

A New Beginning



**Tenth
Patriot Wing
commander
leads 439th**

Col. Robert R. Swain Jr., and his wife, Diane, talk with Patriot Wing members at a reception following the June 8 change of command. (photo by Staff Sgt. Timm Huffman)

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BACK ON FAMILIAR GROUND >> An Air Force Reserve B-52H Stratofortress idles its engines on the flight line before takeoff June 5. The bomber visited Westover on a training mission. It is assigned to AFRC's 917th Wing at Barksdale Air Force Base, La. During Westover's active-duty era, as many as 45 of the giant bombers called the base home as part of the Strategic Air Command's 99th Bombardment Wing. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS | A talk with the new commander

Q. What are your top goals as commander?

A. I'm going to take a quick look. A different set of eyes on anything is always good. I have no fear of any inspection team coming in here -- everybody has a different background, they bring different things to the table. I am going to focus on the enlisted corps and making their lives better, because when their lives are better, the mission gets done.

My goal is to take care of the people. If you are not a people person, you live in a closet. My goal is to take care of all of the rank structures. I will make sure people are held accountable for their jobs, give them the tools, and get out of the way. We can continue to improve on what General Farris started.

Q: What issue, problem or topic needs to be immediately addressed at Westover?

A. I see facilities sustainment and restoration as a huge issue. It comes down to having pride where you work, and having a safe, comfortable work environment. If you go to Travis or other active duty bases, and you see their facility, you'd say, "why can't we do the same thing?" And we can, we just have to pay that bill.

I don't want people working in facilities with mold or where ceiling tiles are falling down. And it starts with whose building do you fix first? That's when I look at the lodging facilities for the young Airmen, who have to now get in the cars to go eat, and then have to get in their car to drive to work.

I know it is third on our master facilities list, but my priority is going to get them a lodging facility and a dining facility where they can park their car when they come in for a week, and be able to walk to work and dining and athletic facilities. Once it gets to \$5 for a gallon of gas that will mean a lot to them. So my goal is to take care of the small things first and have a long-term strategic look on our facilities.

Q. What are your initial thoughts of New England?

A. Mrs. Swain: I'm actually originally from Pennsylvania, so I've shoveled snow before. Like Bob, I'm really impressed how kind and generous people have been to us. They have accepted us with open arms and are willing to help. They are proud of their jobs, and it shows.

Q. As you assume command of the Patriot

Wing, are you a New England Patriots fan?

A. Well I don't want to tell him who I was hoping to win the Super Bowl last year! But you know, sports are a great part of our lives and interesting to watch. The most important thing to me is being in this wing with these patriots. I like to see any good game, I don't have a favorite, because I know the true professional patriots are in this wing. I just wish I could pay them the same as Tom Brady!

Q. What do you think you will miss the most about Georgia?

A. Mrs. Swain: I will miss a lot of the relationships that I developed over the years, but I'm also of the mindset and I had some sage advice when I first moved there, was to bloom where you're planted. I like the idea of embracing a new area and making new friends. Not just for Bob and but for everyone.

Q. Which is a better looking aircraft? An A-10 or a C-5?

A. Well as I get older!...Both have a pointy end which is on the tail, but both of them have their own mission and they are both very good at their missions. I truly think the A-10 was built at the right time and place, and

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BRIEFS |

Club changes

Westover Club members will be offered a card choice, beginning July 15. A major credit card will no longer be required.

A credit card valid only at services will also be a choice. For more information, call Ext. 3015.

Free tickets

Families from Westover are invited to attend the Holyoke Blue Sox baseball game at 6 p.m. July 14.

Reminder Publications has chosen the families to receive free tickets for the Reminder Rally Section at the game against the Dominican National Team. The Blue Sox are part of the New England Collegiate Baseball League. For more information on the free tickets call (413) 525-3247.

Annual Employer Day postponed

Westover's annual Employer Day, scheduled for Aug. 9, is postponed until further notice. While a date has not yet been set, Employer Day is an opportunity for bosses of reservists to see the operations of the base up close. Besides a scheduled afternoon C-5 flight, other activities planned may include a "deployment" for the employers to Westover's Dogpatch training area.

The 439th AW Public Affairs Office will have information on the new date as soon as possible for reservists who would like to invite their employers to the base. For more information, e-mail PA at 439aw.pa@westover.af.mil or call Ext. 2020.

Business seminar set for Aug. 23

The U.S. Small Business Administration will hold a SBA Programs and Services seminar at the Westover Conference Center on Aug. 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Reservists can learn how SBA can help with establishing a business or expand an already-existing one.

