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**BOOM TIME** >> Patriot Wing spouses enjoyed this view of a Maine Air National Guard KC-135 preparing to refuel a C-5 over New England May 24. For more on the spouses' orientation flight, turn to pages 5 and 12.



**SEVEN CHIEFS** >> Wing senior leadership honored these new Westover chief master sergeants June 2 at the Westover Club. Standing in front of the honorary cake are, from left to right, CMSgts. Christopher Maille, Keith Latarski, Lee Hareld, Wayne Allen, Michael Gendron, Christopher Kellam, and Wilbert Feltner. (photo by SrA. Kelly Galloway)



The 2012 Great New England Airshow is more than an airshow, it is an Open House.

This is our opportunity to open the gates of Westover Air Reserve Base and show the public how their tax money is spent. It is our responsibility to show off this 71-year-old base to the communities that pay for it.

In 1939 there were only tobacco fields and swampland where giant C-5s now

take off and land. Westover has hosted many other aircraft through seven decades: B-17s, B-24s, P-47s, C-47s, C-54s, F-86s, F-102s, EB-57s, KC-97s, KC-135s, EC-135s, B-52s, C-123s, and C-130s have all been based here.

Primarily a training base during World War II, Westover transitioned to a transport base following the war. In 1948 the Berlin Airlift staging operation established a reputation of excellence

“It is our responsibility to show off this 71-year-old base.”

throughout the fledgling Air Force. Gen. Curtis LeMay’s mighty armada of Strategic Air Command bombers and tankers arrived in 1955, setting the stage for 19 years as one of the largest Air Force bases in the United States.

In 1974, the base made history as the nation’s first Air Force Reserve owned

installation. Westover’s 2,500 acres make it the largest reserve base in the United States, while its 11,597-foot runway is one of the longest in the Northeast.

Outstanding people have been the constant throughout these many changes. Thousands of men and women have served here. Airmen from yesteryear put Westover on display throughout the 1940s, ‘50s and ‘60s on each Armed Forces Day in May. The pride of this base was as evident then as it is now.

Hundreds of thousands of people will see this pride next month when we open our gates for the first airshow in four years. Many of our visitors will be those who have served at Westover with honor. Let’s make them proud by putting on a successful, safe open house.

I know many of you will be working hard at your various duties during the weekend, but please take time to enjoy the air show too, and be proud of what you do here, just as I am.

**by Col. Steven Vautrain  
439<sup>th</sup> AW commander**

**BRIEFS |**

**New gate hours**

Hours for the James Street Gate are:

Monday-Friday and UTA A and B weekends only: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, call Capt Bruce Lawler at 557-3641.

**USO tickets**

Free tickets are available to reservists and their families to see local baseball league games.

The Pioneer Valley USO staff, located in Bldg. 1100, is providing tickets to the Holyoke Blue Sox home games. For more information, call the USO at 557-3290.

**Five command changes set for July**

Former 337<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron commander Col. Jeffrey Hancock, now the 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing vice commander, is turning over command of the 337<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron to Lt. Col. Michael Smith. Lt. Col. Stephen Taylor is taking over command of the 439<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron from Lt. Col. Smith. Both changes of command are scheduled for 9 a.m. at the Westover Conference Center.

A historic triple change of command will occur on the July B UTA. Lt. Col. Michael Travalent will assume command of the 439<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and Maj. Scot Terry takes the helm of the Maintenance Squadron. The new Maintenance Operations Squadron commander had not been announced by press time.

**Energy awareness saves money**

Base energy officials remind consumers of ways to keep air conditioning costs down: Shade outdoor air conditioners, have ductwork professionally cleaned, raise the temperature when leaving the house, use ceiling fans, blinds or drapes, and avoid use of heat-producing appliances until late in the evening.

**Air show update**

The Great New England Air Show, scheduled for Aug. 4-5 will kick off each morning with the vocal talent of a Patriot Wing member.

TSgt. Blaire Sieber, an American Idol contestant and 337<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron loadmaster, will sing the National Anthem at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Besides a C-5 on display for the hundreds of thousands of visitors expected, other scheduled aircraft will include a B-52, KC-135, C-123, B-1, F-15, and a B-25 World War II bomber. For more information, visit [greatnewenglandairshow.com](http://greatnewenglandairshow.com).



