

## *Birthday* **BALL**

Westover honors Air Force's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary with military ball

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**CUT THE CAKE** >> Maj. Gen. Allan R. Poulin, Air Force Reserve Command vice commander, cuts the Air Force 60th anniversary cake at the military ball with Airman Greg Harper during the military ball Sept. 8. (photo by Master Sgt. Anne Ward)

## EDITORIAL | October marks 20 years for C-5s at Westover



Colonel Linder

October marks the 20th anniversary of the C-5 mission here at Westover. As monumental the conversion from the C-130 Hercules to the C-5 Galaxy was, we are now facing events that are just as significant. The transition to the C-5 meant a change

in missions. Where the C-130 is a tactical, or inter-theater, airlift asset, the C-5 is a strategic, or intra-theater, asset. The payload it carries is second-to-none. The C-5 makes a difference, anywhere in the world, in one day.

Westover played an important military role in the Iraq-Iran Truce, Operations Just Cause, Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. The humanitarian missions include Hurricanes Gilbert, Hugo, Andrew, Iniki, Katrina, and Rita. You were there for the Armenian Earthquake, Provide Comfort, Provide Hope, Restore Hope, Support Hope, Safe Passage, Provide Promise, and relief for the tsunami.

Think about that. Consider the power and capability you have delivered to the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and our Airmen throughout military operations worldwide. Consider the people affected by a hurricane, an earthquake, or a flood and the critical, much-needed relief supplies you helped deliver. Yes, you. Every one of you played an important role in successfully accomplishing the mission.

Not only did the airplanes change, the men and women of Westover changed, too. Taken out of your comfort zones, you had to learn new jobs, new missions, and a new way of doing business. You did very well. So well that each one of you has become the example to others of how C-5 support missions should be done.

We have almost completed the transition from the C-5A to the C-5B. Our maintainers have done an outstanding job supporting the C-5A. As we pass these airplanes on to other units we know they are flyable that day. Our maintainers will become masters of the C-5B just as they were for the C-5A.

Today there are new challenges. The airplanes, maintainers, aircrew, and simulator are all beginning the transition to the Avionics Modification Program (AMP). This program changes the instrumentation from old style "steam gauges" to

state-of-the-art avionics, or glass. This will take about two years to complete.

Recently Air Mobility Command (AMC) officials asked Westover Airmen to develop a plan for stage operations that would increase airlift capability into Iraq. In three weeks, the AMC team evaluated a number of plan iterations, finally choosing one likely to be in operation as early as October. This is yet another example of Westover stepping up and leading the way.

What does all this mean? With the increased operations tempo base-wide, the challenges associated with transitioning to AMP and now a new staging operation into Iraq, it is critical, as good wingmen, to take care of and look out for each other.

As we remember Westover's past we take those lessons and look to our future. We remember the challenges, the heartaches, and the victories. We know we were safe and did it right and we will do it again. After all, we are Westover.

**Col. James "Lindy" Linder**  
439th Operations Group commander

## BRIEFS |

### Reservists form carpooling group

Maj. Casey Ajalat, 439th Mission Support Group executive officer, is setting up a discussion group and mailing list for those who are interested in carpooling to Westover.

To join the mailing list to get help from a Westover Reservist or to offer a ride, send Major Ajalat an e-mail at casey.ajalat@westover.af.mil or casey.ajalat@childrens.harvard.edu.

To join the discussion group, send an e-mail to Westovercarpoolers-subscribe@yahoo.com.

### Case lot sale in Oct.

Name brand products will be offered at discount prices at a case lot sale at the Base Hangar from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday of the October A UTA (Oct. 13-14). Cash, checks or credit cards will be accepted.

### President Bush creates ESGR week

President George Bush proclaimed Sept. 9-15 as National Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Week. This honorary week recognized the vital contributions of military men and women who serve America, and paid tribute to the employers who support them.

Locally, members of the Massachusetts ESGR assist the 439th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office with such events as Employer Day and Bosslifts. Both offer opportunities for employers to understand the Air Force mission by visiting the base, flying on military aircraft to other military bases, and seeing Airmen working. More information on ESGR is available at [www.esgr.org](http://www.esgr.org)

### Westover to host HRDC conference

Westover will host a 22nd Air Force Human Resources Development Council (HRDC) conference to be led by Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, 22nd Air Force commander, and former 439th Airlift Wing commander.

