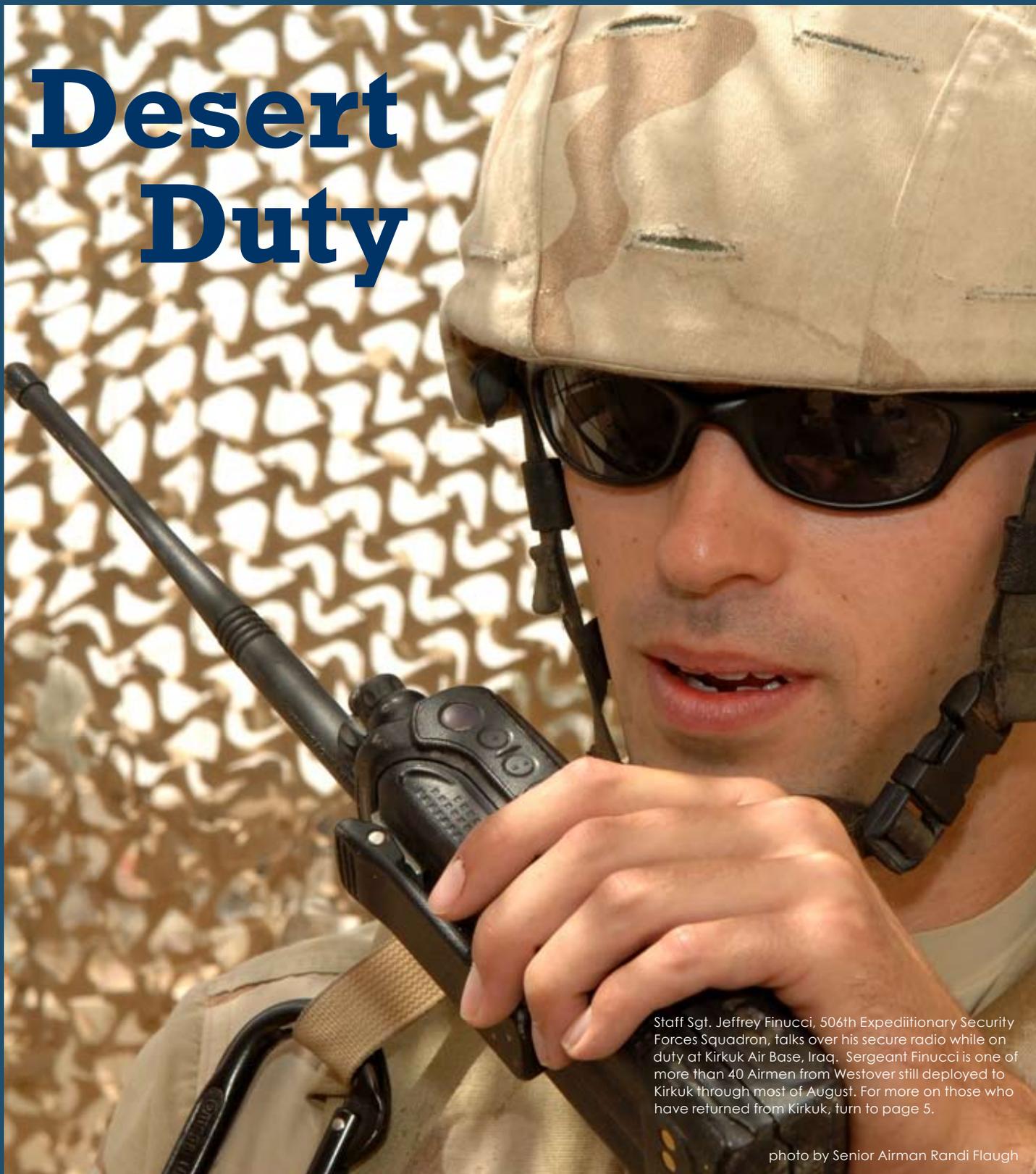


## Desert Duty



Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Finucci, 506<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, talks over his secure radio while on duty at Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq. Sergeant Finucci is one of more than 40 Airmen from Westover still deployed to Kirkuk through most of August. For more on those who have returned from Kirkuk, turn to page 5.

photo by Senior Airman Randi Flaugh

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**HOMEFIELD ADVANTAGE** >> Thousands of visitors walk in and around a Westover C-5, in its European II camouflage scheme, during the 1987 air show. This year's Great New England Air Show, set for Sept. 6-7, is the first to be held at Westover in four years. The Thunderbirds, the official Air Force aerial demonstration team, and the Army's Golden Knights parachuting team. Multiple modern and vintage military aircraft are also scheduled to be part of the air show. For more information on the 2008 air show, turn to page 8. (File photo)

## EDITORIAL | First impressions matter ... to me and to the community



Colonel Swain

After two months at Westover, I'm impressed.

