

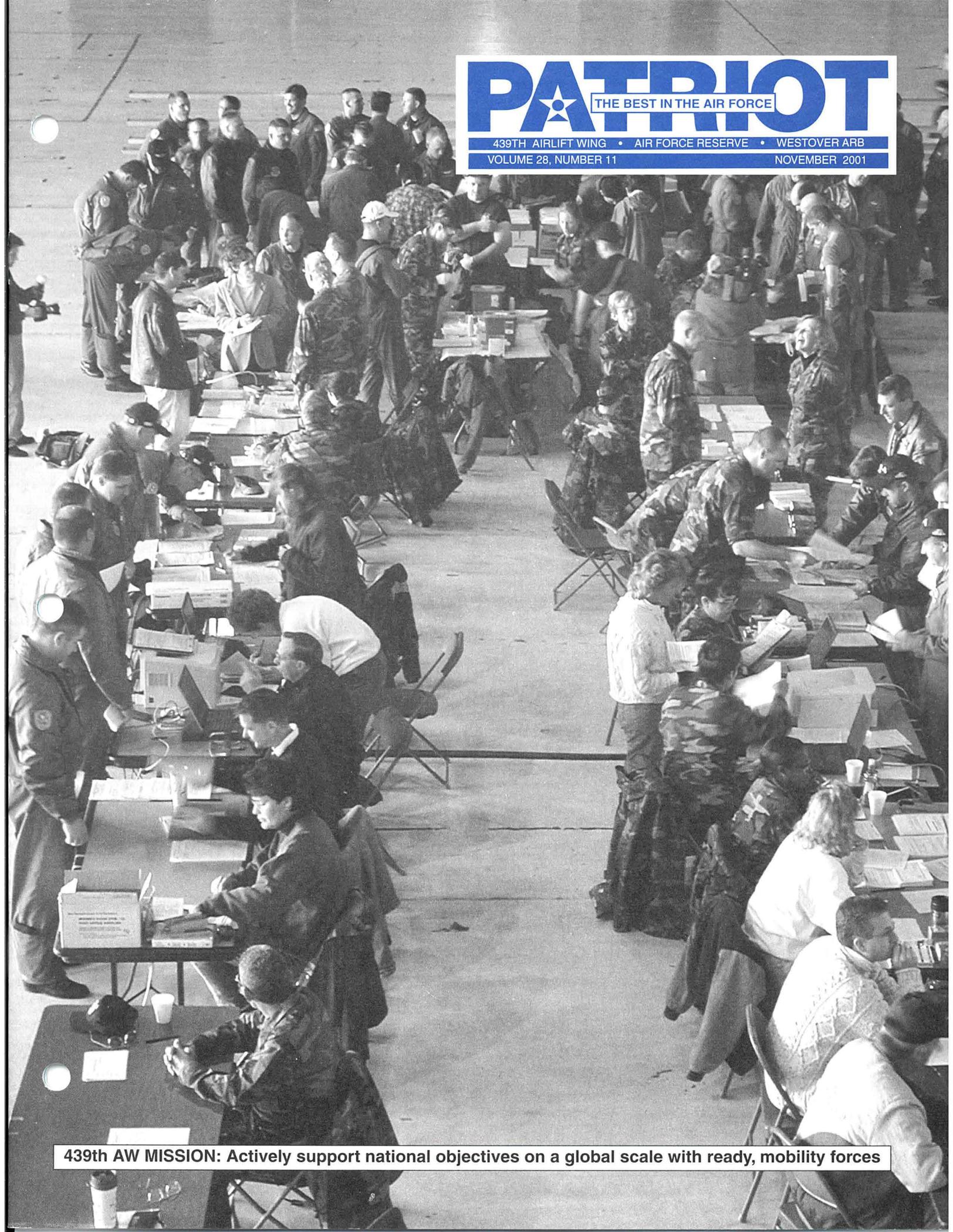
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LIFE GOES ON

The immediate days and weeks following the September 11 terrorist attacks were filled with many of you calling into your units and identifying yourselves as ready to go if needed. You live up to our name: PATRIOT WING. We seem to find ourselves living our lives by the scrolling bar on the bottom of the TV when tuned to CNN. Each new one-liner may make the difference in what happens tomorrow. The impression in the news seemed to indicate immediate reserve call up. To date some 40,000 National Guard and Reserve forces have been called. Many serve in a homeland defense roll, which is very apparent if you have made a trip to any airport lately. I appreciate all of you who have pulled duty voluntarily, be it a day or 31 days. Our aircrews and maintainers have put forward a significant volunteer effort and now count themselves among the mobilized. I thank our security forces personnel who have been activated and all who have pulled the extra hours to secure the installation. We could not provide the increased level of security required without you!

It seems hard these days to look out into the future and plan for upcoming events. Despite what goes on every day, we need to attempt to get back to living our lives, not just for today, but also for the future. I hope you have been able to have your family home life move back towards normal. We owe it to ourselves, our families and our coworkers to start. I saw a move in that direction in my own house Sunday night of the October UTA when my 10 year old sat down and began his Christmas list for Santa with the Sunday flyer for Toys-Are-Us. He started his planning for the future! Now I am not encouraging all of you to start your Christmas lists, however, I am encouraging you to look ahead to some big events we have coming. Whether you find yourselves deployed or here at Westover, we are still planning for EORIs (LG in November) for those UTCs not evaluated to date. We have Health Services Inspections for the medical units, Aircrew Standardization /Evaluation Visit for the Flyers and a Unit Compliance Inspection for all of us in May 2002. So, despite there being a new normal here at Westover, one thing has not changed. Please continue to do your job in the safe, efficient and effective manner you always have. You are too important to expect anything else.

