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'New Year, New Stuff' ahead for 439th

Welcome back! I hope the holidays were good to you and your family. I also want to thank all of you who were at the Commander's Call in December. Your cheering and applause for my promotion genuinely overwhelmed me. It was a wonderful day for my family and me.

The theme for 2003 seems to be "New Year, New Stuff." We will open up lodging buildings 5104 and 5105 in March, finish our expansion on the fire station, open up the MEPS building, welcome two new National Guard tenants and award the contract for the new security forces building by late summer.

We will spend the first part of 2003 educating all of you about the Anthrax Vaccination Program and the new Counter Chemical Warfare Concept of Operations (CCW-CONOPS). Both of these training venues will improve your readiness and prepare you to operate in a deployed environment. The Air Force has also expanded our Unit Type Codes (UTC's) for force deployment packages. Although these folks will not be tasked against a war plan, "on mobility," they will be subject to deployment for AEF or during mobilization. This new requirement adds almost 900 more people that must be trained in CCW and weapons. Some will have to begin training this year and others will receive "Just-in-Time" training. As I have discussed in the past, the lines between mobility and non-mobility are blurring fast. We are approaching the days when every airman in uniform can be tasked to deploy.

Readiness remains our number one priority and my commitment to you remains the same. No one will deploy from Westover without the appropriate training to make you ready. So keep your powder dry.

Thanks for all you do!

by Brig. Gen. Martin M. Mazick
439th Airlift Wing Commander



Brig. Gen. Martin M. Mazick

Briefs

Supporters can send holiday messages online

An online version of Operation Dear Abby allows supporters to send holiday greetings to members stationed overseas who will be separated from their loved ones during the holidays.

Troops can read any of the messages online, and then sort them by military service branch and by the state from which they were sent.

Officials developed a convenient download and printing process that allows messages to be distributed in hard copies. The websites are <http://www.operationdearabby.net> and <http://www.lifelines2000.org>

Dining facility to resume service on April A UTA

The Westover dining facility is scheduled to resume serving meals on UTA weekends beginning in April.

According to Maj. Charles Zaorski, 439th Services Squadron commander, the dining facility was closed in May 2002 because half of the squadron had been activated to serve in other areas.

The squadron continues to provide meals to reservists at the Westover Club.

Although all of the services members have since been deactivated, it will take the unit some time to finalize with a contract vendor and to confirm what responsibilities the civilian contractor will have.

"The reopening is taking a little longer than we originally planned, but we want to make sure that the personnel at Westover have a top-notch quality dining facility," Zaorski said.

Cover Photo

NEW STAR — Westover's newest flag officer, Brig. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, gets help with his new rank from son Marty (left) and parents Helen and Martin during the commander's ceremony on Dec. 8 at the fuel cell hangar (see article and additional photos on page 3).

— photo by SSgt. Andrew Biscoe

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Westover family salutes newest 439th AW brigadier general

by SSgt. Andrew Biscoe

The 439th Airlift Wing's sixth brigadier general earned rousing applause in the fuel cell hangar at Commander's Call on Dec. 8.

More than 2,500 people gathered to watch Brig. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, 439th AW commander, pin on his new rank. Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., Air Force Reserve Command vice commander, was also on hand for the ceremony.

Batbie joined Mazick's family and the new general on stage to pin the stars. After the pin-on, Mazick's family — along with the entire Westover family and community boosters — gave the wing commander a lengthy standing ovation.

Mazick, who has commanded at Westover since March 1999, was nominated for general by the president on Oct. 15.

"It is very rewarding for me personally and recognizes the sacrifice my family has made. I am extremely grateful to them," Mazick said. "I know that this promotion puts me in a new category, however I am the same guy today that I was before Nov. 20th."

Mazick credits the wing's mission performance as having a lot to do with his promotion. "I want to thank everyone in the wing, because in a large part, it was your performance over the last couple of years that I believe assured this promotion, and it recognizes Westover's accomplishments," he said.



photo by MSgt. W.C. Pope

STAR OF THE SHOW — Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., Air Force Reserve Command vice commander, and Brig. Gen. Martin M. Mazick's wife, Mary Jo, pin new general's stars on the wing commander.

The United States Senate confirmed Mazick as Westover's newest flag officer on Nov. 20.



photo by SSgt. Andrew Biscoe

GENERAL GREETINGS — Col. Dana S. Marsh, 439th Mission Support Group commander, congratulates Brig. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, 439th AW commander, following his promotion ceremony.

Born in Fanwood, N.J., Mazick graduated from Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains, N.J. He entered the U.S. Air Force in 1972 as a graduate of Rutgers University ROTC. He is a command pilot and has flown more than 8,500 hours in airlift, air-drop and tanker aircraft.

In addition to numerous medals, he also has earned the Legion of Merit. The general is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin J. Mazick of Fanwood. Prior to coming to Westover, he was commander of the 507th

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— **Brig. Gen. Martin M. Mazick**

Air Refueling Wing at Tinker AFB, Okla.

He and his wife Mary Jo (a colonel in the Air Force Reserve) are the parents of two sons, Marty and Matthew. They reside in Wilbraham.

Mazick joins three other commanders to be promoted to brigadier general while at Westover: Brig. Gens. Billy Knowles, Jack Ferguson, and Frederick "Mike" Walker.



Courtesy photos

DESERT DUTIES — (Above) MSgt. Stephen checks equipment on top of a jeep; Maj. Mary discusses the day's events with other deployed troops at their Southwest Asia location. Many of these Westover reservists are separated from their loved ones during the holidays while serving their country.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Last names of deployed reservists and exact locations are omitted to comply with security guidelines.

by SMSgt. Sandi Michon

How do you say "Merry Christmas" in Aramaic?

