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Westover's Honor Guard helps remember fallen comrades in New England

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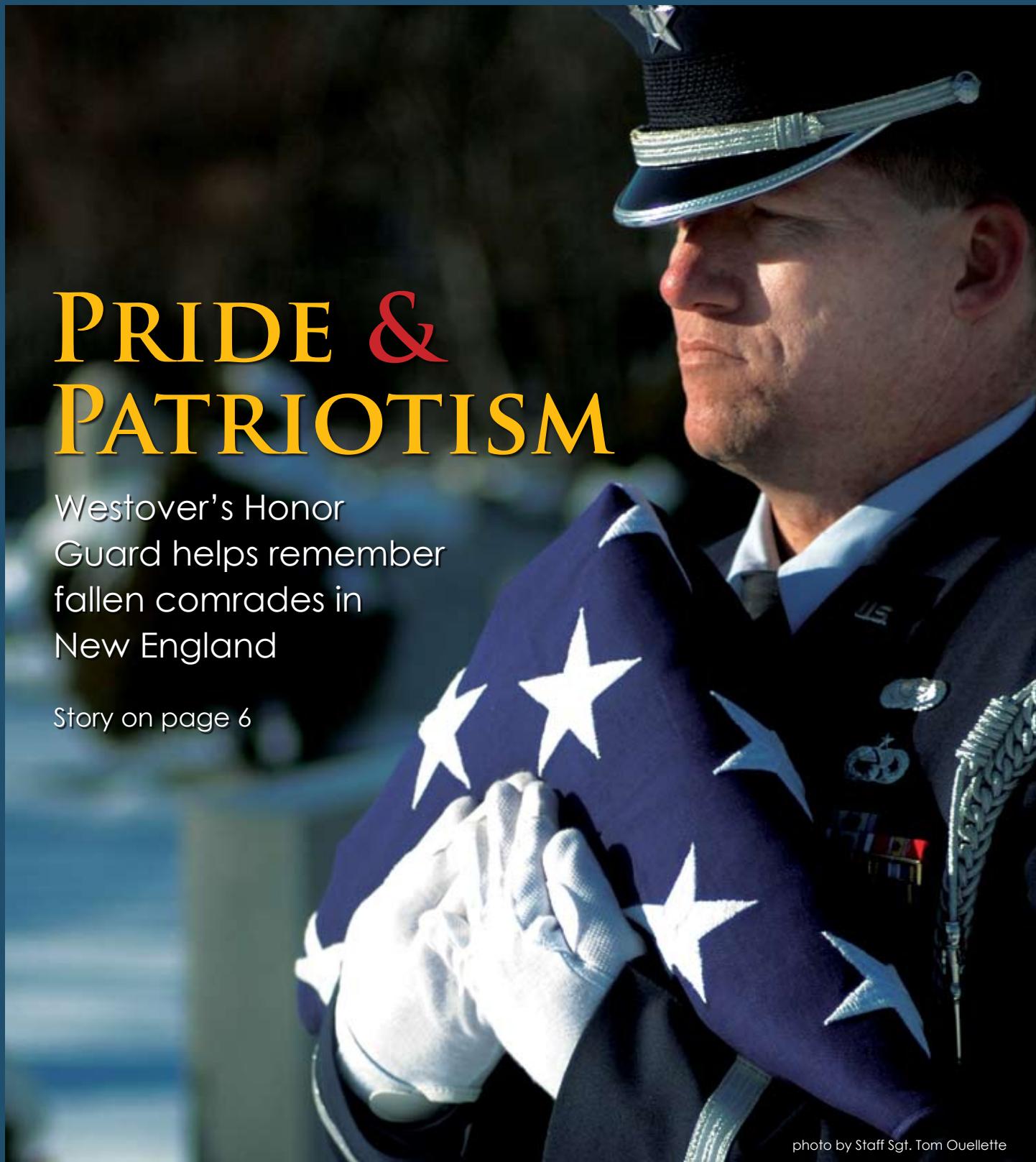


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**ENLISTMENT ON ICE** >> Col. Wade Farris, 439th Airlift Wing commander, leads the swearing-in of new recruits joining the 439th Airlift Wing Jan. 7 at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield, Mass. The mass enlistment took place during a Springfield Falcons hockey game. More than a dozen recruits from northern Connecticut and western Massachusetts joined the Patriot Wing. Four wing reservists also reenlisted. Standing to the left of Colonel Farris is Chief Master Sgt. Robert Starkey, 439th AW senior recruiter.

