



Family Ties

How Westover took care of families and landed a DoD award

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ON THE COVER >> The Air Force Reserve family is a crucial link to the mission accomplishment and well-being in the 439th Airlift Wing. Turn to page 6 for more on the Airmen and Family Readiness Center's Department of Defense-level award.



BUILDING A JOINT FORCE >> Construction continues on the Armed Forces Reserve Center, a 75,000-square foot building quickly rising across the street from the military personnel flight. By the fall, about 1,000 Army soldiers will occupy the building. (photo by Master Sgt. W.C. Pope)



Colonel Varela

When asked to provide the editorial this month, I chose to break the article into two parts. The first lays the ground work for a new aircraft maintenance initiative, and the second contains my personal thoughts as I leave Westover

identify those things that should be benchmarked. These transformational concepts are being communicated through daily aircraft status meetings. The meetings are chaired by Colonel Davis and it focuses on fundamental principles found in AFI 21-101, AFI 21-103 and T.O. 00-20-1.

The results are greater accountability and involvement by leadership at all levels of maintenance management regarding aircraft scheduling and mission capability management. At Westover, our mission capability (MC) rate has jumped from a monthly average of 40 percent to a daily rate consistently above 60 percent in just the past two weeks. Additionally, AFRC has set new MC rate standards for all aircraft in its inventory.

It is now 75 percent, which mimics the active duty standard. Our maintenance Airmen work hard and do remarkable work, and my hat is off to them. We are not "trying" to make them work harder but more efficiently.

As I reflect on my time here at Westover, humility resounds within me. When I first arrived and viewed the C-5 up-close, the enormity of aircraft and the task at hand humbled me. When I took the guidon from Brig. Gen. (Wade) Farris and addressed the

700 aircraft maintenance airmen that make up our group, I was humbled.

When the ORI kicked off two weeks later and we launched 11 of 11 jets, I was proud. When our group tackled the C-5B transfers, AMP conversion, continuous GWOT missions, Regional ISO, MSEPs, UCIs and thousands of other requirements it takes to operate a group this size, I was prouder still. I'm not the one who turns the wrenches, tows the aircraft, climbs on the T-tail, moves the AGE, files all the paperwork, etc., but I am so proud of the men and women who do these jobs. They serve this group, this wing and our great country because they are dedicated professionals.

They typify what the great football coach Vince Lombardi said:

"If you'll not settle for anything less than your best, you will be amazed at what you can accomplish in your lives."

I am proud to say "I was the 439th Maintenance Group Commander, and I commanded the best of the best".

Keep 'em flyin'. God speed.

Col. Oreste Varela
439th Maintenance Group
commander

for a new assignment.

"True North" is a new Air Force Reserve Command initiative led by Col T. Glenn Davis, AFRC's new Director of Logistics. As we experience an unprecedented era of change in our command, USAF, and our nation, "True North" is designed to focus our maintenance managers on our top priority; flying and fixing aircraft safely.

"True North" resulted from recent AFRC workshops where participants recommended maintainer actions such as: STOP doing immediately things that needlessly/recklessly diminish mission capability, START doing immediately those concepts/practices which bring rapid increases to mission capability, and CONTINUE what we are already wisely accomplishing and/or

BRIEFS |

Retirees seminar

A free retirement benefits seminar for Reserve and Guard retirees and their spouses is set for March 7 at Groton Naval Submarine Base in Groton, Conn.

The seminar will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Lewis Hall (Bldg. 474). Presenters will include those from Veterans Affairs, Department of Labor, TRICARE, and various military transition organizations. To sign up for the seminar, call Petty Officer Third Class Shana Michaud at (860) 694-6565, Ext. 110 or e-mail, shana.michaud@navy.mil

Base web site

Air Force and Westover news is available by clicking on www.westover.afrc.af.mil. Turn to page 11 for more information.

Commander's Call in Base Hangar

Commander's Call is scheduled in the Base Hangar at 10:30 a.m. March 8. This is a mandatory formation for all wing reservists.

ALCE, 58th changes of command

Leadership will change hands in the 439th Airlift Control Flight and the 58th Aerial Port Squadron March 7.

Lt. Col. Patrick King will take command of the ALCF from Col. Christopher Kreig at 9 a.m. in the 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron briefing room (Bldg. 1310 on Hangar Avenue).