Thanks for all you do!



Col. Martin M. Mazick

by Col. Martin M. Mazick
439th Airlift Wing Commander

Briefs

SGLI deadline

On Nov. 1, 2001, Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance coverage will automatically include children (no additional charge) and spouses (premium based on age). Premium for the additional coverage will be automatically deducted from the member's military pay unless the member cancels or reduces coverage, in writing at the Military Personnel Flight, prior to Nov. 1. For further information, call MPF at Ext. 3874, or log on to www.insurance.va.gov/sglivgli/sglifam/htm

Thrift savings briefing

There will be a "free" briefing on the new Thrift Savings Plan for the Uniformed Services. The legal office will provide information on how this type of retirement savings plan could possibly benefit an individual for tax purposes and, of course, as a retirement savings plan. The MPF will brief on the "nuts and bolts" of enrolling in the plan. The initial Open Season for the Thrift Savings Plan for the Uniformed Services is 9 Oct 01 - 31 Jan 02. The briefing will be held in the Wing Conference Center on Sunday of the November A-UTA, Nov. 4, from 1200-1330 and Saturday of the B-UTA, Nov. 17, 12-1330.

More specifics on this plan were in the MPF Career Focus insert in the October Patriot.

Air Force Aid Society

Reservists are eligible for emergency financial assistance if they are on orders for 15 or more days. Family Readiness is now authorized to provide direct AFAS assistance rather than the Red Cross. Call Linda Rieth at 557-3024 for more information.

December UTA schedule
A UTA Dec. 3-4
B UTA Dec. 17-18

Cover photo
LINE OF DUTY — Members of Westover's aircrews move through the mobility line as part of an activation affecting nearly 1,000 base reservists.

—photo by MSgt. W.C. Pope

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Nearly 1,000 base reservists activated

By MSgt. Tom Allocco

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On Oct. 18, the day the Pentagon reported the first fighting by American ground troops in Afghanistan, Westover announced the activation of 903 reservists, including aircrews and maintenance members.

Mobility lines were set up in the Base Hangar, a real-world setting not seen since the Desert Shield activation of aircrews and maintenance reservists, followed several months later by the majority of wing members in August and December, 1990.

As activated reservists wended their way from station to station along two rows of tables during the Thursday and Friday mobility processing, they were the focus of attention of all New England. Newspaper, radio and TV reporters shadowed their every step, telling audiences that Westover's men and women were leaving their civilian jobs and revamping their family lives.

Between reports of day-and-night U.S. and RAF air strikes and scatter shot anthrax terrorism, the reading and viewing public saw Westover reservists described as self-sacrificing patriots by the news media. When asked about the disruption of their lives, more than one reservist made reference to the emotional impact of Sept. 11.

A sign of the new face of war was the black sticker placed over nametags of acti-



MOBILIZATION MEDIA — Lt. Col. Joel, 439th AMD flight surgeon, interviews with Channel 22 reporter Ellen Cheng on the mobility line in October. — photo by MSgt. W. C. Pope

vated reservists who were interviewed on TV as simply "Sergeant John or Jane." In a strange war in which the battle line is everywhere, security is a national priority.

On their first day of active duty, reservists had the consolation of participating in an efficient, fast moving mobilization line set up by the men and women of the Military Personnel Flight, Finance, Legal, Medical, Chaplain and Family Readiness Center. As they have done for the Westover family in peace and war, the volunteers of the Pioneer Valley USO were on duty from beginning to end with plenty of hot coffee, donuts, home baked treats.

As was the case since the first Septem-

ber 11-12 mission that delivered rescue teams and equipment for New York City, several Westover aircrews were on undisclosed worldwide missions in support of the Operation Enduring Freedom.

The activation was intended to add muscle to Westover's ability to continue those efforts. Activated were 262 members of the 439th Operations Group, including aircrews, Intelligence, Life Support and administrative specialists, and 641 members from the 439th Logistics Group. Earlier in the month, 41 security specialists were activated. Others among the total of 2,450 members of the 439th AW were advised of the possibility of further activation in coming days.

41 security forces reservists are first to get the call

by Gordon A. Newell

Westover called its first reservists to active duty Oct. 1, when 41 members of the 439th Security Forces Squadron were brought on board to help guard the base against possible terrorist attack.

"I realize the imposition we are putting on your lives," said Col. Martin M. Mazick, commander of the 439th Airlift Wing, "but we really need your help."

The reservists, for the most part, will remain at the base protecting the flight line, entrance gates and other base properties.

Security tightened at the base since the September 11 terrorist acts at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania.

The security forces are the first reservists activated at Westover since the attacks and are called up for one year. However Westover crew have been busy over the past month, supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. As of Oct. 15, four 337th Airlift Squadron crews, augmented by crew chiefs, and four Westover C-5As were on the participating on the operation.

Maj. Mary Ann, who is commander of the 439th Security Forces Squadron was set to retire from the Air Force Reserve but the events of Sept. 11 changed all that.

"I decided to stick around for a while," she said, "I'll do what I can to help. I don't know that anyone could have imagined that what happened actually would but this is what we train do to. It's the reason we're here."

Westover was under Force Protection Condition Delta immediately after the attacks but went down to Charlie about a week later and then to Bravo. When bombing strikes commenced on Afghanistan Oct. 8, the Condition was elevated to Charlie once again.

With only the Industrial Gate open to vehicular traffic, all enter the base through tight security that includes 100 percent ID checks. Commercial vehicles are pulled off to the side and contents are inspected.

Vehicles making deliveries to the base are detained at the gate until they can be escorted to their destination by a representative of the agency involved.