The conference will bring HRDC representatives from all 22nd Air Force wings Oct. 16-17, following the October A UTA.

The conference's goal is to help wings improve their human resource development processes.

A 22nd Air Force HRDC award will also be presented to a deserving wing at the end of the conference.

For more information about the HRDC conference, call Chief Master Sgt. Kathy Wood, performance manager of the Center for Performance Management, at Ext. 2876.

### Chiefs announce scholarship winners

Three Patriot Wing members recently won Chiefs Council scholarships. Selected to receive \$500 each were:

Senior noncommissioned officer: Master Sgt. Dawn Scaff, 439th Mission Support Squadron

NCO: Tech. Sgt. Amber Ryals, 439th Security Forces Squadron

Airman: Senior Airman Bryan Southworth, 439th Maintenance Squadron

### Toastmasters meet

The Westover Toastmasters club members recently celebrated the club's second anniversary. Toastmasters teaches public speaking, listening, and leadership skills. For more information on meeting times and how to join, send an e-mail to: [andrew5274@charter.net](mailto:andrew5274@charter.net)





**TOWERING TAIL** >> Maintenance scaffolding wraps around the six-story high C-5 tail. October marks the 20th year that the massive Galaxy has made its home at Westover. Sixteen of the Air Force's largest aircraft are flown here by the 337th Airlift Squadron. (photo by Master Sgt. W.C. Pope)

## Westover's worldwide C-5 Galaxy mission enters third decade in Oct.

by Master Sgt. Tom Allocco

**T**wenty years ago in October a C-5A Galaxy touched down on the Westover runway and taxied to the Base Hangar where military and civilian dignitaries waited to usher in a new era. The Patriot Wing would carry more and fly higher, faster and further.

On Oct. 3, 1987, Galaxy, tail number 90017, landed as the forerunner of a fleet of 16 Galaxies that would be the latest in a long string of historic aircraft at Westover. Since the 1940s the skies above Westover had rumbled with Flying Fortresses and Liberators going to England, Skytrains and Skymasters going to Berlin, and Stratofortresses and Stratotankers going on Cold War patrols.

At the time, the aircrews of the 337th Tactical Airlift Squadron were flying the C-130 Hercules and many were veterans of the earlier C-123 Provider.

The conversion to the huge strategic airlifter was made with mixed feelings. "Everyone enjoyed the C-130 mission," said Chief Master Sgt. John Szewc, 42nd Aerial Port Squadron air freight manager. The four-propeller Hercules was a workhorse for

airdrops of paratroopers and cargo. A common sight at Westover was Container Delivery Systems (CDS) and "heavies" (pallets) parachuting from the back of a low, slow-flying C-130.

With the new airplane came a new name and new missions for the Patriot Wing. The 439th Military Airlift Wing became the 439th Airlift Wing. The first Galaxy was nicknamed "The Patriot" and was a veteran of the 1983 Operation Urgent Fury invasion of Grenada. It didn't take long for the 337th Airlift Squadron aircrews to start adding laurels to the war record of the Galaxy.

In December, 1989, Westover aircrews were alerted to fly their first wartime Galaxy missions when President George H.W. Bush launched Operation Just Cause to remove the dictator of Panama.

Aircrews flew a string of missions to the Panama Canal Zone. Among them were Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Dzwonkus, 337th AS chief loadmaster, who helped deliver Humvees in what he called "an iconic example of the C-5 mission to deliver heavy cargo long distances at short notice."

Only a year later, Westover's C-5 fleet was again providing express service. Within days after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, aircrews were mobilized to shuttle

C-5s on a great airbridge from the U.S. to Europe to the Middle East for Desert Shield. In a classic example of the C-5 capacity to respond to an emergency, a Patriot Wing C-5 delivered Patriot defensive missiles to Israel within days after Saddam Hussein launched a barrage of Scud missiles at that country.

