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DIVERSITY DAY - Tech. Sgt. Andre Brown, right, explains the history of diversity in American armed forces to Senior Airman Sharon Bioncardi and Tech. Sgt. Richard Garcia, during Diversity Month activities at the Westover Club during the May A UTA. Sergeant Brown is with the 439th Airlift Wing Military Equal Opportunity office. See additional photos on Page 8.

(photo by Master Sgt. W.C. Pope)

439th AW MISSION: Actively support national objectives on a global scale with ready, mobility forces

Westover makes first BRAC hurdle

The collective sigh of relief from Westover and the surrounding communities could be heard all over Mass May 13 when the Pentagon released the proposed Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) list to the BRAC Commission.

While it is indeed good news that we are not on the list to close, I want to emphasize that this is a PROPOSED list and not the final answer. The complete process will take over six months and has several major hurdles to get by before it becomes law, including Congressional approval.

I have every hope that Westover's role in our nation's defense over the years, as well as our continued outstanding performance in Operation Iraqi Freedom, will help us come through the process unscathed.

For a complete breakdown of how the rest of New England and AFRC fared, visit the defense link on the web (www.defenselink.mil/BRAC). I think you will find some far-reaching (and surprising) changes to our nation's defense structure.

While we await the final outcome of the BRAC process, we have to continue to carry out our dual missions of flying airplanes and training our folks to go to war.

In addition, we have to prepare to show several sets of inspectors just how well we do those missions. Hopefully by this stage in preparations, we are just about ready and all that remains are some minor touch-ups. However, from experience, I know that is probably not the case and there is a lot of work still to be done. I also know Westover will shine in any case!

With the stress of the BRAC, inspection prep, and the steady stream of deployments, we need to make sure we keep things in proper perspective. That is, remember the things that are really important and don't neglect them; your family, friends, civilian jobs and your health. If you are feeling too stressed-out, let someone (supervisor, friends, etc.) know and get help before the stress overcomes you. We need you to be a "full-up round" when the inspectors arrive and more importantly, to go to war if your country needs you to.

All of you are doing a super job, THANKS!



Col. Wade Farris

439th Airlift Wing commander



Briefs

Different format set for June Commanders Calls

Commanders Call will include a different format June 4. Enlisted call, to be held in the conference center, will be at 9 a.m. for members with last names beginning with A-L, followed by M-Z at 1 p.m. Officers Call will be at 3 p.m. at the Westover Club. These are mandatory formations for all assigned 439th AW reservists.

College offers effective speaking class on base

Nichols College will offer a class in effective speaking June 22 at Westover. The class will be taught from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the 337th Airlift Squadron conference room in the Base Hangar.

The class counts for three college credits in speech toward a Community College in the Air Force associate's degree. For more information, call retired Chief Master Sgt. Ronald J. Tyson, assistant dean and director of military programs at the college, at (508) 213-2456, or e-mail, ronald.tyson@nichols.edu

Tricare has toll-free number for reservists

Reservists can call Tricare's toll-free number with questions about the program at 1-877-TRICARE.

The local Tricare toll-free number is (800) 555-2605.

Public affairs approves tours on base, flight line

All tours, including those on the flight line, must be coordinated through the 439th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office. Since the flight line is a restricted area, Westover reservists and civilian employees must have a line badge in possession while escorting any tour groups.

PA tours are conducted primarily on Wednesdays and Fridays and on A UTAs. Because maintenance workers commit static aircraft for tours, PA needs at least one month in advance for scheduling a C-5 for static display.

For more information, call Ext. 2020.

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Westover survives first BRAC 2005 list

by Capt. Jennifer Christovich

The men and women of the 439th Airlift Wing breathed a sigh of relief as Secretary of Defense, Donald H. Rumsfeld released the proposed Base Realignment and Closure list May 13 which spared Westover.

Instead, Westover may gain about 1,000 Army soldiers from several Reserve units in Massachusetts and may lose a unit of 13 soldiers from the Armed Forces Reserve Center already on base with the intent of establishing a new Armed Forces Reserve Center and an Army Reserve Sustainment Brigade headquarters in the facility.