In addition under Force Protection Condition Charlie, all buildings on the base are locked and have only once entrance. Those entering must show proper ID and sign in upon entering and sign out when leaving.

Maj. Mary Ann summed security measures up when she said, "I don't things will ever be the same at Westover. Security will be tighter from now on."



DOUBLE DUTY — SSgt. Cheryl (center above) poses with fellow graduates of the NYPD academy. At right, she works the main gate at Westover, checking ID's.



Divided loyalties pull at security forces

By SMSgt. Sandi Michon

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It's a conflict between defending your city and defending your country.

The majority of the 41 security forces reservists activated on Oct. 1 face that dilemma, particularly three New York City police officers now serving at Westover.

"I still feel very connected to New York. My partner and buddies are all still working crazy hours at Ground Zero," said SSgt. Cheryl, who works in the 9th Precinct in Lower Manhattan. Although assigned to a "conditions team" with the Tompkin Square Park squad, Cheryl was drawn from her regular duty on Sept. 12 to guard City Hall and other detail assignments in New York City.

"It was like a war zone... barriers everywhere, everything covered in ash. Our headquarters in that area was completely covered with dust and windows were broken everywhere," she recalls. "As we walked toward city hall for duty, about 500 rescue workers came sprinting towards us. When we learned they suspected a gas leak, we joined the race away from the area."

Her clear, blue eyes betray sadness as she recalled seeing the bodies carried to temporary morgues. "The hardest part of the first day was hearing the police dispatch radios report 911 calls from cell phones, presumably from within the collapsed buildings," Cheryl said. She said that AT&T sent in a special truck to

enhance the cell phone signals. "It was sad to see the truck leave the area the next day," she said, indicating the waning hope of rescue. "We couldn't get to them," she said. Her combat uniform with full security gear contrasts her compassionate countenance.

Each time a body or body part of an officer or firefighter was found, officers would stop what they were doing and salute as police motorcycles formed a motorcade to escort the ambulance from the site.

By Thursday of the first week, torrential rains with thunderstorms dampened the spirit of rescue workers. As Cheryl walked away from the area with co-workers that day, she saw an encouraging sight. "As we all filed by, a woman was sitting in the pouring rain on the side of the street with a huge 'thank you' sign," she remembers, noting that the woman's simple gesture provided a much-needed lift. Cheryl is impressed with the Red Cross and Salvation Army personnel who are working so hard to support the effort. She is also encouraged by the many police officers, from all over, that have come to New York to help out.

Police duty, after Sept. 11, averaged 18 to 22 hours a day. "With long hours and little sleep, we sort of went on auto-pilot," she said. "It's probably the only time I'll ever stay in a Trump hotel," she said wryly, referring to one of many New York hotels that offered free rooms to police, firefighters and rescue workers.

In the first three weeks, Cheryl saw diverse reactions to the tragedy. She related that a fellow police officer from her precinct

had run from the scene as one tower collapsed and was later found, covered with ash and dust, wandering on the West Side Highway. Officers picked him up, read his badge number, and brought him back to his precinct. "He hasn't been the same since," Cheryl said.

SSgt. Kevin agrees, that no matter what the reaction to the tragedy, everyone has been changed. Kevin, a NYPD officer with Mid-



CHANGE OF PLANS — SSgt. Chris, at left as an NYPD officer, and below checking weapons at the base armory.



town North, had been promoted to sergeant in August and was attending supervisor training in Brooklyn on Sept. 11. He and the 95 new sergeants in his class were released to become patrol supervisors for up to 1,000 police recruits also released from their academy. He supervised up to 20 recruits as they patrolled "fixed posts" in the city after the World Trade Center attack. "I've never seen anything like it. It's still hard to comprehend," said the six-year veteran of the police force and reservist at Westover for 10 years. "It's amazing how everyone in the city came together," he said. Kevin noted that police, in general, have gotten a lot of negative publicity in recent times. "It's nice to hear people say 'thank you' and know they appreciate the everyday risks of our job," he said.

Kevin, a native of Queens, N.Y., also plays the bagpipes as an additional duty for the NYPD. He did two memorial services at the beginning of October. "All officers are brothers to me," Kevin said, his expression stoic.

Both Kevin and Cheryl found it emotional to hand in their police ID, shield and guns when they were reassigned to the Military Leave Desk which is the NYPD's administrative transfer for indefinite military leave. "I only met my precinct as their new sergeant for a day when I had to turn in my gun," Kevin said, but noted that they were very supportive of his military contribution.

Cheryl, who served a 36-day tour in Kuwait in May, took her activation in stride despite the emotional conflict. "I figure it's pay-back time," she said, referring to military assistance with her bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Including her police academy for the Air Force, Cheryl has completed three academies, including the eight-month NYPD academy. In her activation, so far, Cheryl has found her "shorter", 12-hour shifts have given her more time to process the frenetic events of the previous month — and sometimes, that's hard. "It still feel like I'm on an annual tour," she said, "I don't think it's really hit me yet."

SSgt. Chris was on annual tour here when disaster hit the city where he works as a police officer with the Transit Bronx Task Force, Subway Division. The tall, lanky sergeant is no stranger to police work as he spent more than seven years on active duty in Germany, Florida, Okinawa and Massachusetts. When Westover went on "Delta" alert after the September 11 attack, Chris was badly needed at Westover and served out his annual tour before returning to New York on Sept. 21. While at Westover, he worried about co-workers and fellow officers like Cheryl who worked in precincts close to Ground Zero.

