

## *Show of* **FORCE**

Westover's security forces deploy to Iraq and join the almost 250 Patriot wing Airmen combating terrorism overseas  
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Senior Airman Gordon D. Mearns prepares to deploy with other members of the 439<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron  
(photo by Maj. Jennifer Christovich)

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### 439th Airlift Wing Lineage

The blue background with its golden yellow border represents the night and day sky and displays the Air Force colors.

The golden wings represent the 439th's mission to provide command and staff supervision of its assigned airlift units.

The red chevron with white trim represents the aeromedical evacuation responsibilities.

The three golden rectangular symbols in the base refer to the airlift support for personnel, equipment, and supplies.



### Patriot Wing - Team of Choice



--information provided by Master Sgt. Anne C. Ward, 439th AW History Office

## EDITORIAL | Be a wingman and remember our resources -- US



Chaplain Wiecher

The past few months have been as fast-paced as ever! Deployments, AEF preparation and training, stage operation; expansion for our maintenance group with the isochronal (ISO) conversion; challenges to manpower;

expansion of the base with the arrival of new tenant units, an ever-constant operations tempo; and to put the icing on the cake, an upcoming staff assistance visit inspection!

All of this is crucial to our nation's strategic aims in the ongoing Global War on Terror (GWOT). However, on a more personal level, at times it is enough to make one's head spin, and heart race with anxiousness.

Indeed, Westover is operating at a tempo similar to an active-duty base, yet we don't have the same resources as an active base. Reservists need to keep mission accomplishment in mind, but with careful attention to the limits of our resources here. These resources still can enable

us to safely complete our mission.

The best resources during these stressful times are our people! We know the Air Force saying, "Remember your wingman." We sometimes hear it so often that we don't really reflect on what it means to be a wingman. The wingman watches the other; offers corrective action and advice when needed; and is there to listen, support, and protect. There are no isolated individual wingmen. To be a wingman necessitates partnership, teamwork, community, and an awareness of the other in their midst.

Teamwork is essential in fulfilling a mission. Moreover, each person is an essential part of the team effort and unity. An individual cannot do the work for the whole team, and if one attempts to be a "lone ranger," inevitably, the mission will fall short of its stated goal.

This wingman is not a new concept belonging only to the Air Force community; it is actually a very old concept dating all the way back to Moses. One of my favorite stories from the Hebrew Scriptures concerns Moses and his being overworked, tired, cranky, and he even gets annoyed with God from time to time! Until one day, Moses Father in law Jethro tells Moses, "What you are doing is not good. Your will surely wear

yourself out, both you and these people with you...you cannot do it alone." Jethro is being a wingman to Moses, for the mission to succeed Moses cannot do it alone and he asks for others to help share the leadership. And in a related story, Moses cries that he is unable to carry this people alone, for they are too heavy a burden. Moses finds himself at his last straw in hope and patience; and so God appoints some seventy elders to assist Moses, and perhaps the most poignant phrase occurs, the text reads in the original, that they helped lift up Moses' arms.

When such fast-paced planning and preparation occurs, there is a tendency, an all too human one, to take the path of least resistance, to make compromises and take short-cuts. This can have serious consequences. A wingman doesn't settle for what is easy, but is there to assist and at times caution others so that together the mission is accomplished safely and on time. To be a wingman takes courage.

Let us remain vigilant, work hard and be there for each other. Together we will continue to show how and why our wing is the Team of Choice.

**Chaplain (Maj.) William Wiecher**  
439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Chaplain

## BRIEFS |

### Housing available

Reservists may lease homes located at the former Military Family Housing Westover, now Atlantic Marine Communities. Six-month leases are available, starting with top priority to active duty and active duty Reserve members. Twelve-month leases are available for Reservists, Department of Defense civilian employees and military retirees.

For more information, call Atlantic Marine Communities at (413) 593-6700.

### Commander's Call

Commander's Call, set for March 1, will target focus groups.

The schedule is as follows:

Enlisted (A-L) at 9 a.m. (M-Z) at 1 p.m. in the conference center.

Officers meet at 3 p.m. at the Westover Club.

### Road race set for March 29

Westover Reservists are encouraged to participate in the annual Holyoke Road Race which is set for 1 p.m. March 29. The race is about six miles.

