

# PEOPLE

## Tina Charney Kravits honored by U.S. Air Force

Major General C. Norman Wood, Asst. Chief of Staff, Air Force Intelligence, recently announced that Capt. Tina Charney Kravits was selected as Air Force Targeting Officer of the year.

If the United States went to war tomorrow, B-52 Heavy Bomber Aircrews at Loring AFB, Maine would depend on this 29 year old native of Dallas, to help them hit enemy targets and get them back.

Capt. Kravits is the Chief of the Target Intelligence Branch, 42nd Heavy Bombardment Wing, working with B-52 crew members, she must recommend to the Bomb Wing Commander what targets to hit, the type of conventional bombs to drop and how many B-52's are required to make a successful strike. She does it better than

anyone else in the Air Force and was recently bestowed this honor at the Air Force Targeting Conference held at Goodfellow AFB, San Angelo, Texas. She is the first Capt. and first female to win this award since its inception which made it an even bigger honor.

Capt. Kravits is the daughter of Elaine and John Charney, USAF retired, who reside at Ransom Rd., Dallas. She is a 1979 graduate of Dallas High School and Wilkes College ROTC. Capt. Kravits has been at Loring for a year, previous assignments were Lowery AFB, Denver, Colo., and Hg SAC, Offutt AFB, Omaha, Neb. She is married to Brian Kravits, son of Ruth and William Kravits, Swoyersville and have two sons, Brian William and Joshua.



**TOP TARGETER** - Tina Charney Kravits receives the Targeting Officer of the Year award from Major Gen. C. Norman Wood.



**AWARD WINNER** - Jim Harris of Kingston is shown receiving the Springboard of the 2nd Quarter Award from Chapter President John J. Jablowski, Jr.

## Harris is cited by Jaycees

Jim Harris of Kingston, a member of the Back Mountain Jaycees, was recently named as "Springboard of the 2nd Quarter" by the local leadership training organization. Harris is a coordinator at the Joan Harris Centre for the Gifted/Talented in Edwardsville.

The Springboard Award is given quarterly by the local Jaycee chapter. Recipients of the award are selected based on their involvement within their first 90 days as a Jaycee. Through attendance at least 50% of the chapter's membership meetings, involvement with chapter projects and sharing the Jaycees leadership opportunity, Jaycees participate in the Springboard program. The Back Mountain Jaycees are currently ranked 7th out of nearly 250 chapters in Pennsylvania.

Back Mountain Jaycees President John J. Jablowski, Jr. of Hanover Township said of Harris, "Jim's leadership and involvement in our chapter has been exemplary. Undoubtedly, Jim has clearly earned this award. Jim's fellow members of the Back Mountain Jaycees are proud of him and honored to have him as an active member. When the Jaycees activate new members of the caliber of Jim Harris, we continue our commitment to serving this community through leadership training," Jablowski concluded.

The Back Mountain Jaycees will hold their next monthly general membership meeting on Tuesday, January 9, 1990 at the Castle Inn. All members and interested guests are invited to attend.

## Hooper new Misericordia admissions counselor

Donna Hooper recently was appointed admissions counselor at College Misericordia, according to David Payne, dean of admissions. Her duties include interviewing and recruiting new students for Misericordia in New Jersey, Staten Island and Maryland.

Hooper, of West Wyoming, joined Misericordia in September 1987 as a counselor in the student assistance center. In February 1988, she was appointed assistant to the registrar. She is a 1982 graduate of Millersville State University with a bachelor of arts degree in social work.



Donna Hooper

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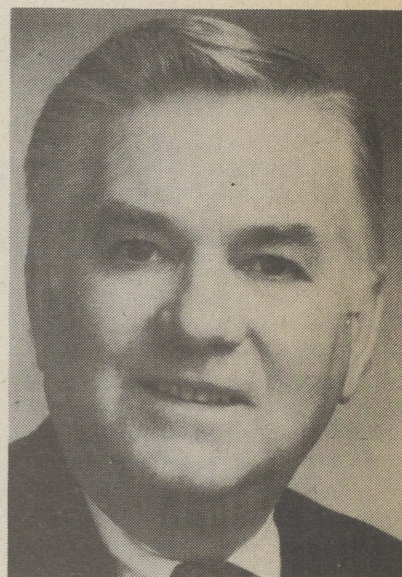
## Umphred retires after 34 year career at C-Tec

After more than 34 years of service with C-TEC Corporation, William J. Umphred, senior vice president of Administration and External Affairs, has retired.