Lt. Col. Richard Bellshot will take over 58th command from Lt. Col. Richard Cockley at 2 p.m. in the Westover Conference Center.

Temporary credit union to open

A temporary Pioneer Valley Federal Credit Union branch will open March 7 in the finance office (Bldg. 1800) conference room. This temporary branch will operate until construction of the new branch is complete later this spring.

The new branch will be in Bldg. 1520 (the former security forces squadron headquarters on Patriot Avenue). Hours for the temporary branch will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and Saturdays of the A UTAs. For more information, call Dan McCarthy at Ext. 2883.

Debt seminar

A credit and debt consolidation seminar is scheduled March 7 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the civilian personnel conference room in wing headquarters (Bldg. 1850).

This seminar is open to all reservists and their family members.

Lunch will be included. The Airmen and Family Readiness Center and Pioneer Valley Federal Credit Union staffs are coordinating this seminar.

Those interested in attending this seminar should call Tech. Sgt. Margaret Sullivan at the Airman and Family Readiness Center. She may be reached at Ext. 3024, or e-mail Sergeant Sullivan at margaret.sullivan@westover.af.mil.



NOSE MASK >> A C-5 sits in a depaint hangar at the Lockheed Martin facility in Marietta, Ga., where workers have masked the seams, composite areas and antennas in order to spray on stripper to remove the paint from the aircraft. C-5s are undergoing Avionics Modernization Program and Reliability Enhancement and Re-engining Program upgrades, modifying them to C-5M Super Galaxys. (photo by Sue Sapp)

Program keeps heavy-lift aircraft in the air for decades

by **Daryl Mayer**
88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFNS) -- When the first C-5M Super Galaxy, named the "Spirit of Global Reach," touched down at Dover Air Force Base, Del., Feb. 9, it signaled the first success of a \$7.7 billion acquisition program designed to keep the heavy-lift transport in the air until 2040.

Perhaps still young compared to other aircraft in the fleet, the C-5 has been hauling the heaviest of loads since the early 1970s. In 2002, Aeronautical Systems Center officials here began the program, now managed by personnel in the 716th Aeronautical Systems Group, to upgrade the older aircraft.

"This is the only aircraft in the Air Force capable of transporting 100 percent of air-certified cargo," said John Artuso, 716 AESG director. "It gives the warfighter a capability he can't get with any other platform."

Creating the new C-5M is the product of a two-phase modification process. Avionics

Modernization Program specialists install state-of-the-art digital cockpits that, along with other capabilities, have the necessary avionics to comply with current global air traffic management requirements.

Re-engining and Reliability Program personnel make more than 70 improvements to the airframe, including installing the new CF6-80C2 turbofan engines.

Along with the 22-percent improvement in thrust, the Super Galaxy can take off on shorter runways, climb faster to altitude, fly with better fuel efficiency and carry more cargo for longer distances, while also meeting international noise compliance levels.

"The upgrades that go into the Super Galaxy increase the operational capability by improving reliability, maintainability and availability," Mr. Artuso said.

"The increased range minimizes the need for aerial refueling while cargo throughput is increased. At the same time, it is less expensive to maintain in terms of both time and money."

