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FLAG OF HOPE Security forces members assisted a Springfield homeowner with securing an American flag following the devastating tornadoes that struck the property of Master Sgt. Daniel Sullivan. Turn to page 10 for additional photo and story.



MEPS DAY The Military Entrance Processing Station at Westover hosted a festival for service members and families July 1, which included fun and games, a barbecue lunch and tours of a fire engine at the new base pavilion. The festival was also a first for the new commander of the station, U.S. Navy Lt. Cdr. James A. Keen, who assumed command in June from U.S. Navy Cdr. Johnny Bowen. (photo by 2nd Lt. Andre Bowser)



Colonel Swain

We have worked tirelessly getting ready. The secret of getting ahead is getting started. Three years ago we started a journey together toward being an excellent organization. We changed our mission statement to “Leaders in Excellence”

to align with the Air Force core values. A statement is just words without the deeds and actions to back it up. You have done that through the various inspections: HSI, LCAP, UCI, ATSEP, ASEV, and ORI.

There’s no such thing as perfection, but while striving for perfection you’ve become an outstanding organization. Your recent awards validate that you are the best in the command and possibly in the USAF.

The continued operations tempo, surges, and mobilizations have proved to the Air Force that when the job needs to be done they call Westover. A lot has changed in my three years here. I have a new appreciation

for strategic airlift and that it truly provides global reach for our National Command Authorities. I’ve learned about the caring and compassion that each of you has been part of through the Family Support Activities and Key Spouse programs.

I’ve also relearned this: despite sometimes insurmountable odds, faith, family and friends will help us through the deployments, long hours, loss of fellow warriors and even tornadoes through our homes. When two of our Westover family members were in an accident after the June UTA on the turnpike, not only did one person stop to assist, but five of our fellow warriors stopped, aided and assisted in the midst of heavy traffic until both personnel were safely placed in ambulances and rushed to local emergency rooms. This was not the case just three short years ago when we had a vehicle accident at base supply after the 2008 air show.

Winston Churchill stated, “We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.” You have given me three of the best years of memories that will stay with Diane and me as we head to our next assignment, and for that I am very grateful. I will always remember and cherish your citizen warrior

participation and why you do what you do so well. My best to all of you in your future endeavors, both professional and personal. Keep making a difference, holding yourselves and fellow Airmen accountable, and don’t start looking in the rear view mirror at your past accomplishments.

I’m proud to join the long blue line of Westover alumni and will be cheering you on as you tackle whatever challenges await you in the future. Please pass on my continued thanks to your families and civilian employers. Without their support, your participation would not be possible and your success would not be as fulfilling.

May you continue to find a reason to proudly wear the uniform of the Greatest Air Force in the world, because our country needs every one of you now more than ever. God bless all of you and may you continue your journey through this life with a tailwind at your back and a wingman by your side.

by Col. Robert Swain Jr.
439th Airlift Wing commander

BRIEFS |

Officer board

A Reserve Airman Commissioning Program board will interview men and women for officer candidates on the October B UTA.

Candidates who never have been commissioned before must be able to complete the entire commissioning process, including Officer Training School, before their 35th birthdays.

Packages are due Sept. 17 and must include a copy of Air Force Officer Qualification Test scores, college transcripts, and a cover letter explaining why the Airman would make a good officer candidate.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Alice Mitchell in the military personnel flight, 557-3436.

Wing changes command Aug. 6

Col. Steven Vautrain will assume command of the 439th Airlift Wing from Col. Robert Swain Jr. at 11 a.m. Aug. 6 in the Base Hangar.

Colonel Vautrain comes to Westover from his position as Chief, Deployment and Distribution Operations Center, U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. He is a command pilot with 5,100 hours in the C-17, C-130, MC-130, and T-37.

Colonel Swain has been wing commander since June 2008. His new assignment will be at the Pentagon.

Participation in the 439th Airlift Wing change of command is mandatory for all Airmen. Only those with a medical profile precluding standing in formation and those with immediate operations mission support functions are exempt from participation.