## EDITORIAL | Deploying wing commander thanks wing for its dedication



Colonel Farris

As many of you know, I'm deploying to Southwest Asia for several months and by the time you read this, I'll be in place already. So I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your hard work and dedication to which I directly attribute my selection for brigadier general. You, the men and women of Westover, are the reason I will pin on my first star some time this spring. Please give yourselves a pat on the back for making both Westover and me look good.

I've been looking forward to my deployment for a few key reasons. First, as an Airman, it's the right thing to do. Every one of us signed up to defend our freedoms and the freedoms of the innocent and I'm proud to have the opportunity to contribute on the front line. Second, as a commander, I felt it was important for me to know first-hand what it's like for my Airmen that have deployed over the last few years.

While I'm gone, the wing will continue preparing for another big event, the Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI). Preparing for the first big wing ORI that we've had in several years will take continued dedication and commitment to the mission. Our goal is not just to pass the ORI but to do what Westover has always done, be outstanding!

To do this, everyone will need to keep up with Ability to Survive and Operate (ATSO) training, self-aid and buddy care and you should continue focusing on doing your job. Involve yourself in training and getting the information you will need to once again show the inspectors that we know how to win wars.

I feel very confident in the people here at Westover. You always go above and beyond. I look forward to seeing you all in a few months and thank you again for all your hard work. You truly are the best.

*You, the men and women of Westover, are the reason I will pin on my first star some time this spring. Please give yourselves a pat on the back for making both Westover and me look good ... I look forward to seeing you all in a few months and thank you again for all your hard work.*

Col. Wade Farris  
439th Airlift Wing commander

## BRIEFS |

### Avoid cell phone use while driving

Motorists are asked to avoid talking on their cellular phones as they enter the base gates.

Security forces gate guards need to have the full attention of people as they show their identification upon entering the base. "I encourage folks not to be talking on cell phones while driving," said Col. Wade Farris, 439th Airlift Wing commander. "Please help the SF folks do their jobs, for everyone's safety."

### Commander's Call set for February

Commander's Calls Focus Groups are scheduled for the February A UTA at the Westover Conference Center. The schedule for Feb. 4 is: Enlisted A-L, 9-10 a.m.; Enlisted M-Z, 1-2 p.m.; and Officer's Call, 3-4 p.m.

### Wing raises almost 10 percent over goal

The Westover community raised more than \$38,300 in the base's annual Combined Federal Campaign drive.

"This was almost 10 percent over our goal - as usual, you guys came through very well," said Col. Wade Farris, 439th Airlift Wing commander. "I'm very proud of this effort!"

During the campaign, which kicked off in late September, keyworkers fanned out across the base to gather donations.

The campaign wrapped up Dec. 15.

### Get One award winners announced

Two Patriot Wing members and a squadron are the most recent winners of the 2005 439th Airlift Wing "Get One" awards.

The winners are scheduled to be recognized during the Feb. 4 Commander's Call.

The winners and their rewards are:

Master Sgt. Jennifer Picard, 439th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, for most referrals. *Certificate signed by Col. Wade Farris, 439th Airlift Wing commander, and a \$25 base exchange gift certificate.*

Staff Sgt. James Fitzell, 42nd Aerial Port Squadron, for most accessed. *Certificate signed by Colonel Farris, a \$50 BX gift certificate, a C-5 simulator ride and a 13" TV/DVD.*

439th Aerospace Medical Squadron, for squadron with the most contributions. *Squadron traveling trophy.*

### 'Fit to Fight' tones with Feb. 1 sign-up

The 2006 "Fit to Fight" Chief's Challenge will begin Feb. 1 and will run through July 30.

The challenge is a self-paced/self-directed fitness challenge similar to the President's Council on Physical Fitness.

The goal is to get reservists in shape and to help prepare for the annual Air Force fitness test, resulting in fitter, healthier "Fit to Fight" reservists.

Based on feedback received from last year's participants, this year's challenge includes two stages and will cover a longer distance. Sign-up begins Feb. 1 and ends March 19.

Information will be provided during the February A UTA, or people may contact any chief master sergeant on base or squadron unit fitness monitor.

## Reservists could benefit from new year's defense authorization act

WASHINGTON – People serving in the Air Force Reserve Command and other reserve components could receive new or enhanced benefits this year.

The 2006 National Defense Authorization Act lets the Department of Defense offer reservists a variety of benefits more on par with their active-duty counterparts, said Chuck Witschonke, DOD's deputy director for compensation. President George W. Bush signed the defense bill Jan. 6.

