

Dad's Home

Security forces
Airmen return
from six-month
deployment

Senior Airman Eric Blay, 439th Security Forces Squadron, admires his new son, Mason, shortly the Airman's arrival at Westover Aug. 13.
(photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Bliscoe)



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OFF AND RUNNING >> Following the A UTA duty day, reservists head out from the fitness center during the Company Grade Officer Council's second annual duathlon held Aug. 9. The duathlon consisted of a one mile run, a eight mile bicycle ride and finished with another one mile run. Both individuals and teams participated. Entry fees went towards helping the CGOC start a graduate level scholarship fund. (photo by Staff Sgt. Timm Huffman)

EDITORIAL | Deploying reservists take it to the fight -- with home support



Colonel Swain

Taking it to the fight – it’s what we train for – it’s what we do.

It’s now seven years into the Global War on Terrorism and Westover reservists are still volunteering to deploy. Some are on their fourth or fifth deployment.

They are leaving for longer periods of time, they are still in harm’s way, and their families are still supporting them. This year alone, Westover’s deployment numbers tally almost 500.

Having eight personal deployments under my belt so far, I’m well acquainted with the challenges. Every deployment is different and no matter how much you prepare, something unexpected always happens. Water pipes burst. Family members get sick. Life happens.

I could relate to Senior Airman Eric Blay from Security Forces as he held his 9-week-old son, Mason, for the first time when he returned from his Kirkuk deployment. On a deployment years ago, I remember when

my squadron commander ran up to my aircraft in Saudi Arabia to tell me my wife was in labor. I had 30 seconds to talk to my wife, okay an emergency caesarean section with her doctor, and get back to my combat mission.

Sometimes death happens. During the last round of deployments, several reservists required emergency leave because of deaths in the family. Capt. Robert Driscoll from the ASTS was able to get to his father’s bedside just before his father’s death. Others got home a little too late. Heading back to deployment is that much harder.

Deployment can be a long walk between two different worlds.

For the 200 reservists who have recently returned from deployment, we are responsible to help them assimilate back to the citizen-airman world. Our Airmen and Family Readiness, and chaplain staffs have access to helpful programs and resources. Talk to others in your squadron who have been there and can share what worked for them. Take time to process.

As more than 130 reservists head out to deployment locations this month, I want you

to know that you are always a Patriot Wing member no matter where you go. We should be your second family – and help take care of your first family by reaching out to them. I’m convinced that 90 percent of families will not contact us when they run into trouble. We need to contact them. The Airmen and Family Readiness Center staff can call families, provide computer access, phone cards, and help with computer video access. The Key Family Member program is another avenue to stay in touch with families of deployed reservists. Squadron members should watch each other’s backs.

I have had nothing but outstanding feedback from deployed location commanders and gaining units. You take it to the fight and come home with an exceptional reputation of hard work. I appreciate that and I can do a lot of things if I know about the issues.

For those just returning, welcome back. Thanks for a job well done.

For those just leaving, take it to the fight, stay safe, make us proud.

Col. Robert Swain Jr.
439th Airlift Wing commander

BRIEFS |

New travel card

Citibank officials will mail out new government travel charge cards Aug. 13 through Sept. 19.

Initial distribution will begin with cardholders at overseas locations and migrate from the west to the east coast.

Those who do not receive a new card by Oct. 1, should contact their local agency program coordinator.

The new cards will not be active until Nov. 30, so cardholders will continue to use the Bank of America cards until then.

Cardholders from New England states are scheduled to receive their new cards the week of Sept. 8-16.

For more information, contact Rose Daigle in the finance office at Ext. 2950.

Big E to hold Military Day Sept. 12

The Eastern States Exposition will honor all servicemembers, including active duty, guard and reserve and retirees, with free admission at the Big E in West Springfield, during Veterans Appreciation Day held from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sept. 12.

Reservists and their immediate families will be admitted free with valid military ID and dependent IDs of family members over the age of 10. Members are not required to wear their uniforms. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Kimberly Babin at the Airmen and Family Readiness Center at Ext. 3024.