"We're still working on the details but it looks like we'll continue to add to our joint mission," said Col. Wade Farris, 439th Airlift Wing commander.

"The folks here at Westover have proven they are fully capable of meeting national defense objectives and I have no doubt the additional military will enhance that capability," he said.

According to the BRAC recommendations, the new assets will transform regional Reserve Component facilities and command and control structure and enhance military value, improve homeland defense capability, greatly improve training and deployment capability and create significant efficiencies and cost savings.

In addition to Westover, Barnes Air National Guard Base in Westfield, Mass., will remain open. That installation will possibly gain over 100 positions and nine A-10 attack jets from Bradley International Airport Air Guard Station, Conn.

Otis Air National Guard Base on Cape Cod, however, was recommended for closure.

Defense Department officials said the BRAC report is part of an effort to streamline and consolidate U.S. military resources.

"The 2005 BRAC process ensures that the United States will continue to have the best-trained and best-equipped military to meet the threats and challenges of the 21st century," said Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, U.S. Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers.

"BRAC is not a stand-alone event but it's a necessary step to improving the warfighting capability of the joint force," he said.

The Department of Defense released the list to the BRAC commission made up of independent members who are responsible for reviewing and suggesting changes to the Secretary's recommendations be-

fore forwarding them to the President by Sept. 8.

The president will have until Sept. 23 to accept or reject the recommendations in

their entirety and if accepted, Congress will have 45 legislative days to reject the recommendations in their entirety or they become binding on the department.

How do you feel about Westover surviving the first BRAC list?

Gunnery Sgt. Cecilio Rivera Jr.

Marine Air Support Squadron 6, motor transport operations chief



"Though Westover will not close, it does affect us. Many of our Marines already drive two to nine hours to get here. This affects recruiting and retention because of hardships placed on them traveling such long distances which are only exacerbated by additional base closures. The estimated money saved will be lost on junior personnel leaving the military."

Master Sgt. Dale A. Edwards

439th Aerospace Medicine Squadron optometry technician



"I wasn't worried a bit about Westover closing because I know how important this base is to the Air Force and Department of Defense mission, and to the Pioneer Valley. We will lose a few Army personnel but the gaining units are getting a great base."



Senior Airman David Rivera

439th AMDS dental technician

"No surprise to me that we survived because of our overall peacetime and

wartime missions. We at Westover set the standard above the rest in Air Force Reserve Command."

Senior Airman Rolf Lochard

439th Maintenance Squadron information manager



"It's a good thing for Westover and a weight off our shoulders knowing we weren't selected for closure."

Tech. Sgt. Jeremy J. Hart

439th Maintenance Squadron Aero Repair, crew chief



"I think Westover will survive just fine – but the rest of the New England area will not fare as well, such as the New London Submarine Base in Groton, Conn. I live in Connecticut and work for a company that employs more than 1,700 people who work at or around Groton and this is going to adversely impact the whole New England area and economy."

- photos by Master Sgt. Anne Ward

New vice commander and colonel joins wing leadership

Article and photo

by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

A veteran Patriot Wing leader reached two career milestones in May as he became wing vice commander and pinned on colonel.

Col. Michael J. Marten, who has served at Westover for 26 years, had his new eagles placed on his uniform with the help of his wife, Annie, and Col. Wade Farris, 439th Airlift Wing commander, during a ceremony at the conference center.

As vice commander, Colonel Marten is responsible for the wing's training and readiness and for assisting the wing commander in directing wing activities and 2,500 assigned Air Force reservists.

"I am the commander's eyes and ears on this base," Colonel Marten said. "I'm a believer of doing the right thing. If you do the right thing, the right thing will happen."

His insight comes with many years of leadership experience as commander and chief pilot of the 337th Airlift Squadron, the wing's flying squadron, and as a C-5 aircraft commander and flight examiner.

Colonel Marten first arrived at Westover in December 1979.



CAREER OCCASION - Helping pin colonel on the shoulders of Lt. Col. Michael J. Marten are Col. Wade Farris, 439th Airlift Wing commander, and Colonel Marten's wife, Annie. Colonel Marten also assumed the duties of wing vice commander in May.

Col. Michael J. Marten

Born in McKeesport, Pa.