# Veteran pilot steps up to second in command



by TSgt.  
Timm Huffman

A 20-year Westover reservist and C-5 pilot stepped up June 1 to second in command of the Patriot Wing.

Col. Jeffrey Hancock is the new 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing vice commander. Col. Hancock's decades of service at Westover have put him in the air with thousands of hours

of flying time as a C-5 evaluation aircraft commander, and back on the ground in leadership roles as well. He is a former 337<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron commander and 439<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron commander.

Given his experience, Col. Hancock is already familiar with the inner workings and specific needs of the base. Before coming to Westover, Col. Hancock served seven years on active duty, racking up 1,500 hours in the KC-135. At Westover, he's accrued 5,200 flying hours in the C-5.

As a civilian, Col. Hancock serves as a first officer on 747-400s for United Parcel Service. He enjoys the opportunities his job affords for him to travel, both on and off duty. Asia is one of his favorite destinations, where he experiences a drastically

different culture and learns about the history and economy of a region with growing global influence. The colonel also likes exploring his native New England and enjoys riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

**Q. What factors distinguished you for the position of vice commander?**

A. I think what definitely helped is my background at Westover, being here for 20 years. It gave me a familiarity with the operations and the base itself and the people who work here, both on the civilian and military side. So I think I bring that that long history and knowledge of the workings here. The other part of it is being a commander here and seeing from the operations side of the house how the rest of the wing functions, not only here locally, but also in the Air Force Reserve and the Air Force in general.

**Q. What did it take for you to attain this level of success in your Air Force career?**

A. I think what helped was following a path that some of my predecessors had set. The mentors in my career helped me be the best I can be at my primary job. They also explained how important "expanding your horizons" is getting professional military education and going out and working on those professional degrees. These help you become a better leader and give you a broader perspective of how to lead troops and manage squadrons.

**Q. What do you hope to accomplish as Westover's new second-in-command?**

A. My goal is to assist the wing commander in continuing the

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## *New law allows reservists to respond to homeland disasters*

by Donna Miles  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – New authority in this year's Defense Department authorization act allows the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps reserves to be called to duty in response to natural disasters or emergencies in the homeland, and also to be mobilized for extended periods to support theater security missions around the world.

Except for a crisis involving a weapon of mass destruction, the reserves historically have been prohibited from providing a homeland disaster response. That job was reserved for the National Guard, which state governors could call up as needed to

support civil authorities. If additional forces were required – as when Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast in 2005 – active-duty service members became the federal default force.

For reserve forces to be used, the law specifies that the president must declare an emergency or disaster and a state governor must request the assistance.

Stultz clarified what hasn't changed under the law. Civil authorities will remain the first responders. And when they need military support, National Guard forces will be the first to step in when called by their state governor.

But now, when a situation also demands a federal response, reserve forces can step in to assist for up to 120 days.



Another change in the 2012 authorization act allows Title 10 reservists to be called to duty to support unnamed overseas contingencies. The reserves, and particularly the Army Reserve, have a long history of deploying members for medical, engineering and other missions to support theater engagement and security cooperation efforts.



# Refueling mission takes spouses along

by Lt. Col. James Bishop

Twenty-eight military spouses got a glimpse of what their husbands and wives do on a mission during the 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing's Spouse Orientation Flight May 24.

The two-hour flight took spouses in a giant rectangle across Western Massachusetts, Vermont, and New Hampshire, and included multiple hook-ups with a KC-135 Stratotanker from the Air National Guard's 101<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Wing from Bangor, Maine. Only four of the 28 spouses had been in a military aircraft before. They climbed aboard the largest plane in the U.S. military inventory: the C-5, with its 323,000-pound fuel capacity and 222-foot wingspan.



**HOOK, LINE UP, AND TANKER >>** Maj. Matthew Potter, 337<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron C-5 pilot, eyes the KC-135 ahead of the C-5, May 24. Spouses of Patriot Wing members flew a local air refueling mission with a 337<sup>th</sup> AS aircrew. Left, Col. Steven Vautrain, 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander, and his wife Katie, present a rose to Deborah Hancock at the end of the flight. (photo by W.C. Pope)



photo by SrA. Kelly Galloway

The 337<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron crew of three pilots, four loadmasters, and one flight engineer cycled the spouses to the flight deck to see miles of clouds, the New England landscape, and the business end of a KC-135.

