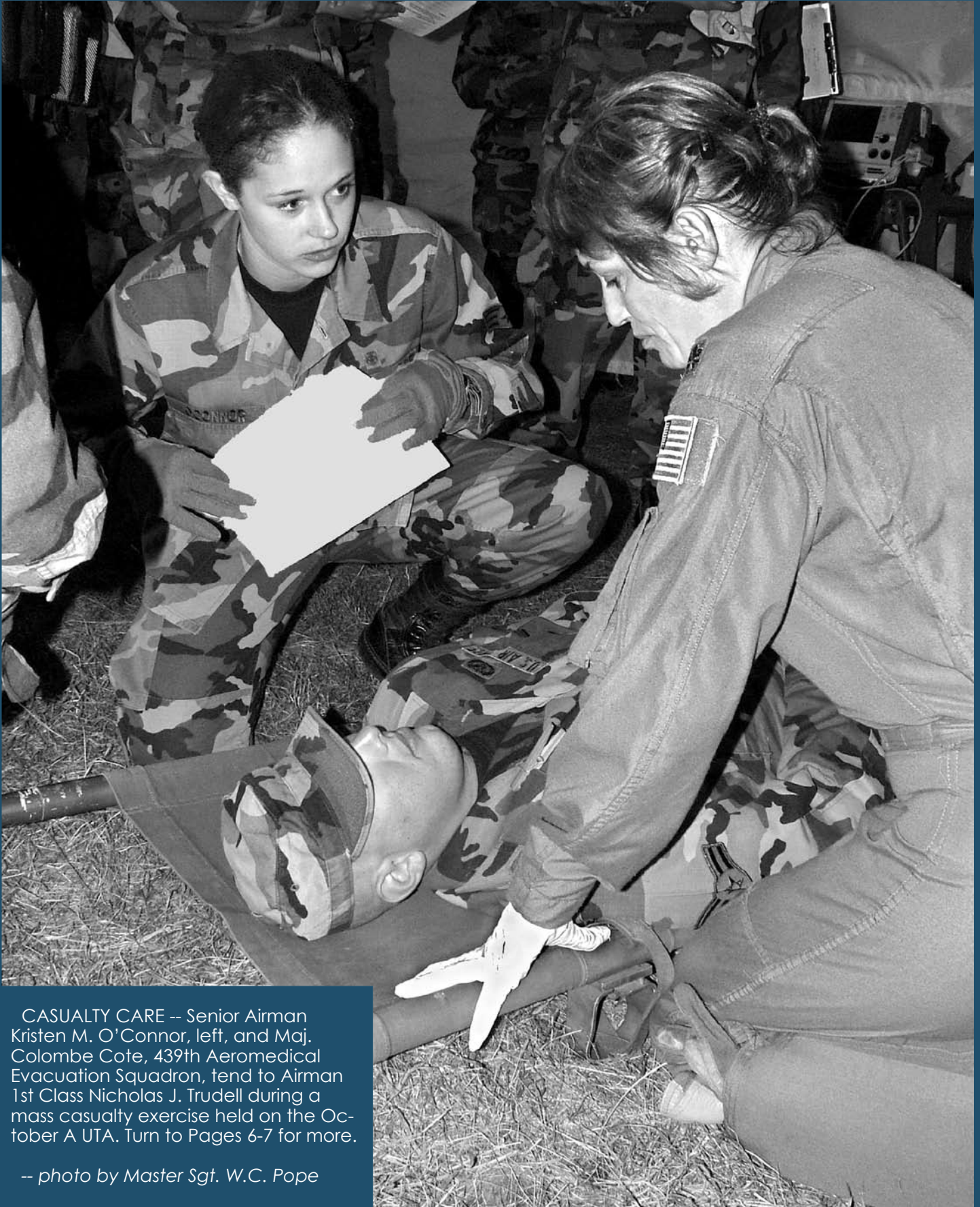


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CASUALTY CARE -- Senior Airman Kristen M. O'Connor, left, and Maj. Colombe Cote, 439<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, tend to Airman 1st Class Nicholas J. Trudell during a mass casualty exercise held on the October A UTA. Turn to Pages 6-7 for more.

-- photo by Master Sgt. W.C. Pope

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**FOREIGN FLOCK** – Aircraft from more than 15 countries line the North Ramp at Westover Sept. 14. This was the third consecutive year Westover has hosted the aircraft. The aircrews dropped off the United Nations delegates at John F. Kennedy Airport in New York for the UN Security Council and then flew to Westover. Transient alert workers with Phoenix Management Inc. guided the aircrews to their parking spots during their stays here. Countries that parked their aircraft here included India, Peru, Honduras, Chile, Lebanon, Nigeria, Italy, France, Spain, Bulgaria, Slovak Republic, Mexico, Kyrgyzstan, Venezuela, Belarus, Uganda, Colombia, Pakistan, South Africa, Gambia, Benin, Turkey, Brazil, and Ukraine.

– photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

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## EDITORIAL | New Patriot design incorporates more reader-friendly appearance



Our public affairs staff has spent the last few months preparing what you are reading right now – an entirely new look for the *Patriot*.

Most of the credit for this goes to the talented design eye of Senior Airman Michael Lanza in PA, who spent the

better part of his last few UTAs hunched over a computer, while crafting this more reader-friendly design. Rest assured that while the *Patriot* certainly looks different, the coverage remains the same: highlighting our mission achievements by both our civilian and military members here

at Westover. The PA staff kept ease of reading as the top priority for this “new” *Patriot*. I am pleased to see these changes in the paper and hope you will be too.

Over the next several months, in preparation for the upcoming ORI, I’ve asked several of my commanders to write commentary about issues that directly pertain to our preparation for the inspection. Their comments will be insightful and educational and I hope you’ll take the time to read them. Additionally, the PA staff is working on engaging everyone with some friendly competition inside the covers of the *Patriot* to promote a fun learning environment for ORI preparation, so be on the lookout for that as well.

Finally, the Combined Federal Campaign is off

to an excellent start. Our kickoff control tower and C-5 tours were a great success, and the ice cream “scoop-a-thon” held on the October A UTA raised \$142. The run brought in more than \$800. We are well on our way to achieving the CFC goal. The campaign wraps up Dec. 15. Please meet with your respective keyworkers and donate to this important cause. This is an especially important time to donate, given the devastation we have seen from the hurricanes in the South.

Thank you for everything that you do!

**Col. Wade Farris**  
439th Airlift Wing commander

## BRIEFS |

### Angel program begins Nov. 5

The Christmas Angel Tree Program will begin Nov. 5 for all 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing assigned personnel (reserve and Department of Defense civilians). The program is for their dependent children (ages 1-17), who are in financial need during the Christmas holiday.

Sponsors interested in adopting an “Angel” for Christmas will be provided the Angel’s gender, age, and a request for a special gift. The Family Support Center staff will act as the liaison between sign-ups and sponsors to ensure program anonymity.

All interested members and families are encouraged to call the support center at Ext. 3024 or at (866) 690-2161 to sign up.

### Commanders to serve holiday meal

Senior leadership of the 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing will serve the traditional Thanksgiving meal to all reservists on the November A UTA at the Westover Club. Serving time is scheduled to be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Nov. 6.

### Chiefs’ Council awards \$500 scholarships

The following Airmen were selected to receive \$500 scholarships from the Westover Chiefs’ Council:

Master Sgt. Luisa Cabana, 439th Maintenance Operations Squadron; Staff Sgt. Susan Bolduc, 337th Airlift Squadron, and Senior Airman Lauren Narkiewicz, 439th Services Squadron.

“These individuals were selected from 13 competitive applications,” said Chief Master Sgt. Kathy Wood of the council. “Thanks to all who ap-

### Climate survey continues to Nov. 23

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFP)** - Airmen will have the power to shape the Air Force of the future through the 2005 Air Force Climate Survey that began Oct. 1.

“This survey will help us ensure we are taking care of our most important asset - our people,” said Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Gen. T. Michael Moseley. “We have used the most advanced information-masking reporting software available to ensure your identity will be protected. The questions in the survey itself are intentionally hard-hitting, and I fully expect your direct, honest and candid feedback.”

The survey, themed “Speak Today, Shape Tomorrow,” provides a unique total force perspective and includes active-duty, Reserve, Air National Guard and both appropriated and nonappropriated funded civilians. The identities of each participant are protected and every response is reviewed for consideration. This year, respondents are being asked to provide feedback on their immediate supervisor’s “enduring competencies.” The Air Force’s enduring competencies are the personal, managerial and leadership qualities that should be common to all Air Force members.

These results will provide senior leaders with a valuable baseline of the competencies used for force development.

Westover reservists who have questions about the survey may call Maj. Lisa B. Houle at Ext. 3562 or Chief Master Sgt. Kathy Wood at Ext. 2876.

The survey is available and can be accessed from work or at home, through Nov. 23 online at <https://afclimatesurvey.af.mil>. (by **Air Force Manpower Agency**)

### Awards board nominates winners

Westover’s Quarterly Awards Board has selected the following fourth quarter award winners for the fiscal 2006.