Boo Bash set to scare Oct. 4

The Airmen and Family Readiness center staff will host the Westover Boo Bash Halloween Party Oct. 4. from 1-3 p.m. in the base fitness center for newborns to 14-year-olds. There will be a costume contest, arts and crafts, and refreshments.

Deadline to sign up for this event is Sept. 27. Those interested may register by calling the Airman and Family Readiness Center at Ext. 3024.

Volunteers are needed. The center staff is also seeking individually wrapped candy donations, which may be dropped off at the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

For more information, call Ext. 3024.

Education fair

The education and training office staff will hold an education fair at the Base Hangar on the October A UTA (Oct. 4-5).

Information will include the Community College of the Air Force and college level entrance exams. The education and training staff, part of the military personnel flight, is located in Bldg. 1520.

For more information, call Ext. 2042 or e-mail Senior Master Sgt. Anthony Basile at anthony.basile@westover.af.mil

Civilian CC call

A 439th Airlift Wing civilian Commander’s Call is scheduled for 3 p.m. Sept. 18. The event will be held in the Westover Conference Center.



MEDICAL MASTERS >> Tech. Sgt. Ralph Santiago, a 439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron medical technician, tends to a "patient" during Team Yankee held at Westover in May 2007. Exercises like these help keep reservists throughout the wing trained and ready to deploy across the world. The 439th AW is again sending scores of reservists across the globe to scattered locations worldwide in support of the Global War on Terror. (File photo)

Patriot Wing Airmen gather bags for more deploying

by Staff Sgt. Timm Huffman

Westover is contributing more Airmen to the global war on terror.

Starting at the end of August, more than 130 airmen from across the base deployed to Southwest Asia to take up the fight.

The Airmen are assigned to the 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, 439th Civil Engineering Squadron, and the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron.

Col. Robert A. Sousa, ASTS commander, said about 15 of his airmen will be returning to the area of responsibility (AOR). Half of them just returned from there earlier this year.

"I think it's important for the seasoned airmen to mentor the ones who have never done a deployment before," Colonel Sousa said.

About 50 members of the 42nd APS are headed back overseas, while nearly 30 CES Airmen are deploying.

Many are seasoned veterans of deployments as well. More than 30 members of the 58th

Aerial Port Squadron served a four-month tour at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan from January to May of this year.

By mid-August more than a dozen security forces members had returned from a six-month deployment to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq. More than 20 SFS members were due to return by late August.

While large groups of Airmen from squadrons are headed overseas, those from other units -- in smaller numbers -- are also getting their bags packed, or are coming home soon.

Senior Airman Julie Novak, 439th Airlift Wing Public Affairs information management specialist, is deploying to Balad Air Base, Iraq. This is her first deployment.

Lt. Col. Patrick S. Ryan, 439th Mission Support Group deputy commander, is due to return in early October from Balad, where he has served as the deputy commander of the 332nd Air Expeditionary Mission Support Group since this spring.

Westover C-5 flies MREs to Georgia

A Patriot Wing aircrew returned Aug. 21 from a humanitarian mission carrying 155,000 pounds of Meals, Ready to Eat for citizens of Georgia, involved in a war with Russia.

The 10-person aircrew flew the MREs from Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., into Ramstein Air Base, Germany, where the meals transferred to smaller Air Force aircraft for the flight into Georgia. The C-5 stopped into Gander, Newfoundland, on the way to Ramstein for refueling.

"Getting supplies to people who need them is very rewarding," said Lt. Col. Juan Galindez, who was the aircraft commander for the mission.



WORKING BETTER >> Dr. Doug Ferguson listens to isochronal inspection Airmen explain their work procedures during the AFSO 21 sessions Aug. 13. (photo by Chief Master Sgt. Kathy Wood)

Maintenance brainstorms AFSO 21

by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

Their initiative and ideas were all on their own -- even though the program's direction is from headquarters level. The program, AFSO 21 (Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century), brought a select team of isochronal (ISO) inspection Airmen together for training, discussions and improvement actions.

"The worker has a mechanism to incorporate and enact on an idea," said Tech. Sgt. Lewis LaBianca, acting day shift supervisor of ISO. "The whole idea is to increase the efficiency of the process."