It will include a presentation on programs and services, pre-business planning and loan-programs that are available to members of the military, veterans and their families.

A light lunch will be provided.

Reservists may register by calling (413) 557-3024.

Next ORI in 2011

An article in the May Patriot stated that the Patriot Wing's next Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) was scheduled for 2010. The next ORI is set for 2011.

Back gate hours

The back gate to the base will open for military members as of the July A UTA.

Also known as the McMillan Gate, it is located on Training Avenue after the turn to the Dogpatch training area.

The McMillan Gate will operate on A and B UTAs from 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. (inbound only) and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (outbound only). This gate is open to military-affiliated members only (people with valid military ID cards).



CALLING IN >> Maj. (then Capt.) David P. Walsh, deployed to Iraq earlier this year, calls in a situation report with Army Special Forces Lt. Col. Mark, whose last name is withheld for security reasons. Major Walsh, an executive officer with the 439th Maintenance Squadron, was in a nine-day battle with insurgents in Basra, Iraq. (Courtesy photo)

Deployed officer survives nine-day siege

by Tech. Sgt.
Andrew Biscoe

A Patriot Wing officer deployed to Iraq wound up fighting insurgents this spring during a nine-day battle in the city of Basra.

Maj. David P. Walsh, a 439th Maintenance Squadron officer, deployed to Baghdad as the lead detail liaison officer to Multinational Forces-Iraq (MNF-I), and was the primary security liaison officer to the Iraqi Prime Minister Noori Al-Maliki. Major Walsh, an engineer with Agilent Technologies when not serving his country -- survived mortar attacks, small arms fire, and improvised explosive devices during heavy fighting in Basra.

"I got a rare opportunity to travel to assist the prime minister," Major Walsh said. "I was responsible for forwarding the requests of the prime minister to the coalition leadership."

On Easter Sunday (March 23),

he headed from Baghdad to Basra, first arriving at the southern Iraqi city's airport. It was there that the team faced reality.

"We got some intelligence that ... told us the news was all bad," he said. "These seasoned Special Forces soldiers were saying, 'Why are you here?'"

Once he learned there were no coalition forces within the city, Major Walsh grew more concerned. "Our small team of three officers and two Army radio communications specialists were it," he said.

Meanwhile, the Iraqi Operation Knights Assault began Tuesday morning, with the Iraqi army planning to sweep the insurgent militias out of Basra. But the insurgents fought back with much more than had been expected.

"The militants were motivated to keep their city," Major Walsh said. "The battle started at 0530 and rockets starting pouring in on our compound."

When the insurgents attacked an oil refinery, clouds of black smoke obscured the city and prevented attacks from the air. "The insurgents got lucky with the wind direction," Major Walsh said. "There were RPGs (rocket-propelled grenades), I heard small arms fire, and IEDs (improvised explosive devices). On top of all that, it was a very hot day -- it was over 110 degrees."

Over the course of the nine days, Major Walsh and his group took cover while about 25 rockets rained on them each day. "They (the insurgents) knew where we were. They had very good eyes on us. We took cover inside our position whenever we heard the indirect fire incoming."

Although no coalition forces suf-

fered any casualties, one mortar rocket landed just 30 yards away, and two of the prime minister's security detail were killed during the attacks.

Major Walsh thought about his wife and 11-month-old son while facing the attacks. His boss back at Westover, Col. Oreste Varela, 439th Maintenance Group commander, e-mailed him to try to find out how he was doing.

"I was unable to communicate with anyone (except for) the coalition leadership in Baghdad. It was very frustrating knowing everyone would be concerned," he said.

Army soldiers provided Major Walsh with on-the-spot self-aid and buddy care training, and he found himself providing an intravenous (IV) to the Air Force major with him who suffered from dehydration. "This Army training was pretty much to the point," he said. "They said they were going to train me, and 10 minutes later I was taking care of my wingman with the IV."

They passed time by marking days on a calendar.

"Twenty-four hours go by pretty slowly during a battle," he said. According to Major Walsh's reports, coalition forces provided advisors and assisted with the logistics planning, enabling the prime minister's forces to bring in relief aid and take and hold sections of the city.

"Once the prime minister was confident of victory, we all returned to Baghdad," Major Walsh said.

The Air Force promoted the 16-year veteran to major April 22. His last day in Iraq was April 30.

Major Walsh, who lives in Malden, Mass., came home to his wife and son May 6.