Airman:

Senior Airman Shannon T. O’Connell, 439<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Staging Squadron

NCO:

Tech. Sgt. Patrick Malie, 439<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

Senior NCO:

Master Sgt. Eric McGlynn, 337<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron

Civilian:

Janice Colby, 439<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron

Company Grade Officer of the Quarter:

Capt. Travis Board, 337<sup>th</sup> AS

### Blood drive set for December A UTA

A blood drive is planned for the December A UTA.

Plans call for the drive to be held both days of the UTA (Dec. 3-4) in the Base Hangar.

# Patriot Wing recruiters post best numbers since

## Mass enlistment kicks off new fiscal year

by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

The nation's most spacious Air Force Reserve base has a record number of new faces joining its ranks.

Topping the best results in 11 years, the staff of the 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing's recruiting office signed up 352 recruits in fiscal year 2005.

"Our recruiters are dedicated to manning this unit," said Chief Master Sgt. Robert R. Starkey, senior recruiter at Westover. "They take a personal interest in it."

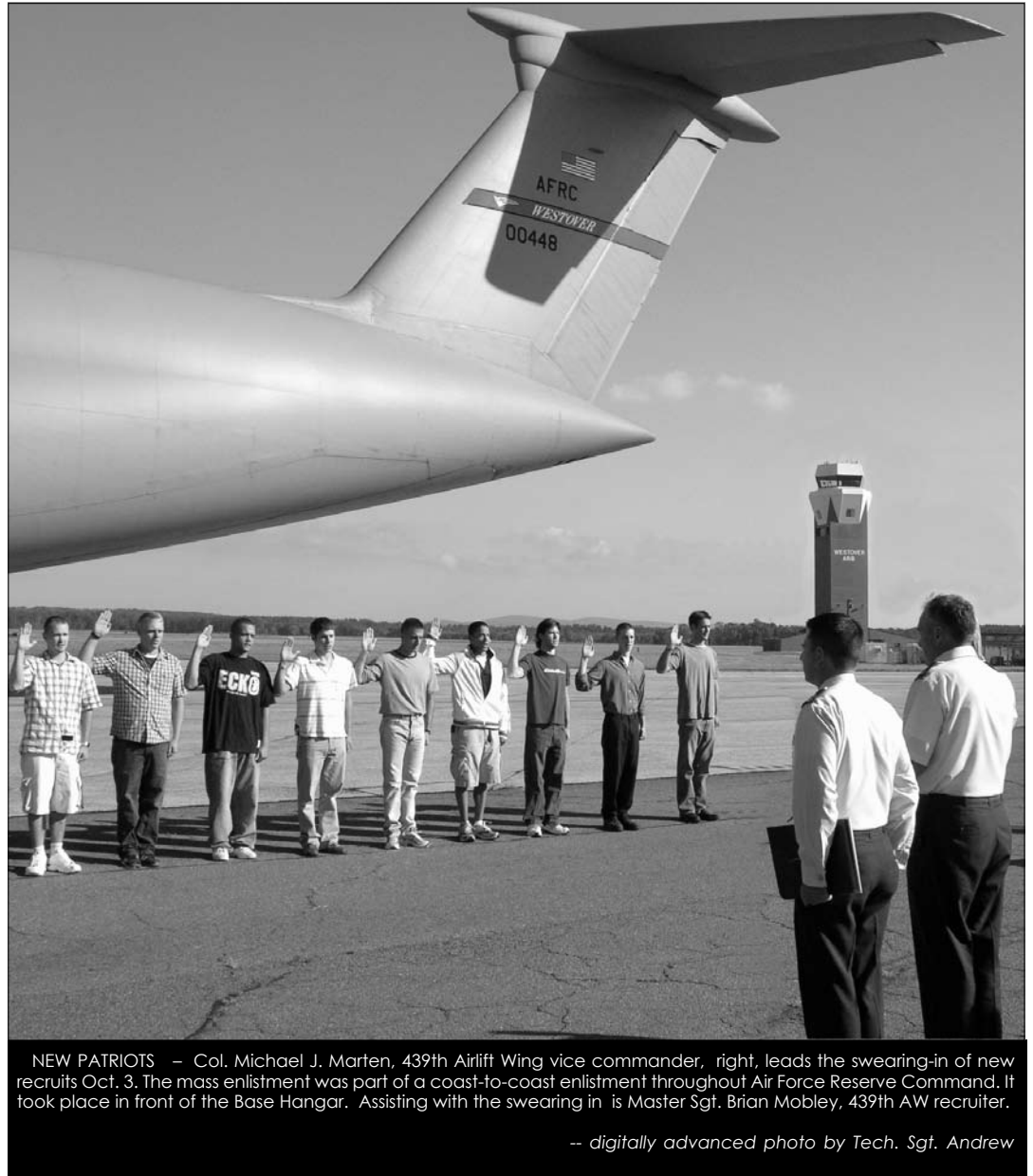
The office's goal for the fiscal year was 292 recruits. "Every recruiter achieved their goal," he said. "Seven achieved 110 percent or better."