ISO workers regularly canvas the enormous fuselage of the C-5. That huge distance means a lot of time taken to ensure the right tools are where they are supposed to be. Chief Master Sgt. Kathy Wood, wing process manager working on her Level I certification for AFSO, helped the maintainers track and work more than 30 areas of interest

in the ISO dock. "We might not get it all done today, but at the end of the day, we'll have our action plan," the chief said.

As it was, they were able to make a lot of changes in the location of their equipment, instantly increasing efficiency and cutting down on safety hazards. The team leaders and process owner are responsible for ensuring follow up, however will be tracked from a wing level by Chief Wood.

"This is top down driven initiative (command leadership), with a bottom up implementation," said Dr. Doug Ferguson, a headquarters Air Force Reserve command-hired certifier from MainStream Management Company. "These folks are really charged up. It's fun to work with them."

Wing senior leadership attended the out-brief. Chief Wood said many AFSO 21 events are scheduled to be held across Westover; as this applies to any functional area.

For more information on AFSO 21, call Chief Wood at Ext. 2876.

New CSAF to Airmen: be proud

by Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski
Secretary of the Air Force
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- On his first day after being sworn in as the Air Force chief of staff, Gen. Norton Schwartz wasted no time in getting his message out to Airmen.

"The key thing we need to do is achieve stability," General Schwartz said. "At the same time, we need to focus on those things that are most important, specifically precision and reliability in everything that we do."

General Schwartz takes over as the 19th Air Force chief of staff at a critical juncture when the service has faced criticism from media, elected officials and the public.

The 1973 Air Force Academy graduate spent the last three years as the head of U.S. Transportation Command, and the bulk of his career as a special operations pilot, which gives him a unique perspective as the service chief, a position traditionally held by fighter and bomber pilots.

"We should be proud of what we do for all: for America, for the joint team, for our Air Force and for our Airmen and their families. I will strive to work hard every day and maintain the same high standards as each of you."



General Schwartz



"I conserve energy by driving the more efficient of my two family vehicles to base and car pool with others while on base."

Tech. Sgt. Rebecca Duvall, mission support squadron



"I conserve energy by driving less and getting more done on each trip."

Master Sgt. Mark Willette, aircraft maintenance



"I conserve energy by carpooling on base."

Senior Airman Jessica Nieves, mission support group

TROOP TALK | How are your conserving energy during UTAs?

Schedule of events and map for air show

Friday, Sept. 5

- Changes in Latitudes, a Jimmy Buffett tribute band, will perform from 8 p.m. to midnight Sept. 5 at the Westover Club.

Saturday, Sept. 6

- Gates open at 9 a.m., close at 5 p.m.
- Food served to reservists and their families on the Base Ellipse beginning at 6:30 p.m.; fireworks at dusk (about 8 p.m.)
- Aquanett, a 1980s tribute band, will perform at about 9 p.m. after the fireworks.

Sunday, Sept. 7

- Gates open at 9 a.m., close at 5 p.m.
- Jovi, a Bon Jovi Tribute Band, will perform at 6:30 p.m., at the club.

For more information, call Ext. 3015, or visit the services web site at:

www.westoverservices.com

Air show safety reminders

Approved Items:

- Small purses or fanny packs
- Cameras and/or camcorders with "small" camera bags
- Diaper bags
- Baby strollers
- "Small" lawn chairs only (no lounge chairs)
- Wheelchairs, canes, guide/working dogs to assist disabled individuals
- Water in clear plastic bottles only (all other liquids are prohibited)