**"The battle started at 0530 and rockets started pouring into our compound."
-- Major Walsh**



TAKING CHARGE >> Col. Robert R. Swain Jr., takes command of the 439th Airlift Wing June 8 as Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, 22nd Air Force commander, presides. Colonel Swain comes to Westover from 22nd, where he was chief of staff. He is a command pilot with more than 14,000 hours of flying experience and 51 combat missions. (photo by Staff Sgt. Hueming Mui)

Patriot Wing welcomes 10th commander

by Capt. Justin Manna

A new era in Westover leadership dawned June 8 when Brig. Gen. Wade Farris turned over command of the 439th Airlift Wing to Col. Robert R. Swain Jr., during a ceremony held in the Base Hangar.

Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, 22nd Air Force commander, served as the presiding official for the military formation, where groups of the 439th Airlift Wing assembled in rank-and-file formation to formally welcome Colonel Swain

and wish General Farris success in his new assignment.

In his opening remarks, General Mazick thanked General Farris for his outstanding leadership during General Farris' four-year, 10-month time at the helm of the 439th.

"I thank you for your stewardship," General Mazick said, emphasizing that General Farris ensured the readiness and safety of Westover Airmen during his command tenure.

General Mazick also described the accomplishments of the 439th

Airlift Wing under General Farris in light of the current operational environment the wing has witnessed during the past five years. "Hurricane Katrina aftermath support, inspection successes, taking fitness levels up a notch, and outstanding support of ongoing deployments are all attributed to General Farris' leadership," he said.

General Farris leaves Westover for an assignment at the Pentagon, where he will be the deputy director, Joint Chiefs of Staff strategy development, strategic plans and

policy directorate.

General Mazick's focus then shifted to the introduction of the new wing commander, Colonel Swain. "I know you are ready for command and I'm excited about giving you this opportunity," General Mazick stated.

In readdressing the formation of reservists, General Mazick said, "His (Colonel Swain) charge is to lead."

After the traditional exchange of the wing flag from previous to current wing commanders, Colonel Swain addressed his Airmen for the first time. The colonel lauded the capabilities of the C-5.

"There is no other strategic asset in the world that does what the C-5 does," he said. Colonel Swain went on to describe his feelings about assuming command of the 439th.

In a comment made to his wife, Diane, while driving on to base, Colonel Swain said the moment finally struck him.

"I made it! I'm going to be the wing commander of the 439th!"

Colonel Swain is a 1979 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy and is a rated command pilot with more than 14,000 logged hours in military aircraft and has flown in 51 combat missions.

The colonel holds a place in Air Force history as having the first successful air-to-air engagement in an A-10 Thunderbolt II, when he shot down an Iraqi helicopter during operation Desert Storm.

Upon assuming command Colonel Swain became the tenth wing commander in the history of the 439th Airlift Wing.



"Be cordial, personable, and don't lose your composure."

Senior Airman Ciro Feliciano
operations support



"Take care of the Airmen. You've got to have happy Airmen -- keep the morale up."

Staff Sgt. Joel Torres
security forces



"Listen to the air reserve technicians (ARTs) who work underneath you."

Senior Airman Page Policastro
aircraft maintenance


TROOP TALK | What is your advice for our new wing commander?

Getting them home

NIGHT TIME MEDICS

Deployed members of the 439th Aero-medical Staging Squadron load patients into a C-17 Globemaster III transport at Balad Air Base, Iraq. (Courtesy photo)



A large military transport aircraft, likely a C-17 Globemaster III, is shown at night. The aircraft's fuselage is visible, featuring the text "ANG", "MISSISSIPPI", and the number "33119". A small American flag is also visible on the side. In the foreground, a dark-colored medical bus with a prominent red cross on its side is parked. Several military personnel in camouflage uniforms are standing near the open rear door of the bus. The scene is illuminated by ground lights, creating a high-contrast, dark environment.

Aeromedical, aerial port reservists face deployment separation, family member losses while racking up statistics