Westover is a great resource with talented people working very hard to accomplish our global mission. I'm impressed by the attitude of the people here. Despite a

challenging steady-state operations tempo, hundreds of reservists volunteer to deploy, hundreds more work long hours in support of the mission – always pressing forward – taking pride in what they do.

I'm impressed by the great relationship we have with our tenant units which will soon comprise more than 2,000 people. Our relationship with our contractor, Phoenix Management Incorporated, is the best I've seen at any base. We partner with the Marines, Navy, and with the Military Entrance Processing Station. Work is under way to welcome 1,000 Army personnel to Westover. We host a comprehensive military team.

I've also been visiting with local officials and I'm impressed by the great community support we have and how extensively we interact with our neighbors around the base.

As a commander, these impressions have come to me through individuals, units, the base, and beyond. Together, they form a comprehensive picture of Westover – who we are and where we are going. In a sense, they help define my marching orders.

In a very real sense, Westover's Great New England Air Show offers us all the same opportunity to create great first impressions for up to a million people Sept. 6-7.

The Air Show puts a spotlight on the Air Force, the military and Westover, and shows that we are a professional organization that can bring things together. We can show our capabilities and our whole reason for being here.

The Thunderbirds and the Golden Knights may wow the crowds from the sky, but it is each individual Airman that cements the impression of pride, professionalism and power. How we look, how we act, how we articulate our mission, and how we treat our guests all combine to tell the best Westover story. We

can change public opinion by each example.

Just as many of you have no idea what impression you made on me, we may never know the impact our impressions make on others.

Consider the 10-year-old you might talk to at the air show – whose life path may be changed by what he sees. That's what happened to Westover's 1st Lt. Susan Bolduc. At four-years-old, she toured a C-5 at a New England air show, and it birthed a dream to become an Air Force pilot. She is now a C-5 pilot with the 337th Airlift Squadron.

Whether it's a 10-year-old, a 90-year-old veteran, your neighbor, an elected official, your friends, or your own family, let's make a good impression and make our guests feel welcome – just as you have impressed and welcomed my wife Diane and myself.

I appreciate that, and look forward to next month, and the years ahead.

**Col. Robert Swain Jr.**  
**439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander**

## BRIEFS |

### PMI information

Phoenix Management, Incorporated (PMI), is Westover's base operating support contractor. The company staff handles weekday work requests for service calls, repairs, or modernizations of existing things on base.

People needing PMI's services should call Ext. 3575 or send an e-mail to PMI customer service at [kimberly.fournier.ctr@westover.af.mil](mailto:kimberly.fournier.ctr@westover.af.mil).

They may also submit a request in person at PMI customer service in Bldg. 2450 on Patriot Avenue.

Customers will receive work orders for future reference and must be retained until the work has been completed. Modernization projects should be documented on an Air Force Form 332, Base Civil Engineer Request.

### Changes set for 337th, AMDS

New commanders will lead the 337th Airlift Squadron and 439th Aerospace Medicine Squadron on the August A UTA.

Lt. Col. Patrick L. Cloutier will take over command of the 337th AS from Lt. Col. Vito E. Addabbo Aug. 9 at 11 a.m. in the 337th briefing room in the Base Hangar.

At 1 p.m., Col. Joel S. Bogner will assume command of the 439th AMDS from Col. Ronald R. Coffey. That will take place at the AMDS medical facility on Walker Avenue.

### Voting resources available on base

Reservists not on active duty away from their legal residences are encouraged to vote through visiting their city or town halls, or visiting their respective web sites.