One big change is a provision that shortens the duty time before reservists qualify for the full housing allowance. People called to active duty for non-contingency operations for more than 30 days will now get the full allowance, just as active-duty troops do. In the past, reservists serving in non-contingencies had to be called to active duty for at least 140 days.

For reservists who experience pay cuts when called to active duty, a new provision for income replacement will help reduce the strain military service places on the family, Mr. Witschonke said.

The income-replacement program won't be instituted for six months, in accordance with the law. At that time, specific guidelines and qualifications will be issued, he said. This authority will end in December 2008.

The 2006 authorization act also permits increases in recruiting bonuses for reservists. People could get accession and affiliation bonuses of up to \$20,000 to enlist in the Selected Reserve. Officers could see an increase from \$6,000 to \$10,000 for initial service in the Selected Reserve.

People who possess a designated critical skill could earn a bonus of up to \$100,000.

Another provision of the defense bill extends the eligibility for a prior-service enlistment bonus to include Selected Reserve members who previously received one.

Mr. Witschonke emphasized the new law does not guarantee that all service members will qualify for these pays and benefits or that those who do will receive the highest amounts authorized. Rather, the law gives defense and service leaders the flexibility they need to meet operational, recruiting and retention goals.

More information about pay and benefits is posted on the DOD's military compensation Web site at [www.defenselink.mil/militarypay/](http://www.defenselink.mil/militarypay/) (AFRC News Service from American Forces Press Service)

## EOD members blast their way through training at Dogpatch

Article and photo by  
Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Timm Huffman

Explosive Ordnance Disposal team training went off with a bang during the January A UTA at Dogpatch.

The Patriot Wing EOD members spent Jan. 7 practicing with their equipment and experimenting with new methods of removing improvised explosive devices (IEDs) from vehicles. Members of the Nashua Police Department, FBI, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives joined the EOD team as part of an effort to collaborate with local bomb squads, said Capt. Jason Rose, EOD Flight Commander.

During their day of joint training, the teams practiced with multiple techniques for disposing of IED's, including the F-6 remote robot, and shaped charges," the captain said.

The F-6, tethered by a fiber optic cable to its controller, was deployed several hundred yards to uncover an IED designed to be set off by a sensor plate being driven over. The robot's driver was able to locate the explosive from a safe distance.

EOD also experimented with shaped charges they built by combining Tupperware containers, water and explosives.

The team then placed the explosives on a junked car and fired them off. Captain Rose said the purpose was to use the charges to blast any IED's that might be in an accessible vehicle for EOD members. In addition to punching through the vehicle, the water in the charges also served to help reduce the size of any fireball that may result from an exploding IED.

Two EOD specialists got in some final training before they deployed Jan. 9. Staff Sgt. Stephen McDonald and Senior Airman Daniel Lamonica brushed up on their skills before departing for Southwest Asia. Their role while deployed will be force protection, responding to possible threats such as unattended packages and other improvised explosives, Captain Rose said.

Captain Rose said Air Force EOD teams are playing a big role at deployed locations. The other branches of service often have shortages in the career field and it's often Air Force personnel filling in the holes.

The EOD teams are playing a vital role in theater and it's discouraging, he



**LIGHTING THE FUSE** >> Senior Airman Daniel Lamonica, explosive ordnance disposal team member, wires up a shaped charge during the EOD training exercise held on the January A UTA. Airman Lamonica deployed in January to Southwest Asia to assist with force protection.

said, when all that comes on TV is stories about IED's killing people. EOD actually has a very high success rate, removing many IED's before they can kill or injure anyone.

# Black History Month celebration charts 80 years in USA

by 1st Lt. Sean McGrath  
Military equal opportunity office

The United States has celebrated Black history since 1926, when it started as “Negro History Week” and later evolved into “Black History Month, or “African-American History Month.”



photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

**NEW CHIEF OF MEO >>** Capt. Jennifer Jusseaume is the new chief of the military equal opportunity office. Captain Jusseaume has been at Westover since August 2005 and took over as chief of MEO in December 2005. She arrived at Westover after serving for five years on active duty. She lives with her husband in Portsmouth, N.H.

The celebration was started by Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Born to parents who were former slaves, he spent his childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines. He graduated from high school in only two years and went on to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard University.

During his studies, Woodson found that Black Americans were mostly ignored in the history books. So, he set about writing Black Americans into our nation’s history. He established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now called the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History) in 1915 and the Journal of Negro History in 1916. In 1926, he launched Negro History Week to bring national attention to the contributions of Black people throughout American history.