To date, three aircraft have received modi-

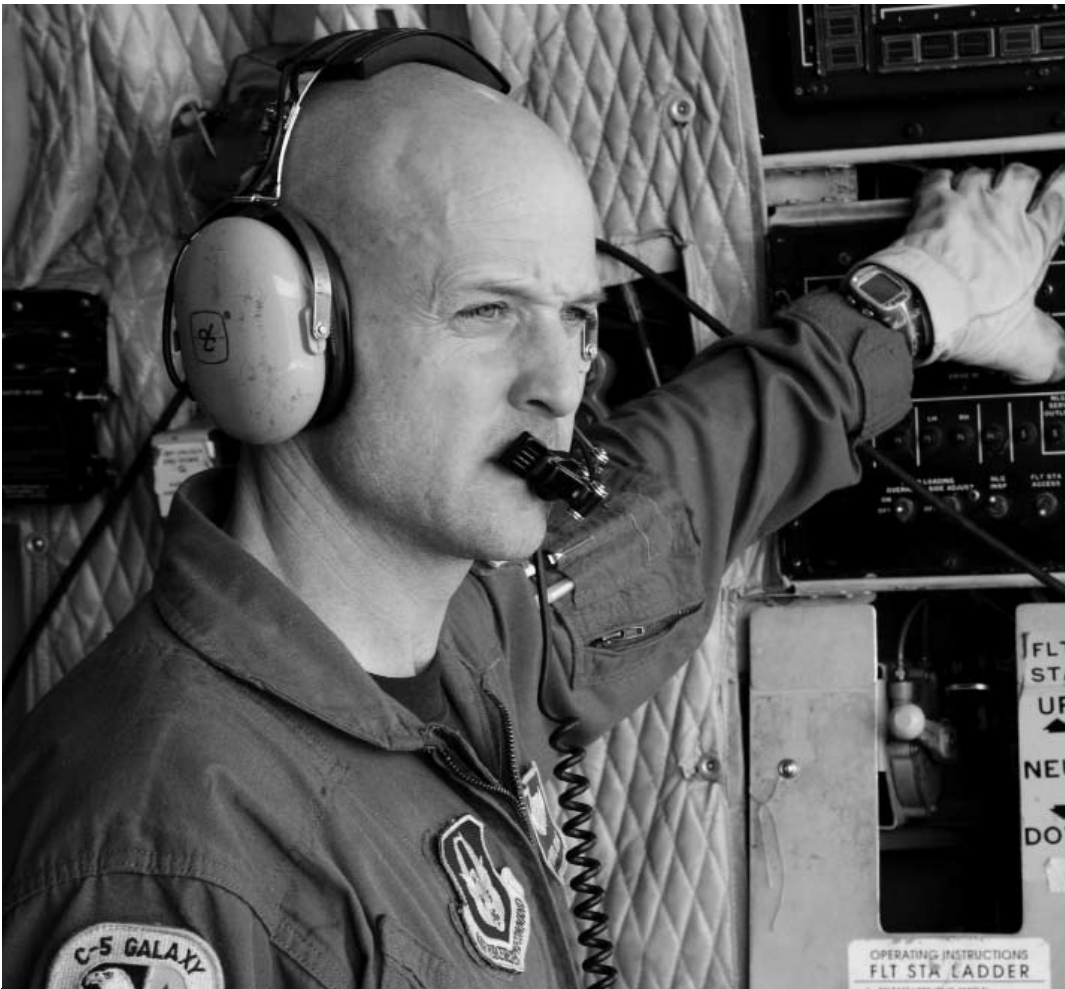
fications at the Lockheed Martin facility in Marietta, Ga., and completed two integrated systems evaluations. These tests put the Super Galaxy through its paces with Atlantic and Pacific crossings, including polar routes that circled the globe and demonstrated the first C-5M movement of operational cargo.

The Dover C-5M now will go through a familiarization process with seven aircrews and nearly 100 maintainers currently trained on this platform, according to Mr. Artuso.

Sometime in late summer 2009, this aircraft will be joined by the "Spirit of Normandy" to begin the operational test and evaluation process.

Once this process is complete and full-rate production is ordered, an additional 49 Super Galaxies will be delivered over the next seven years.

"This is an important victory for Air Force acquisitions and for Air Force Materiel Command," Mr. Artuso said. "We couldn't have delivered this aircraft without the support of Lockheed Martin and the 730th Aircraft Sustainment Group at Robins AFB, Ga.



CHOPPER AIRLIFT >> Master Sgt. Christopher Hellyar, 337th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, keeps watch over the loading of a Marines Super Stallion helicopter at Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti, Africa. A joint operations mission teamed Sergeant Hellyar and his crew with Marines, where the C-5 airlifted the helicopter to Ramstein Air Base, Germany. For another look at the mission, turn to page 12. (photo by Staff Sgt. Joseph Swafford)

Force officials.

The Galaxy's loadmaster, Air Force Master Sgt. Christopher Hellyar, likes this sort of challenge. "I've been doing this a long time, and these missions don't come up very often," he said. "It's something different. It's nice when we get an opportunity like this." Master Sgt. Kenneth MacDougald, from Charlton, Mass., was the senior flight engineer on the mission. "We flew empty (no cargo) from Baghdad to Djibouti, where we unloaded what was originally going to be two Super Stallions."

Only one of the choppers ended up leaving Djibouti for Ramstein Air Base, Germany, MacDougald said.

"After loading both of the helicopters on the C-5, the Marines ended up needing one of them for a mission," he said. The crew opened up the aircraft and off-loaded from the front because of the higher clearance with the C-5's nose visor.