Once back in New York, Chris worked tunnel patrols between Manhattan and the Bronx as threat measures were high through-



UNIFORM OF THE DAY —
A newly-appointed NYPD sergeant, SSgt. Kevin (at left) works the main ID gate during the first two weeks of his activation at Westover. In photo below, taken in New York with his wife, Jessica, Kevin shows yet a third uniform he wears when playing the bagpipes as additional duty for NYPD.

out the city. "I wanted to help in any way that I could," Chris said.

Chris had wanted to be a police officer since he was six-years-old and his latest goal is to fly helicopters with the NYPD's aviation unit. He has been taking private helicopter lessons and the Wing commander at Westover, Col. Martin M. Mazick, had approved his October 1 transfer to the Army National Guard's 642nd DFAS in New York to train as a rotary wing aviator. He celebrated his one-year anniversary with NYPD on Sept. 29 and — in a sudden twist of fate — received his activation notice from Westover. He reported for duty on Sept. 30 — shattering his transfer plans to train with a helicopter unit.

"Yeah, you have plans, but you have to make the best of the situation," said Chris, still cheerful and looking for ways to help his co-workers. He said he always had supervisors that took care of their troops, and wanted his main focus to be the same. As a single person, he hopes to ease the strain on activated reservists that are married. "I want to see people get family time; maybe I can work a shift for them to help them out," he said.

Those activated in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom intimately know the personal sacrifice of activation, but they have counted the cost,



and are proud to serve. According to 439th SPF Operations Officer, Capt. Michael, three-fourths of those activated serve in the civilian law enforcement career field.

Some, like Cheryl, may give up apartments rather than have them empty for months, and others may put on hold lifelong dreams and new jobs like Chris and Kevin — but all keep a commitment to duty that's stronger than ever.

GROUND ZERO —
Lt. Col. Tim
Olmstead, a former C-5 pilot and
safety officer at Westover, stands
at Ground Zero where he was
summoned as an
Emergency Preparedness Liaison
Officer for the Federal Emer-
gency Management Agency
shortly after the
September 11 at-
tacks on the World
Trade Center.



Two former wing members serve FEMA in NYC

By MSgt. Tom Allocco
 Photo courtesy of Lt. Col. Olmstead

Experiencing the shock, pain and anger after the attack on America, the nation had the consolation of witnessing a coordinated, effective emergency rescue effort.

Two former Westover members were among the first emergency preparedness liaison officers (EPLO) to respond to the terrorist attack. Lt. Col. Timothy Olmstead, who left Westover as flying safety officer in 1998; and Col. Glen Martin, former 439th Support Group vice commander, were close to ground zero during the first physically and emotionally draining days.

Olmstead was flying a private aircraft on the morning of the attack when an air traffic controller told him all aircraft had been to land. During the hectic hours that followed he reported first to Connecticut National Guard headquarters, Hartford, and then Willow Grove ARS, Pa. where he began developing airlift support. He was then transferred to FEMA regional office at Maynard, Mass. Meanwhile, Martin was ordered to Roslyn, Va. near the Pentagon, then stopped in New Jersey and told to report back to Maynard.

The two worked with other EPLO officers without sleep around-the-clock. They

coordinated missions including Civil Air Patrol flights, transportation of Army Corps of Engineer teams, establishing staging areas for the injured, delivery of blood and medical equipment, and moving urban search and rescue teams, such as the mission by a Westover aircrew from Travis AFB, Calif.

Two days after the attacks, they reported to Federal Plaza in New York City, six blocks from ground zero. With little sleep, they coordinated FEMA operations over the next nine days.

"South of Canal Street was completely shut off by police...one big shock was getting to New York City and upper Manhattan actually looked normal. Canal Street was the line of demarcation. Life stopped south of Canal Street. During the first days, until the first rain there was always two or three inches of dust hovering over the ground," Olmstead said.

During his career, Olmstead served in Desert Storm, saw the Kuwait oil well fires and flew into Somalia but New York City was a unique experience.

"The devastation was like nothing I've ever seen. I've seen a lot of bad things but nothing like this. Plus this is American soil. You'd pull off the respirator and it smelled like burnt electrical wire and the smell of

death," Olmstead said.

"I don't think anything prepares you to walk to ground zero and see that," he said.

Olmstead and Martin worked for days with little sleep and their phones kept ringing after they eventually got to a hotel room.

"When we first saw the area at night, it was a heap of rubble, very gothic. Everything was moving but it was like slow motion. You could see it in everybody's faces. Police and firefighters were digging by hand, trying to find their friends," Olmstead said.

The dawning awareness that there would be no survivors found in the rubble was disheartening. "Everybody in America wanted to help and everybody thought there were people trapped in the debris. It was frustrating that there were no survivors. Everyone held out hope for so long," he said.

When Olmstead left New York City, he took with him one memory that gave him a sense of strength. Two or three blocks away from the World Trade Center stands old St. Paul's Cathedral. It was in that cathedral, when New York City was the nation's capital, when George Washington was inaugurated. Olmstead noted that the cathedral remained unscathed, a symbol from colonial days to the present, that the nation will endure.

Recent Stop/Loss order affects 41 this month

By MSgt. Tom Allocco

A recent Stop Loss order derailed the plans of 41 Westover Reservists who were scheduled to leave the wing in October. Ten other members were allowed to leave the unit under the Stop Loss order.

The initial Stop Loss authorized by the Secretary of Defense affected only those planning to leave the Air Force Reserve during the month of October. At the time, the HQ Air Force Reserve Command which oversees Stop Loss procedures was also weighing the options of continuing Stop Loss for everyone or limiting it to only certain AFSCs, said SMSgt Beverly Cote, chief of the 439th Military Personnel Flight's Personnel Relocations.