Woodson chose the second week in February because it marks the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, two major influencers of Black history in the United States. However, there are other significant Black history milestones that occurred in February. These include the birthday of W.E.B. Dubois, the civil rights leader who founded the NAACP; the passing of the 15th Amendment which grants Blacks the right to vote; when Black Senator Hiram Revels took the oath of office; the formation of the NAACP; and when Malcolm X was shot and killed.

During this Black History Month, take time to learn about and celebrate some of the important contributions made by Black Americans.

Source: Black History Month: The History of Black History; Elissa Haney; <http://www.infoplease.com/spot/bhmintro1.html>

*EDITOR’S NOTE: The 439th Airlift Wing Military Equal Opportunity Office is located in Bldg. 1850, wing headquarters, on Patriot Avenue. For more information about Black History Month, call the MEO staff at Ext. 3225.*

## O. R. I. : will you pass?

CONGRATULATIONS to **Maj. Michael F. Pirrone**, 439th Operations Support Squadron, the first reservist who e-mailed the PA office the correct responses to the caption and questions from the January 2006 coverage. This is the third article made to assist 439th Airlift Wing members with preparing for the August 2006 Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI). How well do you know how to deploy? Find out while testing your skills each month. E-mail your responses to [439patriot.editor@westover.af.mil](mailto:439patriot.editor@westover.af.mil)

This month’s questions:

- >> What does UXO mean?
- >> What are the four R’s used for UXO reporting?
- >> What are the three protective measures when a UXO is encountered?
- >> What does an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) look like?
- >> How far should you evacuate if you encounter an IED the size of a backpack?



photo by Airman 1st Class Timm Huffman

**HERE’S WHAT CAN HAPPEN >>** The destruction of a blown up car shown above illustrates the power of explosives. To the left is a quiz on explosive-related topics. Last month’s *Patriot* featured a picture of an M-16. The answers to the questions asking what was wrong were: the weapons’s dust cover was open and must be closed, and the weapon was on semi, and must be on *safe*. The remaining answers to January’s questions can be found on page 12.

>> ORI TIP: Copies of the Airman’s Manual are now available electronically. To order the manual, establish an account at <http://www.e-publishing.af.mil>. Under “Services” click on “Online Ordering” and follow the directions to establish an account.

# To HONOR WITH DIGNITY

by Staff Sgt. Tom Ouellette

**T**he centuries-old practice of honoring fallen comrades is a tradition the Patriot Wing's Base Honor Guard is dedicated to perfect.

From the slow, precise salute to a passing flag-draped coffin to the three volleys of synchronized rifle fire, each Ceremonial Guardsman strives to excel at every detail involved with rendering military funeral honors.

"It's our way of giving something back to those who served, but when you think about it, we're also there for the families, said Master Sgt. John A. Masaitis, Honor Guard superintendent. "Both deserve the best, professional military honors possible and it's a great feeling to know you helped a family in their time of grief."

The all-volunteer honor guard's

reverence and proficiency is leaving a lasting impression with several area funeral directors.

"From my experience, military funeral honors is the highlight of a burial ceremony," said James Gay, of Pease and Gay Funeral Home in Northampton, Mass. "It's meaningful and something families truly appreciate."

"You cannot possibly imagine what Westover's Honor Guard means to families," said John Davis, Director of McCarthy Funeral Home in Greenfield, Mass. "Most of the deceased have not served in 60 years. It tells families that the military has not forgotten them."

In 2000, Congress passed legislation and made the commitment to give all veterans, not just retirees, military funeral honors.

"Only eight of ten families are

## FINAL FAREWELL>>

Tech. Sgt. Terri Dionne, Base Honor Guard, plays taps during a funeral ceremony for a local veteran.





## Base guardsman follows dream

by Staff Sgt. Tom Ouellette

Since his youth, Master Sgt. John A. Masaitis dreamed of joining the elite Air Force National Honor Guard out of Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C.

He pursued that goal, but wasn't selected. The experience failed to curb his enthusiasm to become a ceremonial guardsman. After transferring from active duty in 1986 to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Aerial Port Squadron at Westover, he wasted no time to volunteer for the Patriot Wing Honor Guard.

"It's actually better," Sergeant Masaitis said, "because here we deal directly with families, making a stronger connection with people. That's something I wouldn't get at Bolling."

Since 2001, after Sergeant Masaitis went on active duty with the base honor guard, he has rendered at least 500 military funeral honors plus countless numbers of parades, ceremonies and color events.