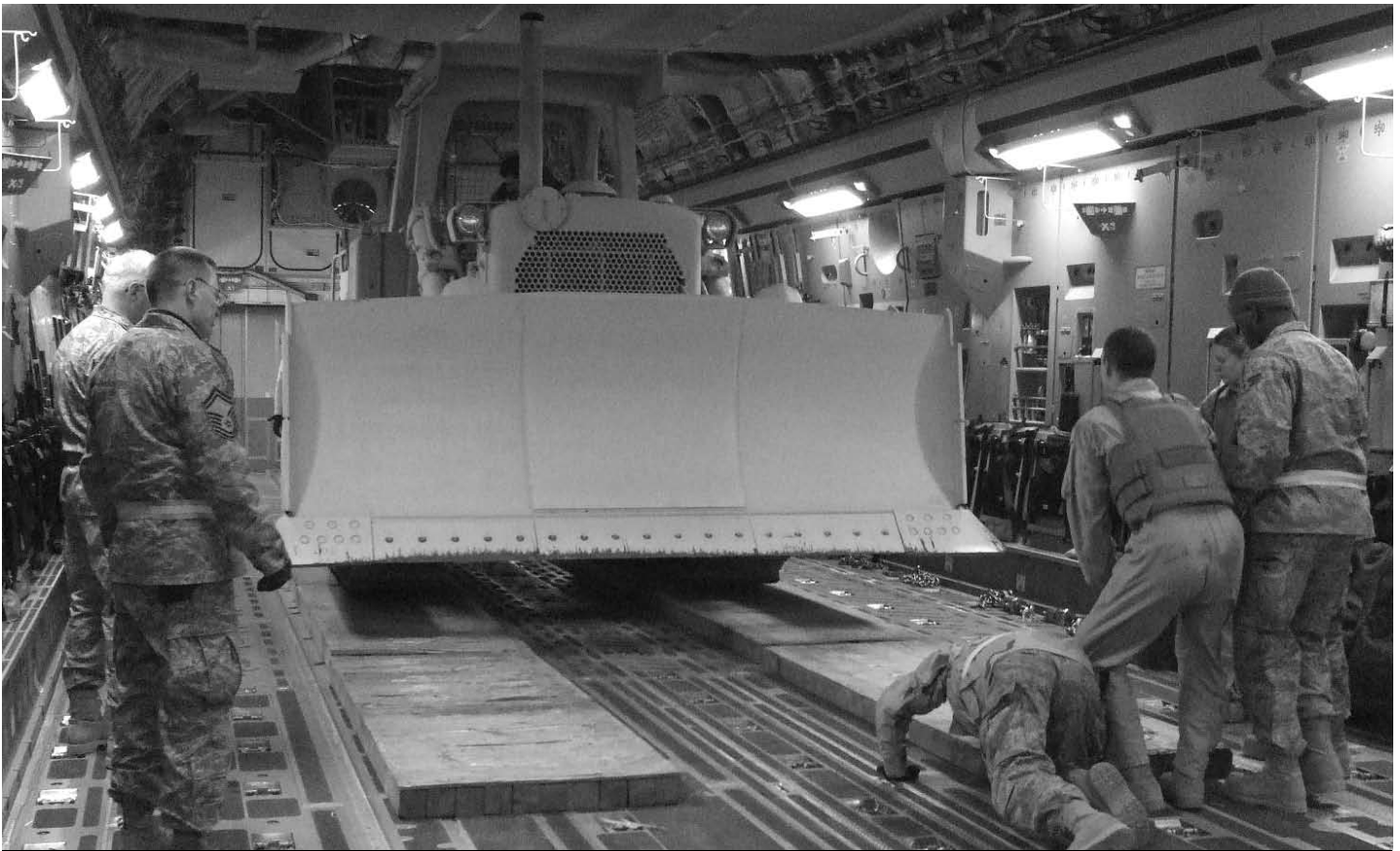
by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

More than 100 reservists who deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan this past winter and spring returned home in May.

The first group was nearly 60 58th Aerial Port Squadron members. They were responsible for moving passengers and cargo in support of Operation Enduring Freedom at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan.

About 60 members from the 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron returned from Balad Air Base, Iraq, May 22.

As is most often the case with reservists from the Patriot Wing, these Airmen left behind examples for other units to follow, along with impressive statistics that illustrated the tremendous mission capability they brought to the fight. The ASTS reservists helped staff one of the largest military hospitals in Iraq. Balad is located about 40 miles north of Baghdad.



BULLDOZER LOAD >> Reservists with the 58th Aerial Port Squadron deployed to Afghanistan load a bulldozer inside a C-17 Globemaster III. The aerial porters spent more than four months deployed to Bagram Air Base. They moved more than 37,000 tons of cargo and forwarded 707,000 pounds of mail to 40 forward operating bases while deployed at Bagram with the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing. (Courtesy photo)

The Westover medical cadre was the largest reserve unit to take over a Contingency Aero-medical Staging Facility (CASF) mission.

They worked 12-hour shifts and boasted a 99 percent U.S. patient survival rate on aeromedical evacuation missions.

They also saw to more than 170 Critical Care patients airlifted; processed more than 7,000 pieces of patient luggage for customs/contraband, and finished the mission despite enemy fire, 20 –110 degree temperatures, and weekly sandstorms; and processed more than \$18,000 worth of donated items to wounded warriors.