The Patriot Wing made aviation history on the afternoon of Sept. 11, 2001 when a C-5 flew across the empty skies to deliver the first airborne aid to Ground Zero of the terror attacks on New York City.

Master Sgt. Daniel Giddinge, 337th AS loadmaster, was on the mission from Travis AFB, Calif. to McGuire AFB, N.J. to deliver firefighters and equipment. "It was weird...we took off and were cleared direct to McGuire. There was no other radio traffic," he remembered. In 2003, Westover C-5s had a high profile when the Air Force launched an airlift "surge" to the Middle East before the invasion of Iraq. They continue to fly missions to Baghdad and other points in the area of responsibility in support of the War on Terrorism.

A second chapter of the C-5 began at Westover when the first C-5B model joined the fleet in June, 2007. The C-5B includes all the C-5A improvements as well as more than 100 additional system modifications to improve reliability and maintainability. Based on a recent study showing 80 percent of the C-5 airframe service life remaining, Air Mobility Command is continuing to modernize the C-5 and anticipates



**PORTER POINTERS** >> Tech. Sgt. Lindsay Migala, 42nd Aerial Port Squadron, trains Cpl. Anthony M. Delmastro Jr. on cargo tie-down techniques. ( photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe )

## Marines, aerial porters team-up on UTA

by Master Sgt. Tom Allocco

**E**very Marine is first a rifleman, but there are times when any Marine in this era of joint operations may need to know the basics of palletizing and loading cargo on an aircraft.

The aerial porters of the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron recognized the need for others to know the basics of moving cargo when they set up a two-day training program for Marine and Navy reservists during the August A UTA.

"It's better to be prepared to deploy here, to know how your equipment has to be prepared properly so you are not bumped or slowed down when you need it," said Master Sgt. Laurie Briggs, 42nd APS air transportation specialist. She and Master Sgt. Blain Thomas set up the classroom and hands-on training for Marines of Westover's Machine Gun Platoon and Sailors of Navy Supply Support Battalion 2 of West Hartford, Conn.

Before a pallet or vehicle gets close to a cargo ramp the aerial porters have a long checklist to guarantee safe and efficient transportation.

"People who aren't familiar with safe procedures will come in with a vehicle full of fuel. You have to know what fuel level is allowed. A vehicle is considered hazardous so you need proper shipping documents regarding inspections - battery, fire extinguisher, weight, clearances" Sergeant Briggs said.

"Some people don't realize how much is involved to ship equipment. We have to make people aware

of the potential hazards in orders for them and the airplane to be safe," she said.

On Saturday, the Patriot Wing aerial porters set up a full simulated Air Terminal Operations Center (ATOC) in Dogpatch for the benefit of their Marine and Navy counterparts. Every skill in the aerial port inventory was put into play as the aerial porters rehearsed loading passengers, fleet services and special handling of cargo. The next day they loaded and unloaded a C-5, with Marines and Sailors using the techniques they had been taught, from tying down cargo to following hand signals behind the steering wheel of Humvees.

"Our people like being out here getting their hands on the equipment," Sergeant Briggs said.

Among those appreciating the chance for a walk-through of aerial port operations was Marine Lance Cpl. Omar Lozada. Like others of the Machine Gun Platoon, Corporal Lozada is a veteran of combat patrols around Fallujah, Iraq during a 2005-2006 tour and knows he may redeploy using the lessons learned during the weekend.

Before it was over, he had a new-found respect for aerial port operations. "We did distribution of weight and how it affects take-off and landing, different ways of tying down, figuring the center of gravity. It's more complicated than I thought," he said.

The Marine also learned something about heavy airlift. The aerial port training was the first time Corporal Lozada had walked through C-5 Galaxy cargo bay. "Big boy," he concluded.

## General Petraeus details Iraq status

by Donna Miles  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Army Gen. David H. Petraeus, commander of Multinational Force Iraq, told the House Armed Services and Foreign Affairs committees Sept. 10 that the surge in Iraq is showing progress, and that he believes troop reductions to pre-surge levels could begin by summer 2008 without jeopardizing gains made.

Petraeus joined U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Ryan C. Crocker during the first of two days of hearings on the status of the war and political developments in Iraq.

