drum, N.Y. during the February UTA to perform a staff assistance visit to the 2ALC.

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Westover to open FAMCAMP Center

Work may soon begin on a 10-unit recreational campsite for motorized vehicles at Westover. The new campsite will be built across from the base theater, between the swimming pool and Hangar Ave.

The campsite, termed FAMCAMP by the Air Force, is only one of several projects that will form a new outdoor recreational complex at Westover. Several buildings will be built including a 50 foot by 100 foot facility housing the Four Seasons Equipment Rental Center and campsite administration; separate "his" and "her" showers and bathrooms; a small coin-operated laundry; and a waste dumping station.

Each campsite will have electrical and water hookups for motorized and pull campers, a concrete pad with patio lite, grill and picnic table.

A new children's playground facility called "Image City" is scheduled for the former Officers' Club site. It will include swings, seesaws, riding animals, outdoor cooking fireplaces, shelter and a multipurpose modular play center.

"The addition of these new facilities will add a new dimension to Westover's recreation program," said Capt. Walter Bumgardner, reserve chief of morale, welfare and recreation. "This complex will be one of a kind. Where else can you park your camper, walk across the street and play tennis, take a swim, have a barbecue and then walk to the movies?"

Captain Bumgardner became involved in FAMCAMP about two years ago after



PARK AND PLAYGROUND planned for completion in 1978 on the site of the former Officers' Club.

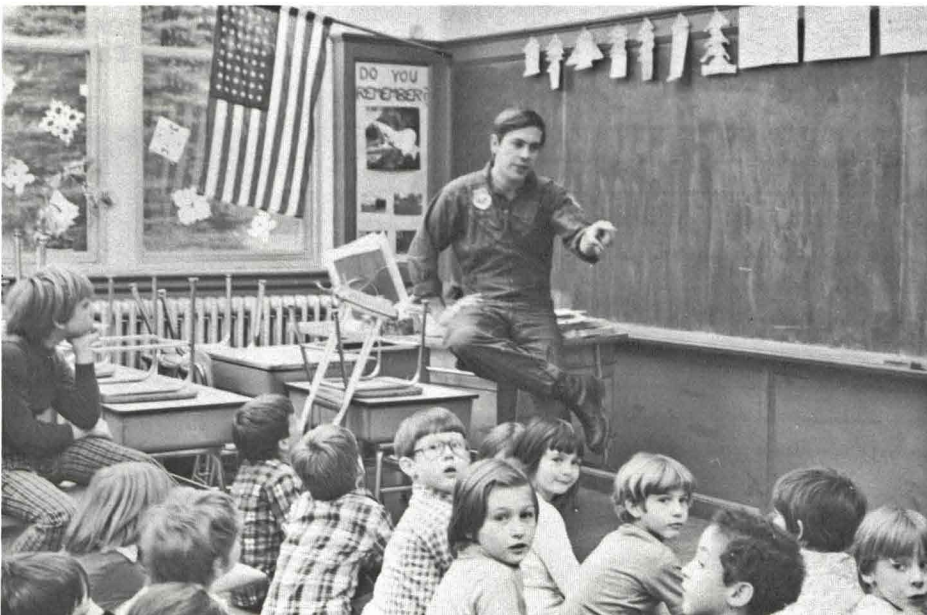
the initial suggestion for the facility was made by the Enlisted Advisory Council. The captain, a member of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning faculty, had members of his graduate-level course do a feasibility study of three sites on base.

The program, two years in the planning stage, follows the rebuilding of the swimming pool and tennis courts. Last year, Lt. Col. Wheeler Smith, a reserve supplement

officer and design engineer from Sheppard AFB, Texas, visited Westover on TDY status and together with the base recreation staff, began planning and designing the new FAMCAMP complex.

When the plans and specifications are approved at base level, an application grant will be sent to AFRES for funding.

The FAMCAMP will be in service during the winter as well as warm seasons. Skiers will find it within easy access to the ski slopes.