While it's unlikely that such greetings are exchanged in primarily Muslim countries, Westover reservists still strive to kindle a holiday spirit in the stifling heat of Southwest Asia deployments.

Nearly 50 Westover reservists, mostly medical and security forces, are spending all or part of their holiday season living in tents, working 12-hour shifts and using their free time clicking off e-mails to stay connected to loved ones at home.

Although it's unlikely that Santa will find a chimney in the various tent cities, reservists still find ways to make the holidays special. Security forces in one location plan to cook a turkey on the grill, said SMSgt. Michael*, first sergeant for his deployed unit. "Being from New England, it's tough to get in the Christmas spirit with the temperature hovering around 90," he said, but praised the MWR staff for their efforts to lessen the sadness of holiday separations. AAFES personnel also donated a Christmas tree and all the trimmings to each squadron to promote morale.

"It's hardest for the troops with young children at home," Michael said. "It's proba-

bly the toughest obstacle during the whole deployment."

Most deployments last 90 days, and Westover security reservists form a composite expeditionary security forces squadron with active duty and Guard personnel. As one of the squadron commanders, Maj. Mary* is the only reserve member, but she says it's never an issue. "We all just do our jobs," she said. According to 1st Lt. Shawn* at the same location, "it's amazing to see how the Total Force concept actually plays out in the real world... active duty personnel have praised our leadership."

Even on global deployments, it can still seem like a small world. Living in a tent city, which Mary calls an "adventure," she said, between 12-hour shifts and various planned activities, you get to meet almost everyone. "I've run into troops that I served on active duty with years ago, and even met a reservist who had served at Westover six years ago," she said.

While maintaining an aggressive force protection program so far from home has its challenges, the major said the support of family, friends and the Westover community makes a huge impact on morale. Somewhat tongue-in-cheek, she shared her warm-weather forecast as Westover endured yet another early season snow storm and frigid temperatures.

Others served 90-day rotations in the fall and are back home for the holidays.

Enduring deployments ...



SSgt. Conny Babcock, medical logistics journeyman with the 439th ASTS, worked in a field hospital in Southwest Asia, and returned home in mid-December. "I left 100-degree weather and came back to snow. I'm still freezing!" she said more than a week later.

Although it was hard to be away from her husband and three children, Babcock said her deployment flew by. "We were so busy," she said. Wounded Marines and Army personnel were treated at her facility, as well as others who were injured by land mines. "It's very real when you're closer to the front lines," said Babcock. While her deployed home was a bed in a small area of a tent partitioned by sheets — she wasn't complaining. "Compared to our Army and Marine counterparts, we lived in luxury," she said.

Her 10-year-old daughter's daily e-mails contained news of school events, sports and other activities and were regularly sprinkled with "I miss you, I love you, and, hurry home." According to Babcock, her children grew up in a military household and adjusted well in her absence, but they worried that she might not make it home for Christmas.

Babcock was deployed with five others from her unit, and fellow reservists often serve as surrogate family. "We [439th ASTS] are a tight unit to begin with. We know we can rely on each other," she said.

Apparently, others rely on them, too. Her ASTS associate, Lt. Edward*, clinical nurse, was tasked briefly to an aircraft carrier while

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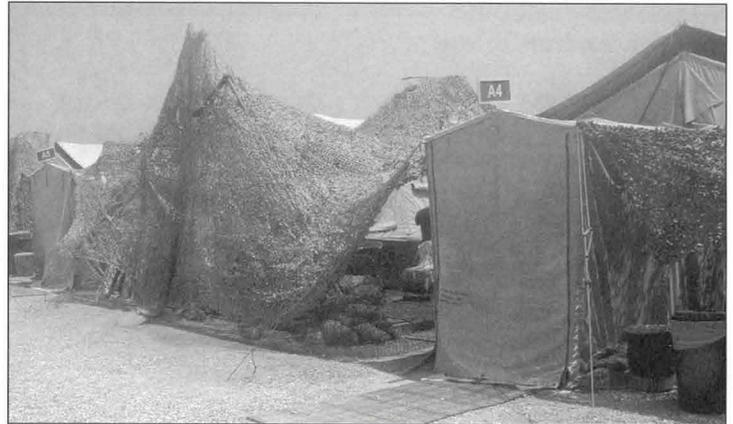
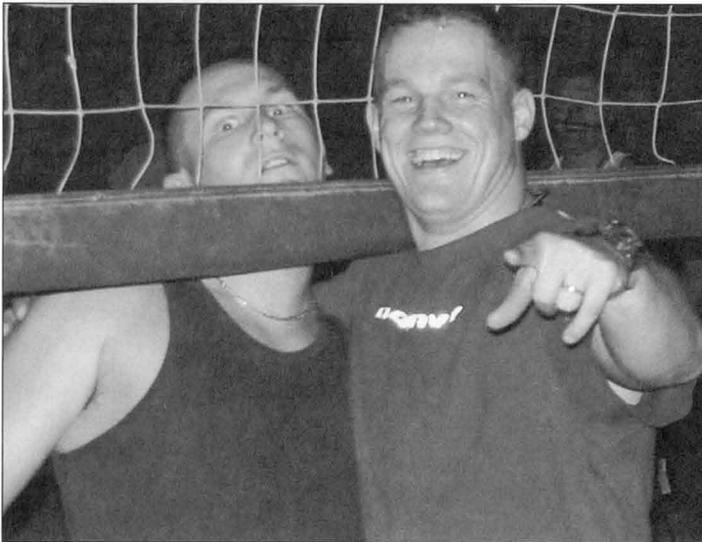