Members scheduled to deploy should register to vote by picking up absentee voting materials as soon as possible. Information is also available through unit voting counselors on base. Those counselors may be found on line at:

<https://www.mil.439aw.afrc.af.mil/msg/mpf/mssvote>

Information may be found by visiting the Federal Voting Assistance Program's web site at [www.fvap.gov/index](http://www.fvap.gov/index). Reservists with questions on weekdays may call Kathleen Kies at Ext. 3513. Those unable to reach a unit voting counselor may e-mail Senior Master Sgt. Shane Robitaille at [shane.robitaille@westover.af.mil](mailto:shane.robitaille@westover.af.mil)

### CC call

A wing Commander's Call is scheduled for Aug. 9 at 3:30 p.m. at the Base Hangar. This is a mandatory formation for Westover reservists to attend.

### Credit union

Westover's new Pioneer Valley Federal Credit Union branch is scheduled to open this fall.

The full-service branch will be in Bldg. 1520, with a 24-hour automatic teller machine (ATM). The benefits of PVFCU membership include special rates on loans and investment products and free financial wellness programs. New members may join with as little as a \$25 deposit.

For more information, call (413) 733-2800 or toll-free (866) MYPVFCU (697-8328), or visit [www.pioneervalley.coop](http://www.pioneervalley.coop)

# ASTS major tackles long hours, challenges in Iraq

by Staff Sgt.  
Timm Huffman

"Trauma call times two. Trauma call times two," booms the voice over the loud speaker moments before the Blackhawk helicopter touches down carrying two more wounded Iraqis.

Maj. Deborah C. McCabe, physician's assistant with the 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, is there, waiting with her team of nurses, medics and pharmacists ready to assess the trauma patients and provide them care.

Major McCabe, who has 18 years civilian experience as a physician's assistant, was commissioned into the Air Force just last year at the age of 43. Just a few months later, she packed her bags for a deployment to Balad Air Base, Iraq. Once there, she quickly assumed leadership positions.

As an ASTS physician's assistant, she is trained to work in a contingency aeromedical staging facility (CASF), a holding area for American patients awaiting transportation to their next step of care, usually in Landstuhl, Germany. It was not a good feeling then, she said, when she learned she would be in charge of assessing victims in an emergency room.

During her first week at Balad, she was thrown right into the mix, learning as she went.

For someone who usually dealt with things like high blood pressure and dermatology, she said it was very intense learning how to deal with the trauma and mass casualties flowing through her ER all the time.

"I had to step up to the plate rather quickly," said Major McCabe.

Typically, patients coming into the ER would be assessed within one to three minutes, sent for a CT scan and could be in surgery in 5-8

minutes if necessary.

Major McCabe said they kept up this tempo even under the constant threat of mortar attack.

"We came under indirect fire every day. We would have several alarm reds a day where we were taking cover on the floor," she said.

After only one week in the ER, she was assigned officer in charge of a 40-bed trauma ward.

"What I do as a civilian had little to do with what I was doing in Iraq," said Major McCabe.

As OIC of the ward, the major was responsible for the care of patients with a range of injuries - everything from amputations, to missing eyes and post-operation care, she said.

The trauma ward had U.S. casualties along one side, and Iraqis on the other.

"Often we hear about a person's 'baptism by fire' in reference to hardships endured in the completion of one's duty," said Col. Robert A. Sousa, ASTS commander. "In Major McCabe's case I would make the argument that she was perhaps baptized by 'nuclear fission' by working 14-18 hour days in charge of her own hospital ward that two previous higher ranking flight surgeons couldn't handle."

Despite working "very, very intense" 18-hour days, she was able to provide her Iraqi patients with top-notch medical care, he continued.

Major McCabe was responsible, almost exclusively, for caring for injured Iraqi civilians, soldiers, police and detainees who came into the facility.

"People get thrown by the fact that I kind of exclusively worked with the Iraqis, but you don't pick and choose in medicine," Major McCabe said. "It's my job to save lives."



**MEDICAL MASTER** >> Maj. Deborah C. McCabe, ASTS physician's assistant, was officer in charge of a busy trauma ward during her recent deployment to Balad Air Base, Iraq. She almost exclusively oversaw the care of injured Iraqis. (photo by Staff Sgt. XXXXXXXXXX)

Speaking through an interpreter, she did her rounds caring for injured children, members of the Sons of Iraq (a Sunni militant group), and detainees, who were blindfolded and restrained.