NOW HEAR THIS Capt. Arch Battista assists future recruiters when he talks to prospective reservists for the year 1988. (Photo by A1C Nancy Donovan)

Captain Battista Visits School Children

It was close encounters of a nice kind for youngsters at the Somersville Elementary School in Somers, Conn., on Dec. 1, when something from "upper space" visited them.

Looking familiar enough, save his off-green flight suit and the complicated toys he brought, Capt. Arch Battista, a 731st TAS pilot held a captive audience.

The captain painted an interesting picture of a pilot's life with the help of navigational aids, special maps, a helmet, pilot's uniform and headsets.

"He related so well to the children I just couldn't believe it. The kids are still talking about him," said A1C Nancy Donovan, 74 AES medical technician. She's a permanent substitute teacher at Somersville and invited the captain to address her class.

OFFICERS' HOLIDAY

Saturday, December 10



MOORE WELCOMES The Dining-Out's keynote speaker Lt. Gen. John P. Flynn, Air Force Inspector General, thanks Dining-Out President Col. J. Frank Moore, base commander, for his introduction and the warm greeting by Mrs. Moore. General Flynn was the Air Force's senior prisoner of war in Hanoi.



SPIRITED SALUTE From left, Capt. Lester Martin, Thomas Frisbee, Norman Elliott, Roger Peltier, Allen Hoffacker, Patrick Dery, (and their guests) share a private toast in addition to the many "public" offerings.



SCOTTISH SERENADE Members of the Springfield Kiltie Band open the formal festivities with an international flair.



VIP TOAST Dining-Out members join Colonel Moore in a toast.



TOP NON-FLIERS Lt. Col. Joseph Hellauer, 439CSG executive officer, accepts the Reserve Officers' Association Outstanding Air Force Unit award on behalf of the group.



BOASTFUL BOOST Lt. Col. Hellauer shows off a replica of the Reserve Officers' Association Outstanding Unit Award won by the group.

D DINING OUT

Consolidated Open Mess



HEROIC HONOR General Knowles presents the Outstanding Aircrew Member Award to Maj. Gale French, wing flight safety officer, in recognition of his skillful handling of a C-123 during a crash landing. Capt. Thomas Grenham, the dining-out's Mr. Vice, joins in the audience's approval.



WEATHER OR NOT Maj. Gerard McDonald unveils the latest in meteorological apparatus not in use by the 731 TAS. The directions read: "1. If rock swings, weather is windy. 2. If rock is wet, weather is rainy. 3. If rock is white, weather is snowy. 4. If rock cannot be seen, weather is foggy."



Dining-out's distinguished guests honoring the Chief Executive.



ACHIEVEMENT NOTED Capt. Ronald Lawler, 58 APS, receives the Junior Officer of the Year Award from General Knowles.



The wing's number one booster squadron signifying the Air Force by the members of the 439th.



TOP FLIGHT Capt. Thomas Zabel, right, accepts the wing's Outstanding Flying Unit trophy from General Knowles on behalf of the 901 APF.

Billeting: Providing a Home Away from Home

During the summer and fall, Westover's billeting facilities housed more than 3,500 people. In January, besides 439th personnel, 600 EMPIRE GLACIER exercise participants were accommodated. Providing a clean, comfortable room for so many visitors requires the efforts of 13 civilian employees and five reservists and the cooperation of everyone who uses the facilities.

Two areas of special concern are energy conservation and pilferage prevention. "Shutting windows, turning off lights and faucets when not in use, is the responsibility of energy conscious individuals," reminds Angelo Lerario, billeting custodian manager. "Also pilferage has been a large problem. Replacing missing articles and repairing damaged property has used some of the funds originally slated for added luxuries." He urges guests to keep rooms locked and to report breakage to the billeting office or suspected theft to Colonel Moore, the base commander.