Graduated from the University of Connecticut at Storrs with a bachelor of science degree in business administration in 1977

Commission: Officers Training School, 1980

Hours flown: More than 6,000 in the C-130 and C-5

Colonel Marten deployed for Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm and flew the most C-5 missions of any pilot in the 337th Airlift Squadron.

He was responsible for setting up strategic airlift stage operations at Westover ARB - procedures that were adopted worldwide - resulting in a laudatory comment in the Military Airlift Command (MAC) after action report. He was also activated for Operation Enduring Freedom in October 2001 and in February 2002, deployed to the Tanker Airlift Control Center battle staff, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. While assigned there, the colonel revamped the mission-tasking process for aircrews throughout the Air Force. His innovative efforts earned personal praise from Air Mobility Command (AMC) and Air Force Reserve Command officials.

He never thought that he would be vice commander 26 years later.

"Not in my wildest dreams," he said with a smile.

"Mike is a natural choice for vice commander," Colonel Farris said. "He brings a wealth of flying, operations, and leadership experience to the senior command of this wing. I am very pleased to have such an experienced and knowledgeable person in the command section. His innovative thinking that he put to use at AMC during Enduring Freedom will no doubt be helpful at all levels of the wing leadership here too."

While he knows Westover's buildings, missions, and aircraft very well, there is one other key element that Colonel Marten places above everything else: people.

"I know the people here," Colonel Marten said. "Everyone who is in key positions I grew up with - the chiefs now I knew as techs and staffs, and they knew me as a lieutenant."

In his civilian life, Colonel Marten is a captain for a major airline. He and Mrs. Marten live in South Hadley, Mass.

New law to affect SGLI payments, premiums

by Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Defense Department and Veterans Affairs officials are ironing out details of programs that will expand benefits provided through Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance.

The \$82 billion supplemental legislation signed into law by President Bush on May 11 increases maximum SGLI coverage to

\$400,000 and provides payouts of up to \$100,000 for servicemembers with traumatic injuries, said Stephen Wurtz, the VA's deputy assistant director for insurance. The increased SGLI coverage will take effect Sept. 1, and the so-called "traumatic SGLI" benefit, Dec. 1. The legislation directs that both benefits will be retroactive to Oct. 7, 2001, Mr. Wurtz said.

Traumatic SGLI benefits will be retroactive for servicemembers who have lost limbs, eyesight or speech or received other traumatic injuries as a direct result of injuries received during operations Iraqi Freedom or Enduring Freedom. The benefit does not apply to servicemembers suffering from disease.

The retroactive coverage increase is payable as a result of deaths in either operation,

or under other conditions prescribed by the secretary of defense, Mr. Wurtz said. Servicemembers enrolled in the SGLI program will notice an increase in their premiums when the increases take effect.

The traumatic SGLI benefit will be rolled into the basic SGLI program and will likely cost about \$1 a month, Mr. Wurtz said. Servicemembers opting for maximum SGLI coverage - \$400,000 vs. the current \$250,000 - will see their monthly premiums increase from \$16.25 to \$26, Mr. Wurtz said. This is based on the rate of 6.5 cents per \$1,000 of insurance coverage.

VA will continue to oversee and control the SGLI program.

Westover reservists with questions should call the military personnel flight customer service office at Ext. 3874.

42nd keeps cargo moving in remote Afghanistan

Aerial porters shrug off hardships to keep planes moving

by Master Sgt. Tom Allocco

Patriot Wing aerial porters in Afghanistan have a saying: "It is what it is."

When you work 12 hours and the planes are still coming in you say: It is what it is. Six weeks of rain: It is what it is. Hostile forces in the mountains three miles away: It is what it is. Confined to a landlocked desert base and counting the days until home, family meals, birthday parties and green grass: It is what it is.

Fifteen aerial porters of the 42nd APS arrived at Kandahar Airfield in southern Afghanistan in January. They were scheduled to return home in early June.

"It is what it is" sums up the spirit it takes to travel to one of the most distant locations in which Americans are serving in the war on terror. The 42nd APS team is literally taking the battle to the enemy's doorstep.