Today he's the honor guard's superintendent, replacing Tech. Sgt. Thomas J. Roe III last June. And true to his nature, Sergeant Masaitis' new position hasn't slowed him down.

"My plans are to explore creating a Westover Joint Service Honor Guard, educate funeral directors about services available to veterans and recruit more members," he said.

Does he ever tire? "Not often," he said, "but when I do, you can credit my wife for keeping me going. I remember one time we had plans and I got a call for two back-to-back funerals. She looked at me and said, 'Go, they need you more than me.' Their wives don't have someone to go home to anymore, but we still do."



photo by Staff Sgt. Tom Ouellette

**FLAG FOLDING** >> Master Sgt. John A. Masaitis, honor guard superintendent, folds the American flag with Master Sgt. Kara B. Stackpole, honor guard member and a reservist with the 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron. The honor guard rendered almost 500 military funeral honors in fiscal year 05.

aware their loved ones can get military funeral honors," said Mr. Davis, "or they think it's available only for heroes. They always ask, 'Are you sure the Honor Guard will come?' I tell them, yes, they never fail to be there and they honor everyone's sacrifice, no matter how small."

Air Force statistics estimate that about 3,000 World War II, Korean

and Vietnam veterans nationwide will pass away daily this year - twice the amount estimated in 2000. The Patriot Wing's Honor Guard notices the increase.

In fiscal year 05, they rendered nearly 500 military funeral honors throughout New England, double the amount from the previous year and more than any other Base Honor Guard in the northeast.

"I deal with many Honor Guard units from all the branches of service, but the Patriot Wing's Honor Guard is a cut above the rest," said Mr. Davis. "Their level of discipline, their demeanor, their flawless appearance and their seamless execution sends the strong message to the families that they really care."

"We cannot thank them enough."



photo by Senior Master Sgt. Joanne Boczanowski, 85th APS



**PALLET PREP** >> Airman 1st Class Richard Leger, 85th Aerial Port Squadron, builds a pallet in support of operations at Ramstein Air Base, Germany, during the squadron's recent annual tour. The 85th APS falls under the 439th Airlift Wing as a geographically separated unit assigned at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass.

## Porters keep cargo moving in Ramstein's high ops tempo

85<sup>th</sup> APS on front line of humanitarian airlift mission to quake victims in Pakistan

by Master Sgt. David A. Pais and Staff Sgt. Kerry A. Trombly

When Ramstein AB, Germany went into overdrive to aid Pakistani earthquake victims in October, Patriot Wing 85<sup>th</sup> APS aerial porters were in place to support the humanitarian airlift.

A 22-member team of aerial porters from Hanscom AFB, Mass. performed annual tour at Ramstein AB from October 8 to 22.

It was during these two weeks that Ramstein AB was designated a major staging base for the Pakistani earthquake support. Eight missions were handled, which included 241 tons of cargo and rolling stock, as well as 324 medical and support personnel who were being sent on military and commercial aircraft. The emergency response was a lifesaver for Pakistani people left homeless, hungry and in severe need of medical help as winter weather approached in the high mountainous area following a major earthquake.

The Pakistani humanitarian airlift was one highlight of the 85<sup>th</sup> APS overseas annual tour. They also worked long days turning around aircraft in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom missions during an annual tour which the aerial porters described as a

premier training experience.

"This tour put it all into perspective for me," said Tech. Sgt. Dave Pais, air terminal operations center (ATOC) controller. "I got to see things that we don't normally get to see as reservists. Ramstein is the hub of all the activity going downrange and I had the opportunity to see the amount of material and troops moving up and down range.

"Even though I was only there for two weeks, I felt like I did my own small part to help my brother and sister troops in Iraq and Afghanistan perform their missions," he said. The 85<sup>th</sup> APS aerial porters integrated with their aerial port counterparts from active duty, deployed reservists, and thirty members of the 74<sup>th</sup> APS from Lackland AFB, Texas. They worked together as part of the 723<sup>rd</sup> Air Mobility Squadron. They performed the full range of aerial port functions, including ATOC, cargo processing, passenger services, ramp services, and computer support.

Because the 85<sup>th</sup> APS does not have the opportunity to handle commercial cargo aircraft and aeromedical evacuation configured C-17's at Hanscom AFB, the annual tour at Ramstein was considered a bonus training opportunity.

Due to the recent closing of Rhein-Main AB,

Germany, the workload at Ramstein increased exponentially as the air traffic was now being routed there. The active-duty members of the 723<sup>rd</sup> AMS immediately integrated all the 85<sup>th</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> members into the duty sections and they had to "hit the ground running" in response to the sheer volume of work that Ramstein now handles.