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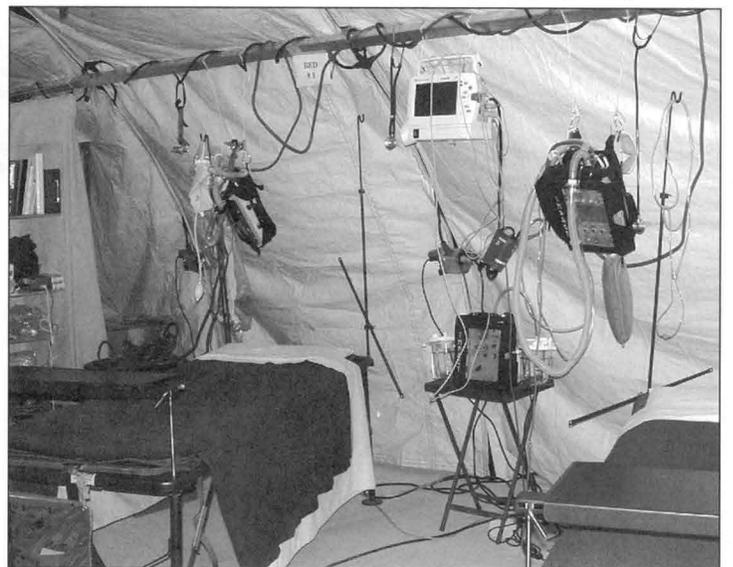


photo by SSgt. Conny Babcock

NET GAINS — (Clockwise from above) TSgt. Paul (left) and SSgt. Bruce take a break from a volleyball game for a lighter moment; deployed ASTS members set up tents (above right) and an intensive care unit (right); below right, members of the 439th SFS deployed stand with Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, during Jumper's recent visit to the troops. From left are, MSgt. Randy, TSgt. Michael, SMSgt. Mike, SSgt. Bruce, Maj. Mary, TSgt. Paul, and 1st Lt. Shawn. The SFS members are serving a 90-day tour supporting the Aerospace Expeditionary Force (AEF).

deployed to the region in December. "It was awesome to see aircraft take off and land on the deck," Edward said. He also commented that the medical staff was not overwhelmed with work. "Business is good when things are quiet because it means less people are sick or hurt," he said.

It is not unusual to be tasked with special assignments while deployed. Members of the 439th AES are working in support of a medical supply center for the AOR (Area of Responsibility). MSgt. Richard* takes care of ground equipment needs and MSgt. Robert "Jeff"* provides radio support.

Depending on the deployment site and threat levels, some reservists get to mix with the culture. Security forces tend to be in more restricted areas while medical staff sampled local fare and even worked briefly in a civilian hospital. "You follow all the intel advice and



Courtesy photo

honor local customs," Edward said. Safety guidelines include: travel in small groups, don't stay in one place too long, don't say where you're from, and dress conservatively.

In a holiday season that touts peace and goodwill, Westover reservists feel they are doing their part to provide both. "Working

here provides a lot of satisfaction knowing that we are an intricate part in the war against terrorism," said MSgt. Stephen*, security forces journeyman.

By the way, "edo bri 'cho o rish d'shato brich 'to" is Merry Christmas in Aramaic, just in case you wondered.

Wing suits up for new era in chemical warfare training for 2003

Article and photos
by SSgt. Andrew Biscoe

Beginning this year, Westover's chemical warfare defense training will be more in-depth than ever. Longer initial and refresher courses in nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) training will take place during each UTA. Refresher courses will last between four and six hours, while the initial course will take up to seven.

Driving this expansion of NBC training – which involves the entire chain of command – is the ongoing support of the Aerospace Expeditionary Force (AEF). Reservists are expected to be trained and equipped just as their active-duty counterparts are. NBC training not only helps ensure that reservists can continue to fill the AEF roles around the world, it also applies to America's war on terror.

"Today we face an enemy that will use any weapon against us that he can get his hands on," said Brig. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, 439th AW commander. "When you are dealing with a mentality that will use suicide to get you, you have to be ready for anything."

The increased chemical warfare training also dovetails into Mazick's goals that he established at the base nearly four years ago.

"Our number one priority in this wing is READINESS," he said. "Training our folks in the new NBC CONOPS is critical to their survival and ability to carry out their duties after an attack. The new NBC CONOPS will allow our folks to get jets in the air faster after an attack! We must know how to interface with all agencies in order to accomplish this."

CONOPS (Counter Chemical Warfare Concept of Operations) is the new chemical warfare defense strategy for the Air Force. "This CONOPS concept started with Pacific Air Forces (PACAF)," said SMSgt. Alan P. Dedinas, 439th AW readiness technician. "The Air Force agreed and adopted the PACAF concept about three years ago. It's a better way of doing business."



EXTRA PROTECTION — SSgt. Timothy Kane, 439th SFS, dons inserts for his gloves as part of the new JSLIST chemical warfare protection ensemble. The security forces squadron is among the units at Westover already using the JSLIST suits.

NBC training: Q and A

Information provided by
SMSgt. Alan P. Dedinas, 439th AW readiness technician

Q. Is it true the chemical warfare refresher course will be longer in 2003?

A. Yes, the course will be between four and six hours. The refresher is longer because of increased attention on the gas mask. There is more hands-on learning like making sure the mask is clean and inspected. In addition there is more material to cover on the split MOPP operations, when we can actually split the base up into different areas, and on the threat and the hazards of nuclear, biological, and chemical (NBC) weapons. During the course, participants will also learn about their battle dress overgarment (BDO) or the new JSLIST suit, decontamination, reconnaissance operations for contamination, and contamination avoidance.

Q. What will participants learn during the class, and what should they bring?

A. They can expect to walk away with knowledge of how to operate in an NBC environment to keep the mission going and survive. They need to bring their C-1 training bag with their mask, BDO, cotton gloves, rubber gloves, boots, web belt and canteen. We'll teach them how to drink from their canteens.