Web site, TV carry Westover news

The *Patriot* is available on line through the base web site. Westover reservists and tenant units can also view base cable channel 50, for updates and other important information.

The web site may be found at westover.afrc.af.mil, while the Westover News Network is shown on Channel 50. It is updated before each A UTA. For more information, call public affairs at 557-2020.

Texas Bosslift

Employers of reservists with the 439th Airlift Wing are invited to fly on a Westover C-5 Bosslift Sept. 7-8 to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Scheduled visits include touring a reserve unit at nearby Randolph AFB, a Marine and Naval Reserve center, and the 149th Fighter Wing of the Texas Air National Guard.

Bosslifts are coordinated with members of the Massachusetts Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve.

Employers will fly from Westover and may sign up for the Bosslift by calling the 439th AW Public Affairs Office at 557-2020. E-mail: 439aw.pa@westover.af.mil

The ESGR web site is esgr.org.



CHALK IT UP A chalk of Airmen get ready to process through the mobility line, in the Base Hangar, June 21. More than 400 Patriot Wing Airmen deployed for the Operational Readiness Inspection. (photo by Lt. Col. James Bishop)

AMC/IG rates Patriot Wing a satisfactory for ORI

by Master Sgt.
Andrew Biscoe

An effort of mammoth proportions, equal to an actual overseas deployment, culminated in June with the safe and successful completion of the flagship of all Air Force inspections.

The Operational Readiness Inspection, held June 19-26, brought more than 400 Patriot Wing members to a simulated base in Japan that also hosted more men and women deployed from the Air National Guard's 109th Airlift Wing, Scotia, N.Y., and the reserve's 944th Fighter Wing, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

Col. Steven Legrand, Air Mobility Command Inspector General team chief, announced June 29 that the 439th Airlift Wing earned a satisfactory rating.

"In this day and age, showing up and getting a Sat just doesn't happen," Colonel Legrand said during the ORI outbrief held at the Westo-

Readiness NCO dons MOPP gear for last time

by Master Sgt.
Andrew Biscoe

Clad in MOPP-4 and peering through the confines of his gas mask, Senior Master Sgt. Alan Dedinas crouched on the ground in his bunker.

If you're counting, June's Operational Readiness Inspection was the seventh -- and last -- ORI for the veteran senior NCO.

And many of those Airmen who counted June's experience as their first huddled around Sergeant Dedinas as he patiently reviewed a map, with diagrams, transition zones, sectors, and other lingo he reviewed through his mask.

As before, the base's leadership depended on Sergeant Dedinas to help determine the survivability of the base.

Most Westover reservists might know Sergeant Dedinas as the "readiness guy." Ser-

geant Dedinas will soon wrap up a 33-year career.

After serving on active duty from 1978 to 1982, Sergeant Dedinas joined the Air Force Reserve. He worked in life support and as a parachute rigger before joining the readiness flight in the 439th Civil Engineering Squadron, now known as emergency management.

Reservists recognize and respect Sergeant Dedinas, not just because he has instructed thousands of Airmen in the proper wear of the JSLIST suit, battle dress overgarment, and the MCU-2 A/P mask, but because of the style in which he does it. He'll continue his instruction as a civilian in emergency management here.

"I can't think of anyone who will tell me they enjoy wearing this stuff," he said. "But I always try to tell people how important it

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ver Conference Center. "You have to fight for it. I told you your enthusiasm and sense of urgency was important, and you showed that in spades."

Col. Robert Swain Jr., 439th AW commander, also reas-

sured the men and women staring at a large screen showing the satisfactory rating.

"As the inspector said, there was nothing below the line," Colonel Swain said. "That's huge." The combined wing

-- similar to Air Force units overseas -- was the 114th Air Expeditionary Wing, operating from the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center in Alpena, Mich.

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SGLI, benefits protect service members and families

The Air Force takes its obligation seriously to help guide service members and their families through the details upon the death of an active-duty member.