The last time Stop Loss was instituted was during operations in Kosovo

in 1999, when the order was in effect for only three weeks. Stop Loss affects active duty, Reserve and Air Guard National members.

The Air Reserve Personnel Center mailed a letter to all reservists in October that outlined the Stop Loss policy.

Reservists to whom the Stop Loss restrictions apply include:

- those seeking to retire under age 60
- voluntary reassignment to inactive status
- involuntary reassignment to ARPC for reasons such as unsatisfactory participation
- voluntary separation due to their contract expiring, pregnancy or early release to further education
- those transferring to other branches of the Armed Forces

Some Reservists are not affected by Stop Loss including those:

- retiring at age 60
- retiring for medical reasons
- transferring to the active duty Air Force, Air National Guard or IMA program (points only)
- transferring to a commissioning program
- involuntary discharge

Reservists whose retirements are suspended by Stop Loss will be required to re-submit their retirement application. Cote estimated that re-applications will be processed within 60 days of the lifting of Stop Loss restrictions.

For more information on the Stop Loss program, call Cote at Ext. 2588 or SSgt. Nadine Joy at Ext. 3425.

New recruiting strategy nets record numbers

By MSgt. Tom Allocco

A new recruiting strategy, additional manpower and resources, and innovative approaches helped the Air Force Reserve Command recruiters deliver a record number of recruits during fiscal 2001.

Nation-wide, the recruiters signed up more than 10,500 recruits, surpassing the goal of 10,037. The recruiters brought in almost 6,000 people who had separated from the active duty Air Force and almost 2,000 who had prior service in other branches. One-quarter of new recruits, about 2,600, were non-prior service individuals.

According to Westover's Senior Recruiter SMSgt. Ron Tyson, Westover had the best recruiting year of the past decade — with 330 enlistments in fiscal 2001 compared with 190 enlistments for the previous year.

In previous years, a robust economy, low unemployment, and a reduced active-duty pool to recruit from hampered Reserve recruiting efforts. Shortfalls in recruiting prompted a number of steps to boost the numbers, including:

- ▶ Adding 50 recruiters and locating them in satellite offices in such community locations such as shopping malls.
- ▶ Pumping up the recruiting annual advertising budget from about \$5 million in the 1990s to \$12 million in fiscal 2001.
- ▶ Targeting inactive prior-service people who served in other military branches.
- ▶ Instituting the "Get One" program in which reservists recommend potential recruits.

Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, chief of the Air Force Reserve, said the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 reinforce the importance of recruiting.

"The more than 10,000 dedicated recruits enlisted this year proudly join our country's 'war against terrorism'. We cannot maintain our level of highly qualified reservists without the dedication of our first link to our command — our recruiters. Dedication, motivation and experience are all key qualities of our force and absolute essentials for our forces to be successful in supporting Air Force missions worldwide," Sherrard said.



RECRUITER CONFERENCE — Westover recruiters hosted an Air Force Reserve Senior Recruiting Training Session at the Conference Center Oct. 14-19. Seventy-eight senior recruiters attended the conference. In above photo, recruiters are briefed on LTS 2000, a computerized leads-tracking system.

— photo by MSgt. W. C. Pope



SALUTE FOR SERVICE — Westover salutes three retiring reservists with 83 years combined service. All three women enlisted in the 70's and earned base-wide respect for their professionalism and pursuit of excellence. From left are: CMSgt. Pat Byrnes, former first sergeant with the 439th AGS, Col. Diane M. Russell, former Inspector General with the 439th AW, and Maj. Martha Shea, former health services administrator with the 439th AMDS. All three served at Westover during Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

— photo by MSgt. W. C. Pope



ROTOR-Y CLUB — Westover loadmasters figure the logistics for loading an H-92, an experimental helicopter developed by Sikorsky Aircraft in Conn.
— photo by MSgt. W. C. Pope

Extended base hours

The **base gym** is now open 5:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. Monday through Friday. Hours on the A and B UTAs are: Saturday, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m., Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gym is open on non-UTA weekends on Saturday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and closed on Sunday.

The **base shoppette** is now open Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Sunday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

The **base barber shop** hours are now Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

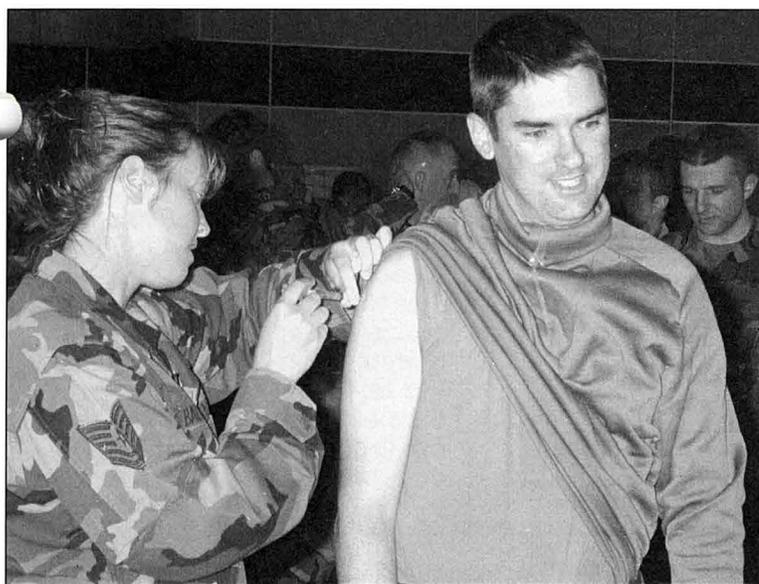
The **Club** is now open for lunch and dinner seven days a week. Lunch is scheduled from 11 a.m.– 1 p.m. and dinner is 5–7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 5-8 p.m. on Thursday and Sunday, and 5- 9 p.m. on Friday. The lounge is open 4 - 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Sunday and until 11:30 on Friday and Saturday.