Q. How long is the initial NBC class at Westover?

A. The initial course lasts about seven hours and includes an NBC reconnaissance film and a mask fit test. Initial and refresher courses are usually held at the readiness building on Patriot Avenue.

Q. What is the most important part of the ground crew ensemble (GCE) and why?

A. The mask. It is the mask you are going to war with and we need to protect our eye and respiratory systems first. It's up to each person to keep it clean and inspected. A mask should be checked as soon as it is issued. Common irregularities to look for include sand particles, rips, tears, cuts, dry rot, and general dirtiness. The mask is checked every seven days during wartime and every six months during peacetime. But after each exercise, reservists should ensure their masks are clean, serviceable and dry before being put away.

Q. Why is it so important to drink water before, during, and after wearing the GCE?

A. The body heats up when wearing the MOPP gear since the suit keeps in body heat. As a result, even at moderate temperatures like 50s and 60s, the potential is there for dehydration. It's important to know how to drink properly from a canteen while in MOPP gear.

Q. Please explain how the new JSLIST chem warfare suit differs from the current suit. Which squadrons are receiving these suits?

A. The new suits are a little lighter, don't get people dirty with charcoal and the hood is built into the jacket. Currently, the fire department, EOD and some SFS members are equipped with them but everybody will eventually wear the JS LIST suits.

Q. How often will chem warfare refresher training be offered in 2003?

A. Once each Saturday and Sunday on the A UTAs and at least one class during B UTAs. There will also be two classes per month for air reserve technicians (ARTs).

Information

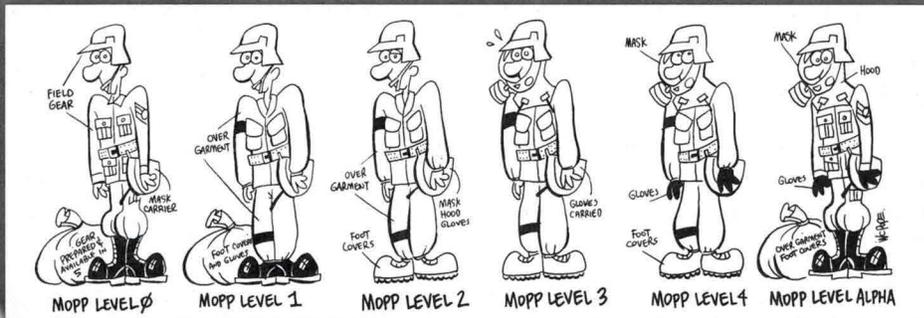
Reservists with questions about NBC training should contact their unit readiness representatives. Questions may also be directed to the 439 AW readiness staff at Ext. 3808. The staff is located in Bldg. 2416 on Patriot Avenue.

Whether preparing to be deployed, heading to an exercise, or taking part in a real-world event, reservists should pack copies of the Airman's Manual and Air Force Handbook 32-4014, Volume 4, *USAF Ability to Survive and Operate Procedures in a Nuclear, Biological and Chemical (NBC) Environment*.

Information on how to treat exposure to chemical agents, can be found in Air Force Manual 160-11, *Treatment of Chemical Agent Casualties and Conventional Military Chemical Injuries*.

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Ground crew ensemble forms first line of NBC protection

by 2nd Lt. Lance T. Patterson
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ROBINS AFB, Ga. — American military personnel have faced the threat of chemical and biological weapons several times in the past 85 years, and current events portend little will change in the 21st century.

"Chemical and biological warfare is serious business," said Fred Robinson, chief of the 440th Readiness Flight at Gen. Mitchell International Airport Air Reserve Station in Milwaukee.

"In the recent past, we have seen a terrorist attack in the subway of Tokyo with sarin gas, a biological (salmonella) attack in the Hood River region of Oregon and the Iraqis' use of nerve agents against an ethnic minority, the Kurds," he said. "We've also seen the full-scale use of blister and nerve gas agents between Iran and Iraq during their war (1980-1988)."

As a result, the U.S. military continues to update its protective gear to meet the growing threat, which can come in three physical forms — gas, liquid or aerosol (liquid or solid particles suspended in air).

Chemical agents can gain entry into the body through the mouth, nose and eyes, or by absorption through the skin. The main line of defense is the ground crew ensemble, which includes the standard issue MCU-2A/P Protective Mask with a serviceable C-2 canister installed. The mask protects the face and respiratory tract by removing harmful gases, vapors and aerosols, including oil-based aerosols, from the inhaled air.

Inhaled air is drawn through the canister, which contains chemical and a P100 filter that removes or neutralizes the contaminants. The air is then drawn through the face piece, where it passes over the lens before it is taken into the lungs. Exhaled air leaves the face piece through an outlet valve. Because the filter media breathing resistance is increased, the wearer has to work harder to breathe.



NAME HERE — TSgt. Sandra C. Mundt, left, helps MSgt. Alice L. Mitchell with her name tag during recent NBC training. They are members of the 439th Mission Support Squadron's Personnel Support for Contingency Operations (PERSCO) team.

Other ground crew ensemble items include either the woodland or desert camouflage-colored battle dress overgarment or chemical protection overgarment/joint service lightweight integrated suit technology. The BDO or CPO/JSLIST, and protective hoods, rubber gloves and overboots are designed to shield the skin.

The overgarments consist of one coat and a pair of trousers. The outer layer of the BDO is nylon/cotton twill material, which is designed to absorb, spread and prevent chemical agents from saturating the inner layer of charcoal-impregnated, polyurethane foam.

The outer layer of the CPO is similar to the BDO's and is designed to repel water and chemical and biological agents from reaching the carbon-bead inner layer.