Yet a lot of improvements have already taken place in the Bachelor Airman Quarters (BAQ) and the Bachelor Office Quarters/Visiting Officers Quarters (BOQ/VOQ). And more are scheduled. Every lounge in the BAQ and BOQ/VOQ now boasts a color television. During the summer, the painting of all rooms was completed and screens were installed in all windows. New bed or dresser lamps and carpeting for the BAQ and pillows for all rooms are on order.

Many of the billeting's improvements



KEY AIRMEN A1C Marilu DePaolo and Amn. Marcelina Warren, billeting administrative specialists, begin their UTA at 4 p.m. on Friday.

have been prompted from guests' suggestions. Some have been directed through the Enlisted Advisory Council or have been referred to the civilians and reservists assigned to billeting.

TSgt. Donald Inglis is the Housing Services NCOIC. He assumed the responsibilities from the recently retired MSgt. George Garneau. Along with Marcella Fletcher and Joseph Stopa, he assigns rooms to officers at the BOQ/VOG.

At the BAQ, the new NCOIC is SSgt. Francis Fazi. He works with A1C Marilu DePaolo and Amn. Marcelina Warren. They assign rooms, distribute keys and towels, handle housing problems and inspect barracks after check-out.

During the month, Head Janitor John Danahy, Paul Gaboury and Daniel Houde maintain all the facilities.

No Ordinary Motel

In addition to 439th members and personnel from other Guard and Reserve units while they train at Westover, the billeting facilities may be used by active duty and retired visitors for a maximum of 30 days. Periodically, if the schedule permits, ROTC and Civil Air Patrol cadets and Scouts are also housed on base.

Decisions as to who stays and how much they pay are decided by Air Force regulation.

Mr. Lerario explains. "Reservists may use billeting during their UTAs, annual encampment, mandays and on TDY. At all times, the rates are set by the Air Force at a maximum of four dollars a night. Westover's highest charge is three dollars."

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GREAT RECEPTION Billeting Custodian Manager, Angelo Lerario, demonstrates a new color television in a VOQ living room to TSgt. Donald R. Inglis, Billeting NCOIC.

Billeting . . .

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"There are various payment arrangements," he continued. "For UTAs and encampments, the individual's unit picks up the tab — provided the reservist is on the billeting roster and he or she signs in. On mandays or TDY, the reservist pays the billeting office directly and submits a receipt for reimbursement."

Patronage at Westover's "hotels" vary from month to month, but December's figures are typical. During the UTA alone, 110 officers and 346 airmen made the quarters their home while here for training.

The Billeting staff tries to make everyone who occupies their 607 beds "feel at home." "We're here for one reason," Lt. Col. Joseph Hallauer, base executive officer, says for the staff. "Without you, we wouldn't be here. Without us, you couldn't stay here."



CHECKING A participant in Empire Glacier 78 checks in at the Billeting Office. Ready to help him are, from left, Janet Nurczyk and Marcella Fletcher, members of the staff.

New AFRES Policy for Women

The present trends of equal opportunity and women's rights have found their way into another part of the Air Force Reserve.

All nonprior service women enlisting in the Air Force Reserve on or after Feb. 1, 1978 will incur a six-year obligation instead of four years, just as the men. They will also be subject to the same enforcement procedures as men. For example, a woman failing to meet her reserve requirements can be ordered to 45 days of active duty, just as men have been in the past.

Air Force Reserve recruiters counsel the new women enlistees on the new policy obligation and AFRES Form 26, Certificate of Orientation, is filled out acknowledging their understanding of their obligation.