To ensure family members are properly notified and receive expeditious service in case a reservist becomes a casualty, personal data must be kept updated, to include:

Virtual Record of Emergency Data provides the sole source of emergency contact information and is the official document required by law for designating

beneficiaries for death gratuity, unpaid pay and allowances, and the person authorized to direct disposition. Completion of this program is mandatory.

Death Gratuity is a lump-sum payment made by the Department of Defense to the survivors or other individuals identified by the service member on the vRED. The death gratuity helps the designated beneficiary handle any immediate and unplanned expenses associated with a reservist's death. The tax exempt amount of death gratuity is \$100,000, and paid when the sponsor has died in a military "duty status."

Person Authorized to Direct Disposition is responsible for decisions relat-

ing to funerals, burials, disposition of remains, government disbursements. All service members are required to name a PADD on their vRED. A PADD must be a spouse, a blood relative of legal age, or adoptive relatives.

How do I submit my vRED? Access the AF Portal website and Select Virtual MPF. Select "Record of Emergency Data." Complete the form and submit to AFPC. Be sure to provide contact information for next-of-kin or beneficiaries. A member who does not provide contact information for

family members may severely delay next-of-kin notification.

Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI). Upon enlistment, service members automatically have the maximum \$400,000 of SGLI coverage. Service members can decline or elect lesser amounts of coverage in writing in increments of \$50,000. SGLI coverage stays in effect for 120 days after discharge/retirement.

Naming Children as Beneficiaries for DG and SGLI: Reservists who wish to name minors as beneficiaries, such as their own children, need to be aware that the proceeds of death gratuity and SGLI cannot be paid to a minor beneficiary

without a court-appointed guardian. The cost of getting guardianship may include court fees, attorney fees, and other expenses. Those costs are the burden of the guardian and are not reimbursed by the government.

The SGLI Traumatic Injury Protection Program provides all servicemembers who have SGLI with traumatic injury protection. TSGLI provides for a payment of up to \$100,000 to members who incur a qualifying loss as the result of a traumatic injury. Members who have SGLI automatically have TSGLI. TSGLI payments are designed to help injured members and their families with financial burdens associated with recovering from a severe injury. TSGLI can only be paid to the member who incurred the qualifying loss.

Family SGLI provides automatic coverage to the spouse of members who have SGLI coverage. Spouses are insured for \$100,000 or the amount of the member's coverage, whichever is less. Spousal insurance premiums are based upon the age of the spouse.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The military personnel flight of the 439th Force Support Squadron provided this information. To make changes to SGLI or FSGLI insurance coverage, reservists should visit the MPF in Bldg. 1875. The casualty assistance office staff may be reached at 557-2539 or 557-3984.



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The combined team back at home station that got the reservists in place quickly and safely also deserve credit, the commander said.

"It's all a team effort," Colonel Swain said. "PMI, our base contractor, MSG, OPS, MXG ... It's not one of those, it's all of us."

Westover Airmen who deployed to Alpena spanned the gamut of ranks and experience. There was Amn. Colby Tyler,

439th Security Forces Squadron, who was on his first ORI. And there was Col. William Kountz, who was on his last ORI with the 439th before he headed to his new assignment at Robins AFB, Ga. Colonel Kountz was the 439th Maintenance Group commander since 2009.

There were Airmen also called upon with little notice to help fill shortfalls. Senior Airman Levi Carter, who works in the wing command section, was

the facility manager for the deployed headquarters building -- a position normally assigned to a mid-level or senior non-commissioned officer.

Fine-tuned during the March Operational Readiness Exercise, Airman Carter supervised a facility defense team which earned superior performer awards announced at the June 29 outbrief.

"Those guys made my job easier," Airman Carter said. "They always had a positive

attitude and communicated well throughout the ORI. So much of what was expected of us from the inspectors, I saw every day. It felt good to be part of such a motivated and hard-working group of Airmen." Colonel Legrand reminded the audience of his -- and his team's -- respect for the effort put forth following years of training and preparation.

"I would have no problem going to war with Westover," he said.