Senior Master Sgt. James Keay, 85<sup>th</sup> APS first sergeant, worked with the 723<sup>rd</sup> AMS.

"As I worked with my active duty first sergeant counterpart, I got exposure to personnel issues that we normally don't deal with in the reserves. My counterpart included me in all of the decision-making processes during this time as we worked together to handle issues and do our jobs effectively," Sergeant Keay said.

As a team, the 85<sup>th</sup> APS handled 8,696 tons of cargo, 10,165 duty and space available passengers, and 716 missions. The annual tour was a unique opportunity to work directly with the active duty and the 85th APS performed well and received nothing but excellent feedback from the 723<sup>rd</sup> AMS senior staff. The aerial porters came home with confidence that they had demonstrated that the reservists and active-duty Airmen are one team.

WESTOVER PATRIOTS |

# Aerial porters get Marines to training despite snowstorm

by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

Following in the tradition of Westover efficiency, Patriot Wing aerial porters got more than 700 Marines on their way to training amid a New England snowstorm Jan. 3.

Chief Master Sgt. Bruce L. Westcott, aerial port superintendent, led the effort in getting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Marine Reserve Battalions aboard four jetliners at Westover. The aerial porters also loaded up the airplanes with nearly 30 tons of luggage.

With a steady snowfall blanketing the flight line, the Marines marched to the aircraft from the hangar. “The line went from the plane to Hangar 3,” the chief said. “We had Marines going out the door of the hangar, while at the other end of the line, Marines were going aboard one of the jets. Neither sandstorm nor snowstorm will stop us.”

The chief said six full-time 42<sup>nd</sup> APS members and two traditional reservists – along with some help from a few Marines – processed the 771 Marines at the passenger terminal in Hangar 3. Similar to Operations Iraqi Freedom and Desert Storm, the passenger terminal was expanded into the main hangar area. Large screen TVs and telephones were set up. Bleachers were also brought into the hangar.

Two 757s and two 767s flew the Marines to the 29 Palms Base in California, where they were scheduled to go into training before being deployed to Iraq. Although the aerial porters knew about three weeks ago that the operation was to take place, it wasn’t until the week before the jetliners arrived that the final plans came together.

“The 42 APS had two of their younger Airman Volunteers to work these missions,” Chief Westcott said. “They (Senior Airman Adrianna Grijalva and Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Kristopher Grimshaw) arrived at 5 a.m. Tuesday, worked 11 hours and came back in at 1 a.m. the next morning to assist with the second group of Marines.”

The other aerial port members involved were: Master Sgt. Miguel Colon, Tech. Sgt. Janet Walker, Tech. Sgt. Terry Lovett; second shift: Tech. Sgt. James Lowe, Staff Sgt. David Demers, Tech. Sgt. William Czarnecki, and Staff Sgt. Christopher Harry.

Volunteers with the Pioneer Valley USO provided food and cupcakes for the Marines. Westover transportation staff members helped the Marines pass their time as well. They provided shuttle service between the shoppette, the club and the bowling alley. And Patriot Wing maintainers braved the blowing cold and snow to de-ice the jetliners before the Marines got aboard for their cross-country trip.

*“Neither sandstorm nor snowstorm will stop us.”*

*-- Chief Master Sgt. Bruce L. Westcott, 42nd Aerial Port Squadron superintendent*

## Veteran food pantry manager, volunteer dies

Lucille Niemiec, a long-time volunteer here, died in January.

Ms. Niemiec, the former food pantry manager is credited with establishing the food pantry on base shortly after Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1991 and with enlisting the help of several willing volunteers.

According to the USO Director on

base, Sandy Wakefield, Ms. Niemiec had a passion for helping military families.

“She was immensely concerned with the welfare of the military and their families,” Ms. Wakefield said. “She was just very caring.”

According to Ms. Wakefield, Ms. Niemiec initiated the outreach to

off-base organizations that helped bring in, among other donations, food baskets for families in need during the holidays.

“The success of the operation is a direct reflection of Lucille Niemiec’s leadership abilities,” said Master Sgt. Kimberly A. Babin from the Family Support Center here.