These were the best results since 1994.

"We work with each of our applicants to see what their wants and needs are, then we match them up with the Air Force's needs," said Chief Starkey. "Our folks come in and expect to cover a 12-hour day. That's just how it is."

On the heels of racking up these statistics, the recruiters took on the new fiscal year with a mass enlistment Oct. 3. Col. Michael J. Marten, 439<sup>th</sup> AW vice commander, swore in the thirteen recruits in front of their families.

The mass enlistment took place on the flight line in front of the Base Hangar. Maintenance workers towed a C-5 from the ramp area and positioned it as a backdrop in the ceremony.



NEW PATRIOTS — Col. Michael J. Marten, 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing vice commander, right, leads the swearing-in of new recruits Oct. 3. The mass enlistment was part of a coast-to-coast enlistment throughout Air Force Reserve Command. It took place in front of the Base Hangar. Assisting with the swearing in is Master Sgt. Brian Mobley, 439<sup>th</sup> AW recruiter.

-- digitally advanced photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew

This was part of an Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service Coast to Coast Mass Enlistment as a way to get a jump start on the recruiting year. Air Force Reserve recruiting

has for the fifth consecutive year, met or exceeded its recruiting goals, a record not achieved by any other service.

Eleven recruiters staff the Westover office. Their responsibility to bring new people into the Air Force Reserve covers not only Massachusetts but all of New England and upstate New York. The thirteen recruits came from Western, central Massachusetts, northern Connecticut, and New York state. Local media also attended the mass enlistment.

"These recruiters are setting an example for others to follow through-

out the Air Force Reserve," said Col. Wade Farris, 439<sup>th</sup> AW commander. "While recruiting people is hard work, our folks have another major challenge to face - the manning needs of this wing, which is one of the largest in the command. I am very proud of the dedication of our recruiters to the Patriot Wing!"

The 439<sup>th</sup> AW is the host unit at Westover. It includes 17 squadrons and more than 2,400 reservists. Besides the Air Force Reserve, Westover is home to reserve units of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps.

**"Our recruiters are dedicated to manning this unit. They take a personal interest in it."**

**-- Chief Master Sgt. Robert R. Starkey, Westover senior recruiter**

# Westover continues support for hurricane victims

Patriot Wing members responded to another hurricane's devastation in late September with a C-5 mission and the dispatch of 18 security forces reservists to New Orleans, La.

A Patriot Wing C-5 left Westover Sept. 22 to continue relief missions for the victims of Hurricane Rita.

The C-5 flew to Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., where it picked up three helicopters. The aircrew then airlifted the choppers to Laughlin AFB, Texas, where they were prepositioned for relief efforts.

In August and September 2005, Westover C-5 crews supported Joint Task Force Katrina with nine missions. The C-5s carried 396 tons of cargo

and 64 passengers, many of whom were Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) members with search and rescue teams.

One historic mission saw a Westover C-5 carry 200 evacuees from Louis B. Armstrong Airport in New Orleans to Fort Smith, Ark. This was the first time a C-5 had airlifted people in its cargo bay since the last days of the Vietnam War in 1975.

Eighteen 439th Security Forces Squadron members deployed Sept. 19 to New Orleans, to help secure Department of Defense aircraft at Louis B. Armstrong Airport.

They started off their deployment seeing the top DoD aircraft land.

"The president visited when we were there," said Tech. Sgt. Brian Shameklis. "We were on the ground about 14 hours when he showed up." Although the hurricane relief effort was winding down by the time the reservists arrived, Sergeant Shameklis said there was still plenty of work to do.

"There were some spurts of activity. The Army's 82nd Airborne was running convoys helping people evacuate,

and they were bringing in supplies. We were there to support them as a force multiplier. It was an action-packed two weeks, that's for sure."

The 439th SFS was among five Air Force Reserve Command units tasked to support the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

They returned Sept. 30.

The SFS members who deployed to New Orleans were: Maj. Wesley Thiel, Senior Master Sgt. Michael Thorpe, Master Sgts. Paul Cyr, Duane Manville, and Shawn Snay; Tech. Sgts. Charles Fries, Christopher Kellam, Edward Majersky, Matt Morgan, Cheryl Mottershead, Edward Plant, Pablo Rodriguez, Richard Schmoke and Brian Shameklis; Staff Sgts. Ronnie Briere, Eric Marjault, and Elliott Moya; and Senior Airman Steven Fernandes.

## ARTs, civilians bring home federal employee

**Article and photos  
by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe**

Eight Westover people took home awards at the annual Federal Executive Association of Western Massachusetts luncheon in September.