PROMOTIONS

MSgt. Michael A. Arminio
 MSgt. Roger J. Brogis
 MSgt. John N. Frasco
 MSgt. George J. Kudla
 TSgt. Thomas V. Dzwonkus
 TSgt. Hassell A. Frye, Jr.
 TSgt. Francis M. Hartley
 TSgt. Roy M. Heil
 TSgt. Paul H. Kwiatkowski
 TSgt. Victor C. Park, Jr.
 TSgt. Gary F. See
 TSgt. Finley L. Thursby
 SSgt. Paul G. Benson
 SSgt. Henry H. Eide
 SSgt. Francis J. Komloski
 SSgt. Leon J. Mason, Jr.
 SSgt. Thomas R. McShane
 SSgt. Allen J. Roy
 SSgt. Thomas P. Walsh
 Sgt. Sarah F. White
 SrA Richard Bialoglowy
 SrA Nancy Donovan
 SrA Judith A. Driscoll
 SrA Michael L. Goldberg
 SrA Timothy D. Hallam
 SrA Maryann E. Kulas
 SrA George Lee
 SrA Arnold L. Martin, Jr.
 SrA Ronald M. McNeil
 SrA Kevin M. Murphy

SrA Catherine M. Parker
 SrA Elwyn G. Ralston
 SrA Augusta M. L. Weldon
 SrA Sharon B. Williams
 SrA Wanda M. Wood
 A1C Marian G. Gibson
 A1C Michael J. Gremila
 A1C Colleen Loughnane
 A1C Robert A. Lussier
 A1C Steven M. Lucas
 A1C Robert M. Mercure, Jr.
 A1C Kent W. Ranney
 A1C Guy R. Sico
 A1C Joan C. Skiffington
 A1C Wilson St. Julien, Jr.
 A1C William Thomas
 A1C Larry L. Tillman

ENLISTED

TSgt. Doris B. Ford
 TSgt. Joseph M. Hunt
 SSgt. Jack W. Arensmeyer
 SSgt. Donald C. Elliott, Jr.
 SSgt. Christine M. Fisher
 SSgt. Robert Gallant
 SSgt. Gary Carthwait
 SSgt. Gordon E. Marwick
 SSgt. Gene M. Orf
 SSgt. Alan N. Osterweil
 SSgt. Edward O. Richer
 SSgt. James B. Stockwell
 SSgt. John S. Urbaniak
 SSgt. Arthur C. Weber, Jr.
 Sgt. Charles E. Porter
 Sgt. Corinne A. Squier
 SrA Larry C. Ball
 SrA Roger C. Thibault
 SrA Robert H. Tisdell
 SrA Sandra K. Wheeler

A1C James C. Adams
 A1C Paul Dorunda
 Amn. John J. Callahan, Jr.
 AB Barbara A. Abdow
 AB Bruce P. Anderson
 AB David A. Besse
 AB Thomas J. Brown
 AB Joseph J. Coughlin
 AB Timothy G. Gangell
 AB Richard N. Labrecque
 AB Michael A. Laporte
 AB Dwayne E. Lassiter
 AB Karen L. Marti
 AB Howard H. Robinson
 AB Cesar L. Ruiz
 AB Lynnea M. Stevens

REENLISTMENTS

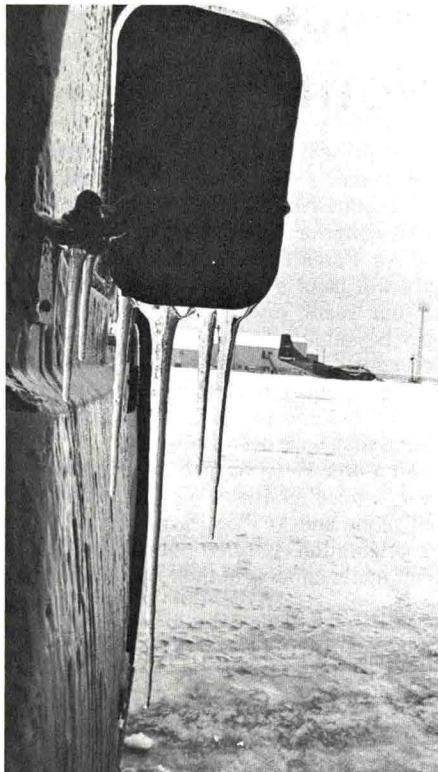
CMSgt. Joseph S. DiMartino
 MSgt. Maurice J. Arcand
 MSgt. Roger E. Bill
 MSgt. John A. Brady
 MSgt. Robert R. Draper
 MSgt. Francis J. Spirito
 TSgt. William E. Bowker
 TSgt. Robert H. Boyd, Jr.
 TSgt. LeRoy W. Dennis
 TSgt. Alan R. Garside
 TSgt. Richard E. Gingras
 TSgt. Thomas F. Kenney
 TSgt. Leigh J. Keohan
 TSgt. Eugene F. Landry
 TSgt. Steven F. Leib
 TSgt. James F. Lynch
 TSgt. Thomas F. McCoy
 TSgt. Paul M. Mersincavage
 TSgt. Joseph M. Norton
 TSgt. Joseph R. Paul
 TSgt. Allen M. Sanders