439th AW fiscal 2002 UTA Schedule

| Month | A UTA | B UTA |
|-----------|-------|----------|
| October | 13-14 | 27-28 |
| November | 3-4 | 17-18 |
| December | 1-2 | No B UTA |
| January | 5-6 | 26-27 |
| February | 2-3 | 23-24 |
| March | 2-3 | 16-17 |
| April | 6-7 | 20-21 |
| May | 4-5 | 18-19 |
| June | 1-2 | 22-23 |
| July | 13-14 | 27-28 |
| August | 3-4 | 17-18 |
| September | 7-8 | 21-22 |



Whirlwind of war



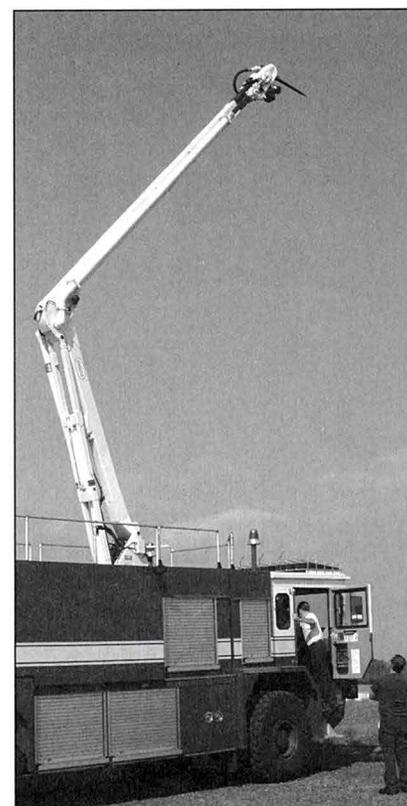
FACE OF WESTOVER — Some days become a blur with stepped-up activity at the base in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Mobilization lines involve medical shots and media shots of base events. The base and the community train together to face possible contingencies.

Photos by MSgt. W. C. Pope



**AIR RESERVE PERSONNEL CENTER
FY03 PROMOTION BOARD SCHEDULE**
(Boards meet in Calendar year 02)

| <u>DATES</u> | <u>BOARDS</u> | <u>REQUIREMENTS</u> |
|--------------|--|---------------------|
| 11-16 FEB 02 | MANDATORY | DOR or earlier |
| | FY03 Line and Nonline Major | 30 Sep 96 |
| 11-16 FEB 02 | POSITION VACANCY (PV) | DOR or earlier |
| | FY03 Line and Nonline Major | 30 Sep 98 |
| 10-14 APR 02 | Reserve Command Screening Board (RCSB) | |
| 22-26 Apr 02 | MANDATORY | DOR or earlier |
| | FY03 JAG & Chaplain Captain | 30 Sep 99 |
| | FY03 JAG & Chaplain Major | 30 Sep 96 |
| | FY03 JAG & Chaplain Lt Col | 30 Sep 96 |
| 22-26 Apr 02 | POSITION VACANCY (PV) | DOR or earlier |
| | FY03 JAG & Chaplain Captain | 30 Sep 00 |
| | FY03 JAG & Chaplain Major | 30 Sep 98 |
| | FY03 JAG & Chaplain Lt Col | 30 Sep 98 |
| 24-28 JUN 02 | MANDATORY | DOR or earlier |
| | FY03 Line and Health Professions Captain | 30 Sep 99 |
| | FY03 Line and Health Professions Lt Col | 30 Sep 96 |
| 24-28 JUN 02 | POSITION VACANCY (PV) | DOR or earlier |
| | FY03 Line and Health Professions Capt and Lt Col | 30 Sep 00/30 Sep 98 |
| 18-22 SEP 02 | Reserve Brig Gen Qualification Selection Board | |
| 21-25 OCT 02 | MANDATORY | DOR or earlier |
| | FY03 Colonel Promotion Selection Board | 30 Sep 99 |



Penetrating power

Westover's new TI-3000 commercial fire truck is put through the paces in October. The truck is equipped with a snuzzle adapter which can penetrate an aircraft or building to deliver up to 3,000 gallons of extinguishing agent comprised of water and foam concentrate.

— photo by MSgt. W. C. Pope

Col. McCarthy moves to new position with 22nd AF

By SMSgt. Sandi Michon

After eight years at Westover, the last five as 439th Operations Group Commander, Col. David J. McCarthy moves to a new position as Assistant Vice Commander with 22nd Air Force at Dobbins ARB, Ga. He will be assisting Maj. Gen James D. Bankers, 22nd Air Force commander, and former 439th AW commander.

A native of Queens, N.Y., McCarthy began his military career as a tank commander with the Army National Guard for four years before starting his flying career in 1973. Since then, he has amassed more than 10,000 flying hours in C-141s and C-5s.

At a farewell luncheon on Oct. 4, personnel from many Westover units praised McCarthy's leadership and presented caps, coins, a caricature, a trio of eagles and good-natured teasing to roast the departing colonel.

McCarthy returned the praise. He appreciates how hard Westover units work together to provide solutions to tough problems, despite various obstacles such as being understaffed. "Westover has become my paradigm of people that 'make it happen' when something needs to be done," he said.

During his tenure as Operations Group Commander, McCarthy experienced many challenges and the assistance needed from

higher levels. He brings this operations perspective to his 22nd Air Force job and hopes to work on creative solutions.