Camp Lemonier, located slightly southeast of Djibouti City, Djibouti, is the home of the Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA). Nearly every CJTF-HOA mission is joint, and this transport assignment is an example of that interoperability.

Capt. Matthew Dunphy from Agawam, Mass., was aircraft commander for the mission. Westover crews don't fly into Djibouti very often, he said. In fact, most C-5 missions typically send Westover crews flying from Dover Air Force Base, Del., to Ramstein, and then to Iraq or Afghanistan.

337th crew airlifts Marine helo

by Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa/439th Airlift Wing Public Affairs staffs

CAMP LEMONIER, DJIBOUTI, AFRICA – A C-5 aircrew from Westover airlifted

a Marine Corps CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter from here to Germany in early February, helping get the chopper and more than 50 Marines back home.

From start to finish, it took Westover's 337th Airlift Squadron crew a little more than four

days to retrieve the helicopter.

This type of load is unusual for heavy-lift helicopter squadrons and Galaxy crews, and the Airmen and Marines involved with this particular lift hadn't worked in this type of joint environment much before now, said Joint Task



"The distractions from our job duties are becoming more than our jobs. I had a four-hour CBT to complete recently."

Chief master sergeant, maintenance group



"We're overburdened with additional duties. We don't see leadership's tasks increasing."

Technical sergeant, mission support group



"We spent two days in a classroom on Powerpoint training on preventing sexual harassment. I have been in 24 years, and I already know this."

Master sergeant, operations group


TROOP TALK | What is the biggest issue affecting your morale?

A LITTLE R & R:

REST AND READINESS

KEEPING DAD NEARBY >> Three-year-old Blain Lawlor has his dad to keep him company during Master Sgt. Dan Lawlor's recent deployment to Iraq, thanks to the ingenuity of Westover's Airman and Family Readiness Center. (photo by Staff Sgt. Hueming Mui)





by Capt. Justin Manna

Compassionate, creative, community-oriented, rewarding. Members of the 439th Airlift Wing's Airman and Family Readiness Center describe their mission in many ways.

Now they can describe it as "Best in the Air Force Reserve."

Westover's Airman and Family Readiness Center is the 2008 Department of Defense Reserve Family Readiness Award winner for exceptional achievements.

A four-member board consisting of senior military officers, enlisted and government civilians determined the winner based on the scope of service provided, impact on readiness, impact on quality of life and relationship with unit leaders according to Wes Patton, program manager for Airman and Family Readiness Branch at Air Force Reserve Command.

"It is an honor to be recognized by the Department of Defense," said Master Sgt. Kimberly A. Babin, NCOIC, 439th Airlift Wing Airmen & Family Readiness Center. "To be acknowledged for our accomplishments on behalf of our service to the uniformed men and women from all branches and their families is truly rewarding," said Sergeant Babin.

The center's primary role is to inform and refer members to various support organizations, agencies and programs that assist families.

"If we don't have an answer, we will find it," said Sergeant Babin.

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FAMILY SUPPORT >> Staff Sgt. Cristina Posada, 439th Security Forces Squadron, gets a group hug from her daughter, Giselle, and husband Marvin. The Posada family is only one of the hundreds of families that Westover's Airmen and Family Readiness Center supports. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

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"We have been told we do more than we have to do, but if we have the answer or solution, why not provide it?"

Westover members have benefited from this approach to family support in areas such as financial consulting, emotional support, education opportunities and job-hunting assistance.

"We have provided VA loan education courses, resume development classes and we have a computer bank that members can use for various purposes," said Tech Sgt. Rachel Pfeiffer, Airman and Family Readiness Center technician.

One notable Airman and Family Readiness program is "OPERATION Pillowcase." They take pictures of military members who deploy, print the photos on pillowcases, and provide them free to their families.

This very popular program came into being after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and during the increased deployments in support of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

"We have provided more than 4000 pillowcases since we started this program," said Sergeant Pfeiffer. "It's not just children who get the pillowcases. We have had boyfriends and girlfriends ask for the pillowcases too."

"OPERATION Pillowcase's" reception has been so positive that the program is now going Air Force Reserve-wide.

"We have presented this program at many conferences and it has caught on," said Sergeant Babin.