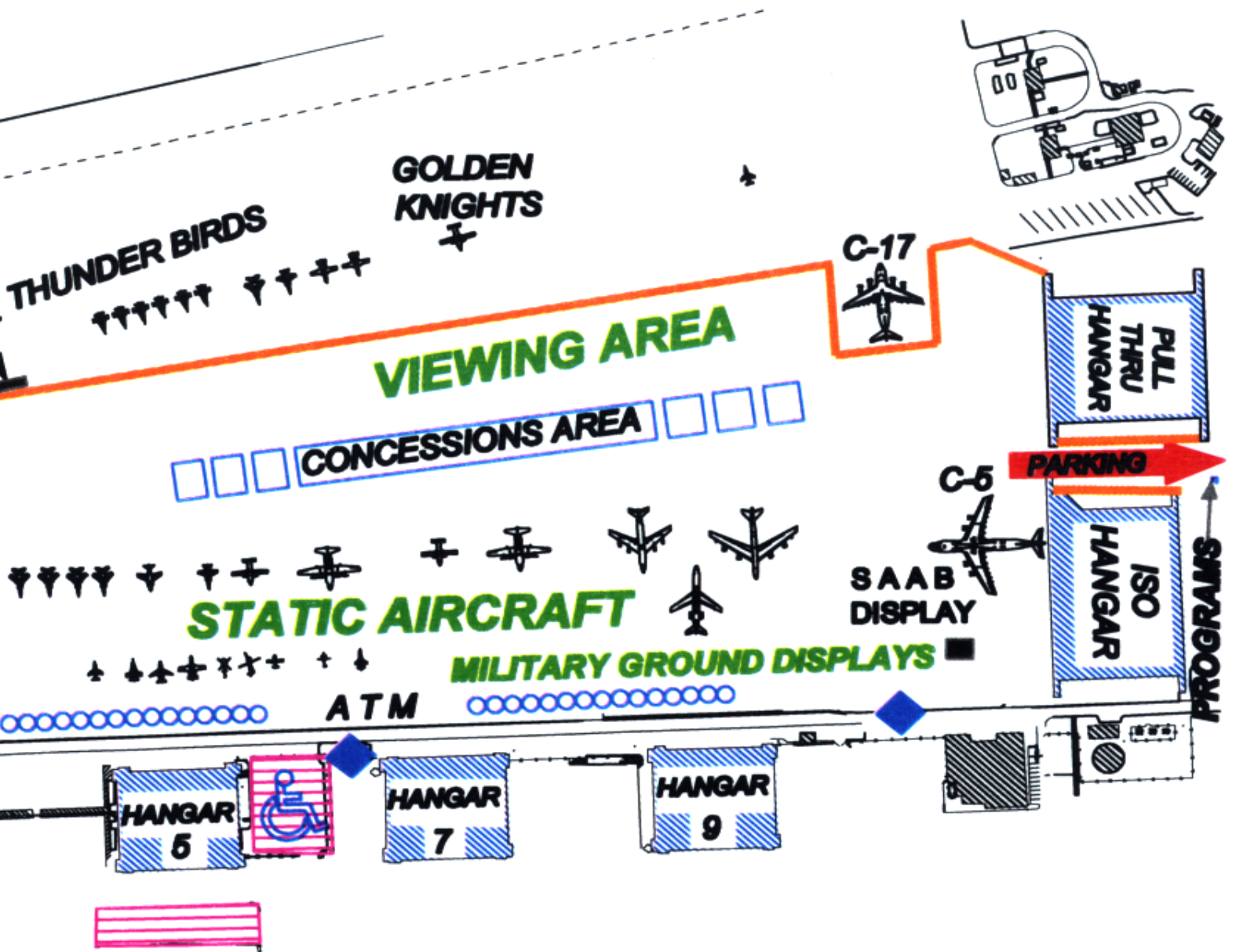
The following items are **prohibited** upon entrance to the air show:

- Coolers (Security forces Airmen will only permit the entry of small coolers carrying life saving medicines or formula for young infants)
- Loose ice
- Cans
- Glass
- Alcohol
- Pets (except service animals)
- Weapons of any kind (to include pepper spray and other self-defense items).
- Tents
- Awnings
- Cooking equipment
- Roller blades, skateboards, razor scooters, bicycles

Air show web sites:

- www.greatnewenglandairshow.com
- www.westover.afrc.af.mil





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MEDICAL STATION

DRINKING WATER
POST AND FOUND

SMOKING AROUND AIRCRAFT OR HANGARS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED!!!

Wing Employer Day set for Oct. 4

by Capt. Justin Manna

The 439th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office will host the annual Employer Day Oct. 4 with events scheduled at the Westover Club, a "Dogpatch deployment" and a C-5 orientation flight.