Kandahar Airfield is remote even by Afghan standards. The airfield is on an Army base far south of the capital of Kabul, in Kandahar Providence which borders lawless strongholds. Just three miles away from the airfield, mountains provide sanctuary for hostile forces. For 10 years, until 1989, the Afghans fought the Russian occupation to a standstill.

Army Blackhawks and British RAF Harriers routinely launch missions out of Kandahar Airfield. The aerial porters came into the airfield by air and will only leave the base by air at the end of their tour.

The terminal is plywood with no plumbing and the billets are fashioned from Conex boxes.

"This is the closest thing to a firebase you can get," said Master Sgt. Lou Curto,

Roster of 42nd aerial porters in Afghanistan

Those joining Sergeant Curto on the 42nd APS team are Master Sgt. Daniel C. Breckinridge; Tech. Sgts. Kathleen M. Busch, Gerald Cote, Paul Czupkiewicz, David J. Demers, Dana A. Dupuis, Jeffrey A. Green, Amy J. Morin and Thomas M. Wilk; Staff Sgt. Daniel R. Reeves; and Senior Airmen Jodi L. Habbinger, Corey M. Schumacher and Nicholas Y. Park. Staff Sgt. James J. Fitzell Jr. served for 60 days before returning home on emergency leave.



Courtesy photo

TEAM PHOTO - Members of the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron take a break for a photo after reaching their 1,000-mission milestone while deployed. In mid-May, Master Sgt. Lou Curto, team chief, e-mailed a message to Chief Master Sgt. Bruce L. Westcott, 42nd APS ATOC superintendent. "Chief, we hit a milestone!" Between late January and May, the Kandahar Airmen had provided ground service on 1,000 airlift missions.

42nd APS team chief and ATOC superintendent at Kandahar Airfield.

The weather doesn't make it easier. "There are three kinds of weather at Kandahar, cold and dusty, hot and dusty, and rainy and dusty," Sergeant Curto said.

The Patriot Wing aerial porters are the core of the 22-member 451st Air Expeditionary Group's Air Transportation Operations Center (ATOC) at Kandahar Airfield.

When the aerial porters packed for deployment, they brought along a can-do attitude. "It's been hard work, but a great experience," Sergeant Curto said.

In mid-May, Sergeant Curto e-mailed a message to Chief Master Sgt. Bruce L. Westcott, 42nd APS ATOC Superintendent. "Chief, we hit a milestone!"

Between late January and May, the Kandahar Airmen had provided ground service on 1,000 airlift missions. In support of all branches of the service, they moved people, vehicles, food, mail and more into the isolated war zone.

The ATOC is a small, self-contained 24-hour, 7-day airport terminal operation. Due to the threat level, operations must be completed within specified ground times to move aircraft in and out of the region. The ground service operation encompasses meeting all arriving and departing aircraft, loading and unloading cargo, and transporting passengers and aircrew to and from the terminal. The passenger terminal, a small wooden hut,

is the first stop for all arriving and the last sight all departing passengers see at the base.

The ATOC's biggest operation was bringing in the "Sky Soldiers" and helicopters of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, based in Vicenza, Italy and rotating out the 25th "Tropic Lightening" Division in 42 chucks over a three week period.

The aerial port operation also supports British, French, Romanian and Dutch Coalition forces and their aircraft.

Commercial contract aircraft deliver cargo and the civilian contractors employ Afghanis on base. Communication between aerial porters and Afghanis is by broken English and hand signals, but a good relationship has grown out of it. "They know what we are here for," Sergeant Curto said.

The milestone of 1,000 airlift missions confirmed that the aerial porters can do anything they are asked. "If you want to know if you are an aerial porter you can come here and find out really quick," Sergeant Curto said.

"The fact that there was no safety mishaps reflected well. Our success was largely due to becoming one team focusing on our mission quickly," he said.

"I don't think anyone expected this workload. Quickly understanding the importance of the mission here, we embraced our team motto: 'It is what it is' and got the job done," Sergeant Curto said.