The aerial porters' list of accomplishments at Bagram included:

- loaded 3,875 aircraft with 37,529 tons of cargo to the front lines
- moved about 87,000 passengers

-backbone to 83 aeromedical missions – rapid treatment for the wounded

But no matter how busy they were, none could escape the hardship of separation – working long hours while deployed thousands of miles from home. The reservists had to deal with the separation of their loved ones while relying on e-mail and phone calls to help ease the hardship. Some even had to take emergency leave and return home. One such reservist was Tech. Sgt. David George of the 58th APS.

“He had to help his family with just about everything, because his mother-in-law died,” said Tech. Sgt. Donna Miranda, 58th APS administration superintendent. Sergeant Miranda said another 58th reservist was equally less fortunate.

Tech. Sgt. Lori Rysedorph

had completed nearly half of her deployment when she learned her mother was terminally ill. Within two weeks of being home, cancer claimed the lives of her brother-in-law and younger sister.

A 58th APS senior NCO promptly stepped in to help the unit meet the mission while Sergeant Rysedorph headed home. “Senior Master Sgt. Henry Lojkuc backfilled Sergeant Rysedorph,” Sergeant Miranda said. “This squadron always does what it has to do with meeting the mission, and to help their fellow Airmen out, especially when it comes to a deployment.”

A 439th ASTS officer was by his father's side within 24 hours of leaving Balad.

Capt. Robert Driscoll's father, Robert Driscoll Sr., died from a staph infection as his son sat at his bedside at the Lahey Clinic

in Burlington, Mass.

“After dealing with this loss, the hardest part was getting on the plane to go back to Balad,” Captain Driscoll said.

Back at the huge American air base, the captain and the ASTS Airmen took part in morale-boosters that helped them cope during the deployment:

- First place winners of Air Force Theater Hospital 11-week PT “Fit to Fight” Challenge
- Twelve war zone promotions (two, major, three, technical sergeant, and seven to staff sergeant)

Most of the deployers rejoined the wing mission by July. While the Patriot Wing readies for another series of deployments later this summer, more than 40 security forces squadron are still in the Iraq, as well as other Patriot Wing Airmen serving around the globe.

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 the C-5 with the defensive system and the armor, and the new engine modifications is truly the future weapon of choice.

Q. What do you think are Westover's key strengths?

A. We got out of the active duty because the reserve is different. I embrace the difference; the fact you can be born, raised and live in a community and serve and volunteer in one place is the key. You can still be a patriot and get the mission done, go home and stay in the same place for 28 years if you want.

That's the strength of the reserve and Westover; you have husbands, wives, children and we recruit within ourselves.

You can come here and work for a local shop from the local community and enhance both your civilian and military job knowledge as you learn.

I think longevity is a good thing. The fact that the folks can come here and serve and still continue to serve their community and their family and keep the family ties is why we are in the reserve.

We're not a traveling show like active duty when every couple of years you have to move. Don't get me wrong -- when people step up to leadership roles that the command needs sometimes you're going to have to move but if you want to stay at Westover, you can.

The reserve mission is changing. It's not just two days a month and 14 days of annual tour. Now we are asking our personnel to train and deploy as small units and individuals.

Operations has always seen that on the aircrews, and we're seeing it more and more on every other Air Force Specialty Code.

We think we can still do it on the



Col. Robert R. Swain Jr., 439th AW commander, and his wife, Diane.

“We're not a traveling show like active duty when every couple of months you have to move.” -- Colonel Swain

same budget and old rules, but it cannot be done. We don't provide enough tools on the base to support the families, chaplain service, doctors, lawyers, nurses, etc. -- to support the increased tempo.

If you're going to increase the footprint and the requirement in the reserve, then that goes back to the checkbooks, because I'm going to ask for more support for our Airmen.

It goes back to taking care of the people; if you don't take care of the people, you don't take care of their families.

And if you don't take care of

them, you know how the saying goes, “If mom's not happy then no one's happy.”

Now you're saying: I've got my 20, what am I doing here? The infrastructure here, it was fine when we were the old reserve, but now that were doing more and more for the command and the country, you're going to have to have facility maintenance and sustainment.

If it's a bill too high for facilities and support, they're going to have to tell me why we can't do it.

Diane and I are excited to be here and becoming part of this great team.

Focus on preparedness helps Airmen meet AEF challenges

by Lt. Col. Joseph Revit

The basic concept of today's air expeditionary force (AEF) is a necessity that began after the Air Force dealt with constant rotations between Operations Northern and Southern Watch in the 1990s. This high operations tempo forced the Air Force to update its system of organizing, scheduling, and presenting our forces to combatant commanders.



Lt. Col. Joseph Revit

The AEF today operates on a 20-month cycle and it is flexible to accommodate the needs of combatant commanders whether those include four months, six months, or 365 days.