Westover it Fly, Fig

The 439th Airlift Wing
with an overall
Operational I



More than 400 Airmen from the Patriot Wing flew to Alpena, Mich., for the ORI. See related articles on page 4. (photos by Master Sgt. Andrew Biscoe, Lt. Col. James Bishop, Tech. Sgt. Timm Huffman and W.C. Pope)



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Wing "Leads by Example"
satisfactory on the 2011
Readiness Inspection!



Then-Tech. Sgt. Alan Dedinas takes a break from a 1995 exercise at Westover. Sergeant Dedinas will wrap up his 33-year military career July 31. (Patriot archive photo)

LAST ORI from page 4 is to know how to properly wear and maintain it. The masks are cumbersome and it takes practice to get it on in the eight seconds required. But it's equipment that could save your life -- and your buddy." Those who have learned from him count him as one of the pillars of the

Westover emergency management team.

"Whether it's donning his MOPP gear on the military side to his Level A (Bubble) suit as a civilian, Al Dedinas is someone you can always count on," said Robert Perreault, chief of emergency management. "I'm sure his mentoring to all of our emergency management junior NCOs and Airmen will truly be missed. But knowing Al, I'm sure he'll still lend advice when needed."

Sergeant Dedinas' knowledge goes well beyond the boundaries of Westover, Mr. Perreault said. His counterparts from Air Force Reserve Command and 22nd Air Force regularly call him to assist other reserve units in preparation for their

OREs and ORIs. Sergeant Dedinas retires from the military July 31, though he will remain as a civilian in emergency management.



"I'll miss the uniform, the camaraderie, the excitement when a world event occurs whether it be military action or disaster relief, and how we may support it," he said. "And I'll miss the UTAs, and standing in a long line of

people to process for a deployment -- "hurrying up and waiting."

But he'll line up any time for what he calls his passion.

"I'm just into this stuff," Sergeant Dedinas said, while adjusting his flak vest and helmet during the June ORI. "It's what I love to do."

ORI Exceptional Performers

Major

Mark Bialas
Kelly Hosey

Master sergeant

Pamela Cutt
Anthony Giardini
Shawn Manley

Technical sergeant

Tracy Doherty
Rachel Gosselin-Garcia
Karla Gonzalez
Shannon Gratton
Erwin Greene

Staff sergeant

Bryan Mulhern
Stephen Myllec
Lori Rysedorph
Michael Valentin

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Alexander Carmel

Airman 1st Class Henry Locke

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Aircraft Launch and Recovery
Installation Cmd. Ctr. Security
Mortuary Affairs
Public Affairs
Radio/Telephone Operator

TROOP TALK | What is your favorite summer activity?

-Motorcycling
Master Sgt. Andrew Merseth
439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron



-Ultimate frisbee
Senior Airman Tim Budka
439th AW finance office



-Whitewater rafting
Staff Sgt. Michael Valentin
439th Airlift Wing chaplain staff



photos by Senior Airman Kelly Galloway

Group sights rare birds on airfield at Westover

by Lt. Col. James Bishop

Seventeen people visited in June to watch something fly in the sky around Westover that wasn't an airplane. The bird they watched is rare in Massachusetts, and it weighs just eight ounces.

The Allen Bird Club came to see the upland sandpiper and the equally rare grasshopper sparrow. They saw both rare birds, along with 22 other species.

"Westover has about 1,350 acres of grassland habitat," said the tour leader, Drew Milroy, Westover's Natural/Cultural Resources Manager. "This is the largest grassland in New England, and we keep adding more grassland by removing trees that penetrate into our airspace."

The walking tour began east of the firing range, and headed across a large field before moving along the edge of Taxiways Y and F, skirting Runway 15, and circling back toward the Dogpatch training area.

As the tour began, the group spotted a variety of birds. As if on cue, a great blue heron began its elegant flight across the horizon. A few minutes later, a northern harrier appeared above the grass.

Voices rang out as the group spread out:

"There's an upland sandpiper!"

"I hear an eastern meadowlark."