Major McCabe said if you stopped to think about it, you might realize that the insurgent you're caring for could be the same guy who just planted an improvised explosive device that maimed the U.S. Soldier on the other side of the ward.

Even with the barriers, she provided them the same comprehensive care that would be provided U.S. military members.

During her deployment, the major said she was able to play a role in obtaining prosthetics for several of her patients, including two children.

"My time in Iraq has been the most rewarding part of being in the Air Force and the experience

has been a very positive one," she said.

"The major is an amazing medical military officer, who quickly became an integral part of an outstanding group of deployed personnel from the 439th ASTS," said Colonel Sousa. "As commander, I couldn't be prouder of her and our entire unit. We have a very diverse group of multi-talented people who excel at their jobs and always step up to the plate."

Major McCabe summed up the exclusive experience she gained as a military medical officer in a wartime environment.

"This deployment was the first time in my entire medical career where I was able to apply all that I know, and know beyond a shadow of a doubt, that I was able to help people and save lives. I don't think I could say that of my civilian job."



**TAKING AIM** >> Master Sgts. Brian Shameklis, right, and Timothy R. Smithers, re-qualify on the M-9 pistol July 14 at the Westover shooting range. They were among several security forces reservists to return from a six-month deployment to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq. (photo by Staff Sgt. Timm Huffman)

## First SF Airmen return from Kirkuk

by Staff Sgt. Timm Huffman

Four members of Westover's deployed security forces airmen returned home July 12 from a six-month deployment to Kirkuk Air Base, Iraq.

Master Sgts. Tim Smithers and Brian Shameklis, Tech. Sgt. Brian Couture and Staff Sgt. Christopher Bellofatto were part of an advanced team (ADVON) deployed to help fill key leadership positions. "There were four of us on the ADVON and we were chosen for our knowledge, skill sets and our experience," said Sergeant Smithers, who was the senior noncommissioned officer in charge of security forces. Sergeant Shameklis was flight sergeant to the battle captain. Sergeant Couture was the security forces team leader and acted as liaison between sectors. He was also in charge of base entry control points and fire teams. Sergeant

Bellofatto, supply NCO, made purchases for the squadron.

Sergeant Bellofatto's deployment separated him from his wife, Michelle, as she gave birth to their daughter. He met his new daughter for the first time when he returned home in July.

"It was hard for Sergeant Bellofatto to be away from home when his daughter was born," said Sergeant Smithers, "but he stayed professional and did his job well and he got lots of support from his fellow airmen."

While at Kirkuk the security forces airmen also contributed by supporting Army personnel with emergency recovery of injured personnel, both friendly and enemy. They helped improve perimeter security and the hardening of entry points and provided security for the Joint Chief of Staff and other high ranking officials. More than 30 members of the security forces squadron deployed to Kirkuk are scheduled to come home in late August.

## General Stenner takes command

by Senior Master Sgt. Matt Proietti

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr. assumed command of the Air Force Reserve and its 68,000 members June 24 in a ceremony at the Air Force Memorial here.

He succeeds Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, who held the post since 2004.

"I'm excited to lead the finest group of warriors I have ever known," General Stenner said. "These are Airmen who have to maintain a balance with their family, their military commitments, their civilian career and their community."

General Stenner assumes a dual role which requires him to divide his time between serving as chief of the Air Force Reserve in Washington while also being head of the Air Force Reserve Command at Robins AFB, Ga.

He has been assistant deputy chief of staff for strategic plans and programs at the Pentagon for two years. Before that he served as director of operations at command headquarters and director of plans and programs there before transferring to Washington. He has commanded four operations groups and two fighter wings.

General Stenner is a command pilot with more than 3,500 flying hours in the F-4 Phantom, A-10 Thunderbolt and F-16 Fighting Falcon.

Speaking June 23 at the Pentagon, General Stenner said his immediate goal is to keep the Air Force Reserve on a steady course as it works with its active-duty and Air National Guard partners.



"It's a great way to advertise the Air Force...and allows the public a way to express their patriotism."