Registration is on line at [www.holyokeroadrace.com](http://www.holyokeroadrace.com)

### Gortex allowed with ABUs

Westover Reservists may wear a woodland-patterned camouflage gortex coat or field jacket with their Airman battle uniforms.

The new Air Force policy, a temporary solution to a shortage of ABU parkas Air Force-wide, gives Airmen a cold-weather protection option.

Airmen here are encouraged to continue wearing the battle dress uniforms if the ABU parka is unavailable.

The wear policy is a temporary measure and will expire June 1.

### UTA dates change

Due to the Great New England Air Show in September, the August and September UTA schedule is as follows:

August A UTA: Aug. 9-10; B UTA: Aug. 23-24; September A UTA: Sept 6-7; B UTA: cancelled.

The USAF Thunderbirds and the Army's Golden Knight parachute teams are the headline events for this year's show, which is the only one scheduled to be held in New England.

### CFC success

Patriot Wing members donated more than \$41,000 to the 2007 Combined Federal Campaign in support of eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human services benefits at home and around the world. The CFC kicks off each fall at Westover and wraps up by December.

### Credit union

A Pioneer Valley Federal Credit Union branch is scheduled to open by mid-summer on base. The branch, which will include a 24-hour automatic teller, will be open to Reservists, federal and civilian employees and those with base tenant units.

For more information, call Dan McCarthy at Ext. 2883.





**HARRY SITUATION** >> Tech. Sgt. Christopher P. Harry stands in Hangar 3 with his crutches after his return home Jan. 22. Deployed Westover Reservists helped the sergeant all along the way during his return journey to the United States from Southwest Asia. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

## Wounded Westover Patriot returns home

by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

Patriot Wing deployers -- assigned to bases across the globe -- coordinated medical treatment at nearly every stop along the way for their fellow Reservist who suffered a serious on-the-job injury in January.

Tech. Sgt. Christopher P. Harry, 42nd Aerial Port Squadron, learned what having wingmen really means as he was far away from home and family. He was handling heavy cargo inside an aircraft at the Southwest Asia location Jan. 9, when he said a 34,000-pound cargo loader ran over his left foot and leg. Sergeant Harry managed to free himself from the loader, but not without sustaining a broken ankle, torn ligaments, tendons and several stitches in his head.

After a few days of medical evaluations at the Persian Gulf base, he departed for his worldwide trip home Jan. 22. His first stop

was at Balad Air Base, Iraq, where medical technicians deployed from Westover's 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron awaited his arrival. They included Master Sgt. Kara Stackpole and Staff Sgt. Jason Leonard. During his 10-hour stay, Sergeant Harry shared small talk with the ASTS Airmen. Next stop was Ramstein Air Base, Germany, where members of the 439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron took over treatment.

Back in the United States, another AES member -- deployed from Westover to Andrews Air Force Base, Md., -- got word that a fellow Patriot Wing member was on the way home.

"Okay, let's step forward and take care of one of our family members," Maj. Edwin Moralez remembered he said to himself. The aeromedical operations officer, who launches and recovers missions from Andrews, then got on the phone and began a persistent and

lengthy set of calls to the US Transportation Command and the Tanker Airlift Control Center.

"I would have ended up at Hanscom (AFB, Mass.) instead and then would have had to get back out here," Sergeant Harry said. "He straightened all that out."

After he lined up Sergeant Harry's last leg of the trip, he took the NCO out for his first lunch in the United States in more than four months. "I arranged for those creature comforts here that he missed," Major Moralez said. "I made sure I took care of him."

On Jan. 22, a C-130 Hercules brought the injured Airman home to his parents, William and Susan Harry, and girlfriend, Valerie Sicard. Sergeant Harry arrived at Westover not only to their open arms and smiling faces but to media crews as well, who interviewed him about his injury and journey home.

"Everywhere I stopped, Westover people were there," Sergeant Harry said. "This is when I really got to know that this wing cares about its people. We are like a family."

William Harry felt "tremendous relief" as he saw his son make his way to Hangar 3. "The previous two weeks had been tenuous," Mr. Harry said. "When I knew Chris was with Westover people, I felt a lot better. They did a superb job. Whatever they do, they do right."