These outergarments are normally worn

over the duty uniform but are sized to wear over cold weather environmental clothing. In high temperatures, they may be worn over underwear. Guidance on heat stress is available in Air Force Manual 32-4005, *Personnel Protection and Attack Actions*.

BDOs and CPOs guard against chemical agent vapors, liquid droplets; biological agents; toxins; and radioactive alpha and beta particles. They become unserviceable if they are ripped, torn or their fasteners are broken or missing, or saturated with petroleum, oils or lubricants. Their protective quality is degraded if they are exposed to direct moisture, smoke, fuel or solvent vapors, or become wet through the inner lining by body fluids or common insect repellants.

(AFRC News Service)

Construction projects improve base mission capability, security

Article and photo
by MSgt. Tom Allocco

Construction spread throughout Westover aims to improve its mission capability and security in the installation's seventh decade of serving America.

Conrad LaFleur, chief of construction for civil engineering, said the unusually large amount of construction also promises to make life on base a little brighter and more convenient.

Westover civil engineers are overseeing civilian contractors as they add new parking lots, walkways and work facilities. The projects include:

Groundbreaking in November for a new explosive ordinance disposal training (EOD) facility located south of the CE building. EOD specialists plan to move into the \$1.3 million, single-story building following its completion in July. EOD now works out of the CE building.

A 3,100-square foot addition to the fire station. It is the largest part of a \$1.2 million repair and alteration of the station, built in 1990. The addition will include private sleeping quarters to accommodate the increase of firefighters. The contractor installed foundation walls in December and plans to continue the work through the winter months.

A \$1.7 million runway lighting project on runway 05-23 to enhance safety. The improved lighting will include new lights along both sides of the runway and a



GETTING A LIFT — Construction worker Ron Dupuis rises on his scissor lift to paint the framework around the door of the Base Hangar. Work on the World War II-era building is among the many construction and renovation projects at Westover.

new approach lighting system on the 05 end of the runway. Scheduled completion is August.

Repair and renovation of restrooms in Hangars 1 and 9 as part of a \$390,000 project scheduled to be completed in February.

A new **military entrance processing station (MEPS)**, under construction near the

bowling alley, is set to open in 2003.

Several smaller jobs are also in progress. The projects, which total \$1.7 million, are:

Replacement of the parking lot between the Base Hangar and base operations. The new parking lot will be extended across Hangar Avenue and will include enough additional room to allow for parking restrictions around adjacent buildings during security alerts. Work is scheduled to continue as long as weather permits, with completion scheduled in the spring, if necessary.

Covered aluminum and acrylic walkways are being built at the entrances to the wing headquarters, finance, military personnel, security police and the billeting buildings. The entrances will be handicapped accessible with will include ramped sidewalks. Scheduled completion date is the end of February.

A security police vehicle inspection station to be built near the main gate in the base supply storage yard. Workers installed the footing wall in December, with the building to be delivered by early February.

In December, workers painted the interior of the Base Hangar blue and ivory white for a brighter, cleaner look.

The floor of Hangar 5 is scheduled for repair. The hangar houses vehicle maintenance and roads and grounds.

Workers installed new wall covering in December in the hallways of dormitories 5101 and 5102, and painted doors and frames in the buildings.

Command chooses 439th NCO as one of best in security forces

by SSgt. Andrew Biscoe and
Air Force Reserve Command
News Service

A Westover security forces NCO is among 13 security forces people across the country who recently won Air Force Reserve Command awards in 2002.



Daigneault

MSgt. Scott C. Daigneault, base anti-terrorism NCO, is one of three winners of the Col. Billy Jack Carter Award. AFRC's Directorate of Security Forces announced the award winners in November. The award honors those who have made the most significant contribution to protecting Air Force people or re-

sources during the year.

Daigneault said the command-wide recognition took him completely by surprise. "When I first saw the e-mail, I was shocked. How I was chosen above anyone else is beyond me," he said. "I cannot take credit alone for this award. There are so many outstanding senior NCOs and officers who have guided me."

By chance, that same squadron leadership offered Daigneault the antiterrorism position just four days before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. "I didn't have time to get my feet wet," Daigneault said. Nevertheless, squadron leadership took note of how quickly Daigneault applied himself to his new job, as Westover's security tightened in response to the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

"It's been pretty much a whirlwind for him for the past year," said Maj. Elliott H. Graves, one of Daigneault's supervisors. "He

pursues projects until he gets them. He locks his teeth and goes until it's done."

Daigneault deflected the praise from his award to his chain of command at Westover. "My immediate supervisors have given me the support, inspiration and knowledge to do a good job as a program manager," he said. "This (program's success) stems from the support of senior leadership in the wing to the security forces squadron, to all squadron and group commanders."

Daigneault provides guidance on collecting and sending out timely threat information, and trains all military and civilian personnel on force protection and antiterrorism matters.

Results of the Air Force-level competition are expected to be announced in early January. Daigneault is competing against full-time airmen from other Air Force major commands and agencies.