Employer Days give employers of reservists an opportunity learn about the wing's mission and increase their support for that mission.

In past years, the 439th treated employers to mock mobility line processing, MOPP gear training, and briefings from various areas on base.

This year, the PA staff plans to take the concept a step further with a mock deployment to the Dogpatch training area of the base where employers will eat MRE lunches, and perform various Airman's Manual-inspired exercises.

As in years past, a C-5 flight is also scheduled for the employers and their reservists.

Reservists who would like to participate in Employer Day should contact PA by the September A UTA with names, social security numbers and contact information of the attending employers.

For more information, call PA at Ext. 2020 or e-mail at 439aw.pa@westover.af.mil

439TH AIRLIFT WING EMPLOYER DAY SIGN-UP FORM

The 439th AW Public Affairs staff thanks you for your interest in this year's Employer Day. In 2007, we were proud to host a group of 32 reservists and 40 of their employers, the largest turnout since Employer Day began at Westover. We hope to eclipse that amount this year.

Please fill out the entire form to ensure your attendance on Oct. 4. All information regarding both reservists and employers will be kept to the same confidentiality as the Privacy Act-1974 dictates.

RESERVIST

- 1) Name, rank and unit: _____
- 2) E-mail (on-base and personal): _____
- 3) Contact/cell phone number (where you can be reached during business hours): _____
- 4) Civilian job title: _____

EMPLOYER

- 1) Employer's name(s) (e.g. Tom Smith) and work address _____
- 2) Job title and business name (e.g. President/CEO, Mass Mutual): _____
- 3) E-mail and contact phone number (e.g. tom.smith@massmutual.org; daytime phone): _____
- 4) Social Security Number and Driver's License Number (for clearance for C-5 flight) *(when sending SSN's by fax or e-mail, please affix the following message in the subject line: Privacy Act-1974 applies): _____

If you have any other questions regarding Employer Day or information needed above, please contact:
Westover Air Reserve Base Public Affairs
 Local: 413-557-2020 or 413-557-2063, fax: 413-557-2011
 DSN: 589-2020 or 589-2063
439aw.pa@westover.af.mil

Eagle Eyes Program: Watch, report, protect base resources

As a result of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the Air Force began an antiterrorism program called "Eagle Eyes," which is run by the Air Force Office of Special Investigation.

Much like a neighborhood watch program, the Eagle Eyes program is an aggressive Air Force-wide neighborhood watch program that educates people on observable activities and what to do if they see something suspicious. The motto for Eagle Eyes is, "Watch, Report, Protect."

The Eagle Eyes program focuses on reminding base people -- whether active duty, reserve, family members or civilian contractors as well as the civilian

communities surrounding the base -- to remain vigilant and keep their eyes and ears open to any suspicious activities.

The attacks on 9-11 were not random targets of opportunity. There were precursors that occurred that eventually led up to the attack. "These terrorists conducted surveillance, planned their attacks and rehearsed their operation," said Special Agent Jose Martinez, Det. 102 OL-B, Resident Agent in Charge.

Lessons learned in the federal law enforcement and intelligence communities played a key role in the development of the Eagle Eyes Program.

"Of most importance, we learned

that every terrorist act is preceded by observable activities," Agent Martinez said. "These activities usually include surveillance, elicitation for information, tests of security, acquiring certain supplies, a dry run -- practicing the terrorist act, and deploying the assets to commit the act. Once the assets are deployed to commit the attack, it is almost always too late to prevent the act from occurring."

OSI Detachment 102 OL-B special agents here are out on the streets daily briefing Eagle Eyes information not only to the base community, but also to local vendors and companies that may be of interest to terrorists.

Once a potential indicator is observed, it is reported to OSI through various channels. The office then investigates the reported activity.

An example of what has been reported through the Eagle Eyes program include a Middle Eastern male who attempted to elicit information from aircrew members concerning aircraft and troop operations.

Report anything suspicious immediately to security forces, available 24 hours a day at Ext. 3557 or the OSI during duty hours at (781) 377-3837. Suspicious activity can also be reported by calling Headquarters Air Force OSI Global Watch at 1-877-246-1453.