He is expected to make a full recovery and was scheduled to return to work at Westover in late February. An air reserve technician with the 42nd APS, Sergeant Harry has been at Westover for seven years.

Sergeant Harry will always remember the caring dedication of his deployed friends.

"It would have been a much more difficult trip home if I didn't have my friends and wing members all along the way," he said. "We're part of a team which people are proud of serving their country and doing their jobs."

### ESGR Bosslift trip set for May 9

Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) committees are coordinating a Bosslift May 9 to inform employers about the mission of Westover and Bangor Air National Guard Base,

Maine. Reservists interested in nominating their employers can contact ESGR representative Joseph Ryan, by April 1, to sign up for the Bosslift.

"Bosslift is an opportunity to garner support from high-level chief executive officers, presidents, public relations directors -- that's the level of employer we target," Mr. Ryan said.

The schedule begins with a tour of each base followed by a flight aboard the base's respective aircraft (C-5/KC-135).

Maine employers will tour Westover while their Massachusetts counterparts tour the Maine base.

Mr. Ryan may be reached at (508) 233-7249 or e-mail, joseph.c.ryan@us.army.mil



**CHEERING ON** >> Deployed Airmen with the 58th Aerial Port Squadron, assigned to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, cheer on the New England Patriots thousands of miles away from the Super Bowl. Westover Airmen from across the world tuned in to watch the Patriots play the New York Giants. (Courtesy photo)

## From around the world, Patriots fans cheer on their team

by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

Deployed members of the 439th Airlift Wing -- including a father and his son -- cheered their home football team on from thousands of miles away during this year's Super Bowl.

In Afghanistan, 58th Aerial Port Squadron Airmen gathered to watch the game from Bagram Air Base. One of those 58th Airmen, Master Sgt. David A. Page, caught the game with his son.

Sergeant Page swapped stories with Jason Page, who is also deployed at the

base. Sergeant Page works ramp services on the Bagram flight line, while Jason Page is an agent with the Office of Special Investigations.

"We got to catch up on a lot," Sergeant Page said. "Jason is a more of Patriots fan than I am. He was pretty bummed out."

The father and son gathered at Jason Page's office to watch the Super Bowl. Jason Page agreed with his dad's view of the experience of watching the Super Bowl -- and the game's unexpected outcome.

"It was pretty cool, except that the Patriots lost," Jason Page said. "We called my mom

in New Hampshire during the game. It's pretty rough on her with both of us gone," he said. "She's keeping an eye on things for us while we're over here."

Months before their deployment to Afghanistan, Sergeant Page and his son arranged with their chains of command for their deployment to coincide.

Elsewhere across the world, Airmen with the 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, assigned to Balad Air Base, Iraq, were part of a televised Patriots "shout-out" shown on local media channels back in New England.



"I like having the gym right there for free."

**Senior Airman Davielle L. Rodgers**  
services squadron



"I like the cheap gas and the base exchange."

**Staff Sgt. Micheal W. Sumner,**  
maintenance



"I enjoy the club. It is a decent place to relax and get together with friends from Westover."

**Senior Airman Jessie J. Babcock,**  
wing finance

**TROOP TALK** | What is your favorite entitlement in the reserve?





# Into The Fight

by Senior Airman Michael Lanza

#### **ARMING UP**

Deploying security forces members check their weapons at the armory. They are (from left): Staff Sgt. Mark G. Richards, Airman 1st Class Danielle L. Bartlett, Senior Airman Gordon D. Mearns, and Tech. Sgt. Brian M. Scott.  
(photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)





**M**ore than 40 security forces Airmen deployed in early February, joining an all-guard and reserve unit charged with base defense in Iraq.

Members of the 439th Security Forces Squadron are with Westover's first unit mobilized by presidential order since the 9/11 attacks.

They will play a major role in providing force protection at the Iraqi air base, where they will be responsible for internal and external security patrols, manning observation towers and maintaining defensive fighting positions.

Deployment orders came amid a steady decline in violence throughout Iraq.

"June 2007, with over 6,000 attacks, represents the highest monthly total of the war," Lt. Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, commander of the Multinational Corps Iraq, said during a Jan. 17 press conference. "Since then, attacks have been reduced by 60 percent."