2003 Reserve Pay for Four Drills

		Years of Service														
		Under 2	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 24	Over 26
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	O-6	613.76	674.28	718.52	718.52	721.28	752.16	756.28	756.28	799.28	875.24	919.84	964.44	989.80	1015.48	1065.32
	O-5	511.68	576.40	616.32	623.80	648.64	663.60	696.36	720.40	751.40	798.92	821.56	843.88	869.28	869.28	869.28
	O-4	441.48	511.04	545.16	552.76	584.40	618.36	660.60	693.52	716.36	729.48	737.12	737.12	737.12	737.12	737.12
	O-3	388.16	440.04	474.96	517.80	542.60	569.80	587.44	616.44	631.48	631.48	631.48	631.48	631.48	631.48	631.48
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	O-1E				366.24	391.16	405.60	420.36	434.88	454.76	454.76	454.76	454.76	454.76	454.76	454.76
	E-9							475.24	486.00	499.60	515.60	531.64	557.44	579.24	600.84	634.32
	E-8							396.72	408.16	418.84	431.68	445.60	470.68	483.40	505.00	517.00
	E-7	275.80	301.04	312.52	323.76	335.52	355.72	367.12	378.44	398.72	408.84	418.48	424.36	444.20	457.04	489.52
	E-6	236.08	259.68	271.16	282.28	293.88	320.12	330.32	341.64	351.56	355.08	361.28	361.28	361.28	361.28	361.28
	E-5	216.72	231.16	242.32	253.80	271.60	286.92	298.24	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44	304.44
	E-4	200.36	210.64	222.04	233.24	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20	243.20
	E-3	180.92	192.28	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84	203.84
E-2	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	172.00	
E-1>4	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	153.44	
E-1 with less than 4 months:		141.96														

Reservists will receive a drill-pay increase ranging from 4.1 percent to 9.5 percent, effective Jan. 1. Source: Defense Authorization

Defense bill OKs pay raise, other incentives to join, stay

WASHINGTON — A minimum 4.1 percent military pay raise, more time to use education benefits and more incentive to join the Air Force Reserve are among the provisions of the fiscal year 2003 National Defense Authorization Act.

Signed into law Dec. 2 by President George W. Bush, the act authorizes an across-the-board pay raise of 4.1 percent with higher targeted raises for mid-level and senior NCOs and mid-grade officers.

In other ways, the FY 2003 defense bill mirrors the Department of Defense Appropriations Act signed by the president Oct. 23. Both bills call for end strengths of 75,600 reservists and 1,498 full-time Active Guard and Reserve members, as well as 9,911 full-time air reserve technicians in Air Force Reserve Command.

Congress differed, however, over funding for the command. The authorization act called for \$1.5 million more for operation and maintenance funding to train, organize and run the command, and an additional \$18.4 million for military construction, primarily at March ARB, Calif.

Several provisions of the authorization act are designed to make life easier for reservists.

To be eligible for a non-regular military retirement, reservists must now serve six years rather than eight years of continuous

reserve component service immediately before qualifying for retired pay.

The authorization bill extends the maximum period reservists have to use their Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve benefit from 10 years to 14 years. Another provision treats an obligation to refund the United States as a debt when a reservist must repay Montgomery GI Bill benefits because he or she failed to participate satisfactorily in the Selected Reserve.

Congress also wants the Department of Defense to clamp down on travel card abuses. DOD is authorized to withhold or deduct from the pay of a DOD employee or member of the armed forces funds for payment of delinquent travel card charges when the person is delinquent in paying and does not dispute the amount of the delinquency.

When authorized by the service secretary, a service member may receive a one-time emergency leave of absence of up to 14 days for a qualifying emergency in order to avoid entering an unearned leave status or excess leave status.

Enlisted people may receive more basic allowance for subsistence when they are assigned to single government quarters without adequate availability of meals from a government messing facility.

To attract more prior-service people with critical skills, the enlistment bonus rates in-

creased from a maximum of \$5,000 to \$8,000 for a six-year enlistment and from \$2,500 to \$4,000 for three years. The incentive to re-enlist or extend for another three years went from \$2,000 to \$3,500 for people who enlisted for three years.

In a recognition program for enlisted reservists, individuals who receive the Air Force Cross or equivalent for extraordinary heroism are authorized a 10 percent increase in retired pay.

The secretary of defense may prescribe a flat-rate stipend for military retirees and others who are not service members or government employees who participate in funeral honor details. The stipend is in lieu of receiving payments for transportation and miscellaneous expenses.

Some benefits offered by defense bills are not immediate because DOD and Air Force must implement policies and programs before these benefits are delivered to service members.

In some cases, Congress issues additional clarification in later defense bills. For example, the FY 2003 bill corrects a provision from the FY 2002 bill to provide transitional health care to dependents of members separated from active duty who are eligible for transitional health care.

(AFRC News Service)

Inspector general's office targets Fraud, Waste, and Abuse

by Lt. Col. Talivaldis Maidelis

What is Fraud, Waste and Abuse (FWA)? Who should report it? We're all responsible for reporting it, whether we are military, civilian, retiree, or a family member.

The following definitions break down FWA. They can also be found in AFI 90-301, *Inspector General Complaints*.

Fraud: Intentional deceptions to unlawfully deprive the Air Force of something of value or to secure a benefit, privilege, or consideration to which a person is not entitled.



Maidelis

Callers may remain anonymous when dialing the IG

The Inspector General's office at Westover is responsible for the Fraud, Waste and Abuse program. Lt. Col. Talivaldis I. Maidelis may be reached at Ext. 3137 or (413) 557-3137.

Callers may remain anonymous but should provide as much information as possible when leaving a message. The IG does

have a confidentiality policy with anyone that contacts the office.

If the issue warrants going up to a higher level of command, callers may use the AFRC hotline at DSN 497-1495; Air Force hotline at (800) 538-8429; and Department of Defense hotline at (800) 424-9098.

Waste: The extravagant, careless, or needless expenditure of Air Force funds or the consumption of Air Force property that results from deficient practices, systems controls, or decisions.

Abuse: Intentionally wrongful or improper use of Air Force resources.

In these days of tight defense budgets,

FWA can quickly reduce our operating funds. Corrections can only be made if someone speaks up. Doing so is actually a responsibility that is specifically levied on military members and government employees in the 14 Principles of Government Service included in the Joint Ethics Regulation (JER).

Santa's spot



photo by SMSgt. Robert Bennis Jr.

SANTA'S HELPER — Dressed in appropriate holiday attire, SrA. Chelsey A. Joyce, 439th AMXS, marshals in a C-5 on Westover's flight line following the Dec. 7 spouse flight.