More than 20,000 feet high, and hurtling along at 250 knots, the C-5 met the KC-135 amid clear blue skies. Pilots and spouses alike experienced mild turbulence as the two jets joined for the refueling – about 20 feet apart.

The flight is limited by regulation to spouses who are in direct support of

the flying mission.

Mid-flight, a group of seven women watched as “Maine-87” – the Maine Air National Guard tanker, grew larger in the windscreen.

“Seeing the tanker that close was unbelievable,” said Heather Marchegiani, wife of hydraulic specialist SrA. Steven Marchegiani, 439<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

During the flight, numerous spouses gave a one-word assessment after returning from the flight deck: “Awesome.”

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strong foundation we've set here at the 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing as Leaders in Excellence. We have a great group of people at this base, one of the most dedicated groups that I've seen in terms of AFRC bases and wings, and we've got a really strong set of people that know how to get the job done, know what the priorities are and love doing what they're doing. I look forward to contributing to that.

**Q. As the new vice commander, what are you most looking forward to?**

A. I'm looking forward to putting the knowledge and opportunities I've been given in the past and paying them forward in terms of helping our Airmen become better and smarter. I also anticipate helping us get the mission done while being

fiscally responsible.

**Q. How would you describe your leadership style?**

A. My leadership style mentors our Airmen for future development. You have to be a good listener as well as a communicator if you're going to be an effective leader. You have to make sure you understand what the issues are. Then you have to apply that understanding and direct your Airmen to action.

**Q. If you could say one thing to the Airmen at Westover, what would it be?**

A. Try to be the best you can be professionally. Hopefully we're giving you the tools to get to where you need to be, but we also like to see that you're pushing yourself, participating and giving 100 percent to Westover and the Air Force Reserve.



# Putting M.A.S.H. in the AIR

## *Aeromedical staging squadron simulates combat life-saving training during base medical exercise*

Article and photos  
by Capt. Matthew Bates and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Andre Bowser

When 439<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Staging Squadron Airmen simulated combat life-saving training May 19 and 20, the site was similar to a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, or MASH — with wings.

A Rhode Island Air National Guard C-130 aircraft served as a flying hospital along with an Army UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter from the Massachusetts Army National Guard — otherwise known as a combat ambulance.

Westover medics simulated delivering patients by helicopter for immediate triage between a mass casualty site in the Base Hangar and a mock medical facility in Dogpatch training area a mile away

northwest on the base; they also took to the sky above the Pioneer Valley simulating medical treatment aboard an aircraft.

Lt. Col. Karen Gardner, ASTS commander, said she wanted a chance to simulate real-world scenarios to help the newer Airmen learn just how challenging it is to perform their duties in a combat environment.

During Saturday's portion of the training, the unit took turns transporting simulated patients from the hangar to Dogpatch aboard the Army helicopter. Once they touched down at Dogpatch, the overgrowth of golden grass, shrubs and dust might have made things appear as they would a world away in the austere terrains of mountains and deserts.

"I definitely noticed that the terrain was not flat," said A1C

Kelly Hoadley, on her first time being in a combat-like setting. "So I had to watch my step when I was transporting the patient," she said, adding that on a scale of one to 10, she gave the experience a nine for its realism.

The unit of medical professionals deploys to contingency aeromedical staging facilities in combat environments where the mission is to prepare for and receive critical care patients immediately after injury and provide for their rapid transport for higher levels of care, said Maj. Bob Driscoll, exercise commander.

Maj. Driscoll, a firefighter near Boston in





his civilian life, said the training was a prime opportunity for experienced members to pass on the life-saving skills to younger members in the unit.

“We have a lot of new people, and what we’re trying to do is to take our seasoned service members and to bring them together in a learning environment,” he said. “We want the new members to know that now is the time to ask questions and to make mistakes -- because we don’t want that to happen in real life.”

Col. Michael Miller, 439<sup>th</sup> Operations Group commander, said for a highly-mobilized unit the training is essential.

“Several members from Westover are deployed in combat areas and are actually putting to use this hands-on type of training every day,” said Col. Miller, who commands all of the flying units on base. “We’re simulating a combat environment so that our medical professionals get experience with the triage practices and skills needed in an actual combat scenario.”