**QUIET TIME** >> Staff Sgt. Hallock E. Yocher and his wife, Kathleen, and son Hallock, take time to be together before his deployment. Sergeant Yocher was among about 30 Airmen who deployed Feb. 6 to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Airmen are scheduled to return home in about six months. ( photo by Master Sgt. W.C. Pope )

Despite the recent success in reducing attacks, violence in Iraq is still frequent and intense -- settling to around the same levels as in early 2005, according to General Odierno.

Westover's deploying security forces know they still have a long road ahead of them, but it's a road that many have already traveled.

"They bring a lot of prior deployment experience on this one," Chief Master Sgt. Michael F. Thorpe, 439th Security Forces Squadron security manager, said. "Westover's security forces have been the standard bearers and will continue to do so."

Over the last six years, the security forces Airmen have consistently played an active

**"They bring a lot of experience on this one."**

**-- Chief Master Sgt. Michael F. Thorpe, 439th SFS**

role in world events. In 2007, they contributed to the only Air Force controlled base security operation in Iraq. They were the first security forces squadron to go to Guantanamo Bay in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, where they helped manage more than 540 detainees. They also volunteered to support humanitarian operations in the wake of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The security specialists are the latest unit in a series of deployments that

places nearly 10 percent of the Patriot Wing's reserve force in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Almost all of the Airmen are traditional reservists. They are expected to return home in about six months.

One of the Airmen deploying is accustomed to flying. Staff Sgt. Brittany Boduch, originally from Ludlow, Mass., is a Northwest Airlines flight attendant in her civilian job.

"I'm a little nervous, but I'll go over there, do the job, and come

back safe," she said. For Airman 1st Class Danielle Bartlett, it is her first deployment. She has been in the Air Force Reserve for nearly one year.

Westover senior leadership joined the families and friends on both departure dates. Lt. Col. Patrick S. Ryan, deputy mission support group commander, and Lt. Col. Chip Carroll, deputy operations group commander, reassured the Airmen that the base would care for their families while the Airman were gone. "The washing machine breaks, the car doesn't start -- please, call me," Colonel Carroll said. "I've been there."

Two groups of the Airmen left for Iraq Feb. 6 and Feb. 14.





**MEETING OF MINDS >>** Master Sgt. Robert Preble, deployed with the 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, talks with an Airman at Balad Air Base, Iraq. ( Courtesy photo )

## Deployed Airman hits the ground flying

by Senior Master Sgt. Sandi Michon

Just 24 hours after landing at Balad at 3 a.m. for a four-month deployment, Master Sgt. Robert Preble found himself airborne again -- as a mental health escort for a 21-year-old Army soldier who had become suicidal.

Mental health personnel at the Air Force Theater Hospital at Balad Air Base, Iraq, determined the soldier needed the higher-level-treatment available at Landstuhl Army Medical Center in Germany.

The tough, muscular soldier was apprehensive and shaking.

"He had just come in 'from the field,' his uniform was dirty, his stress level obviously high. Problems at home were definitely stress multipliers," said the 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron mental health technician deployed to Iraq.

"During the flight, he showed me a picture of his daughter. We talked a lot about things back home. It seemed to help him."

As a 23-year veteran corrections officer in New York, Sergeant Preble is no stranger to stress and suicide watches. "We see it in the prisons all the time," he said, "but this [the deployment] is much more fulfilling because we're helping them get home.

Sergeant Preble used the five-hour flight to help put the young soldier's life circumstances in perspective and reassured him that he would be okay. In fact, by the time they landed in Germany, the young Army specialist was making eye contact and speaking directly to Sergeant Preble.

"When I told him I couldn't be there for the next leg back to the States, he told me he thought he'd be okay," said Sergeant Preble. With two years Army experience and 16 years with the 439th ASTS, Sergeant Preble is part of an experience-rich three-person mental health team deployed from Westover. Tech. Sgt. Penny L. Brooks works as a civilian with the Troy, New York domestic abuse division, and Maj. Carole A. Dube works as a registered nurse in a psychiatric ward in New Hampshire.