**Staff Sgt. Weifeng Liu**



"To secure recruit leads and educate the public in what we do to safe guard their freedom."

**Master Sgt. Susan Anderson**



"Familiarize the public with who we are and what we do, and check out the cool toys."

**Capt. Paul Hauspurg**

**TROOP TALK** | Why is the air show important for the public to see?



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**439th Operations Group**  
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**439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron**  
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Senior Master Sgt. Michelle M. Dunfield



(Photo  
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Col. Joel S. Bogner  
Senior Master Sgt. Barbara A. Bender



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Senior Master Sgt. Bert A. Quick



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Master Sgt. Darlene C. St. George



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Master Sgt. Mark G. Seitz



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Senior Master Sgt. Timothy B. Maguire



**439th Civil Engineering Squadron**  
Lt. Col. Paul E. Goliber  
Master Sgt. Bruce B. Buechele



**439th Logistics Readiness Squadron**  
Lt. Col. Edward J. Miller  
Master Sgt. John R. Monopoli



**58th Aerial Port Squadron**  
Lt. Col. Richard M. Cockley  
Master Sgt. Michael A. Wysocki



**439th Security Forces Squadron**  
Maj. Wesley A. Thiel  
Master Sgt. Jayme L. Frey



**439th Services Squadron**  
Lt. Col. Patrick L. Dufraime  
Master Sgt. James K. Barnes



**85th Aerial Port Squadron**  
Maj. John P. Mailo  
Master Sgt. Stephen D. Winters

**Hanscom AFB, GSU**

# Guidelines help reservists, families with air show safety

by Maj. Wilson Camelo

With about a month left until the Great New England Air Show, final preparations are under way and the excitement is starting to build.

Nearly every 439th Airlift Wing member will work during the show or will be assigned to a work detail to accommodate the tens of thousands of visitors expected on Sept. 6-7.

The Air Force's official demonstration team, the Thunderbirds, and the Army Golden Knights are headlining this year's air show -- poised to be a memorable event, and the first air show at Westover in four years.

Here are some guidelines and tips for Patriot Wing members and their families to keep in mind:

- Operational Security is paramount and everyone should remain vigilant of their surroundings. Never speak about operational matters and review the base's and your unit's Critical Information List (green cards near your phone and also on the Y: drive under

"operational security."

- Security forces officials remind everyone that coolers are not allowed. Exceptions are made for baby formula or medical necessities. Backpacks are not allowed; however, small purses/fanny packs as well as camera/camcorder bags and diaper bags are allowed.

- Other allowable items are baby strollers, "small" lawn chairs (no lounge chairs), wheelchairs, guide/working dogs for the disabled, and water if it is in a clear plastic bottle. All other liquids are prohibited.

- The public affairs staff expects numerous media outlets to cover the air show and reminds everyone that they could be asked questions by the media. Ask media representatives to coordinate all interview requests through PA at the media tent between Hangars 7 and 9. The PA staff will provide credentials for media and assist them in interview requests as well as access to key areas and performers.

Here are some tips to make the air show a fantastic and safe day for family members

and the public:

- Wear comfortable shoes, preferably not sandals or flip flops.

- Wear sunscreen and sunglasses, even if the weather is cloudy. Also, consider wearing a hat.

- Have a family plan in the event someone gets lost or you become separated.

- Stay hydrated and know the signs of heat stress and heat stroke. Your Airman's Manual is a good reference guide.

- Watch the weather forecast and bring rain gear in case of inclement weather.

- Bring your camera and video gear as well as film, if you don't use a digital camera.

- If possible, look to carpool with other loved ones and friends. Also, try to arrive early to avoid the traffic.

For more information on the Great New England Air Show, as well as information on scheduled performers and static displays, please visit <http://www.greatnewenglandairshow.com> and [www.westover.afrc.af.mil](http://www.westover.afrc.af.mil).

PA may be reached at Ext. 2020.

## Patriot Wing powerlifter lifts to another weight record

by Staff Sgt. Timm Huffman

Staff Sgt. Rick F. Marrama, 439th Maintenance Squadron, recently achieved another 'benchmark' at a May lifting meet held in Dell, Wisc.