Lt. Col. Rene Bloomer said she helped come up with some of the scenarios encountered by the medical specialists.

“Some of the scenarios are based on real-life experiences I had because we want to give the younger Airmen a taste of the real world,” said Lt. Col. Bloomer, who works as a cardiac nurse for the Veterans Administration in Albany, N.Y. “We really want our people to get an idea of what we have to do in the AOR (area of responsibility).”

Maj. Driscoll said more than six members of his unit are deployed worldwide providing medical treatment to service members and civilians in conflict areas.

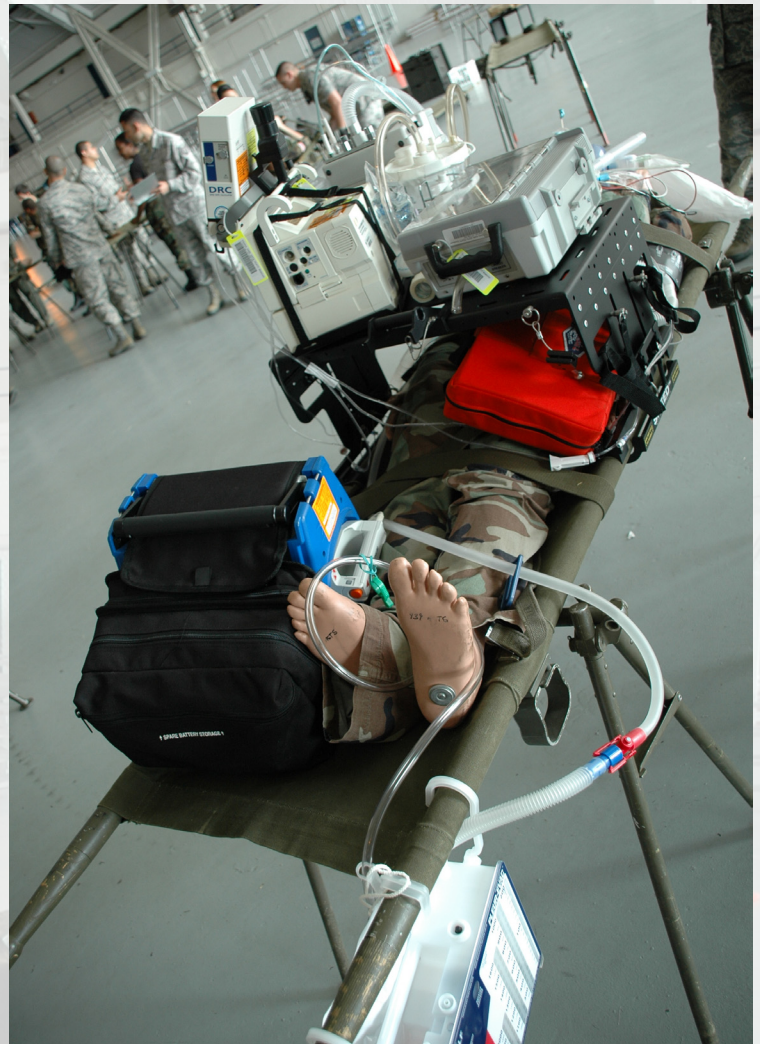
“We have more members headed out the door this month,” he said. In 2008, nearly 60 servicemembers from the unit deployed to the Middle East to provide medical treatment to troops. “This unit deploys a lot, so we have to be ready,” Maj. Driscoll said.

On Sunday, servicemembers practiced transporting and providing care to mock patients on the C-130. Close to two dozen cadets from the Civil Air Patrol’s 143<sup>rd</sup> Composite Squadron in Waterbury, Conn., arrived en masse as mock mass casualties.

The medical unit, which consists of reservists from throughout the country, including nurses, doctors and other medical professionals, wrapped up the exercise Sunday afternoon with many newer medics raving about the real-world applications.

SrA. Robert Bacon, a medical technician in his civilian job, said he provided the same expertise during the weekend’s training.

“But this is my first time ever doing something like this in my life,” he said, adding



that learning how to transport patients properly during aerial evacuations can come with grave consequences for any errors. “There really is a little bit of a science to something as simple as carrying a litter up to a helicopter.”