Lucille Niemiec

## Wing commander honors civilians for service

Col. Wade Farris, 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander, honored the following civilian workers for their service to the government during the Civilian Commander’s Call held Dec. 21. at the Westover Club:

Thirty years of service: Christopher P. Doyle, Christopher Menard

Twenty years of service: Randy Bates, Timothy Boyer, Thomas Cessna, Nevin Fannin, John MacIntyre, David Neiford, Steven Nogas, Eric Plouff, Robert Smith, Robert Sneed Jr., Peter Stone, Floyd Tolar, and David Woelper.

More than 400 air reserve technicians (ARTs) work at Westover.

They are civil service employees who also train as Air Force reserv-



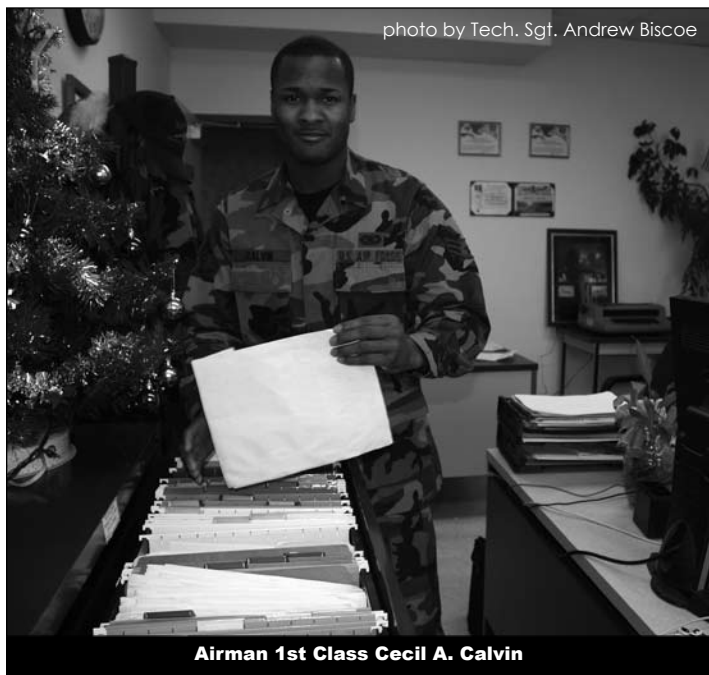
Chris Doyle



Eric Plouff

ists. Between the reservists and civilian employees in the wing, more than 3,000 people work in the 439th AW. Other civilian workers included Department of Defense, non-appropriated fund employees, and contractors.

## PATRIOT PEOPLE |



**Airman 1st Class Cecil A. Calvin**

NAME : CECIL A. CALVIN  
 RANK : AIRMAN 1ST CLASS  
 AGE : 21  
 HOMETOWN : LAWRENCE, MASS.  
 UNIT : 337TH AIRLIFT SQUADRON  
 POSITION : AVIATION RESOURCE MANAGER  
 CIVILIAN POSITION : AMERICAN TRAINING  
 FAVORITE FOOD : ANYTHING OFF A GRILL  
 YEARS OF SERVICE : 1 ½ YEARS  
 FAVORITE SPORT : BASKETBALL  
 FAVORITE HOBBY : PLAYING SPORTS  
 IDEAL VACATION : ON A BEACH IN JAMAICA  
 BEST WAY TO RELAX : WITH FAMILY  
 PREFERRED ENTERTAINMENT : ENJOYING A NIGHT WITH GOOD FRIENDS  
 FAVORITE HEROES : ANY MILITARY MEMBER  
 FAVORITE MUSIC STYLES : ANYTHING NOT COUNTRY  
 FAVORITE MOVIE : SCARFACE  
 FAVORITE AIRCRAFT : C-5A  
 PET PEEVE : NAIL BITERS  
 WHAT WOULD I DO IF I WON \$1 MILLION : A LIFE LONG VACATION

## Get One Referral Information

'Get One' referrals need to be sent to Patricia Simonds at the Westover recruiting office. There are three ways the information may be sent; call Mrs. Simonds at (413) 557-2125 or DSN 589-2125 let her know you have a 'Get One,' E-mail: Patricia.Simonds@Westover.af.mil, or fax the information below to: 413-557-2126 or DSN 589-2126