They were among a record number of Westover air reserve technicians (ARTs) and civilian employees recognized for their efforts. Eighteen other employees were also nominees in various job categories.

The eight award winners were:

Col. Wade Farris, 439th Airlift Wing commander, Chairman's Award for Leadership.

Senior Master Sgt. James T. Mitchell, Outstanding Service or Trade

Employee of the year. Sergeant Mitchell is an ART squadron maintenance expeditor with the 439th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Master Sgt. Alice M. Mitchell, Distinguished Federal Supervisor of the Year. Sergeant Mitchell is an ART and chief of career enhancement with the 439th Mission Support Squadron's military personnel flight (MPF).

Albert G. Aldrich III, Unsung Hero Award. Mr. Aldrich is a transportation quality assurance evaluator with the 439th Logistics Readiness Squadron.



Susan M. Castner, Support Person of the Year. Mrs. Castner is a human resource assistant with the Springfield Military Entrance Processing Station at Westover.

Janice A. Colby, administrative assistant of the year. Mrs. Colby is an administrative support assistant with the MPF.

Michael J. Kennedy, Board of Directors Award. Mr. Kennedy is the civilian personnel officer at

Westover.

Randy Sujat, Outstanding Individual Customer Service Effort. Mr. Sujat is a construction representative with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Westover.

This year's award winners joined a large group of other representatives from Westover who also attended the luncheon. The other nominees were: Chief Master Sgt. Tammy H. Vezina, Senior Master Sgts. Kenneth B. King, Nicole Remy, David M. Pirog, and Nelson A. Serrao, Master Sgts. Ronald G. Chevalier Jr., Glenn Connon, Virginia M. Griffin, and Shelli A. McCarthy; Tech. Sgt. Theresa Dionne, Elizabeth Curry, Andrew G. Milroy, Raymond G. Goff, Ida J. Hackett, Kathleen Kies, Margaret A. Moran, Myron S. Popowski, and Diane Thompson.

More than 1,000 civilian government workers are employed at Westover. The ART workforces comprises about 470 of those workers. ARTs are civil service employees who are also assigned in their duty sections as Air Force reservists. Civilians employed across the base work in such areas as finance, air traffic control, contracting, weather, base operations, communications, and many others.



PROGRAM PREVIEW — Chief Master Sgt. Tammy H. Vezina discusses the luncheon program with Lt. Col. Richard M. Cockley and Master Sgt. Alice M. Mitchell. Sergeant Mitchell earned the distinguished federal supervisor of the year award. The luncheon was held Sept. 15 in Holyoke, Mass.



**<< IN THE PROCESS**  
 - From left, Tech. Sgts. Kenneth D. Crawford and Warren E. Coleman and Airman 1st Class Nicholas J. Trudell, 439th Civil Engineering Squadron, in-process during the Dogpatch exercise.

-- photo by Master Sgt. W.C. Pope

# War

# in Dogpatch

## Reservists hone skills for 2006 ORI

by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

Members of the 439<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron honed their wartime skills Oct. 1-2 at the Dogpatch training area.

The training took place amid perfect fall weather conditions in the training area.

"This is what is so great, seeing our younger troops benefiting from this training," said Chief Master Sgt. Catherine J. Skalecki, AES standardization evaluation chief. "We have junior enlisted and junior officers out here."

AES members trained while huddled under a large tent, known as a mobile aeromedical staging facility.

Chief Skalecki said all reservists with unit tasking codes (UTCs) took part in the training which also included ability to survive and operate (ATSO) training held Oct. 2. Other 439th units that participated included civil engineering, services, airlift control flight and the aeromedical staging squadron.

Elsewhere at Westover, there was more evidence of base-wide preparation for the "big wing" Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI). Members of the 439th Logistics Readiness and Communications squadrons, suited up in full MOPP gear, performed sweeps by the Westover Conference Center.

More than 600 wing members will deploy in August 2006 for the "big wing" ORI. The inspection will evaluate the Patriot Wing's ability to deploy and sustain its forces in a wartime setting.



-- photo by Master Sgt. W.C. Pope

**DOGPATCH DINNER** - Senior Airman Aubrey Alnutt, 439th Services Squadron, scoops potatoes for the evening dinner at Dogpatch.



-- photo by Master Sgt. W.C. Pope

**<< HAPPY CAMPERS**

- Members of the 439th Airlift Control Flight pitch their new Drash Tent that folds up much like a family camping tent.



-- photo by Master Sgt. W.C. Pope

**CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW** - Staff Sgt. Michael J. Bailey, 439th Airlift Control Flight, takes a break to talk with some of his fellow Airmen during the exercise.