Dawn Lawlor, wife of Master Sgt. Dan Lawlor, 42nd Aerial Port Squadron, knows the benefits of the Airmen and Family Readiness Center and the difference the staff and its volunteers make.

She is a volunteer with the Key Family Member Program, an organization of volunteers that checks in on families with deployed reservists with periodic

phone calls. Ms. Lawlor also has pillowcases that feature a photo of her husband and an American flag. Sergeant Lawlor recently returned from a four-month deployment to Joint Base Balad in Iraq.

"All five of my kids have the pillowcases. They love it. They call it the 'Daddy pillow.' These pillowcases are awesome for the kids."

Ms. Lawlor is reassured from the base's network of people who call to check on her. "Because we're a Reserve base, we need something," she said. "I'm really glad the base has the Key Family Member Program and family support. I still get phone calls from the first sergeant (Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Maguire) and the chief (Chief Master Sgt. Bruce Westcott).

The staff members are involved in many different facets of reservists' quality of life and provided needed assistance for not only Air Force

members but the joint community.

"We are a purple organization," said Sergeant Babin. "We are not only here for members of the 439th but for the tenant units on base. We also have supported Barnes (Massachusetts Air National Guard) and Bradley (Connecticut Air National Guard)."

"With all the services the Airmen and Family Readiness staff provides, it would be hard to imagine what servicemembers would do without it," said Tech Sgt. Rebecca Duvall, Airmen and Family Readiness technician.

"I think you would find we have an approval rating of 99 percent," said Sergeant Babin. "We're always here for anyone who needs us."

Col. Robert Swain, 439th AW commander, and Tech. Sgt. Margaret Sullivan, staff technician, received the award at a Defense Department awards banquet held at the Pentagon Feb. 13. "This prestigious award is a testimony to the extraordinary dedication of our Airmen and Family Readiness Center staff," he said.

"We are a purple organization. We are not only here for members of the 439th but for tenant units on base."

-- Master Sgt. Kimberly Babin

Reservists may apply for free dental exams at medical facility

by Senior Master Sgt. Sandi Michon

Dental health is a major factor in overall health – and a major factor in military readiness. With dental issues provoking the most medical profiles, the Department of Defense is changing requirements and offering help.

The implementation of Preventative Health Assessment/Individual Medical Readiness

(PIMR) in late 2008 now requires reservists to provide dental exam documentation one year after the date of their previous exam (if the dental exam is done prior to a year, then the subsequent exam is due one year from that new month.) Previously, regulations required reservists to have a dental exam annually within six months of their birth month, either through their private-practice dentist or via their military medical exam.

Every third year, a military dental exam substitutes for the annual civilian exam. To increase readiness and reduce reservists' financial hardship to provide dental exams, the Reserve Health Readiness Program (RHRP) will provide free dental exams to reservists that apply.

The RHRP is a Department of Defense Health Affairs initiative which provides in-clinic dental exams through a nationwide network of civilian dental providers.

Interested reservists should access an Individual Request Form from their unit's health monitor, or contact Senior Airman Daryl Szyp at Westover's medical squadron at 413-557-2644. Reservists can visit a clinic within 50 miles of their residence and the exam will count for both civilian and military exam requirements.

Westover's dental section is also trying to coordinate an RHRP group event at the base in April to help reservists satisfy their dental requirements for free.

According to Lt. Col. Michael Szostak, Westover's chief dental officer, the base needs 50 interested Reservists to merit a group event. Information about the April event is forthcoming.

"Dental health is pivotal to readiness and we are trying to help reservists comply with requirements," said Colonel Szostak. "It's ultimately to the reservist's advantage to pursue dental health, as there is a strong link between oral health and general health."

He said dental infections can be systemic and spread to other parts of the body.

Maj. Linda Reichler, base dental officer, related an example from her active duty time at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla. "An active-duty member developed a brain abscess from a tooth abscess and nearly died," she said.

Any questions about the requirement change or the free exams should be directed to Airman Szyp.



photo courtesy of 4-H Wahsega

Teen summit camp sign-up deadline is April 6

Children of current Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard need to apply by April 6. for this summer's Teen Summits.

Application and criteria are on line at www.georgia4h.org/AFRANGTeenSummit.

The summits are scheduled for July 13-17, at Wahsega 4-H Center, Dahlonega, Ga. and July 27-31 at the Jekyll Island 4-H Center, Jekyll Island, Ga.