Just two weeks into their deployment, the team had seen several cases of depression and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

"Mental health is a pretty big item, especially over here," he said. Even though Balad is 40 miles north of Baghdad, mortar attacks directed at the base are not uncommon. They work 12-hour shifts and sleep two to a 10x10-foot trailer room. It was freezing temperatures when they arrived and they had a rare snowfall the day before -- making cold showers feel even colder.

So, it's not just the patients that get the attention of the mental health team -- they take care of each other.

"We've just started the deployment," said Sergeant Preble, referring to about 60 Westover members deployed to Balad.

"We keep an eye out. So far, everyone is okay."

He hopes to help keep it that way.

## Free tax assistance available for reservists

WASHINGTON (AFP) -- Rather than paying a tax specialist, servicemembers and their families can obtain free assistance to prepare and file their annual tax returns through a special military program, a Defense Department tax advisor said here Jan. 30.

The military's tax assistance program processes more than 200,000 returns each year, Army Maj. John Johnson, director of the Defense Department's Armed Forces

Tax Council, said during an interview with Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service reporters.

"It is just one of the benefits military people have," Major Johnson said of the program. Participants can visit their installation tax center for free assistance in filling out tax returns, he said, or access the Military OneSource Web site, [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com).

The online tax-filing system on Military OneSource is closed to military retirees, however. Free tax-filing assistance services are open to active-duty and reserve component servicemembers, as well as family members and military retirees, Major Johnson said.

Participants should bring their military-issued identification cards, W-2 Wage and Earnings statements and any other forms or documents required for tax filing, he said.

Servicemembers deployed to combat zones have six months to file their taxes after departing the area, Major Johnson said.

Reservists with questions about tax assistance and referrals may contact the Westover Airmen Family and Readiness Center staff at Ext. 3024 or toll-free, 1-866-690-2161.

Activated Reservists may get free tax help at the Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., Retired Activity Office by calling (781) 377-2476 for an appointment.

# New commander leads new mission

by Staff Sgt. Timm Huffman

Members of the 439th Communications Squadron welcomed their new commander on Saturday of the February A UTA.

During a change-of-command ceremony, Lt. Col. David M. Ashley took charge of the squadron from Lt. Col. Keith D. Kennedy Sr., who is retiring from the Air Force Reserve.

“My goal is to lead the communication squadron through the process of acquiring its new missions. We will now be responsible for standing up a full communications suite in bare base operations,” Colonel Ashley said.

Colonel Ashley came to Westover from Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., where he served as deputy inspector general.

The colonel previously served with the Defense Information System Agency in Arlington, Va. as liaison to Central Command and Special Operations Command. He was commissioned into the 243rd Engineering Installation Squadron, Maine Air National Guard.

He holds a master of science degree in marketing of technology and innovation from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute and a bachelor of science degree in electrical engi-

neering from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst campus.

He is also an Air War College and Air Command Staff College graduate.



Colonel Ashley

Squadron members provided him a “fabulous” welcome, he said. Colonel Ashley is already impressed by the mission readiness of the squadron.

During the ceremony,

Colonel Kennedy received the Meritorious Service Medal, Fourth Oak Leaf Cluster, for his outstanding service during his tenure at Westover.

“My time here has been one of the most rewarding times of my Air Force career,” Colonel Kennedy said.

The new commander looked forward to his challenges ahead and was pleased to be back in a flying unit as well, since Hanscom AFB does not have a flying mission.

# Former first shirt now directs family center

by Staff Sgt. Timothy Huffman

Westover reservists and their families have a new resource in Terry Jarrell, who arrived at Westover Jan. 8 as the director of the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

Mr. Jarrell brings family support director skills from his tenure at Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, Pa. He was also a first sergeant for eight years at Luke AFB, Ariz.

His plans include improved publicity of the different services available through the center, using a link on the base web site which will

guide visitors to a listing of all of the programs available to Reservists and their families.

“The roles of first sergeant and AFR Center director

really mesh together well,” he said. “I’m still helping people deal with things like family, money management, and job searches. I want to try to make things better. Much of what we do here is about taking care of the deployed people and their families.

While working as the family support director at Willow Grove, he “fell in love” with the reserve way of life, calling his time there the best of his life.

He holds a bachelor of arts degree in human services and a master of arts degree in human resources, both from Ottawa University at Phoenix, Ariz. While on active duty, he was also a crew chief.