-- photo by Airman 1st Class Timm Huffman

**HAMMER TIME** - Staff Sgt. Peter W. Whitten, 439th Civil Engineering Squadron, drives a stake into the ground at Dogpatch Oct. 1. The CES members were part of a war skills training exercise held on the A UTA as part of preparation for the Operational Readiness Inspection next summer.



-- photo by Master Sgt. W.C. Pope

**BAG DRAG** - Two 439th Civil Engineering members move their equipment during the exercise.

# Patriot Wing kicks CFC off with breakfast, ice cream

Following the record-setting campaign of a year ago, the nation's largest workplace charity campaign is under way for both overseas and U.S. military installations.

The 2005-2006 Combined Federal Campaign runs for six consecutive weeks during a designated period between Sept. 1 and Dec. 15 for bases within the continental United States.

Westover kicked off its campaign Sept. 27 at the Westover Club with a breakfast and training session for keyworkers. Following the breakfast, some chose to tour the control tower and a C-5.

The Patriot Wing quickly worked its way toward the campaign goal of \$33,000 with a scoop-a-thon and a CFC run held over the October A UTA.

The scoop-a-thon raised \$142 for CFC. Nineteen Patriot Wing members helped raise \$808 for the run.

CFC was established in 1961 and is the largest workplace charity campaign in the country. This annual fall fundraising drive allows nearly 4 million federal employees and servicemembers to contribute to thousands of local and national nonprofit organizations.

Last year, federal employees and servicemembers reached into their pockets to donate a record \$257 million to CFC. Contributions can be in cash, check or by payroll deduction.

On average, one in four federal em-



**GETTING THE SCOOP** — Col. Belinda R. Morrone, 439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron commander, serves ice cream to Master Sgt. Vincent T. Bovino, 439th Maintenance Group, Oct. 2. Commanders served the ice-cream as part of the drive to raise money for the Combined Federal Campaign. Commanders raised \$142 at the scoop-a-thon, held at the Westover Club. Also pictured are Col. William B. Anholt, 439th MXG commander, and Col. Wade Farris, 439th Airlift Wing commander. The CFC drive wraps up Dec. 15.

— photo by Airman 1st Class Timm Huffman

ployees or their family members will filling out a pledge card.

benefit from CFC charities this year, CFC officials said.

Donors may designate which charity, or charities, receives their money by

visit the CFC Web site at [www.opm.gov/cfc](http://www.opm.gov/cfc).

For more information, Westover Airmen can contact Lt. Col. Steven

**public Affairs staff and AFPN)**

**FOGGY FAREWELL** - A former Patriot Wing C-5, now with a new name on its tail, taxis out to take off Oct. 5 for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The C-5A left the Patriot Wing to join the 445th Airlift Wing at Wright-Patterson, which is converting from C-141s to C-5s. The Patriot Wing's flight line will soon add its first C-5B. It was scheduled to arrive at Westover in mid-October from Dover AFB, Del.

— photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe







INSIDE TOUR – Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Nathan Tarleton, a 337<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron loadmaster, explains the C-5 troop compartment to members of the Stony Brook Air Force Station reunion Sept. 16. More than 40 members of the former station, which was located across the airfield from Westover, visited the base for a tour of a C-5 inside the pull-through hangar. The Air Force veterans were assigned to the 3084<sup>th</sup> Aviation Depot Group in the late 1950s.

-- digitally advanced photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew



NEW COMMANDER - Maj. John P. Mailo, left, 85th Aerial Port Squadron commander, and his wife Maryan, talk with Capt. Brian Gamache, following the squadron's change of command at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., Sept. 25.

-- photo by Staff Sgt. Edwin Wriston, Hanscom AFB

## Former 58th officer takes

A former 58th Aerial Port Squadron officer took command of the 85th APS at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., Sept. 25.

Maj. John P. Mailo succeeded Lt. Col. Henry G. Birkdale. The 85th APS, a geographically separated unit, is one of three aerial port squadrons within the Patriot Wing.

Major Mailo enlisted in the Air Force in 1974 and served with civil engineering squadrons at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz., and Hickam AFB, Hawaii. He joined the Air Force Reserve in 1979 and served with the 905th and 439th Civil Engineering Squadrons at Westover. In 1991 he was commissioned as an air transportation officer and served with the 59th and 58th Aerial Port Squadrons also at Westover.

Major Mailo was air transportation officer for the 58th APS from 2002 to 2004. He deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from March to June 2002 as commander of the 379th Expeditionary Transportation Squadron at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar.

The major moved to the 85th in January 2004. The 85th APS consists of more than 145 officer and enlisted reservists and four full-time air reserve technicians (ARTs).