Diversity day at club

DIVERSITY DISPLAY - Master Sgt. Karen Ross-Tuncor, 439th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, looks over a display at the Westover Club sponsored by the Westover Heritage Diversity Committee during the May A UTA. Committee members displayed posters and sponsored a cultural demonstration of song, dance and storytelling. Volunteers are sought for the committee to demonstrate the diversity of members of Westover and the 439th Airlift Wing. Future diversity events are also planned. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Genetta N. Staple-Ward, 439th Security Forces Squadron at Ext. 2315.



photos by Master Sgt. Anne Ward

MOHEGAN HERITAGE - Shane "White Raven" Long of Uncasville, Conn., demonstrates the culture of his Mohegan Tribe during a lunchtime celebration of diversity at the Westover Club on Saturday of the May A UTA. Mr. Long offered song, dance, drumming and storytelling during the event sponsored by the Westover Heritage Diversity Committee.

Westover fiscal 06 UTA Schedule

	A	B
October	1-2	15-16
November	5-6	19-20
December	3-4	NO B UTA
January	7-8	21-22
February	4-5	25-26
March	4-5	18-19
April	1-2	22-23
May	6-7	20-21
June	3-4	24-25
July	8-9	22-23
August	5-6	NO B UTA
September	9-10	23-24

PATRIOT PUNS

BY MASTER SGT. W.C. POPE



Patriot Wing officers ‘kick’ enlisted team around

by Maj. Patrick Ryan
wing executive officer

The clock turned back temporarily to fourth grade for two determined teams during the May A UTA.

Ten officers squared off against 10 enlisted members in a game of no-holds barred kickball during a heated competition in a field across from the bowling center.

Sponsored by the 439th Services Squadron and held with the promotion festivities for the newly-promoted colonels in the wing, the extra-innings game was a white-knuckle instant classic that saw the officer team defeat the enlisted team 10-7.

Led by pitcher Col. Udo McGregor’s excellent “bouncing slider,” the officers held the enlisted team without even a hit for the first two innings. They jumped out to a 4-0 lead on the strength of a towering home run by Lt. Col. Mike Davis.

The enlisted team came roaring back in the bottom of the fourth, however, capped by a bases-clearing double by Senior Airman Corey Bissonnette. The game bounced back and forth for the next two innings with the enlisted side finally taking the field in the top of the seventh looking to hold on to a close 7-6 lead. Consecutive officers singles by 1st Lt. David Quinn and Capt. Patrick Egan set the table for another clutch hit by Davis to tie up the game at seven runs apiece, forcing extra innings.



photos by Master Sgt. W.C. Pope

KICKOFF- Senior Airman Corey Bissonnette of the enlisted team sends the ball soaring over the officers during the kickball game May 14. The officers defeated the enlisted members in extra innings, 10-7.

Inspired defense by both sides, including a nice running catch by Senior Airman Michael Graves and another by Airman Bissonnette, kept the game tied through two more extra frames. In the top of the tenth inning the officers loaded the bases with no outs when a spectacular play by Senior Airman Efrain Ortiz almost ended the rally.

Ranging from his shortstop position he made a diving stop of a ground ball and threw out Maj. Patrick Ryan trying to

score from third with a half-diving, half-falling throw from his knees. The heroics were short-lived however, as the very next officer hit a long sacrifice fly off relief pitcher Master Sgt. Alice Mitchell, which was then followed with a bases-clearing double to quickly push the officer’s score to ten. Any hopes of an enlisted comeback were shelved in the bottom of the frame as the officers recorded a quick one-two-three bottom of the tenth to clinch the victory.



MAKE THE PITCH – Master Sgt. Alice Mitchell pitches to her opponent, as Maj. Patrick Ryan of the officers heckles from his infield position.



photo by Master Sgt. W.C. Pope

Food plan

The newly-promoted colonels sponsored a picnic with free food and refreshments at the pavilion near the base exchange May 14. Keeping an eye on the food are, from left, Col. Udo K. McGregor, Chief Master Sgt. Tony Colucci, and Master Sgt. Ed Cardin.



photo by Master Sgt. Anne Ward

Wing vice commander retires

FLOWERS OF THANKS - Col. Jim Hosey, 439th Airlift Wing vice commander, presents flowers to his daughter, Jennifer Jordan, during his retirement ceremony May 14 at the Westover Conference Center. Colonel Hosey served at the base for 30 years and was also a C-5 aircraft commander, 337th Airlift Squadron chief pilot, and 439th Airlift Control Flight commander.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This page recognizes reservists and civilian workers in the 439th Airlift Wing's 17 squadrons, as well as people in the Marines, Army and Navy reserve units assigned to Westover.