The summits will focus on developing an awareness of programs and services available

to Reserve and Guard family members.

Activities include high/low ropes course, rock climbing, white water rafting, environmental education and leadership classes, sea kayaking/canoeing, dolphin tours, biking, a day at Cumberland Island National Seashore, and more.

The summits are open to all 15-18 year-olds. For more information, call Stacey Young at (478) 327-0971, or e-mail at Stacey.young@afrc.af.mil

Three Patriot Wing Airmen receive Article 15 punishments

EDITOR'S NOTE: Publication of Article 15 punishments is intended to serve as a deterrent to members of the 439th Airlift Wing.

This article covers three Article 15s, which are nonjudicial punishments under the Uniform Code of Military

Justice.

A senior airman from the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron misused the government travel card while on annual tour. The reservist received a reduction in rank to the grade of airman first class.

A senior airman from the 439th Maintenance Squadron, on active duty orders, tested positive for the use of marijuana. The member received a reduction to the grade of airman first class and a general discharge.

A senior airman from the 42nd APS accessed and stored pornography on a government computer while deployed.

The Airman received a suspended reduction in rank to the grade of airman first class and a reprimand.



GOOD CAUSE >> Kathy LaMont, civil engineering, donates blood Feb. 11 during the Mercy Hospital Blood Drive. The Westover community donated 26 pints of blood during the drive. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

Commander's Cup heads to bowling center for March UTAs

Squadron competitors with the year-long Commander's Cup will head to the Westover Bowling Center on the March A and B UTAs.

Team members will sign up with Staff Sgt. Shannon Paradis at the fitness center. All participating units must have their rosters completed by 2 p.m. Saturday (March 7) of the A UTA. Two-person teams will compete beginning at 4:30 p.m. March 7. Cost is \$6.75 per person, and \$1 for bowling shoes. The Commander's Cup competitions run throughout the year. They are:

April: Broomball (floor hockey)

May: Dodgeball

June: Softball and horseshoes

July: Soccer

August: Volleyball

September: Darts, pool, and video football

October: Flag football

November: To be announced

Sergeant Paradis may be reached by e-mail at shannon.paradis@westover.af.mil.

For more information on the Commander's Cup, call Rick Heller at Ext. 3958. For questions about bowling, call Michael Ferguson at Ext. 3990.

Squadron standings as of Feb. 19

Security forces	50
58th APS	27
42nd APS	24
Aircraft maintenance	35
Maintenance	16
Maintenance operations	8
Services	7

ESGR seeks volunteers in maintaining military-employer bond

The Massachusetts Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve seeks volunteers to assist the military and employers of reservists in maintaining good relationships.

More than 4,000 ESGR members volunteer their time in every state and territory of the U.S. Members retiring from the military can continue their contacts with their units by serving as ESGR representatives.

ESGR is a Department of Defense agency that seeks to develop and promote a culture in which all American employers support and value the military service of their employees.

It does so by recognizing outstanding support and resolving conflicts through medi-

ation. ESGR volunteers inform and educate service members and their civilian employers regarding their rights and responsibilities under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA). Volunteer activities include the following:

>> Military unit representatives inform and educate members of the National Guard and Reserve regarding their rights and responsibilities under USERRA.

>> Employer Outreach develops relationships with employers to promote advocacy for service in the National Guard and Reserve.

>> Ombudsmen assist in preventing, reduc-

ing or resolving employer or servicemember misunderstandings regarding employment rights and responsibilities.

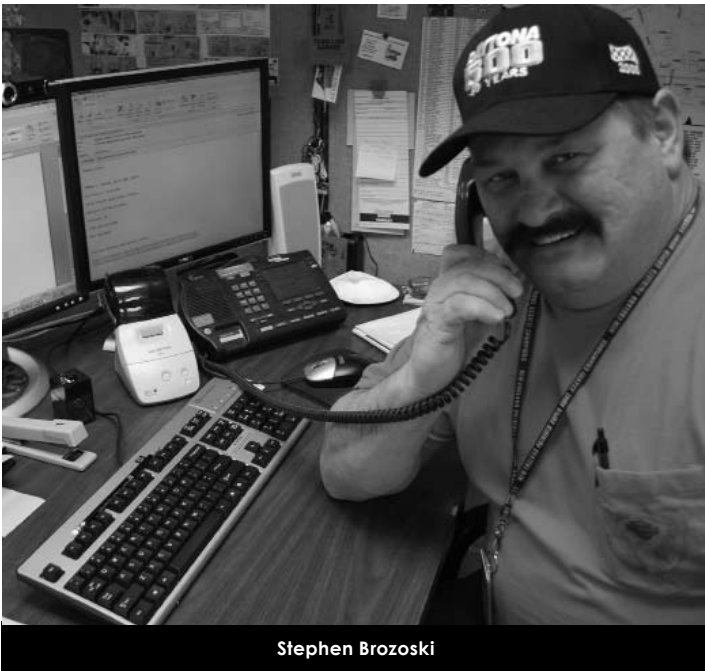
Bosslifts and Employer Day flights, approved through ESGR and Air Force channels, give selected employers an up-close view of Air Force operations at Westover and other bases.