"Come look through my scope at this bobolink."

In all, group members spotted at least 24 species, but the stars of the day were the multiple upland sandpipers, which fly up from Argentina and southern South America in March through May. The black, brown, and white mottled upland sandpipers circled within twenty feet of the group and were visible in short grass by both naked eye and through a high-powered viewing scope.

"Some people would give their right arm to see what we saw today," said Springfield resident Lois Richardson, who raved

about the rare sighting of the upland sandpiper.

Nationwide, there are an estimated 18.5 million bird-watchers who travel to observe birds, according to a 2001 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service survey.

Milroy, a retired environmental attorney with a master's in Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation, has hosted the Hampshire Bird Club, the Massachusetts Butterfly Club, the Naturalists Club, and a group of scientists from the Massachusetts Audubon society, among others.

"This is a breeding area for rare birds," Milroy said. "Safety first, and then we try to be good stewards of federal land." He said base crews mow the grass near the edge of the airfield pavements to minimize the number of birds in the aircraft flying area and to make it easier to see wildlife which could collide with an aircraft.

"A lot of bases I visit are being good stewards; it's really impressive," said Belchertown resident Marcy Schwartz during the walk.

Base officials try to strike a balance: ensuring that the flying mission operates safely and, where consistent with the mission, accommodating the rare grassland species around the airfield — an area that has been



WESTOVER FLYERS Seventeen people from the Allen Bird Club came to observe rare birds at Westover June 5. The group saw the rare upland sandpiper (pictured above) and the equally rare grasshopper sparrow, along with 22 other species. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Timm Huffman)

called an "accidental wilderness."

During the tour, members of the Allen Bird Club identified at least 24 species including American robin, bobolink, brown thrasher, chimney swift, common grackle, common yellowthroat, eastern kingbird, eastern meadowlark, eastern towhee, European starling, field sparrow, grasshopper sparrow, great blue heron, horned lark, house wren, northern harrier, orchard oriole, prairie warbler, redwing blackbird, savannah sparrow, turkey vulture, upland sandpiper, willow flycatcher, and the yellow warbler.

"It's great that you protect the area," said Schwartz, a veteran bird-watcher, adding, "It's nice that you let us come look."



photo by Senior Airman Alexander Brown

Raising the flag after the storm

by Senior Airman
Alexander Brown

A tattered American flag flapped in the wind, hung between two trees snapped in half. This flag managed to survive the June 1st tornadoes in Springfield, Mass., thanks to the owner, Master Sgt. Daniel Sullivan, who unwrapped it from a tree and hung it back up even before the storm was over.

This flag flew its last day and had to retire because it was faded and ripped, leaving room for a new flag and the story behind its replacement.

After Westover Air Reserve Base's flag became unusable, the Honor Guard planned to properly dispose of it. Tech. Sgt. William Brenner, 439th Security Forces Squadron, stepped in with the idea to donate it to Springfield as a sign of hope after the devastation from the storms.

The only question remaining was where to donate it. Once Sergeant Brenner contacted Master Sgt. Charles Frey, also with SFS, they were able to secure the flag. The staff at Sentry Uniforms in Chicopee repaired the flag at no charge, in support of this cause.

Sergeant Brenner and Sergeant Frey both live in Springfield and regularly drive by a house that has had a large flag

flying in the front yard for the past 10 years. Even after the tornadoes, the flag was flying high, which was surprising because the flag and the owner's house were in the direct path of the tornado.

They found out, to their surprise, that the resident of the house was Sergeant Sullivan, a loadmaster with the 337th Airlift Squadron. They decided to give the former installation flag to Sergeant Sullivan.

Security forces and 337th AS members delivered the flag and a home-repair store gift card to Sergeant Sullivan 15 days after the tornadoes touched down.

After the presentation, the security forces and 337th AS Airmen assisted in taking down the old flag, folding it and hanging the new flag. During the process, passing cars honked, people applauded and took photos.