WESTOVER PATRIOTS |

New leaders take command of AMDS, 337th AS

Two Patriot Wing squadrons marked new eras for their leadership on the August A UTA.

In the 337th Airlift Squadron, Lt. Col. Patrick Cloutier assumed command from Lt. Col. Vito Addabbo. Colonel

Cloutier is the former chief of wing safety and has served at Westover since 1994. Colonel Addabbo moved to an indi-



Colonel Bogner



Lt. Col. Patrick Cloutier

vidual mobilization augmentee (IMA) position at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb. Col. Joel Bogner took the reins of command of the 439th Aerospace Medicine Squadron from Col. Ronald Coffey, who was schedule to retire.

He had been the commander since 2003. Colonel Bogner has been a reservist at the AMDS medical facility since 1990.

Wing members need to speak up for fellow reservists

by Maj. Marie Dufault

As wingmen, we have a duty to support and protect our team members. Pass the information along to those you think are having trouble. Don't be afraid to speak to your colleague or find ways to show you care.

Intimidation is a key element of domestic abuse. Humiliation is also used by abusers. Physical injury can take place, but family violence doesn't mean hitting only.

There is a pattern of emotional, verbal, physical or sexual abuse of a spouse, your significant other, or child with the intent to intimidate, coerce, control, or harm. It also means demeaning you through repeated insults or negative remarks, or depriving or neglecting basic human needs. It can mean undermining a family member's confidence and self-worth, and instilling fear and compliance.

Anyone can commit family violence – it crosses all ranks. Stressors at work, at home, and in daily life can also contribute to family violence.

If you are a victim of violence, contact your local police department.

Reach out to your first sergeant, commander or a trusted wingman. The Airmen and Family Readiness Center staff, your clinic's social workers, your wing chaplain and I can offer support, guidance, and information. Recognize that domestic violence is a serious problem and can escalate without intervention.

Seek a positive solution!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Major Dufault is the sexual assault response coordinator for Westover. People who may be in abusive relationships may contact her at 413-687-3543 or the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or visit their website at www.ndvh.org, or the Military OneSource at 1-800-342-9647.

GAINING AN UNDERSTANDING >>
The Westover Airman and Family Readiness staff held a simulated mobility line for the children of reservists during Operation Kids held at the Base Hangar Aug. 10. The activities allowed the children to experience what challenges their parents face when they deploy. More than 50 children attended the event. Children donned chemical warfare defense ensembles and viewed other equipment used in training and deployments. (US Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Troy Thibeault)



Commander's Hotline
Extension 3774

COMM chief provides first salute to son

A Patriot Wing chief master sergeant recently had an exclusive part in a commissioning ceremony for his son.

Chief Master Sgt. Dennis Leydet, 439th Communications Squadron, rendered the first salute to 2nd Lt. David Leydet, commissioned as an Army officer in May at Norwich University in Vermont.

"For him to give me my first salute was a huge honor for me," said Lieutenant Leydet, who spoke about the event while in training at Fort Sill, Okla. "I am proud to be able to serve my country at the same time as my dad." The lieutenant will soon serve as a Stryker platoon leader at Fort Lewis, Wash.

PATRIOT PEOPLE |



Staff Sgt. Nicole Morales

NAME : Nicole Morales
 RANK : Staff sergeant
 AGE : 39
 HOMETOWN : Windsor, Conn.
 UNIT : 439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron
 POSITION : Aeromedical evacuation technician
 FAVORITE FOOD : All
 YEARS OF SERVICE : Sixteen
 FAVORITE SPORT : Baseball
 FAVORITE HOBBY : Flying
 IDEAL VACATION : On the beach with my husband and a good book
 BEST WAY TO RELAX : Running
 PREFERRED ENTERTAINMENT : Listening to music
 FAVORITE HERO : Wonder Woman
 FAVORITE MUSIC STYLE : I like all music
 FAVORITE MOVIE : Monty Python's "The Life of Brian"
 FAVORITE AIRCRAFT : C-130
 PET PEEVE : Excuses
 WHAT WOULD I DO IF I WON \$1 MILLION : Give it to charity

AT THE CLUB >> Evening promotions include grill-your-own steak on the patio, every Tuesday; 35-cent wings on Wednesday; and free tacos on Thursday (four per person). New bar menu features appetizers, clubs, sandwiches, wraps and burgers. For more information, call Ext. 2039.