# Employers learn importance of Reservists, mission, aircraft

by SrA. Elizabeth Gaston  
94<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Public Affairs

DOBBINS AIR RESERVE BASE, Ga. -- The 94<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing hosted civilian employers of Reservists from Westover June 14-15 during an Employer Support for Guard and Reserve Bosslift to Dobbins.

Thirty-two attendees, who included employers, members of Massachusetts ESGR and military personnel, were ferried to Dobbins ARB in a C-5 by 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing leadership.

The employers' combined sphere of influence – including employees and customer base – amounted to just over 900 million.

Throughout the trip, Col. Steven Vautrain, 439<sup>th</sup> AW commander, emphasized to the employers the high tempo within the Reserve.

Aircrews are expected to fly numerous missions, requiring some Reservists to be away from their civilian bosses more often, Col. Vautrain said. "The 439<sup>th</sup> was mobilized in 2010. We have been doing a lot,



**HERCULEAN TOUR >>** Employers of Patriot Wing reservists tour the C-130J Super Hercules production line at the Lockheed-Martin plant in Marietta, Ga., June 14. (photo by Don Peek)

and we will be expected to maintain that."

Massachusetts ESGR sponsored the Bosslift to show civilian employers firsthand not only how Westover and Dobbins ARB operate, but also how the 439<sup>th</sup> and 94<sup>th</sup> Airlift wings fit in the AFRC picture.

The group toured Lockheed-Martin Plant 6's C-130J and C-5M production lines, heard comments from Maj. Gen. Wade Farris, 22<sup>nd</sup> Air Force commander, and former 439<sup>th</sup> AW commander, and flew a C-130 simulator.

## TROOP TALK | What are you looking forward to at the upcoming air show?



"This will be my first airshow, so I'm really excited to see what the armed forces has to showcase."

--SrA. Clifford Louis-Jacques  
439<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

photos by SrA. Kelly Galloway

"I'm looking forward to the kiddie rides, games and events for the families because I'm bringing my two kids. Also, it's really awesome when the pilots talk with people and allow the kids to sit inside their jets' cockpits – they can make a big impression on the kids."

-- TSgt. Leah O'Leary  
439<sup>th</sup> Aerospace Medicine Squadron



"I'm anxious to see the civilian support for the military and really excited to see the various aircraft because I came to the Air Force from the Coast Guard."

-- SrA. Joshua Newman  
439<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron





# MXS Airmen roll out C-5B model -- built from scratch

by MSgt. Andrew Biscoe

By day and night, they repair the Air Force's biggest aircraft. On a smaller scale – and symbolically at the front gate, they've added a C-5B to the base inventory – with a 19-foot long wingspan.

Several 439<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron Airmen spent several

months assembling the 1:12 scale C-5. It replaces the one destroyed by the July 2011 microburst.

Just weeks ahead of the August Great New England Air Show, crews assisted maintenance Airmen with placing the 1,000-pound aluminum model on its pedestal June 6.

Looking like a miniature version of a Lockheed-Martin assembly plant, where its real counterparts are built, Hangar 7's Galaxy was painstakingly put together each duty day, piece by aluminum piece.

MSgt. Dan Labelle, an air reserve technician and aircraft structural repair technician, supervised the work of four senior airmen, each on 270-day seasoning tours.

The model is built to sustain anything Mother Nature throws at it, MSgt. Labelle said. The fuselage of the destroyed former C-5B replica, sat near the new model.

"We use it as a point of reference," he said. "We know this new one is a lot stronger. It has some serious beef to it."

That "beef" is aluminum, while foam comprised the former lighter model.

Col. Kerry Kohler, 439<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Group commander, first approached the MXS Airmen about the idea after a microburst flipped

the model over on its tail last summer.

"What these guys really got out of this was training – our young Airmen kept up with their training on the 'real' C-5s out there, while contributing to a very important symbol for everyone to see as they enter the base," he said.

The scale model tail's rises 3 feet into the air.

The Airmen balanced the demands of staying on the timeline with the real aircraft on the flight line.

"Some days it has to take a back burner to the real aircraft work," MSgt. Labelle said.

The MXS machine shop staff assisted in building the tie box for the wings.

Eventually, the B-model will become the M-model that will be the real thing on the flight line, beginning in 2014. The model will include replicas of the new CF6 engines and will read "Super Galaxy" on the fuselage.