The general told committee members that he recommended a drawdown of surge forces in Iraq to President Bush and defense leaders.

Petraeus said he recommended that a Marine expeditionary unit deployed as part of the surge not be replaced when it leaves Iraq later this month and that one of 20 U.S. combat brigades not be replaced when it redeployes in mid-December. If the general's recommendations are approved, four more brigade combat teams and two surge Marine battalions could redeploy without replacement during the first seven months of 2008.

Petraeus emphasized as he began his testimony that it reflected his own independent assessment. "Although I have briefed my assessment and recommendations to my chain of command, I wrote this testimony myself," he said. "It has not been cleared by, nor shared with, anyone in the Pentagon, the White House or Congress."

He noted that in recent months, in the face of tough enemies and brutal summer heat, U.S., coalition and Iraqi security forces have achieved security progress.

The general attributed the decline in violence to "significant blows" that coalition and Iraqi forces have dealt al Qaeda in Iraq. "Though al Qaeda and its affiliates in Iraq remain dangerous, we have taken away a number of their sanctuaries and gained the initiative in many areas," he said. "All Americans should be very proud of their sons and daughters serving in Iraq today."



**SWING TIME**

Kathy and Bob Kies dance  
to the music of the Air  
Force Band of Liberty during the  
Sept. 8 military ball.  
(photo by Tech Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

# Having a Ball

by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe





**N**early 700 members of the Patriot Wing joined for the first military ball held at Westover in 17 years.

Maj. Gen. Allan R. Poulin, Air Force Reserve Command vice commander, was the guest speaker for the ball, held in the Base Hangar Sept. 8.

When General Poulin spoke about the warm atmosphere at the ball, he wasn't just referring to the audience. Reservists huddled around tables tried to keep cool while decked out in mess dress in some unseasonable September heat and humidity.

"It's hot tonight, ladies and gentlemen," the general said. "But you know what, this is a great place to do this. This is about the 439th, and this is about Westover, and this is about a military ball – General Farris, good for you, this is the right place to do this."

The general lauded the base's contributions to the Air Force Reserve. "This is an extremely busy time in the United States Air Force," he said. "You have the right to be proud of the work you have done to make this base a showcase for the Air Force Reserve Command ... I know and you know that nobody maintains the C-5s better than you do right here."

General Poulin didn't foresee a let-up any time soon for the operational tempo. "I see you staying the course," he said. "You are doing a magnificent job ... but the ops tempo will not back off. You'll be taking care of this base, and getting those C-5Bs on line ... I thank you for the great job you are doing for the reserve command and our Air Force."

Military tradition made one of the ball's formal events among the most memorable experiences for one of the Patriot Wing's newest Airmen, who has just begun his career in the Air Force Reserve.

Following his speech, General Poulin stepped



**TUNING IN** >> Senior Master Sgt. Christopher Doyle, 439th Maintenance Squadron, and his wife, Doreen, listen to Maj. Gen. Allan Poulin's remarks during the military ball. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)



**POW/MIA SALUTE** >> Tech. Sgt. Jose Rivers, Westover Honor Guard, participates in the POW/MIA ceremony during the ball. (photo by Master Sgt. Anne Ward)

down onto the hangar floor with Airman Greg A. Harper, 439th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. General Poulin and Airman Harper approached the front of the stage while the crowd stood and sang the Air Force Song, and loudly applauded. This event marked the event's lowest-ranking Airman joining with the highest-ranking to cut a huge Air Force anniversary cake set up at the front of the hangar stage.

The Air Force Band of Liberty from Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., performed following the formal presentations and slide show. Reservists and their spouses crowded the dance floor in front of the band as it performed songs by Glenn Miller, the famous bandleader from the World War II era.

A slide show and music, compiled by Lt. Col. Patrick S. Ryan, 439th Mission Support Group deputy commander, chronicled the development of airpower from World War I to the present. Colonel Ryan projected the slide show onto a hangar wall as people waited for dinner to be served. Other traditional events included a demonstration by the USAF Sabre Drill Team from Gunter Air Force Station, Ala.