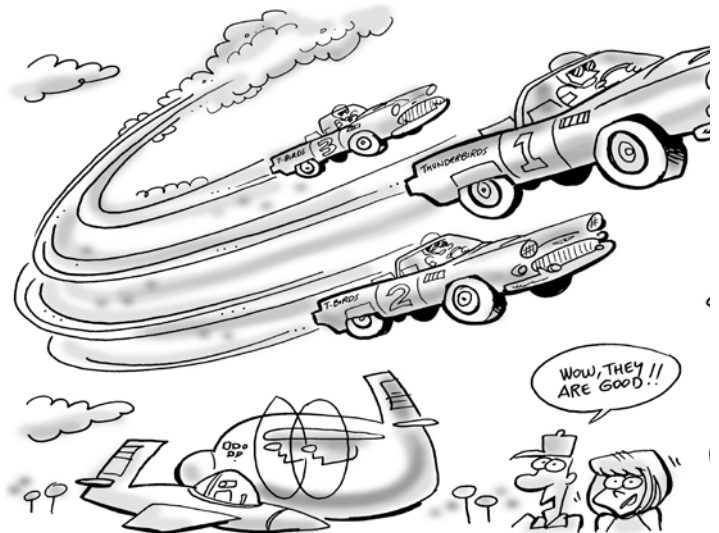
AT THE FLYERS INN >> The inn is located behind the 439th Aerospace Medicine Squadron building on Airlift Drive. Information: Ext. 2700

AT THE BOWLING CENTER >> Fall Leagues are forming. Monday Night mixed league, USBC Sanctioned; Tuesday Night Challenge League, Oil Patterns change bi-weekly; Wednesday Night Men's League, USBC Sanctioned; Thursday Night Mixed League, Fun League. Information: Ext. 3990

AT THE FITNESS CENTER >> The staff offers volleyball, badminton, racquetball courts, indoor soccer, dodge ball, running on the ellipse and more. Information: Ext. 3958

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PATRIOT PUNS |



PATRIOT PRAISES | Reenlistments

Senior master sergeant
 Michael Guerin
 Paul Stephen Veresko

Master sergeant
 Thomas Arthur Beaudry
 Mary Kate Casey
 Helen L. Crouch
 Pedro Allgado Hilario Jr.
 Roger Paul Prinz
 Arthur Henry Riley Jr.

Technical sergeant
 John Michael Burwell
 Ana Elizabeth Frias

David Edward Goodfellow
 Madeline Herrera
 Bret Alan Peterman
 Miguel Silva Jr.
 Kenneth Lee Watson

Staff sergeant
 Seth Robert Ayers
 Jose Gonzalez
 Brian M. Hadix
 Richard Michael Ohrenberger
 Jeffrey John Padeni

Senior Airman Alexis Agnew

Fiscal 2008 fourth quarter wing winners

Airman:
 Senior Airman Jonathan Bowker, 42nd Aerial Port Squadron;
 NCO:
 Staff Sgt. Jane R. Cowan, 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron
 Senior NCO:
 Master Sgt. Eric D. Harris, 439th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
 Company Grade Officer:
 Capt. Daniel G. LeBoeuf, 337th Airlift Squadron
 Civilian:
 Michael J. Hobbs, 439th Security Forces Squadron;
 Civilian Supervisor:
 Paul F. Braudis, 439th Communications Squadron.



PUNT, PASS, AND ... >> Zachary Siegel of Chicopee prepares to kick the football during a National Football League Pass, Punt, and Kick competition held Aug. 10. The services staff held the competition at the Base Ellipse -- the fourth such competition held at Westover. Zachary, who placed second in his age category, is the son of Tech. Sgt. Thomas Siegel, 439th Security Forces Squadron. Looking on is his brother, Kein. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

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