TSgt. Robert A. Whitman
 SSgt. Sandra L. Barrett
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 SSgt. David A. Burden
 SSgt. Joseph D. Butler
 SSgt. William G. Chaput
 SSgt. Bruce G. Davey
 SSgt. Joanna I. Davidson
 SSgt. Joseph J. DiVittorio
 SSgt. David H. Gundersen
 SSgt. Donald J. Hamel
 SSgt. David P. Henry
 SSgt. Richard S. Kurek
 SSgt. Richard W. Marek
 SSgt. Stephen J. Marlow
 SSgt. John F. Miller
 SSgt. Edward T. Moynihan
 SSgt. Frank J. Okarmus
 SSgt. Gary F. See
 SSgt. Richard F. Tardif
 SSgt. John P. Ushoeffter
 Sgt. Thomas F. Fassbunder
 Sgt. Michael A. Major
 Sgt. Richard L. Pease
 Sgt. Robert R. Turcotte
 SrA Peter A. Carminati
 SrA Diana Clark
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 SrA Denise L. Quinn
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 A1C Lynne M. Desmarais

REASSIGNED

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 SSgt. Constance M. Clark
 Sgt. Elmer A. Clark, Jr.
 Sgt. Raymond E. Sheckles
 A1C Paul Cheslofska

PREVIEW



PRESENTED PROUDLY Base Commander Col. J. Frank Moore presents Air Force Commendation Medals to three sergeants at ceremonies in his office on Sat., Jan. 14. Honored for their service from 1974 to 1977 were, from left, CMSgt. Jack W. Murdock, base maintenance construction superintendent; SMSgt. Paul F. Joachim, plumbing technician; and SSgt. Janis A. Sledge, air operations technician.

Watch for coverage of Westover coping with Ole' Man Winter in the February Patriot.

ADPA Westover will host the Hartford-Springfield Chapter of the American Defense Preparedness Association on February 17. The members and their wives will be taken on a tour of the base in the afternoon prior to attending the semiannual meeting at the Consolidated Open Mess. Maj. Gen. Thomas M. Sadler, commander of 21AF, will be the guest speaker.

1978 UTA SCHEDULE			
Feb	11-12	Jul	15-16
Mar	11-12	Aug	*11-12
Apr	8-9	Sep	*8-9-10
May	6-7	Oct	14-15
June	10-11	Nov	18-19
		Dec	9-10
Aug 13-27 Annual Tour			
*Friday evening			

A Word to the Wise

In early February, a new traffic ticketing system, endorsed by Headquarters USAF, will be put into effect at Westover.

Minor traffic offenses such as parking violations, disobeying posted signs, speeding or blocking of roadways or intersections will result in the DOD or AFRES police issuing a DD Form 1805, Violation Notice, to the offender.

This form will have listed on it the fine which is payable to the Federal Magistrate in Boston. Any appeals will have to be made before the Boston Area Federal Magistrate. In addition, points prescribed


by AFR 125-14, normally assigned to infractions, will be assessed against the driver.

For more serious offenses, such as driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor, leaving the scene of an accident, hit and run, and various other misdemeanors or felonies, an incident report will be prepared and forwarded to the U.S. Attorney for prosecution. A summons will then be issued for the individual to appear before the Boston Area Federal Magistrate.

So drive with caution!

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