Every Airman is “in” the AEF. Regardless

of Air Force Specialty Code, rank, staff, or line-of-duty – everyone is considered an expeditionary Airman. We must be trained and ready to fight our nation's wars.

Preparation for a deployment is trying, for all involved, whether you are a first-timer or a seasoned veteran. Most important, a deploying Airman is responsible for their personal preparedness. Some of the most important areas that Airmen need to focus on include:

>> Training/mobility: Level I Antiterrorism, Information Protection, self-aid and buddy care, CBRNE, EOR, SERE, pre-deployment expeditionary training, small arms currency, OJT records, and currency in specialized skills. The wing installation deployment plan requires all Airmen's mobility folders to contain accurate and current forms and items.

>> Medical/dental: Current immuniza-

tions, pre-deployment health questionnaire, dental records, HIV test, and DNA samples.

>> Legal/military: Emergency data card, SGLI, family care plan, visa or official passport, security clearance, will, living will, and powers of attorney.

>> Legal/personal: Family member's birth certificates, marriage or divorce licenses/documents, Social Security cards, dependent ID cards, tax records, life insurance policies, property deeds, school and medical records. Westover Airmen are scheduled to support AEF Cycle 7, AEF pairs 5/6, from September 2008 through January 2009. Deploying Airman review the most current CENTAF reporting instructions.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Lt. Col. Joseph Revit is the installation deployment officer for Westover. People with questions may call Exts. 3317 or 3318 if they have any questions.



TEAM-BUILDING >> Patriot Wing Airmen participate in a team-building exercise during the Enlisted Workshop held June 8-10 at the Westover Conference Center. More than 80 Airmen attended the workshop. Discussions and information provided included updating personal readiness records, education benefits, communicating as Airmen, and much more. Plans are already under way for a third annual workshop to be held next year. (photo by Master Sgt. W.C. Pope)

Base volunteers

Senior leadership and the Airmen and Family Readiness Center staff recently honored the following Westover people for their volunteering at the base at a recent luncheon. These names are the second half of a list published in the June *Patriot*.

Langford, Keith
 Lawlor, Dawn
 Lise-Lotte Nichols
 Madamba, Ben
 Manly, Carrie
 Marshall, Bruce
 Marten, Annie
 Mazza, Gail
 McAvoy, Warren
 McCarthy, Peter
 McDonald, Melanie
 Miranda, Donna
 Montolio, Kelly
 Moss, David
 Mullarky, Ed
 Nunziato, Mike
 Oliwa, Carol
 Panaretos, Peter
 Parker, Ruth
 Perez, Ana
 Perron, Diane
 Peters, Jace
 Pont, Alice
 Pozos, Robert
 Provoda, Karen
 Quick, Bert
 Robichaud, Paul
 Robitaille, Robyn
 Rodriguez, Ruth
 Romanoff, Maria
 Rube, Eugene
 Sallade, Fred
 Sarnelli, Theresa
 Sbrega, John
 Sbrega, Marcia
 Schaffer, Fran
 Schulz, Kimberly
 Serafino, Mrs. Carmelo
 Serafino, Carmelo
 Simon, Michael
 Smith, Stephanie
 Snyder, Don
 Socha, Jane
 Spofford, Marilyn
 Stein, Bob
 Sutherlin, Holly
 Szewc, John
 Terault, George
 Tetreault, Paul
 Todd, Lydia
 Tracy, Alan
 Underwood, Robert
 Waite, Dorothy
 Waite, Clyde
 Whitney, Alice
 Williams, Shannon
 Willis, Wanda
 Wisnewski, Paul
 Wood, Kathy
 Woodbury, Roland
 Zackaricz, Heather



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Wing members cook up new food cart name

Two Patriot Wing members are winners of the food cart naming contest. The food cart, located on Patriot Avenue across from the civil engineering complex, is now known as "Little Vittles."

Col. James Linder and Lt. Col. Chip Carroll, 439th Operations Group commander and deputy commander, respectively, created the name, which honors a chapter of Westover's history. Westover was a central hub for Operation Vittles during the Berlin Airlift in 1948.

The hours for the food cart are: Monday through Friday: breakfast from 6:00 to 9:30 a.m.; lunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays of the A and B UTAs, from 6:00 to 9:30 a.m. For more information, call Ext. 3015.