<< Left, Westover maintainers load the C-5B model onto a tractor-trailer June 6. Once it was in place, they lifted it from the truck onto the pedestal. Left, MSgt. Dan Labelle adjusts the model near the front gate.



photo by MSgt. Andrew Biscoe



photo by SrA. Kelly Galloway



photo by MSgt. Andrew Biscoe

# Command names Smith as Key Spouse of the Year

by SSgt. George Cloutier

The wife of a Westover reservist is Air Force Reserve Command's 2011 Key Spouse of the Year.

Stephanie Smith, Key Spouse Co-Chair, is credited with revitalizing the base Key Spouse program by continuing to recruit and train new members. When reservists in the wing were mobilized in 2010, she worked with other program members to contact the families of deployed and mobilized reservists.

Smith is married to Lt. Col. Raymond Smith, a C-5 pilot in the 337<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron.

The Air Force will recognize Smith and Key Spouses from other major commands in August at the service's annual Caring for People Forum at Joint Base Andrews, Md. There are more than 4,000 Key Spouse volunteers in the Air Force.

The Key Spouse Program helps family members deal with the emotional and practical challenges that come with deployments.

"We're a caring group, most of us military spouses ourselves, who understand family hardships during deployment," she said. "We have all experienced the pride mixed with anger, worry and exhaustion from having to hold it all together. We are so proud and so terrified at the same time."

Smith got her start with the Key Spouse Program seven years ago. She quickly went to work reaching out to families of deployed members.

"There's nothing like calling a family member of a deployed service member and making a real connection," Smith said. "We so often leave phone messages or emails because families are so busy. However, when I call and am able to give a family member some time to vent about the inevitable flat tire, washer flooding or sick baby that all happened the first week of deployment, it's satisfying for both of us."

Along with calling, Smith and other key spouses regularly attend base community functions, where they reach out in person to fellow family members.

"You will always find our volunteers along with the USO at the Children's holiday parties and family days," Smith said. "We also assist the Airman and Family Readiness Center in providing family fun days at Westover."

Smith credits the success of the program to strong support from base leadership, -- including the wives of the present wing commander, and two previous.

"We have support from our command," Smith said. "Mrs. Kim Farris chaired this group. Mrs. Diane Swain was a wonderful co-chair. Now we are thrilled to have the endless energy and enthusiasm of Katie Vautrain as co-chair."

But command support alone is not enough. Smith said that she and other key spouses are always seeking new members. Despite their best efforts, Smith says they also don't reach out to as many people as they'd like to.

"It is a small victory each time we are able to reach a new family," Smith said. "We are always looking for more volunteers. Our goal is to have a key spouse assigned to every unit."

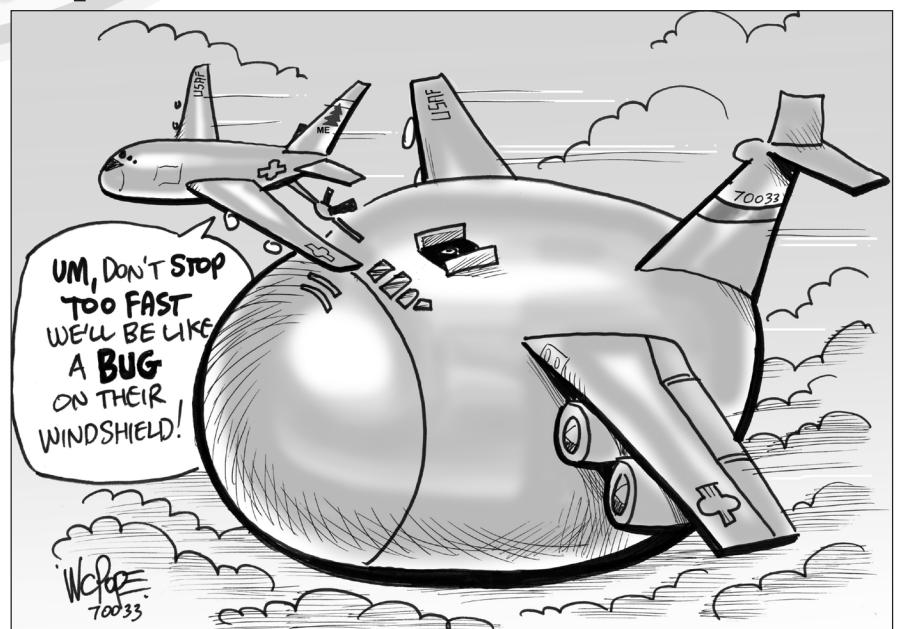
Unlike active duty, Air Force Reserve Airmen are spread out across a large geographic area. This can make reaching out even harder for family members who need help. It also makes the work that Key Spouses like Smith even more important.