The highlights feature squadron news, to include members who are retiring and those who have recently joined or enlisted, and unit deployments.

The public affairs staff welcomes story ideas for this section. People with ideas may call PA at Ext. 2020 or e-mail: Patriot.Editor@westover.af.mil

Pilot lands near-perfect guess of winter snowfall

Maj. Matthew Llodra, 337th Airlift Squadron pilot, recently won the annual weather station snowfall contest with his guess of the amount of snowfall to drop on Westover during the winter of 2005 that was the closest to the actual amount. Weather station manager **Curt Osgood** said that Major Llodra guessed 72 inches of snow

would fall – while the actual figure was tallied at 74.2 inches. Eleven other Patriot Wing people also participated in the annual contest.

337th loadmaster is class president at NCO academy

A 337th Airlift Squadron loadmaster who recently graduated from noncommissioned officer academy was selected as president of class 05-3.

Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey C. Greenwood graduated from the NCO academy March 31. During his six-week tour, Sergeant Greenwood led 13 flights consisting of 163 NCOs from the reserve, Air National Guard and active duty, through extensive leadership training.

“The overall class raised the academic standards to an impressive level, setting higher standards for future classes, said **Master Sgt. Michael E. Bellerose**, 337th AS first sergeant. “Sergeant Greenwood’s outstanding performance has shown the rest of the Air Force the quality that leaders at Westover possess.”



photo by Master Sgt. Anne Ward

Cookies donation

Tech Sgts. Richard Garcia, left, and Fran Kelly, family support technicians, open boxes of Girl Scout cookies donated by various troops from the Connecticut Trails Council. A pallet of 1,000 donated boxes of cookies arrived in May for deployed reservists at overseas and stateside locations.



Courtesy photo

Newest member

ADVISORY MEETING - Tech. Sgt. Donald Durand, 439th Maintenance Group, pauses for a photo with Brig. Gen. Robert E. Lytle, AFRC Assistant Vice Commander and Chairman of the Air Force Reserve Advisory Board (AFRAB), March 25. Sergeant Durand, who is a 439th MXG Career Assistance Advisor, was the newest AFRAB member at the meeting held at March ARB, Calif.

Patriot People



photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

Rachael A. Caron

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Patriot People section features profiles of Westover reservists and civilian workers at the base. Those people who would like to submit a co-worker for a profile in this section may call the 439th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office at Ext. 2020, or e-mail, patriot.editor@westover.af.mil

- Name:** Rachael A. Caron
- Age:** 35
- Address:** Chicopee, Mass.
- Unit:** 439th Airlift Wing command section
- Position:** Administrative support
- Favorite food:** Italian
- Years of service:** Seventeen
- Favorite sport:** NASCAR
- Favorite hobby:** Shopping
- Ideal vacation:** Aruba
- Best way to relax:** Spa-day
- Preferred entertainment:** Going to the beach
- Favorite hero:** My husband
- Favorite music:** 80's rock
- Favorite movie:** The Italian Job
- Favorite aircraft:** C-5A
- Pet peeve:** ☺
- What would I do if I won \$1 million:** Travel to the Caribbean

Enlistments:

- Tech. Sgt.**
Jeffrey M. Slicker

- Staff sergeant**
David D. Beauregard
Michael Dasilva
Christian Escobar

- Senior airman**
Aurhur M Strickland
Audi F. Veras

- Airman first class**
Michael D. Arriaga
Francisco Badea
John P. Bosley Jr.
William C. Chy
Sarah M. Fielding
Korey J. Flood
Erika R. Gingrass
Rochelle B. Greenberg
Ryan A. Hocket-Lotz
Kathleen E. Krucek
Crystal D. Lamb
Benjamin P. Stevens
Erin R. St. Pierre
Michael R. Weinzimmer
Carlos D. Zambrano

- Airman basic**
Gregory A. Figueiredo
Ryan P. Palmer

- Newly assigned:**

- Lt. Col. John R. Greene**

- Technical sergeant**
Michael S. Moreland
Ronald P. Mouser

- Staff sergeant**
Kevin C. Boardman
William B. Dicksen
Jason A. Gendron

Patriot Praises

Awards and Decorations

Air Force Achievement Medal

- Daniel G. Florian**

- Shelley L. Foust**
Victor M. Fuentes, Jr.