Sergeant Marrama bench pressed 678.8-pounds wearing a single-ply bench shirt in the 220-pound body-weight class at the World Association of Bench Pressers and Dead Lifters (WABD) National Meet.

This achievement breaks six records, including the open 220 class world record, as well as the WABD National record, Sergeant Marrama said.

His previous bench press record was 661-pounds wearing a single-ply shirt and in the 198-pound weight class. His new record is 39-pounds over three times his body weight.

The Westover lifter has been competing since the age of 10 and is no stranger to record-breaking.

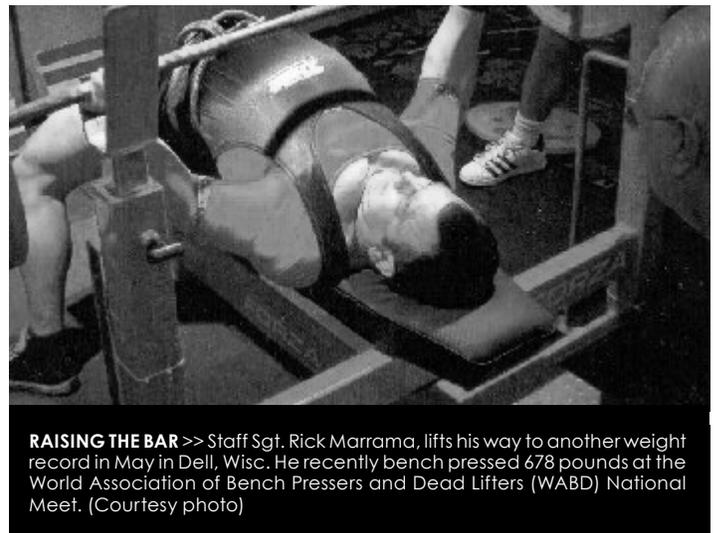
In 2006, Sergeant Marrama became the first person to bench press 600 pounds with a single-ply shirt in the 198-pound weight class.

Again, in 2007, he broke his previous record becoming the first person to bench 620-pounds under the same conditions.

"When you're lifting with a bench shirt on, if you really think about what you're doing and second guess yourself, you're going to fail...You've got to attack the bar."

In competition there are three judges. Spotters hand off the weight to Sergeant Marrama. Once he has the weight in his hands, he has to lower it to his chest and hold it motionless until the head judge gives the command to "press."

Then he must push up the weight



**RAISING THE BAR** >> Staff Sgt. Rick Marrama, lifts his way to another weight record in May in Dell, Wisc. He recently bench pressed 678 pounds at the World Association of Bench Pressers and Dead Lifters (WABD) National Meet. (Courtesy photo)

until he can lock out his arms and hold it until the judge directs to rack the weight. Other judges check to make sure the weightlifter's body remains in the correct position.

The Westover athlete and maintainer says he is currently training for several upcoming meets, including the WABD World Meet, held in Las Vegas, in November.

In 2007, Sergeant Marrama bench pressed 620 pounds in the

198-pound weight class during an American Powerlifting Association.

Seven hundred pounds -- in the 198-pound class -- is the air reserve technician's next goal. He has competed for more than 10 years in various events, winning competitions, and setting records.

Judging from this history, it won't be long before he surpasses this next goal as well.

# Wing Employer Day set for Oct. 4

by Capt. Justin Manna

The 439th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office will host the annual Employer Day Oct. 4 with events scheduled at the Westover Club, a "Dogpatch deployment" and a C-5 orientation flight.

Employer Days help employers of reservists learn about the 439th Airlift Wing's mission and increase their support for that mission.

During past Employer Days, employers have been treated to mock mobility line processing, MOPP gear training, as well as briefings from various offices on base.

This year, the PA staff plans to take the concept a step further with a mock deployment to the Dogpatch training area of the base where employers will eat MRE lunches, and perform various Airman's Manual-inspired exercises.

As in years past, a C-5 flight is also scheduled for the employers and their reservists.

Reservists who would like to participate in Employer Day should contact PA by the September A UTA with names, social security numbers and contact information of the attending employers.