"But most of all," said McCarthy, "I want to stress the value of Westover as a strategic base because of its location and unique resources."

McCarthy and his wife Sherry (Wright), a former Air Force flight nurse, have two daughters.



Col. David J. McCarthy

Patriot People

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Age: 23 years
Address: Stephentown, NY
Unit: 42nd Aerial Port Squadron
Position: Orderly Room Technician
Civilian position: Production Underwriter
Favorite food: Lobster
Years of service: 6 years
Favorite sport: NASCAR
Favorite hobby: Spending time with son Caleb
Ideal vacation: Bahamas
Best way to relax: Sleep
Preferred entertainment:
 Watching Boyfriend Buddy Race
Favorite hero: Father—Charles
Favorite music: Alternative, Janis Joplin
Favorite movie: "Breakfast Club"
Favorite aircraft: B-2
Pet peeve: Slow drivers
What I would do if I won \$1 million:
 Pay off all my debt and live comfortably

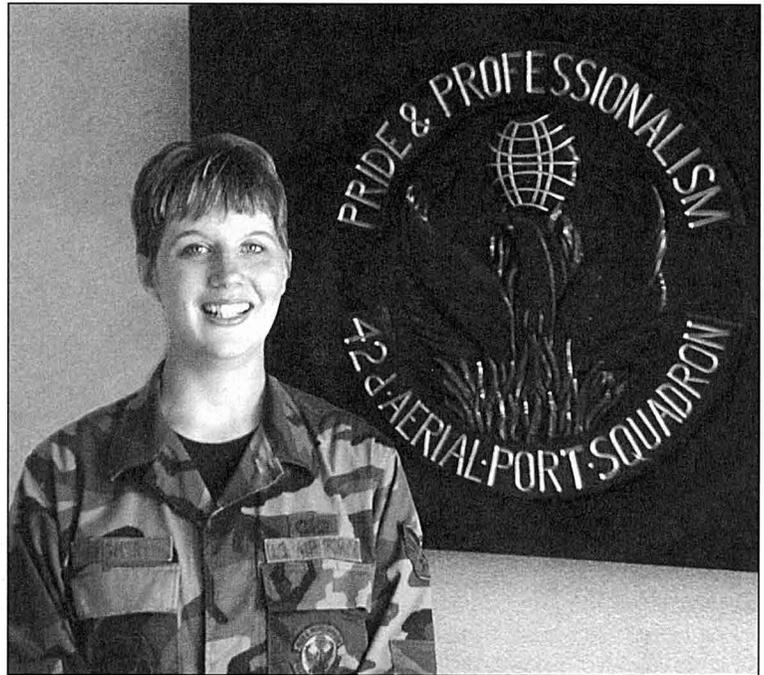


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SRA Katie Fisher

Patriot Praises

Promotions:

SMSgt. Adams, John C.
 SMSgt. Medvetsky, Cheryl A.
 MSgt. Smith, Gary E.
 TSgt. Aziz, Stephen G.
 TSgt. Bellerose, Michael R.
 TSgt. Creager, Janet M.
 TSgt. Green, Daniel W.
 TSgt. Guerin, Michael
 TSgt. Larkowski, Robert A.
 TSgt. Peterson, Steven G.
 TSgt. Sjogren, Jeanclaude
 TSgt. Wallitis, Michael R.
 TSgt. Winters, Abram L.
 TSgt. Woelper, David M.
 SSGt. Lewis, David C.
 SSGt. Newhart, Shane L.
 SSGt. Shelton, Cynthia J.
 SSGt. Sprague, Debra L.
 SrA. Bray, Martin A.
 SrA. Vachon, Matthew V.

Newly Assigned:

SSgt. Theriault, Andre R.
 SrA. Biscoe, Andrew S.
 SrA. Deyo, Kevin P.
 SrA. Jester, Michael J.
 SrA. Titus, Precious K.

Enlistments:

TSgt. Trabert, Kenneth H.
 SSgt. Ferguson, Elizabeth I.
 SSgt. Hedges, Russell A.
 SSgt. Waite, Steven R.
 SSGt. Williams, William R., Jr.
 SrA. Byng, Brent P.
 SrA. Green, Barry
 SrA. Hyland, Daniel
 SrA. Mould, David C.
 SrA. Shanks, Todd H.
 A1C Anderson, Michael J.
 A1C Bassett, Harley J.
 A1C Chango, Jonathan J.
 A1C Depre, Kenneth J.
 A1C Graves, Michael L.
 A1C Higby, Jamie L.
 A1C Letourneau, Andrew R.
 A1C Marchbanks, Edward H., Jr.
 A1C Moore, James L.
 Amn. Say, David G.
 AB Burgess, Jeffrey S.
 AB Fernandes, Steven A.
 AB Kovacevic, Benjamin J.

Retirements:

Maj. Gosselin, Richard A., Jr.
 Maj. Shea, Martha C.
 CMSgt. Byrnes, Patricia A.
 CMSgt. Rosarioflores, Hector M.
 MSgt. Bolton, Victoria L.
 MSgt. Lawton, David W.
 TSgt. Bennett, Everett D., III
 TSgt. Rockhill, George E.