"It is often hard to take when your entire town is going about their normal day and your loved one is deployed in harm's way," Smith said. "You can tell your neighbor that you miss them but you often feel that no one but another who has gone through it will understand. Our program provides that outlet."



photo by SrA. Charles Hutchinson IV

## Pope's Puns





## Promotions

## FACES OF WESTOVER |

### Master Sergeant

Robert Bergeron  
Adam Burr  
Richard Byrd  
Michele Chetuck  
Bettie Degracia  
Scott Forbes  
Daniel Labelle  
Lori Rysedorph  
Ronald Sarnelli



### Technical Sergeant

Christopher Boutin  
Eric Ciborowski  
Andrew Cote  
Joseph Daigneault  
Patrick Fern  
Michael Jones  
Justin Nolan  
Erick Richard  
Franklin Rose  
Nathan Straub  
Scott Turner  
Jemel Williams



### Staff Sergeant

James Bitts  
Heidi Clyne  
Samantha Cooper  
Anthony Light



### Senior Airman

Matthew Bergeron  
Lucia Brito  
Christopher Feliz  
Janet Izquierdo  
Kim Nguyen  
Edgar Reynoso  
Bevin Rutland  
Matthew Slattery



### Airman First Class

Dylan Collins  
Amanda Gordon  
Wai Ming Ham  
Brenda McCarthy  
Elaine Rosazza



### Airman

Matthew Henry  
Michael Page



### SSgt. Eric Shehu

439<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

SSgt. Eric Shehu, 439<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, joined the enlisted force in 2007 when he realized that becoming an Airman would open the door to more opportunities and provide something new and exciting.

Excitement is just what he found during his tour at Bagram in January. "While deployed, I was a duty controller and coordinated the medical teams that flew on jets around Afghanistan stabilizing and transporting wounded troops. Once the wounded troops were back to base, I would coordinate another team to transport to another location where the wounded would have a more advanced set of doctors and better established medical facilities," said SSgt. Shehu. "I was injured during my tour, but not in vain. I was able to see first-hand how well the system that I am a part of actually works."

-- by SrA. Kelly Galloway



SSgt. Eric Shehu

### RETIREMENTS |

#### Lieutenant Colonel

June Kountz  
Kenneth McQuade

#### Master Sergeant

Lathia Bell  
Jeanette Soucy  
Paul Beauregard  
Daniel Ernst

#### Technical Sergeant

Donald Pica  
Audry Agli  
Stephen Chadbourne

#### Senior Master Sergeant

Paul Benson

### SERVICES CALENDER |

Submitted by Mollie Anello, services marketing assistant

**CLUB BEACH >>** The July 14 beach party will feature DJ Kuls in the Lounge, from 7-11 p.m. For more information, call 557-2039.

**BOWLING CENTER CLOSED >>** The center is closed for renovation of heating and air conditioning, entry ways, bathrooms and parking lots. It is scheduled to reopen in December. For the latest renovation updates, visit [facebook.com/westoverbowl](http://facebook.com/westoverbowl).

**FITNESS >>** Zumba Wednesday nights 6-7 p.m., "Climb Mt. Everest" starts July 1. There is one month left to rack up "feet" on the climbing wall until your total hits the magic number. It's not about speed, but heart! Pace yourself with short 20-minute sessions and reach the goal in less than a month. There will be trophies given for 1st place male and females. For more information, call 557-3958.

**OUTDOOR RECREATION >>** Summer is family and party time! For all of your party needs visit [westoverservices.com/OutdoorRec.html](http://westoverservices.com/OutdoorRec.html).





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**EVERYTHING'S COMING UP ROSES >>** Spouses of Patriot Wing reservists who flew on a C-5 air refueling mission May 24, are all smiles as they return from the flight line. To read more about the spouse flight, which took place with a Maine Air National Guard KC-135 tanker over the skies of New England, turn to page 5. (photo by SrA. Kelly Galloway)