WESTOVER PATRIOTS |

# Former tower chief dies



File photo

**EYES ON THE SKIES** - Ronald C. Bainbridge, former air traffic control chief at Westover, monitors the flight line during the C-5 surge in the spring of 2003. Mr. Bainbridge died from cancer Sept. 27.

**Ronald C. Bainbridge**, a former control tower chief at Westover, died of cancer Sept. 27. Mr. Bainbridge, who recently retired, was in charge of the control tower for 18 years.

Mr. Bainbridge, 66, lived in Vernon, Conn. He lived in the Vernon and Enfield area most of his life. He served in the U.S. Navy from June 1956 to June 1959. Mr. Bainbridge oversaw the move from the 1960s-vintage control tower to the new 123-foot-high building in the spring of 2002.

“He was a terrific human being; always ready to provide a helping hand. He was truly loved by those who knew him at all,” said Col. Udo K. McGregor, 439th Operations Group Commander. “We will miss his wit, the dedication he showed to his job, and his people skills.”

A Celebration of Mr. Bainbridge’s life was held Oct. 1 at the First Congregational Church of Vernon. Memorial calling hours followed.



**SOAKED SORTIE** - Senior Master Sgt. Fred Perret, 337th Airlift Squadron flight engineer, dries off after getting hosed down following his last C-5 flight Sept. 27. Sergeant Perret retired with 7,000 hours during a 30-year career, 25 of which were at Westover. He will remain at the base with flight safety as a flight engineer instructor.

-- photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

## Recruiters announce ‘Get One’ winners

The 439th Airlift Wing Recruiting Office announced the winners of the ‘Get One’ referral program for the fiscal 2005 fourth quarter.

Most referrals:

Three-way tie with two referrals each: **Tech. Sgt. Scott T. Theriault**, 439th

Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Staff Sgt. Chad M. Klein**, 439th Security Forces Squadron, and **Senior Airman Jenny N. Tran**, 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron. Sergeant Klein also won in the most accessed category with two accessions.

## LRS Airmen help fix up Springfield home

Twelve members of the 439th Logistics Readiness Squadron recently devoted time to the Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build 2005.

The Westover volunteers spent part of their September working to build an entire house in ten days, said **Master Sgt. Charmaine M. Mallett**. They also contributed to finishing a Habitat for Humanity house located across the street from their project in Springfield.

According to Sergeant Mallett, these aren’t the first two houses members of the 439th LRS have worked on. “Our squadron has been volunteering with this organization every year since our activation in 2001 to assist in the renovation or construction of suitable housing for the less fortunate,” she said. The two houses worked

on were scheduled to be dedicated to their new families Oct. 2.

The housing project also attracted local attention after neighbors, who were impressed by the reservists’ work, informed local media.

Besides Sergeant Mallett, the other participants were: **Lt. Col. Jacquelyn B. Crothers**, **Major Joseph M. Revit**, **Chief Master Sgt. Sharon L. Lausier**, **Senior Master Sgt. Michael K. Barna**, **Master Sgts. Carla A. Letourneau and Richard D. Greene**, **Tech. Sgt. Joni M. Thomas**, **Staff Sgts. Amber L. Ryals and Jose R. Limo**, and **Senior Airmen Christopher G. Malooly and Oliver G. Del Rosaria**.



-- photo by Tammy Malecki

**FIREFIGHTER FINISH** - Westover firefighter Anthony Carfiro (right) completes the Tunnel to Towers Run. He and the other Westover firefighters donated \$3,400 to the run that took place Sept. 25 in New York City in honor of Stephen Siller, a firefighter who died Sept. 11, 2001.

PATRIOT PEOPLE |



**Tech. Sgt. Christopher Pandolfi**

-- photo by Master Sgt. Anne Ward

NAME : Christopher Pandolfi  
 RANK : Technical sergeant  
 AGE : 35  
 ADDRESS : Chicopee, Mass.  
 UNIT : 439th Security Forces Squadron  
 POSITION : Security forces quality control  
 CIVILIAN POSITION : Department of Defense  
 FAVORITE FOOD : Meatballs, Italian  
 YEARS OF SERVICE : Fourteen  
 FAVORITE SPORT: Weightlifting  
 FAVORITE HOBBY: Motorcycle riding  
 IDEAL VACATION : Cape Cod  
 BEST WAY TO RELAX : Sleep  
 PREFERRED ENTERTAINMENT : Movies  
 FAVORITE HERO: Grandma  
 FAVORITE MUSIC STYLES : All kinds  
 FAVORITE MOVIE : Big Daddy  
 FAVORITE AIRCRAFT : F-18  
 PET PEEVE : Inconsistency  
 WHAT WOULD I DO IF I WON \$1 MILLION : Give me a million dollars and I'll tell you