Mr. Jarrell summed up his main priorities at his new assignment.

“My goals now: Taking care of the Westover community and making good things happen,” he said.



Mr. Jarrell



WYNNE-DOW OF OPPORTUNITY >> Secretary of the Air Force Michael Wynne pauses for a photo in February with Staff Sgt. Jason Leonard, deployed from Westover at Balad Air Base, Iraq, with the 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron. (Courtesy photo)



## PATRIOT PEOPLE |



Airman 1st Class Gregory Figueiredo

NAME : Airman 1st Class Gregory Figueiredo  
 AGE : 25  
 HOMETOWN : Scituate, Mass.  
 UNIT : 439 Logistics Readiness Squadron  
 POSITION : Mechanic  
 CIVILIAN JOB: Lobsterman  
 FAVORITE FOOD : Pasta  
 YEARS OF SERVICE : Three  
 FAVORITE SPORT : Hockey  
 FAVORITE HOBBY : Hunting  
 IDEAL VACATION : Florida  
 BEST WAY TO RELAX : Fishing  
 PREFERRED ENTERTAINMENT : MMA  
 FAVORITE MUSIC STYLE : Rock  
 FAVORITE MOVIE : The Bourne Ultimatum  
 FAVORITE AIRCRAFT : F-16  
 PET PEEVE : People who can't drive  
 WHAT WOULD I DO IF I WON \$1 MILLION : Take a long vacation.

## PATRIOT PUNS |

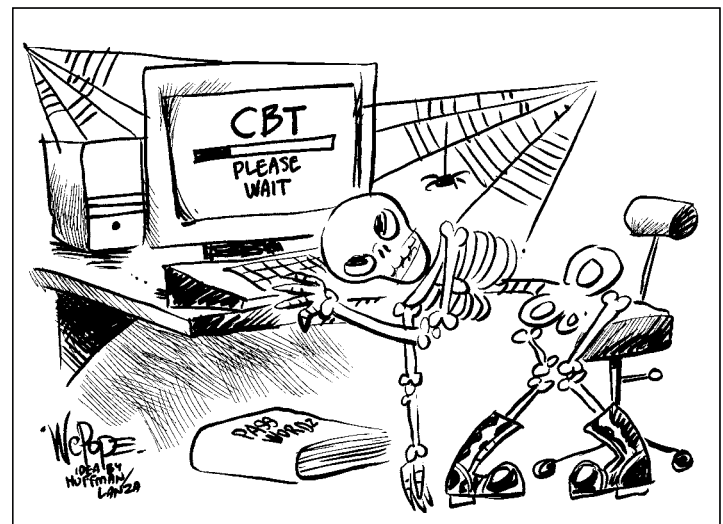
**AT THE CLUB** >> Changes in Latitudes, a Jimmy Buffett tribute, returns for another performance at 8 p.m., March 1. This is free for club members and \$10 for non-members. Food and giveaways for club members. For more information, call (413) 593-5531

**AT THE BOWLING CENTER** >> The year-long Commander's Cup competition will include bowling tournaments starting at 4 p.m. on Saturdays of the March A and B UTAs, March 1 and 15. The charge for two-person teams will be \$6.75 per person and include a three-game series. Rental shoes will be available. Information: Ext. 3990

**AT THE FITNESS CENTER** >> The 6th annual Fun Run will be held at 11:30 a.m. March 4. For more information, call the center staff at Ext. 3958.

**AT LODGING** >> Premium blend coffee is available in the lobby of lodging. Guests may choose from a variety of flavors including French vanilla, hazelnut, coffee latte, coffee mocha and more. Each 12-ounce cup is 50 cents. Information: Ext. 2700

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Albert I. Saavedra  
 Rosalind D. Whitted

### Senior airman

Leon F. Lowery  
 Bryan R. Mulkern



**WINDOWS OF THE SOUL** >> The family of Senior Airman Cassie Leslie watch the deploying Airman as she heads to Iraq Feb. 14 as part of the security forces squadron. From left are, Daryl and Jakep Leslie, Samantha Dodge, and Ariel Leslie. Senior leadership and friends joined families at the passenger terminal to say goodbye to the Airmen, who are scheduled to return home some time in August. ( photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe )

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