## BRINGING THEM HOME

Aeromedical specialists prepare simulated patients aboard a C-17 Globemaster III during an Aeromedical Jamboree training exercise that also gave them experience aboard the KC-135 Stratotanker and C-130 Hercules. (photo by Master Sgt. Tom Allocco)



# Training to honor a promise

by Master Sgt. Tom Allocco

**T**he aeromedical specialists make a promise that no injured patient will come home alone from the War on Terror. Medical specialists and air crews from across the Air Force Reserve rehearsed the skills to bring men and women back during an Aeromedical Evacuation Jamboree at Westover on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 25 and 26.

The first of an anticipated series of annual exercises was highlighted by the convergence at Westover of all three of the aircraft in which aeromedical specialists are required to be qualified. During the weekend exercise, missions were flown in a C-17 Globemaster III from the 315th AW, Charleston AFB, S.C.; two C-130 Hercules from the 911th AW, Pittsburgh IAP, Pa. and 934th AW, Minneapolis-St. Paul ARS, Minn.; and a KC-135 Stratotanker from the 916th ARW, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.

The scenario was the mission of bringing injured troops home from Ramstein AB, Germany to Andrews AFB, Md, a tasking many of the Patriot Wing medical specialists have done on deployments. The exercise made for a long two days for the aeromedical evacuation specialists, from stabilizing patients, setting up the patient support configurations on the three aircraft and flying over Cape Cod and the Atlantic while responding to medical emergencies.

The 439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

hosted the Jamboree which brought them together with their counterparts from the 315th AES, Charleston AFB, S.C.; 934th AES, Minneapolis St. Paul ARS, Minn. and 932nd AES, Scott AFB, Ill. Their training program was prompted by a recent Air Mobility Command decision that every aeromedical specialist should be qualified on all three aircraft used for evacuation.

It's essential training because each aircraft has its own characteristics. "My primary aircraft is a C-130 that I get training on. I can also get training on KC-135s once a quarter, but until now haven't been able to get on a C-17," said Master Sgt. Nancy Clegg, 439th AES superintendent of nursing services, who helped organize the Jamboree.

The exercise was conducted on the eve of the beginning of the seventh year of the War on Terrorism by men and women with wide ranging experience in the life and death realities of aeromedical evacuation.

Sergeant Clegg spent the summer of 2004 in Balad, Iraq where the Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility (CASF) was mortared or rocketed on most days. She previously flew C-141 missions from Baghdad, Iraq to Ramstein AB, Germany, caring for injured men and women on their way to Landstuhl Medical Center.

Col. John M. Starzyk, chief aeroevacuation operations officer at 4th Air Force, March ARB, Calif., put a personal face on the Jamboree training. "I have a son deploying again in Vehicle Operations. For

me it really hit home. It's a family member going in harm's way. It will be aeromedical people who will be providing care to our best and brightest," said Colonel Starzyk, an observer at the Jamboree.

Staff Sgt. Breina Cohn, a nursing student and a 439th AES member, has experienced what she termed an "eye opener." She recalled "there were a lot of people – 36 litters, more than 60 patients on a C-17 from Germany to Andrews. We train all the time, three or four training missions a month. But that doesn't compare to the crying and thank you's. Hearing people thank you for bringing them home. Hearing stories from the Army and Marines, the way they were attacked," she said.

Tech. Sgt. Daniel Szafranowicz, 439th AES, is another who has felt the heat. On a C-141 mission from Balad, Iraq, a Marine on a litter grabbed his arm just as the Starlifter left the war zone. He had a leg wound from a Fallujah rocket attack. "He was from South Hadley. I knew him. My mother had baby sat him," Sergeant Szafranowicz said. "That kind of brought it home," Sergeant Szafranowicz said.

Last January, he was on a C-130 mission from Andrews AFB, Md., to Boston. Aboard was a 19-year-old Marine who was deeply unconscious from a head wound. His mother had met her son in Germany and was accompanying him home to a long-term care facility.

"She was so grateful for the care and that we were along with him. She thanked us. She told us it meant a lot to her to know that someone was with her son all the way from the battlefield to home," Sergeant Szafranowicz said.