For more information, call PA at Ext. 2020 or e-mail at 439aw.pa@westover.af.mil

## Patriot Wing Airmen receive Article 15s

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Publication of Article 15 punishments is intended to serve as a deterrent to members of the 439th Airlift Wing. This article covers two Article 15s, which are nonjudicial punishments under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.*

Two senior airmen with the 439th Airlift

### 439TH AIRLIFT WING EMPLOYER DAY SIGN-UP FORM

The 439th AW Public Affairs staff thanks you for your interest in this year's Employer Day. In 2007, we were proud to host a group of 32 reservists and 40 of their employers, the largest turnout since Employer Day began at Westover. We hope to eclipse that amount this year.

Please fill out the entire form to ensure your attendance on Oct. 4. All information regarding both reservists and employers will be kept to the same confidentiality as the Privacy Act-1974 dictates.

#### RESERVIST

- 1) Name, rank and unit: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) E-mail (on-base and personal): \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Contact/cell phone number (where you can be reached during business hours): \_\_\_\_\_

- 4) Civilian job title: \_\_\_\_\_

#### EMPLOYER

- 1) Employer's name(s) (e.g. Tom Smith) and work address \_\_\_\_\_

- 2) Job title and business name (e.g. President/CEO, Mass Mutual): \_\_\_\_\_

- 3) E-mail and contact phone number (e.g. tom.smith@massmutual.org; daytime phone): \_\_\_\_\_

- 4) Social Security Number and Driver's License Number (for clearance for C-5 flight) \*(when sending SSN's by fax or e-mail, please affix the following message in the subject line: Privacy Act-1974 applies): \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have any other questions regarding Employer Day or information needed above, please contact:**

**Westover Air Reserve Base Public Affairs**

Local: 413-557-2020 or 413-557-2063, fax: 413-557-2011

DSN: 589-2020 or 589-2063

439aw.pa@westover.af.mil

Wing recently received Article 15 punishments.

A senior airman visited pornographic web sites on a government computer, resulting in a violation of Article 92, failure to obey an order or regulation.

The airman received a reduction in grade to airman first class (suspended probationally for six months).

Another senior airman used disrespectful language toward a senior noncommissioned

officer, disobeyed an order, and used threatening language toward other Airmen, resulting in violations of Article 92, failure to obey an order or regulation; Article 91, insubordinate conduct toward a warrant officer, noncommissioned officer or petty officer (two counts), and Article 134, communicating a threat (three counts).

The airman received a reduction in grade to airman first class.

## Finance center operations should speed up travel voucher processing

Air Force reservists' travel vouchers being processed through the Air Force Financial Services Center at Ellsworth Air Force Base, S.D., should be moving faster. Officials in the directorate

of financial management at Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command sent specialists to Ellsworth in May. As a result of their visit, Ellsworth had doubled the bandwidth for sending vouchers

through the Enterprise Information Management system. The major advantage of the EIM system is the time it saves by tracking the documentation throughout the entire process.

With the older Remote Access

Drive system, visibility is lost to base-level finance, and the vouchers have to be copied and moved manually for processing. As a result, travel voucher processing takes longer. (AFRC News Service)



**FINI FOR THE CHIEF >>** Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Dzwonkus, 337th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, gets the traditional hosedown July 10 following his last flight. Chief Dzwonkus flew in three different aircraft assigned to Westover during his 37-year career, and was the last crew member at the base who had flown the C-124 Globemaster II. The chief then went to the C-130 Hercules, and finally the C-5. At the end of this C-5 flight, the chief had flown more than 12,500 hours in Air Force Reserve airlifters. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

HELLO, COMMANDER'S  
HOTLINE...

Commander's Hotline  
Extension 3774

## New GI Bill benefits available in 2009

The post-9/11 GI Bill is a new benefit providing educational assistance to individuals who served on active duty on or after September 11, 2001.

Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits are payable for training pursued on or after August 1, 2009. No payments can be made under this program for training pursued before that date.

At a minimum, servicemembers must have served at least 30 days of continuous active duty service after September 10, 2001 and be discharged due to a service-connected disability, or served an aggregate of 90 days of active duty service after September 10, 2001.