PATRIOT PEOPLE |



Wendy Boone

NAME : Wendy Boone
 AGE : 32
 HOMETOWN : Southwick, Mass.
 UNIT : Services - Westover Club
 POSITION : Business specialist
 FAVORITE FOOD : Chicken
 YEARS OF SERVICE : Ten months
 FAVORITE SPORT : Basketball
 FAVORITE HOBBY : Spending time with my family
 IDEAL VACATION : Florida
 BEST WAY TO RELAX : By the TV
 PREFERRED ENTERTAINMENT : Acoustic music
 FAVORITE HERO : My dad
 FAVORITE MUSIC STYLE : Country
 FAVORITE MOVIE : No particular favorite
 FAVORITE AIRCRAFT : C-5
 PET PEEVE : Lack of communication
 WHAT WOULD I DO IF I WON \$1 MILLION : I would save some and share some with family and friends.

PATRIOT PUNS |

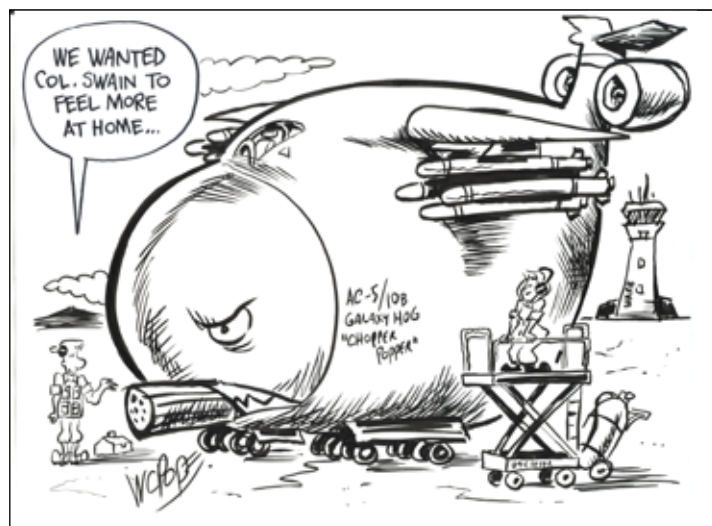
AT THE CLUB >> Club members will be offered a card choice, beginning July 15. A major credit card will no longer be required. A credit card valid only at services will also be a choice. There is a new menu in the lounge featuring appetizers, clubs, sandwiches, burgers, wraps and salads is available. CIDERHOUSE will perform July 12 from 8 pm – midnight. For more information, call Ext. 2039.

AT THE FLYERS INN >> Lodging requirements for the air show are due by July 13. Early requests will NOT be penalized. Information: Ext. 2700

AT THE RENTAL CENTER >> New items include a pig roaster, an air compressor, a log splitter, bounce houses and a leaf blower. Day, week and weekend prices are available. Coming soon -- new Canoes and two 32-foot Travel Trailers. Information: Ext.

AT THE FITNESS CENTER >> The Commanders Cup continues in July with track events. There will be a Commanders Run July 12, time TBA. There will also be Mad Dash race and relay race, July 13, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

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PATRIOT PRAISES | Reenlistments

Senior master sergeant

Christopher P. Doyle
 Charles Whittington

Master sergeant

William Joseph Forbes
 Ronald F. Greenwood
 Ronald M. Jordan
 Christopher J. Maille
 Chad E. O'Brey
 David L. Rondeau