Contest organizers seek young writers, readers

ALEXANDRIA, VA. - Art Contest 2003, in its eighth year, seeks artwork from children of military members in kindergarten through sixth grade depicting their active-duty, Reserve or Guard families.

Top prizes are \$500 U.S. Savings Bonds and the winners' artwork is used on posters for next year's Military Family Month. Children of Defense Department and Coast Guard civilians may enter in an honorary category. The deadline for the contest is Jan. 27.

The Seventh Annual Armed Services YMCA Essay Contest is open to first through 12th grades, with prizes up to \$1,000 bonds.

Children and teenaged family members of the armed services - active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retired, and civilian employees of the DOD and Coast Guard and families, may enter. Essays should be on any subject related to reading. The deadline is March 17.

Full guidelines for the contests can be obtained from the Armed Services YMCA web site - www.asymca.org or by emailing essaycontest@asymca.org

The Armed Services YMCA, headquartered in Alexandria, Va., has more than 80 program locations around the world.

For more information, call (703) 303-9600.

The PATRIOT is a base newspaper for and about Westover reservists and civilians. To encourage input (suggestions, story leads, or other ideas), we have created an e-mail address dedicated to feedback. Write to the Patriot staff at: 439PatriotEditor@westover.af.mil. The public affairs office phone number is (413) 557-3500.



photo by SSgt. Andrew Biscoe

TSgt. Steven R. Hoadley

Patriot People

Name: Steven R. Hoadley
Rank: TSgt.
Age: 59
Address: Peterborough, N.H.
Unit: 58th Aerial Port Squadron
Position: Ramp
Civilian position: Maintenance
Favorite food: Lobster
Years of service: 32+
Favorite sport: Skiing (water and snow)
Favorite hobby: Antiquing
Ideal vacation: Hawaii
Best way to relax: Canoe on a lake
Preferred entertainment: Music
Favorite hero: People who do their jobs well
Favorite music: Rock 'n' roll
Favorite movie: Saving Private Ryan
Favorite aircraft: SR-71
Pet peeve: Tailgaters
What would I do if I won \$1 million: Buy a house on a lake.

Patriot Praises

Promotions:

SMSgt. Deguile, Michael A.
 SMSgt. Dunfield, Michelle M.
 SMSgt. Robinson, Trevor O.
 SMSgt. Robitaille, Shane C.
 SMSgt. Servant, Paul J.
 MSgt. Aickelin, Ronald A.
 MSgt. Allen, Michael E.
 MSgt. Allen, Wayne T.
 MSgt. Brice, Belitza M.
 MSgt. Cloutier, Paul L., Jr.
 MSgt. Jedry, Richard
 MSgt. Michaud, Richard R.
 MSgt. Mitchell, Alice L.
 MSgt. Schmitz, Anita L.
 MSgt. Solomaa, Robert H.
 MSgt. Winters, Stephen D.
 TSgt. Canarelli, Melissa K.
 TSgt. Creighton, Lesli A.
 TSgt. Fairman, Matthew L.
 TSgt. Ferriter, Lawrence J., Jr.
 TSgt. Jourdan, Thomas D.
 TSgt. Hetu, Frederick E.
 TSgt. Lau, Deborah A.
 TSgt. Matteson, Gary L.
 TSgt. Murray, Petra V.
 TSgt. Normadin, Neal G.
 TSgt. O'Brien, Norman F.
 TSgt. Reed, Dale E.
 TSgt. Williams, Thomas R.
 TSgt. Wysocki, Michael A.
 TSgt. Vongphakdy, Bobby S.
 TSgt. Zapolski, Scott J.
 SSgt. Adams, Shane T.
 SSgt. Baptitise, Wayne A.
 SSgt. Bragg, Kimberly
 SSgt. Davidson, Gregory
 SSgt. Cole, Brian W.
 SSgt. Frost, Stacey J.
 SSgt. Linnehan, Michael
 SSgt. Logan, Craig V.
 SSgt. Perna, Nicholas P.
 SSgt. Reynolds, Jason W.

SSgt. Rysedorph, Lori A.
 SSgt. Ryals, Amber L.
 SSgt. Turgeon, Michael Y.
 SrA. Athanasiou, Stepha
 SrA. Brown, Justin T.
 SrA. Callahan, Donald J.
 SrA. Dupell, Michael J.
 SrA. Habbinger, Jodi L.
 SrA. Kaminsky, Michael
 SrA. Moya, Elliott L.
 A1C Fogg, Kristofer J.
 A1C Jamison, Matthew T.
 A1C Sambrook, Erika L.
 A1C Sambrook, Leanna J.
 A1C Walsh, Robert F.
 Amn. Bradley, Nicole L.
 Amn. Burgess, Jeffrey S.
 Amn. Fernandes, Steven A.
 Amn. Kovacevic, Benjamin J.
 Amn. Mendoza, Wendell D.

Enlistments:

SSgt. Zad, Anthony J.
 SrA. Sanford, Elizabeth A.
 SrA. Wing, Robert B.
 SrA. Wing, Ronnie A.
 A1C Bernier, Melanie R.
 A1C Berube, Julie M.
 A1C Busby, Krystal L.
 A1C Cocchiola, Jason A.
 A1C Cummings, Paul N.
 A1C Gomes, Adrien D.
 A1C Grijalva, Adrianna N.
 A1C O'Leary, Leah
 A1C Ortiz, Efrain M., Jr.
 A1C Reno, Alexander J.
 A1C Robbins, Erika M.
 A1C Ronca, Erin M.
 A1C Schumacher, Cory M.
 A1C Traietti, Christopher J.
 A1C Waldron, Judy K.
 Amn. Swift, Janice D.
 AB Cornwell, Owen B.