ESGR representatives team with the public affairs office with many aspects of Employer Day.

For more information, call (888) 301-3103, Ext. 6784 or 7249, or Bill Hebert with the Massachusetts ESGR at (413) 348-5195.

The ESGR web site is www.esgr.org

PATRIOT PEOPLE |



Stephen Brozoski

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 FAVORITE HOBBY : Riding my Harley-Davidson
 IDEAL VACATION : Florida Keys
 BEST WAY TO RELAX : Riding my Harley-Davidson
 PREFERRED ENTERTAINMENT : Boating and relaxing
 FAVORITE HERO : Clint Eastwood
 FAVORITE MUSIC STYLE : Classic '70s and '80s rock
 FAVORITE MOVIE : Action movies and westerns
 FAVORITE AIRCRAFT : C-5s and F-18s
 PET PEEVE : Answering the telephone
 WHAT WOULD I DO IF I WON \$1 MILLION : Retire with a smile

BREAKFAST CLUB >> The Westover Club's breakfast are extended to 9 a.m, Monday – Friday, with doors opening at 6 a.m. The menu includes eggs and omelettes to order. Along with its new hours and breakfast menu, the club is a convenient place to schedule morning meetings. The staff can accommodate parties up to 50. Parties of six or more are encouraged to make arrangements with the club staff. For more information, call Ext. 2039.

FITNESS HOURS CHANGING >> The center hours are changing. As of Jan. 26, the center is open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday. There are a variety of fitness classes being offered. See the center staff for more information, or pick up a fitness class flyer with specific dates and times.

OUTDOOR RENTAL >> A new Honda 3000-watt generator is available: Rental fees are \$40 for four hours /\$60 per day. Skis and snowboarding and their accessories are available for rent and purchase. Full-service ski and snowboard services are offered. Appointments are required. Information: Ext. 2039.

MARCH SERVICES CALENDER | www.westoverservices.com

WEB WATCH |

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www.westover.afrc.af.mil

The following information is available for viewing:

>> Patriot newsletter. Issues of the current Patriot and editions back through 2005 are archived.

>> Biographies of senior wing leadership are available by clicking on the Library link.

>> Base tour information. Public affairs is the central coordination point for all tours on the base. Click on the questions link on the front page to find out more about the base tour program.

>> Base speaker's bureau. PA assists in coordinating speakers from the base to provide speeches to area organizations, schools, community groups, holiday observances, etc.

>> News and information. Air Force information from around the globe.

For more information about the Westover web site, call PA at Ext. 2020 or e-mail to 439aw.pa@westover.af.mil

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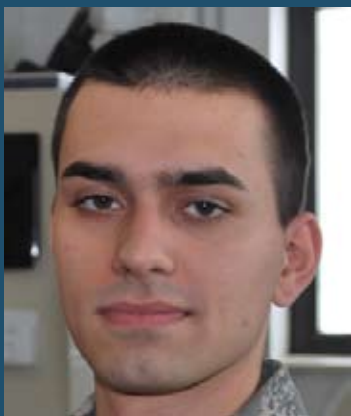


HELO ABOARD >> U.S. Marines load a CH-53 helicopter onto a Westover C-5 at Camp Lemonier, Djibouti, Africa, Jan. 29. The helicopter was assigned to Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa and was supporting Search and Rescue missions and Medical Civil Action Programs in the Horn of Africa. For more on this unusual mission for the 337th Airlift Squadron aircrew, turn to page 5. (photo by Staff Sgt. Joseph Swafford)

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