**Get One Referral Information**

"Get One" referrals need to be sent to Patricia Simonds at the Westover recruiting office. There are three ways the information may be sent; call Mrs. Simonds at (413) 557-2125 or DSN 589-2125 let her know you have a "Get One," E-mail: Patricia.Simonds@Westover.af.mil, or fax the information below to: 413-557-2126 or DSN 589-2126

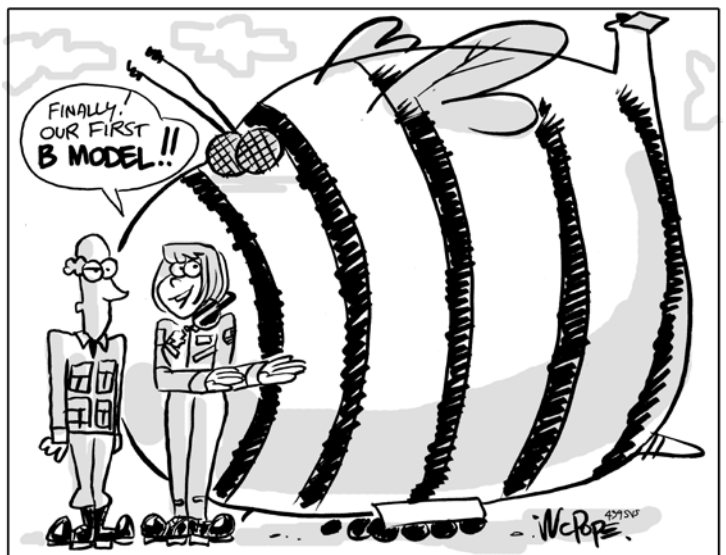
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 Status ( reservist, air reserve technician, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

**POPE'S PUNS |**



**SERVICES BRIEFS |**

**Consolidated Club has new hours**

The Westover Consolidated Club is open for lunch from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Dinner hours are 5-8 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.  
 The casual lounge is open from 4-11 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays.

Catering dates are available at the club for events, such as weddings, graduations, reunions, promotions, retirements, birthdays and other special events.  
 Club members receive a 10 percent discount on food for personal functions.  
 The club may be reached at (413) 593-5531. It is located on Galaxy Road behind the base exchange.

**Office offers ski packages, tickets**

The outdoor recreation office has movie tickets for sale and a large variety of ski packages.  
 The office is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and is located in Bldg. 5346. For more information, call Ext. 2192.

**Center open UTAs and weekdays**

The fitness center, temporarily located in Bldg. 5102, is open from 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday; Saturdays 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Sundays and holidays closed. On UTAs, hours are: 5:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday and from 5:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays.

# Reservists join in oozeball fund-raiser

by Staff Sgt. Tom Ouellette

A team of mud-slinging athletes from Westover got down and dirty Aug. 20 in Middletown, Conn.

They gathered for a mud volleyball tournament at Zoars Pond, thanks to some detailed coordination by Senior Master Sgt. Randy Bates of the 439<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron.

“I asked people to play. The tournament raises funds for the Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut,” said Sergeant Bates. Together they split the \$200 entry fee and challenged 112 teams in ankle-deep ooze for top honors.

“We were ready. Some of us wore boots. Others duct taped their socks to their sneakers so they wouldn’t lose their shoes in the muck,” he said.

Mud volleyball has different rules than

The Patriot Wing mud volleyball participants were: Capts. Gary D. Byrd and Shawn M. Swarz, Senior Master Sgt. John D. MacIntyre and Master Sgt. Daniel R. Ernst, 439<sup>th</sup> SFS; Master Sgt. Daniel R. Witt, Jr., 42nd Aerial Port Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Nadine A. Bates, 439<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Squadron; Senior Airman Susan J. Weis, 439<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Group, and friends Betsy Quick and George Moore.



-- photo by Jody Byrd

**MUDDY MATCHUP** - Master Sgt. Dan Witt, center, prepares to hit the volleyball during the Aug. 20 volleyball tournament held in Middletown, Conn. Eight other Patriot Wing members participated in the tournament which was held to raise money for the Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut.

“clean,” or traditional, volleyball, Sergeant Bates said. Teams must be co-ed, with at least two females on the court throughout the game. And unlike the traditional 21-point score needed in volleyball, the team with the most points after twenty minutes wins, Sergeant Bates explained.

The Patriot Wingers initially fared well, reaching the finals after winning their first two games. But in the final round the team staggered in single-elimination competition, losing by a mere two points. Sergeant Bates shrugged off the loss.

He said he knows winning isn’t what this event was all about.

“I’ve been personally involved with this for the last five years,” he said. “A friend of mine has epilepsy and asked me to join. It’s a lot of fun and it’s a great cause. I’m hoping more people from Westover come to next year’s mud volleyball tournament.”

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