AB Estep, David S.
 AB Ezovski, Keith J., Jr.
 AB Ford, Dennis J.
 AB Kachnowski, Steven M.

Reenlistments:

SMSgt. Knuston, Robert N.
 MSgt. Halla, Richard W.
 MSgt. Quick, Bert A.
 MSgt. Taylor, Christopher L.
 TSgt. Bihlmeyer, Mary I.
 TSgt. Cahill, Jeffrey M.
 TSgt. Cestroni, Thomas J.
 TSgt. Faraday, Thomas A.
 TSgt. Gilder, Sebastian K.
 TSgt. Homolka, Mark W.
 TSgt. Kennedy, Karen G.
 TSgt. Surozenski, Gary J.
 TSgt. Thibodeau, John L.
 SSgt. Bean, Kendra
 SSgt. Goodwin, Michael J.
 SSgt. Zad, Anthony J.
 SrA. Sanford, Elizabeth Ann
 SrA. Sullivan, Michael A.
 SrA. Walter, Coureen S.

Newly Assigned:

First Lt. Pelletier, Jacqueline J.
 Capt. McNerney, Margaret
 TSgt. Cestroni, Thomas J.
 TSgt. Dias, Paul W.

TSgt. Diviney, Dirk
 TSgt. Oliver, Jerome M.
 TSgt. Rossi, Stephan A.
 SrA. Lounsbury, Jennifer A.
 SrA. Robichaud, Daniel R.
 SrA. Wolfe, Jennifer P.
 A1C Fournier, Joseph O.

Retired:

Lt. Col. Roberts, Dale E.
 Maj. McKennacolin, Mary M.
 Capt. Bromery, Dennis R.
 Capt. Hoffman, Andrew P.
 MSgt. Beckman, Joseph A.
 MSgt. Bradshaw, Anna P.
 MSgt. Cahill, Kevin Paul
 MSgt. Cuccovia, Michael A.
 MSgt. DelGreco, Steven W.
 MSgt. Devaney, Mary C.
 MSgt. Jensen, Peter E.
 MSgt. Parrott, Alan D.
 MSgt. Perrault, David A.
 MSgt. Taylor, Keith M.
 MSgt. Taylor, Patricia A.
 TSgt. Beaudin, Philip C.
 TSgt. Ferriter, Mary P.
 TSgt. Lafleche, Laurence R.
 TSgt. Leblanc, Gary R.
 TSgt. Vail, Steven L.
 TSgt. Winters, Michael D.
 SSgt. Gazaw, Edward J.
 SSgt. Sedelow, Gerald D.

Opportunity to trade stripes for gold bar

Applications are being accepted for an officer's commission in the 439th Maintenance Group under the Deserving Airman Commissioning Program. The position is the officer in charge of the group's quality assurance section. Applicants must submit a military resume, Air Force Officer Qualification Test (AFOQT) scores and educational transcripts. To serve in the position, the deserving airman must complete officer training and the required technical training to qualify as a maintenance officer.

Candidate packages must be submitted by Feb. 24, in anticipation of meeting a board in March or April. For more information, call SMSgt. Ann Fluegge at Ext. 3436.

Activation helps pump up Westover's economic impact

by Gordon A. Newell

A year-long activation of more than 1,300 reservists here, helped pump more than \$246 million into the economy of Western Massachusetts during the past fiscal year.

The base's fiscal impact on communities located within a 50-mile radius is estimated at \$246,654,692 from Oct. 1, 2001 to Sept. 30, 2002 compared to \$177,762,190 a year ago.

The increase of \$68,892,502 can be attributed in large part, to the activation of 1,309 reservists who served most of the year in Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle, following the attacks of 9/11.

"We find ourselves in a position to have a positive two-fold impact, the strategic support of our national security and fuel for the economic engine of the Pioneer Valley," said Brig. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, commander of Westover's 439th Airlift Wing.

Westover's total salary for the year was \$122,452,129 with military pay making the largest share at \$83,415,629. Civilian salaries stood at \$27,773,669 while civilian contractors and non-appropriated fund workers — employed in such areas as the base exchange, shoppette-gas station, bowling alley, gymnasium, Westover Club and billeting office — took home another \$11,262,831.

About 5,605 people are employed at the base including 4,309 active-duty and reserve military personnel. There are also 819 federal employees and 287 non-

ECONOMIC IMPACT 2002

TOTAL EMPLOYED- 5,605
 MILITARY ACTIVE & RESERVE- 4,309
 FEDERAL EMPLOYEES- 819
 NON-APPROPRIATED FUND WORKERS- 287

TOTAL- \$246,654,692
 PAYROLL- \$122,452,129
 CONSTRUCTION- \$37,124,533
 SERVICES- \$6,627,693
 OTHER EXPENDITURES- \$24,218,912
 JOBS CREATED ESTIMATED
 VALUE- \$56,231,425

SOURCE-
 GEORGE JACKSON
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appropriated fund workers. Service contracts during the year totaled \$6,627,693 while other expenditures, which include materials, equipment and supplies capped out at \$24,218,912.

Westover is the largest Air Force Reserve base in the country and the closest fully operational military facility to Europe. In addition to being home to the 439th Airlift Wing, Westover is home to many tenant units including Marine Corps Support Squadron Six; Marine Corps Support 474, Detachment B; a Massachusetts

National Guard aviation support unit; the United States Corps of Engineers; the United States Armed Forces Reserve Center; Maytag Aviation Services (weather contract services); Army-Air Force Exchange Service; a Reserve Readiness and Mobility Squadron; TOW Platoon HQ 4th Marine Division; the 226th Transportation Company (U.S. Army Reserve) and Griffin Services (a civilian contractor which provides various services to the base).



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