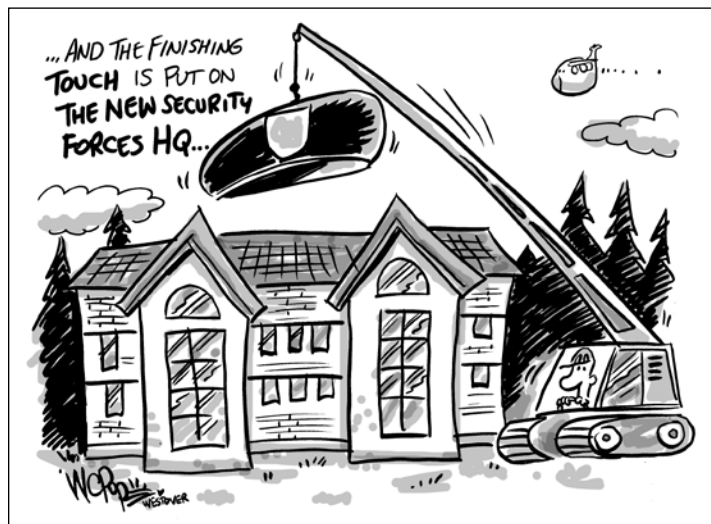
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 Home phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_  
 Status ( reservist, air reserve technician, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

## PATRIOT PUNS |



## PATRIOT PRAISES |

### Promotions

Selected for colonel:  
 Lt. Col. Paul T. Babin  
 Lt. Col. Patricia A. Evans

### Meritorious Service Medal

Col. Daniel W. Allen \*\*\*  
 Maj. Michael A. Buoniconti  
 Capt. Robert E. Driscoll Jr.  
 Chief Master Sgt. James R. Brady \*

### Senior master sergeant

Michael K. Barna  
 Beverly A. Cote  
 Derek A. Quimette

Michael F. Thorpe \*\*

Master sergeant  
 Thomas N. Allocco  
 Alice Mitchell

Technical sergeant  
 Gerald E. Dufresne  
 Edward L. Plant  
 Brian J. Shameklis

Air Force Commendation Medal

Master sergeant  
 Gregory F. Quill  
 David A. Steiner \*

Joseph C. Wilkinson

Technical sergeant  
 Ronnie P. Briere  
 Manuel D. Chavez  
 Christopher F. Kellam  
 Edward J. Majersky  
 Matt D. Morgan  
 Cheryl L. Mottershead  
 Richard T. Nii  
 Cary-Ann Patterson  
 Brian J. Shameklis  
 Steve E. Traugh

Staff sergeant  
 Elliott C. Moya

Edward L. Plant  
 John A. Shepard  
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**ID CHECK** >> Col. Wade Farris, 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander, visits the new Industrial Road gate while talking with Staff Sgt. Michael J. Dupell Jr., 439<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron. The new gate will officially open to traffic Feb. 1, and features an entirely new design for everyone coming onto the base. Included in the new complex is a visitors center, pass and identification office, and a complete shelter for trucks being inspected.

**Answers to January 2006 ORI questions:**

1. While maintaining proper cover and concealment, challenge the approaching personnel by commanding them to "halt." When they stop, command "who goes there?"

After they identify themselves, command "advance to be recognized." When the person is within 10 feet, command "halt" and issue the challenge word or sign.

If they respond with the correct password or countersign, let them pass. If they do not, follow the local rules of engagement (ROE).

Once person is lying on the ground, contact your unit control center (UCC) and the security forces (SF) control center.

2. Provide SALUTE report to your UCC and the SF Control Center. S - Size (number of persons=2), A - Activity (Demonstration), L - Location (at the gate), U - Unit (personnel clothing description), T - Time (note the time observed), E - Equipment (type weapon).

3. Immediate action procedures (M16A2)

**SPORTS:**

S - Slap upward on the bottom of magazine to ensure magazine is fully seated

P - Pull charging handle to rear  
O - Observe to see if a round or cartridge casing was ejected and chamber and receiver area are clear (if not, proceed to remedial action)  
R - Release charging handle (allow bolt to travel forward)

T - Tap forward assist button to ensure bolt is fully forward  
S - Shoot

4. Clearing procedures (M16A2)  
Place weapon on SAFE; remove magazine, hand to clearing official or stow; lock bolt to rear. Control ejected round (if one was chambered) and hand to clearing official or stow. Visually inspect chamber and receiver area for live rounds.

Check to make sure weapon is on SAFE.

5. Function check (M16A2)  
Start with cleared weapon, bolt forward, weapon on SAFE. Point weapon in safe direction, pull trigger; weapon should not dry fire. Place weapon on SEMI, pull trigger. Weapon should dry fire.

Hold trigger to rear and charge weapon; release trigger, you should hear a click; repeat SEMI test five times. Place weapon on BURST and pull trigger; weapon should dry fire.

Hold trigger to rear and charge weapon three times.

Release trigger. Pull trigger, weapon should dry fire.



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