Christopher L. Taylor
 Bruce A. Yargeau

Christopher Fey Kellam

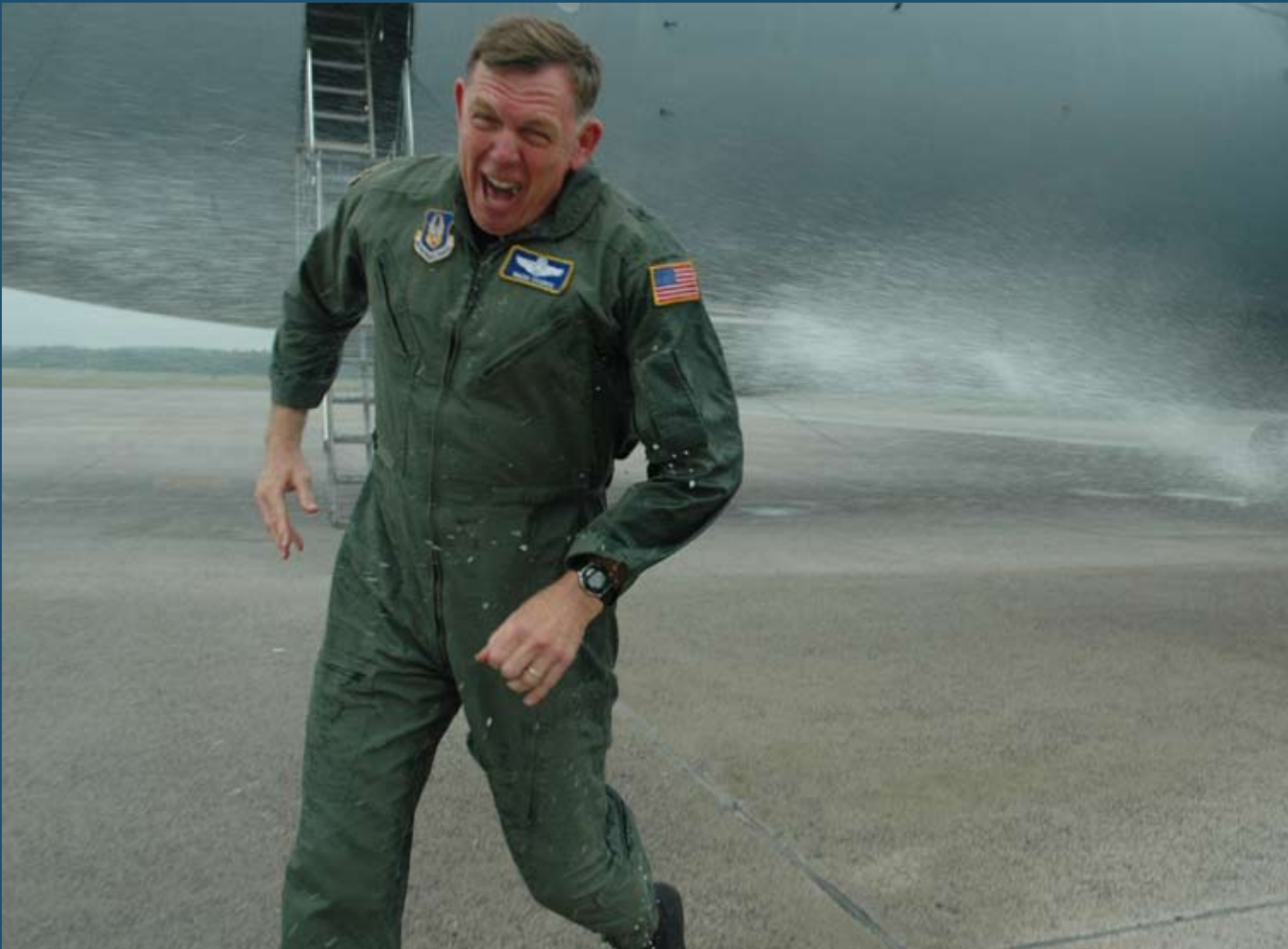
Technical sergeant

David Michael Aucoin

Matthew B. Baker
 Christopher Beaulieu
 Thomas W. Boucher
 Mark W. Butler
 Jon E. Dillard
 Richard Hall Barklow
 Warren Brodmerkle
 Albert Stanley Czupkiewicz Jr
 Christopher Warren Davis
 William Howard Hughes
 Stephen Francis Mello
 Michael S. Thomas
 Steven M. Wrobel
 Vincent F. Falcone
 David M. Halat

Brandon W. Ives
 John F. Maycock
 Richard C. Messenger
 Dale E. Reed
 Lewis Rheäume
 Heather M. Robinson
 Jeffrey M. Sickler
 John W. Tinnemeyer
 Sirta L. Williams
 Daniel O. Sullivan
 Kenneth W. Wentworth
Staff sergeant
 David A. Babin
 Steven L. Canad
 Daryl D. Dejordy

Sadia E. Del Rosario
 Ryan N. George
 Julia R. Hobart
 Michael Hyde
 Michael J. Jaczyk
 Mark W. Jordan
 Brian M. Kustan
 Aluin Morales
 Sean Curran O'Conner
Senior Airman
 Christy Diller
 Damien T. Dostie
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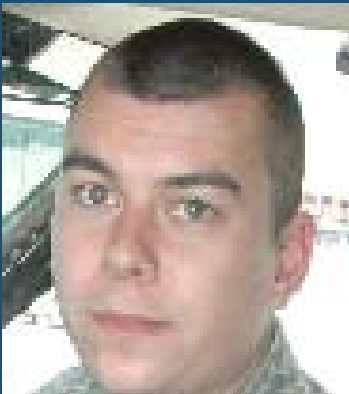


FINI FLIGHT >> Brig. Gen. Wade Farris gets the traditional hosedown following his C-5 fini flight June 6. General Farris turned command of the 439th Airlift Wing over to Col. Robert Swain Jr. June 8, during the change of command ceremony at the Base Hangar. General Farris is now assigned to the Pentagon as the deputy director, Joint Chiefs of Staff strategy development, strategic plans and policy directorate. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

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