Joining Commonwealth Telephone Company as a commercial surveyor in 1955, Umphred progressed through the Company's ranks, becoming president of Commonwealth Telephone (1974-85), and then being promoted to senior vice president with the parent company, C-TEC Corporation (1985-Present), a diversified telecommunications company based in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

During his four decades of service, Umphred provided vital leadership to the Company through times of phenomenal growth, expansion and change. In the 1960's and 70's, he was instrumental in ensuring Commonwealth's transition from primarily rural party line service to becoming one of the most efficient, cost-effective telephone companies in a rural environment. In the 80's, his promotion to the corporate level allowed him to develop C-TEC's relationship with the investment community. Most recently, he was responsible for the Company's administrative services, land and buildings, government and community affairs, public relations and investor relations. He has also served as corporate secretary.

Umphred has been actively involved in professional and community affairs throughout his tenure. In the 1970's, he was Chairman of the United Way of Wyoming Valley Campaign, the Luzerne County Savings Bond Campaign, the Wilkes College



William J. Umphred

Annual Drive, and the Salvation Army Board of Directors. He additionally chaired various U.S. Telephone Association committees and held board positions with such organizations as College Misericordia, Northeast Pennsylvania Philharmonic Society, Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce and the Pennsylvanians for Effective Government. His credentials also include being listed in the 1965 edition of "Outstanding Young Men in America" and the 1971 "Who's Who in Business and Industry."

Umphred is a graduate of Wilkes College and was a U.S. Navy communications officer during the Korean War. He resides in Dallas, with his wife Elizabeth and son, William, Jr. Their son Charles is married and resides in West Chester, Pa.

## DeRojas named American College of Surgeons member

Juan J. DeRojas, MD, FACS, has completed the stringent requirements and has been inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons. A graduate of Temple University Medical School, he completed his General Surgery Residency and Vascular Surgery Fellowship at Temple University Hospital.

Dr. DeRojas' partners in Surgi-

cal Specialists of Wyoming Valley are: F. Jorge Abrantes, MD; Peter F. Casterline, MD; Peter J. Corey, MD; Richard A. Flanagan, Jr., MD; Mark R. Katlic, MD; David B. Lucchino, MD; George W. Volpelti, MD; and Seth W. Wolk, MD.

Dr. DeRojas resides in Jackson Twp. with his wife and four children.

## In our service

**Navy Seaman Recruit Phillip G. George**, son of Peter G. and Mary M. George of 165 Youngblood Ave., Shavertown, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, Fla.

A 1989 graduate of Dallas High School, Dallas, he joined the Navy in 1989.

**Wayne A. Marhelski**, son of retired Air Force Master Sgt. Charles A. and Violet A. Marhelski of 101 Davis St., Trucksville, has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of airman first class.

Marhelski is a precision measurement equipment laboratory specialist with the 374th field Maintenance Squadron in Japan.

He is a 1988 graduate of Dallas Senior High School.

Forster of RD 3, Dallas, recently reported for duty with 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa, Japan.

A 1988 graduate of Pittston High School, Pittston, he joined the Marine Corps in December 1988.

**Airman Mark J. Lubinski** has graduated from the U.S. Air Force administrative specialist course at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Graduates of the six-week course learned how to prepare Air Force correspondence and reports, and earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

Lubinski is the son of Karen R. Lubinski of 92B Poplar St., Dallas.

He is a 1989 graduate of Dallas High School.

**Marine Lance Cpl. John A. Bobersky**, son of John S. Bobersky of 844 Park Ave., Shavertown, was recently awarded the U.S. Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal.

Bobersky received the award for good behavior and conduct over a three-year period in the Marine Corps.

He is currently serving with 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

A 1986 graduate of Berwick Area High School, Berwick, he joined the Marine Corps in July 1986.

**Army 2nd Lt. Joseph P. Walsh** has arrived for duty in West Germany.

The lieutenant is a platoon leader with the 502nd Infantry.

Walsh is the son of Paul J. and Mary A. Walsh of 18 Westminster Drive, Dallas.

A 1984 graduate of Dallas Senior High School, he is a 1988 graduate of Edinboro University, Pa.

**Marine Pfc. Jason D. Forster**, son of Edward A. and Sandy L.

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