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**AES changes command**

by Staff Sgt. Tom Ouellette

Col. Charles R. Tupper accepted the flag of command of the 439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron Sept. 8. He succeeded Col. Belinda R. Morrone, who is serving as the medical directorate to Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, chief of Air Force Reserve, at the Pentagon.

A native of Southampton, N.Y., Colonel Tupper joined the Air Force in 1970 as an aircraft maintenance technician on the KC-135A. He was deployed in support of Operation Linebacker I and II during the Vietnam War and Operation Nickel Grass during the Yom Kipper War in 1973 and deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism in 2006. He earned a direct commission in 1979 after receiving a Bachelor Degree in Nursing from the University of South Carolina and served 23 years on active duty in the Air Force.

The new AES commander is a chief flight nurse with more than 2,400 flight hours in several aircraft. During his career, Colonel Tupper accrued more than 80 combat hours in various missions and earned the Vietnam Service Medal with one campaign star, the Vietnam Campaign medal and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm (unit citation).

"I've had the opportunity to command a fixed medical facility in the past; but the chance to lead an aeromedical evacuation squadron is really the fulfillment of a career goal," Colonel Tupper said. "The 439th AES has a superb reputation in the aeromedical evacuation community and I look forward to working with these great people as we meet the challenges of the future."

He and his wife, Susan, and their children reside on Edisto Island, S.C.



**CHIEF TO CHIEF** >> Chief Master Sgt. Anthony Colucci, 337th Airlift Squadron, right, shakes hands with Chief Master Sgt. Michael Major, whose retirement ceremony took place Sept. 8 in Hangar 9. Chief Major, assigned to the 439th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, served for more than 35 years in the Air Force Reserve Command. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Robert Cirillo)

Education can prevent domestic violence

by Capt. Carrie Baker



**Captain Baker**

Many people treat domestic violence as an uncomfortable topic to discuss. The reality is domestic violence continues to be a social ill in the military community.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence is a pattern of

behavior that includes physical, emotional psychological and sexual abuse. It doesn't just involve married couples, but also individuals in a dating relationship, and former partners or spouses. Domestic violence can also occur inside or outside the home.

Most victims of domestic violence in military communities are women who are civilian spouses. Victims often hesitate to report abuse because they fear the impact it will have on their spouse's career. A recent Department of Defense study found that service members reported for abuse are 23 percent more likely to be separated from the service than non-abusers and

somewhat more likely to have other than honorable discharges. Most who remain in the military are more likely to be promoted more slowly than non-abusers.

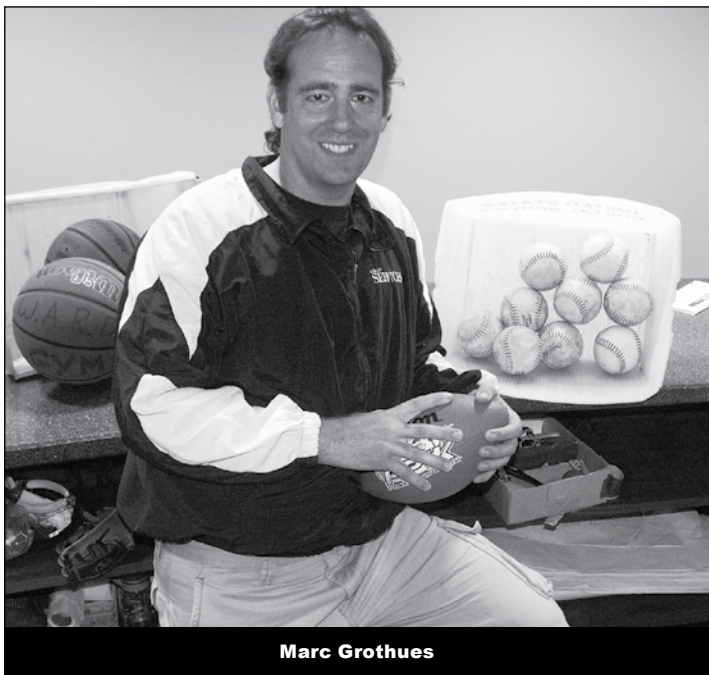
Domestic violence is inconsistent with Air Force values and it is not to be tolerated, as this social problem can destroy families. It also affects military readiness. DoD takes domestic violence seriously and encourages all military personnel (except chaplains) to report any suspected domestic violence, regardless of how the suspicion arises. The goal of reporting domestic violence is to provide early intervention which in turn can increase the chances of successful treatment.