At one point, a school bus passed with a few children. Once they noticed what was going on, the children spontaneously sat up in their seats, placed their hands over their hearts and began to recite the Pledge of Allegiance loud enough for all to hear.

With the job complete, the new flag shined brighter and more vibrant against the destruction from the tornadoes, flapping between the remains of two trees snapped in half.

BRIEFS |

Family picnic set for September UTA

The 439th Airlift Wing Family Day Picnic is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11 on the Base Ellipse.

Free food will include chicken, sausages, hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, pasta salad, ice cream and soda. Activities scheduled include bounce houses, hayrides, face painting, horseshoes, a flight simulator, a dunk booth, and volleyball.

Wing members need to inform their first sergeants about their food and lodging arrangements, including how many family members reservists plan to bring to Family Day.

For more information, contact Chief Master Sgt. David Carbin at 557-3699 or david.carbin@westover.af.mil.

Volunteers with the Galaxy Community Council and the Pioneer Valley USO will assist with providing food for family day.

Road race honors CFC anniversary

People interested in running in the runway road race to benefit the Combined Federal Campaign, may register at 9 a.m. Sept. 11, just before Family Day gets under way.

Participants can run in a 5-kilometer race or in a 2-mile walk.

This event, which takes place at 10 a.m., marks the 50th anniversary of CFC.

For more information on the race, call 2nd Lt. Samantha Kouflie at 557-3044. For general information on the CFC, call Robert Perreault at 557-3808.

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Senior Airman Alicia Hayes of Torrington, Conn., is a new member of the 439th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

The reason she joined the military stems from her good experiences with the Junior ROTC program.

"I really enjoyed the camaraderie and dependability the military offers," she said.

Airman Hayes is a knowledge operations manager. She creates file plans for Privacy Act Information, handles electronic filing, processes orders, coordinates unit pay, and other paperwork that keeps her unit running smoothly.

"I'm going to college at Branford and I hope to become a registered nurse," Airman Hayes said. "But I'm also considering a career with the Air Force. I'm a hard worker. The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary!"



Senior Airman Alicia Hayes

Retirements |

Major Christopher Lucia

Master Sergeant Mark Gilbert

**Senior master sergeant
Alan Dedinas
Robert Merchant**

**Technical sergeant
Leigh Buckhout
Kevin Chen
Francis Robles
James Stefferson**

SERVICES CALENDER |

AT THE CLUB >> Beach party at the club! Aug. 6, 4 p.m. DJ at 8 p.m. Fun activities and a chance to win four Red Sox/Yankees tickets for Aug. 30 at Fenway Park.

BOWLING CENTER >> Fall league begins in September. Leagues for all abilities, men's and co-ed. July 30 kickoff and Beat the Heat July drawing. Lunch bowling Aug.1-5: Buy one game, get one game free. Aug. 5 family bowling night, four games, four shoes only \$10. Back-to-school Bowl Aug. 22-26, 11:00 a.m. -1:30 p.m. Junior Bowling only 50 cent games/50 cent shoes, Earn double punches for Beat the Heat, and Palm Pin bowling all week long! Beat the Heat final drawing, August Beach Basket, and three grand prize winners.

FITNESS CENTER >> Flag football sign-ups July 18 – Aug. 10. Coaches' meeting Aug. 10 at 5:30 p.m., Bldg. 5100 conference room. Sign up for the Home Run Derby Aug. 19 at 5:30 p.m.