Servicemembers must also be honorably discharged from Armed Forces; or released from Armed Forces with service characterized as honorable and placed on the retired list, temporary disability retired list, or transferred to the Fleet Reserve or the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve; or be released from the Armed Forces with service characterized as honorable for further service in a reserve component. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Anthony Basile at the base education and training office at Ext. 2042, or visit the GI Bill web site at <http://www.gibill.va.gov>

(Information provided by the Veterans Administration)

## PATRIOT PEOPLE |



Staff Sgt. Pete Corretjer

NAME : Pete J. Corretjer  
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 AGE : 30  
 HOMETOWN : Chelsea, Mass.  
 UNIT : 439th Maintenance Squadron  
 POSITION : Avionics technician  
 FAVORITE FOOD : Italian  
 YEARS OF SERVICE : Four and a half  
 FAVORITE SPORT : Paintball  
 FAVORITE HOBBY : Camping  
 IDEAL VACATION : Island-hopping through the Caribbean  
 BEST WAY TO RELAX : Rest in a hammock by the ocean  
 PREFERRED ENTERTAINMENT : Watch movies  
 FAVORITE HERO : Every Airman, Soldier , Sailor, and Marine  
 FAVORITE MUSIC STYLE : '80s  
 FAVORITE MOVIE : Star Wars  
 FAVORITE AIRCRAFT : F-22  
 PET PEEVE : Bullies  
 WHAT WOULD I DO IF I WON \$1 MILLION : Pay my student loans and invest.

**AT THE CLUB** >> Club members can sign up for a new card choice that began July 15. A major credit card is no longer required. A credit card valid only at services will also be a choice. For more information, call Ext. 2039.

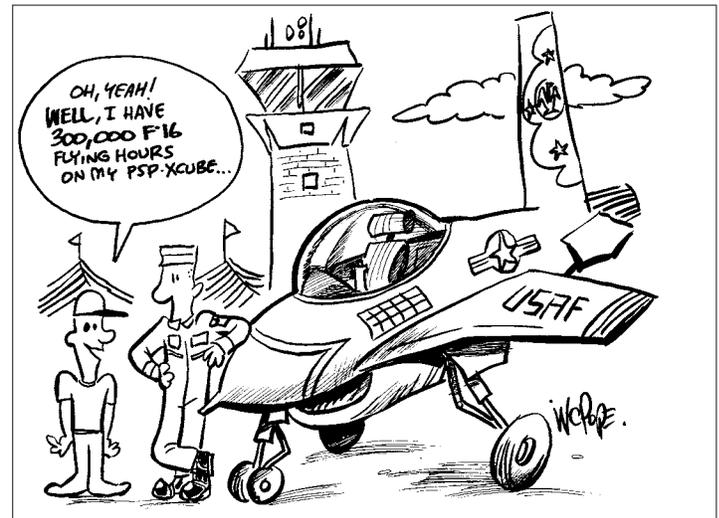
**AT THE FLYERS INN** >> The inn is located behind the 439th Aerospace Medicine Squadron building on Airlift Drive. Information: Ext. 2700

**AT THE BOWLING CENTER** >> "Bowl Your way to Beijing" is the name for the 2008 summer bowling program, based on the location of the Summer Olympics. Members participating in the punch card program earn punches for meals purchased and games bowled. Information: Ext. 3990

**AT THE FITNESS CENTER** >> The Commanders Cup continues in August with six-on-six soccer. Children can get ready to participate in the annual National Football League Punt, Pass, and Kick competition. It will take place at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 10. Information: Ext. 3958

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## PATRIOT PRAISES | Reenlistments

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 Raymond B. Morehouse

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 Jessica M. Nieves

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 Tara E. Nolan  
 Crystal M. Shea  
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**Civilian service**

**Thirty years**  
 John Barrett

**Twenty years**

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 Stacia E. McKenna  
 Barbara Sampson  
 Janice Wheeler



**WEATHER WATCH** >> NASA ground crew members assist pilot Lt. Col. Timothy Williams with final adjustments before he takes off in the NASA ER-2 July 13. The ER-2 is a weather observation model of the Air Force U-2 reconnaissance aircraft. The ER-2 was at Westover throughout July flying weather observation and data collections missions for the space agency. Westover hosts more than 5,000 transient military aircraft annually. These include C-130s, KC-10s, KC-135s, A-10s, various Army helicopters, and aircraft from foreign countries. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Robert Cirillo)

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