The key to preventing domestic violence overall is education. At Westover, victims of domestic violence can be referred or directly contact the sexual assault response coordinator's (SARC) office (Bldg. 2235), local YWCA or call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233.

The Verizon Wireless National Hope Line program has a new service that makes it easier for victims of domestic violence to access help and services. By dialing #HOPE on Verizon Wireless phones. Phone calls will be immediately transferred to the Hotline (1-800-799-SAFE). The call is toll-free and air time free.

*Editor's note: Captain Baker is the Westover SARC and may be reached at Ext. 2623.*

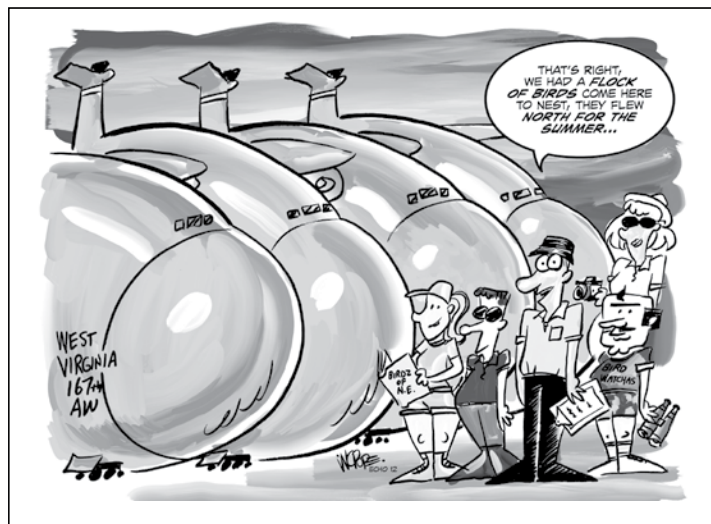
**PATRIOT PEOPLE |**



**Marc Grothues**

NAME : Marc Grothues  
 HOMETOWN : San Antonio, Texas  
 UNIT : 439th Services Squadron  
 POSITION : Intramural sports director/personal trainer  
 FAVORITE FOOD : Thanksgiving dinner  
 YEARS AT WESTOVER : Five  
 FAVORITE SPORT : Basketball  
 FAVORITE HOBBY : Jet skis  
 IDEAL VACATION : Any place that is warm so that I can go on my Jet skis  
 BEST WAY TO RELAX : I like watching Survivor Man or Man vs. Wild  
 PREFERRED ENTERTAINMENT : Spending any free time with my 4-year-old daughter  
 FAVORITE HERO : Grandfather/John Mellencamp  
 FAVORITE MUSIC STYLES : 80's to now rock  
 FAVORITE MOVIE : Any Jackie Chan movie  
 FAVORITE AIRCRAFT : U2  
 PET PEEVE : Not winning \$1 million  
 WHAT WOULD I DO IF I WON \$1 MILLION : Besides putting away some money for my daughter's future, I would buy a house on the river and then get a new jet ski, or maybe a fast boat. I would also send some of my Christian Children's Fund-sponsored children to Brazil.

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**Reenlistments**

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**Services calendar**

**Oct. 13 is membership night at the Westover Club. A Jimmy Buffett cover band, "Changes in Latitude," is scheduled to perform in the early evening. Information: [www.westoverservices.com](http://www.westoverservices.com)**





**GALAXY ABOVE** >> Retired Brig. Gen. Frederick "Mike" Walker," former 439th Airlift Wing commander, stands next to the C-5 model near the front gate. General Walker, who led the wing during the C-5 conversion in 1987, visited the base on the A UTA and delivered his remarks at the unveiling of the model, which is among five installed on the base depicting famous military aircraft assigned to Westover. ( photo by Tech. Sgt. Robert Cirillo )

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