- Frank A. Manegio Jr.***
Shawn A. Manley
Jeffrey R. Roule*
Moises Zanazanian*

Staff sergeant

- Jennifer A. Lounsbury**
Kevin D. O'Leary**
Martha R. Taylor

- Senior airman**
Michael R. Jump
Taream T. Roberson II
Leanne Sambrook

- Airman 1st Class Jeremy M. Laplante**

* First oak leaf cluster ** Second oak leaf cluster

- Jeffrey W. Zercie**

- Senior airman**
Daniel L. Kramer
Ean David Larson
Eric G. Marjault
Keegan J. Sears
Michael Lovell Taylor
Richard F. Thibodeau
Micah Joel Trexler

- Airman 1st Class**
Jonathan Nate Wood

- Amn. Orlando Camacho**

Reenlistments:

- Chief master sergeant**
Glenn R. Brault
Arthur F. Flynn Jr.

- Catherine J. Skalecki**
Jeffrey C. Walker

- Senior master sergeant**
William A. Carroll
Richard L. Coda
Michelle M. Dunfield
Thomas F. Galloway
Thomas J. Shaughnessy

- Master sergeant**
Kimberly A. Babin
Paul A. Carroccia
Timothy E. Culhane
Laray Deveaux
Donald D. Devincenzo
Andrew J. Dupuis
Charles A. Fareira Jr.
James M. Flynn
Kenneth M. Huckins
Arthur R. Needham II

- Shane L. Newhart**
John A. Sandova
Gary D. Smith
Nadine A. Bates
Louis G. Beaudoin

- Technical sergeant**
Gary R. Belisle
Steven P. Bone
Andrew A. Booker
Stephen R. Brannan
Michael C. Cormier
Thomas E. Cowern
Isaias Cruz
Pamela J. Cutt
Matthew P. Dechaine
Marvin Dotson
Michael S. Duma
Frank M. Falcone
Michael P. Falcone
Scott M. Forbes

Wing invites employers of reservists to Westover

by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

Members of the 439th Airlift Wing may invite their employers to spend a day at Westover to learn more about the reserve mission.

Employer Appreciation Day is scheduled for July 14. Col. Wade Farris, 439th AW commander, encourages all wing members to take part in the annual event.

“This annual opportunity gives our reservists’ employers a first-hand look at the mission of this wing,” said Colonel Farris. “Please ask your boss to spend the day with us. I can assure you that they will have a greater admiration for what we do if they get to see it up close.”

To have invitations sent to their bosses, reservists should fill out the application form that appears on this page and return it to the Public Affairs Office. Application forms are also available at the PA office. A letter will then be sent to each employer from Colonel Farris.

Appreciation Day will start at 8:30 a.m. at the Westover Club with coffee and refreshments. After welcoming remarks from the wing commander, and activities to showcase challenges for reservists, they will board a unit C-5 for an orientation flight. After the flight (which will last about two hours), they will be luncheon guests of Colonel Farris at the club.

After lunch, a tour of a maintenance facility will be offered. Reservists who wish to join their employers for lunch must pay in advance. Each reservist will be allowed to invite just one supervisor. Only those reservists assigned to the aircrew will be allowed on the C-5 orientation flight.

The deadline for Employer Day applications to be sent to the PA office is June 16.

Employer Appreciation Day application form

Reservist’s name, rank, unit:

Reservist’s home address and home e-mail:

Reservist’s daytime telephone number:

Employer’s name, title and work e-mail:

Employer’s company name/address and phone number:

Lunch for employer: YES _____ NO _____

Lunch for reservist: YES _____ NO _____

I understand that I may nominate one person annually, and only an individual who is my supervisor, foreman, manager, etc.

Signature _____

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