Awards and Decorations

Meritorious Service Medal

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| MSgt. Waymond Dotson* | 439 APS |
| MSgt. Kenneth B. King | 439 LSS |
| MSgt. Shelli A. McCarthy | 439 ASTS |
| MSgt. Robert M. Mercure | 42 APS |
| TSgt. Thomas G. McDonough | 439 LG |

Air Force Commendation Medal

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| 2Lt. Robert E. Driscoll, Jr. | 439 AMDS |
| TSgt. Jeffrey J. Casson | 439 LSS |
| TSgt. Fernando, Santana | 42 APS |

Air Force Achievement Medal

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| TSgt. Holly C. Durham | 42 APS |
| TSgt. Michael J. Healy | 42 APS |
| SrA. Cornelia Babcock | 439 ASTS |

*Second Award

CCAF Graduates, October 2001:

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|---------------------------|----------|
| SMSgt. Mark G. Johnson | 439 AES |
| MSgt. Richard W. Gheen | 439 MSS |
| MSgt. Anita Mancini | 42 APS |
| MSgt. David C. Pierrepont | 439 ASTS |
| MSgt. James Rodovich | 439 CES |
| TSgt. Keith A. Bodley | 439 AGS |
| TSgt. Lisa Spence-Elder | 439 AGS |
| SSgt. Andrew Reitano | 439 AW |
| SrA. Rebecca Pina | 439 ASTS |



Base welcomes bosses

Article and photo by Capt. Wilson Camelo

Civilian employers got a glimpse of "real" Air Force during the annual Employer Appreciation Day held Oct. 13. Westover played host to approximately 20 civilian employers of base reservists.

Even before stepping foot on the base, employers were able to see the military in action. With Force Protection Charlie in full effect due to the recent terrorist attacks, employers were subjected to the associated heightened security measures at the gate.

Once through the gate, employers attended a breakfast hosted by 439th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Martin Mazick. M. Mazick who thanked the employers for their support and explained that for reservists, their civilian job was one of three critical parts of their lives.

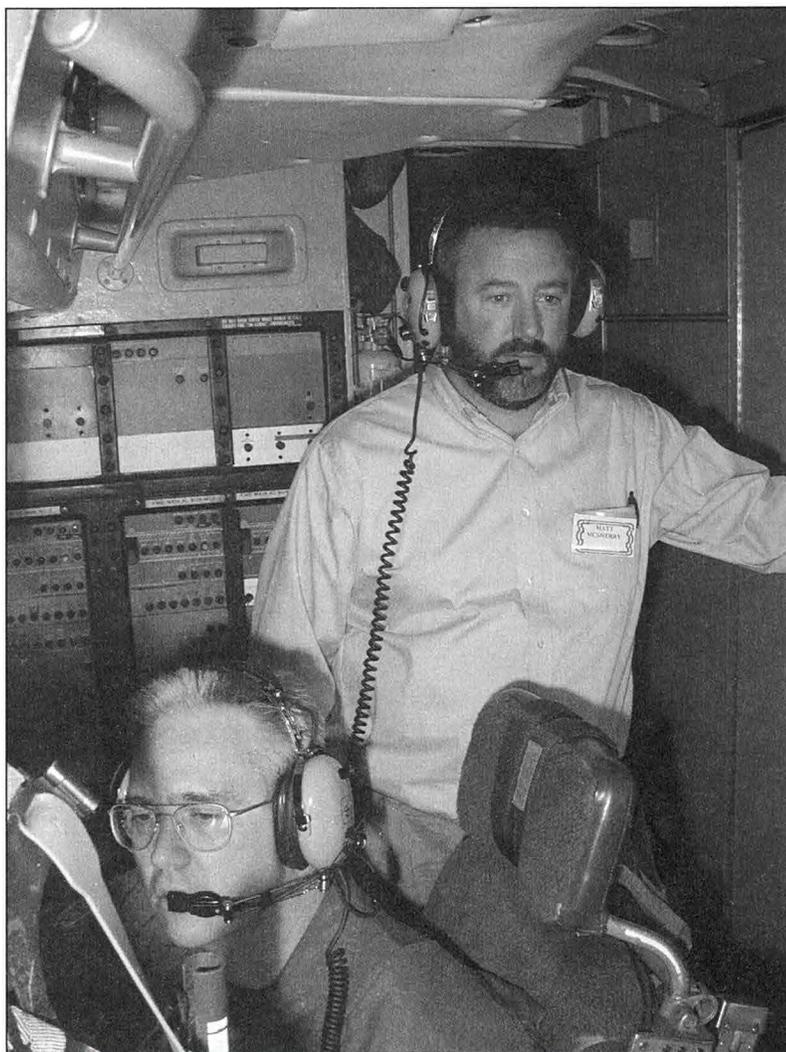
"If you can imagine a reservist standing on a three-legged stool, each leg would be represented by the three important components in their lives: their family, military unit and civilian job. If any of the three legs is out of whack, they can lose balance in their lives," he said.

Employers were then treated to a C-5 orientation flight over Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire. Aircraft Commander Maj. Lou from the 337th AS kept the Galaxy at about 11,000 feet to ensure everyone received a good view when they were brought into the cockpit during the flight.

Once on the ground, the employers were joined by their employee for lunch and a brief tour of base facilities.

"This was a great experience for me," said Paul Heyl, a shift manager at Alan Ritchey and the civilian employer of TSgt. Nancy, training program manager with the 439th AES. "Nancy always talks about her experiences at the base and it was good to see her contributions here."

Asked whether his support for his citizen-airman would wane if Nancy were called for duty, Heyl said she'd certainly be missed but he said his company wholeheartedly supports the Reserves.



BOSS LIFT — MSgt. Robert, flight engineer with the 337th AS, flies with his civilian employer Matt McSherry, a business unit manager with Hamilton Sundstrand of Windsor Locks, Conn. During an Employer Appreciation Day C-5 flight in October.

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"We'll take it from here," was the slogan attached to the above artwork. The artwork is credited to an unidentified 11-year-old student.

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