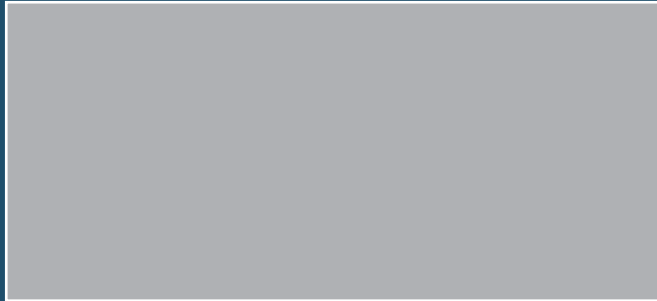
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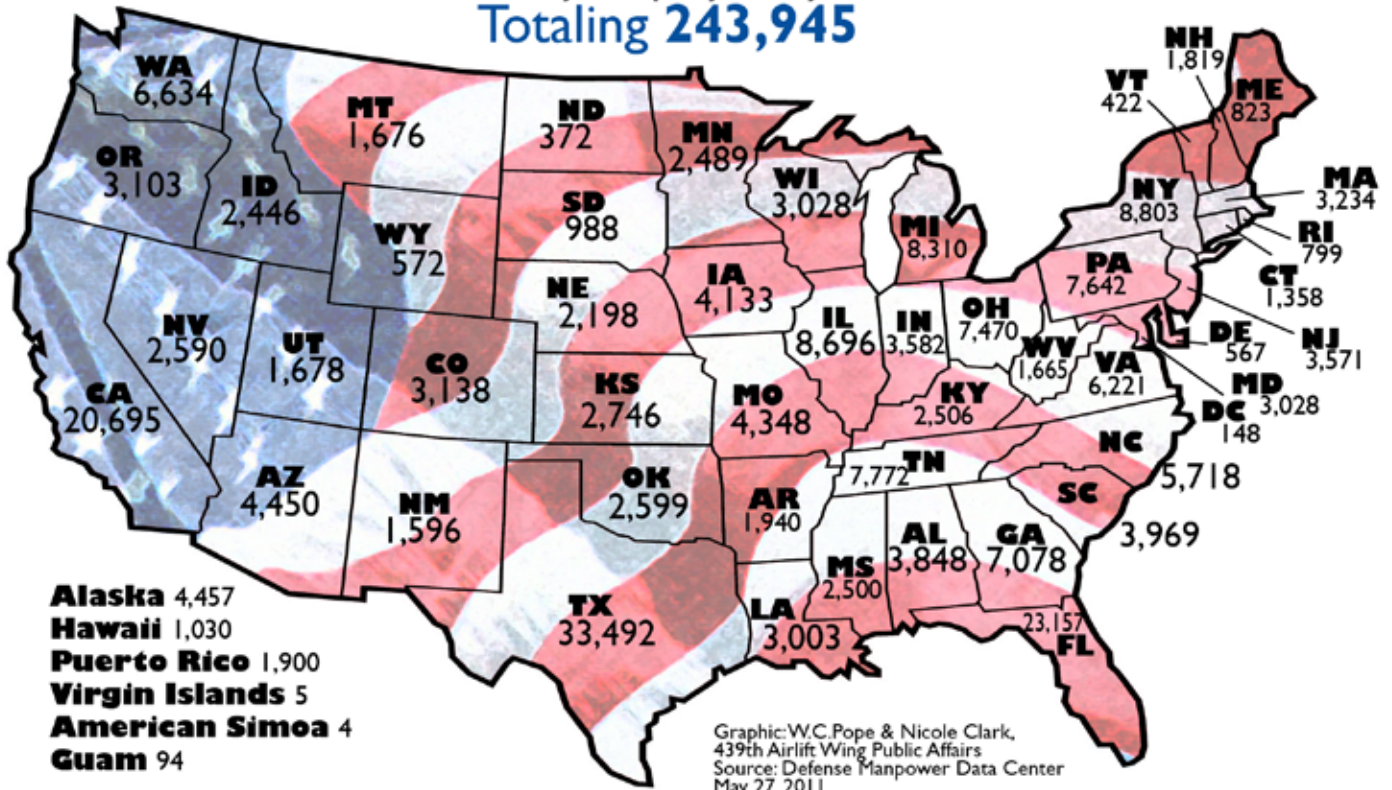
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States by the Numbers

Number of all Service Members
 Currently Deployed by State
Totaling 243,945



BY THE NUMBERS Thousands of American service members are deployed in two wars and with overseas and stateside commitments, as this breakout map of the 50 states shows. (Graphic by W.C. Pope and Nicole Clark)