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**FIELD TESTED >>** Reservists' employers test their readiness skills by triaging a wounded "patient" during Operation Bosslift held here Oct. 4. Article on Page 4. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Brian Boynton)

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**BOO BASH** >> Sherri Kies, 439th Airlift Wing administrative assistant, helps Kayla Melendez, 11, of Springfield, as they gather candy during the Airman and Family Readiness Center's Boo Bash. More than 150 children attended the Boo Bash, held Oct. 5 in the fitness center. (photo by DeAnne Biscoe)

## EDITORIAL | Revisiting the past to look to the future



Colonel Swain

"I do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic..."

I took that oath in 1975, as an Air Force Academy basic cadet, and recently led several new recruits

with the same solemn oath at a mass enlistment/reenlistment event attended by the Springfield Falcons hockey team.

I welcomed the recruits into the "long blue line" that includes 60 years of professionalism and ever-expanding capabilities. I encouraged them to look behind to a rich legacy, but also forward to new roles and missions; to their critical role in a crucial mission.

I need to pay attention to my own words. I remember the day that I put my hand up to take the oath of office. I don't remember much of what was going on, except that I expected to get yelled at – a lot.

But, now that I think about it, something profound happened that day. I gave up a chunk of my autonomy and committed to a team. I took the oath and sealed the deal, and was no longer the person I was five minutes before raising my hand.

You never know where that oath will take you. It may take you through an initial enlistment, it may take you through 20 years – or in my case – 29 years. However long, the oath is a constant in a sea of changes.

We say the oath with every promotion and every reenlistment. It's a good reminder that each event is a new beginning at a different level. It reiterates our core beliefs and why we wear the uniform.

It also brings greater meaning to the Veteran's Day retreat ceremony scheduled for Nov. 1 at the Base Ellipse. It's an opportunity to affirm our own commitment to the military oath we took, and to honor the sacrifices of those who gave us the life we now enjoy. In our crazy schedules, these ceremonies often feel like that "one more thing to do," but they may serve to remind us that the things we do actually count for something important.

As we consider our role in the military, Veteran's Day, and Thanksgiving, we need to take time to reflect. Thank a veteran (that may include a look in the mirror), thank your employer for their support, and thank your family for sharing the sacrifice of your time and talents.

I am thankful for all the military has given back to me – training, friends, new opportunities, challenges... It put me on the right course in life. It gave me active duty experience that allowed me to be an airline pilot. In the course of both, I traveled the world. I learned of other countries and cultures, which made me even more thankful for this country that I continue to serve.

Once again, I am thankful for all who continue to serve here at Westover, and for those serving difficult deployments through the holiday season.

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

## BRIEFS |

### Best in AFRC

A Patriot Wing senior non-commissioned officer recently took top honors in the Air Force Reserve Command.

Master Sgt. Sharon Riley, 439th Maintenance Group, is the USAF Career Assistance Advisor of the Year for AFRC. Sergeant Riley was among more than 2,000 people who attended the Air Force Honors Banquet and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Awards held in San Antonio, Texas.

Sergeant Riley has been the MXG career advisor for more than two years.

### Holiday meal

Commanders will serve a Thanksgiving meal to Airmen at the Westover Club from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 2 (the A UTA).

### TRICARE retiree dental program

The TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) offers an affordable and comprehensive dental program to retirees, including members of the reserve, who regardless of their age, have transferred to retired reserve status. Enrollees may seek care from any licensed dentist within the TRDP service area.

Services offered include diagnostic and preventive services, basic restorative services, periodontics, oral surgery, dental emergencies, and more.

For more information, call the TRDP toll-free number at 1-888-838-8737, or visit the web site at [www.trdp.org](http://www.trdp.org).

### Base 'Donor Day' set for December

Westover's "Donor Day" will be held Dec. 3. Donors may give back to the community in two ways:

They may give blood at the Mercy Bloodmobile at Bldg. 1850 and the Military Entrance Processing Station on base.

They also may register for the National Marrow Donor Program at Bldg 1850 (8 a.m. - 4 p.m.) and the MEPS (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.).

The National Marrow Program will be available at Wingman Day, Dec. 6, following Commander's Call.

For more information, call Jim LaBarge at Ext. 2871 or Shari McDaneld at the MEPS at 593-9543, Ext. 229.

### Vet's Day retreat

The Patriot Wing will conduct its annual Veteran's Day retreat ceremony with a formation at 3 p.m. Nov. 1.

Reservists will form up by 2:45 p.m. at the Base Ellipse.

### Audit scheduled

A centrally directed audit scheduled for the second week of November, will determine whether the Air Force has properly processed and paid reservists, activated to support the Global War on Terrorism.

For more information, call Dan McCarthy at the wing finance office at Ext. 2883.

### Snowline number

The snowline, at (413) 557-3444, provides updated information during inclement weather.



**PALLET PRACTICE** >> Maryanne Cataldo directs the loading of a pallet during Operation Bosslift Oct. 4. More than 20 employers who visited Westover took part in hands-on training giving them a better idea of what Air Force reservists do while at Westover. The busy schedule also included the bosses eating Meals-Ready-to-Eat for lunch, going through a simulated mobility line, and a C-5 flight over New England. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Troy Thibeault)

## Employers 'deploy' for a day at Dogpatch

by Senior Master Sgt.  
Sandi Michon

Westover's Employer Appreciation Day turned into Employer Education Day when 21 Reservists' bosses "mobilized" Oct. 4, as part of Operation Bosslift.

An air of uncertainty fell on the group as they processed through a mobility line. With mobility folder in hand, they fielded questions about their wills, family care, and spiritual care. They faced a glove-clad "medic" with a huge hypodermic needle. "I hope your shot record is up-to-date," he told each one.

After a mock intelligence briefing, employers consulted their Airman's Manuals to answer Self-Aid-and-Buddy-Care questions, and used them to identify Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) models.

Following a chemical warfare brief, two teams raced to don the complete ensemble, correctly. The jubilant winner won the right to sit in the jump seat during the C-5 flight.

The emerging "Employer Expeditionary Force" headed to Dogpatch for lunch and more just-in-time training. But the skilled professionals looked more like a kindergarten field trip as they sat on wooden benches in the hooch laughing and struggling with their Meals-Ready-to-Eat (MREs).

The somewhat-fed "recruits" then got serious,

divided into three groups, received their field tasking, and trekked to their "unit."

One group built an actual cargo pallet, another triaged a "patient" and loaded the litter onto a Humvee, and the third actually took down an intruder that "broke red," into a secured area.

After the employers finished their tasks, reservists from the 58th Aerial Port, 439th Aeromedical Staging and 439th Security Forces Squadrons performed the same tasks – highlighting their sharp skills by contrast.

Maryanne Cataldo, CEO of City Lights Electrical Company in Canton, Mass., headed up the pallet building team and was slightly-winded when they were done. "This is hard work," she said. "How many of these did they put together in Afghanistan?" Employers listened with renewed interest as Senior Master Sgt. Craig Savoie reviewed his unit's responsibilities while deployed to Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan earlier this year.

Richard Devine was the accidental ringer in the security forces field exercise. When the "intruder," played by 439th SFS Airman Christopher Overy, did not respond to verbal warnings, Devine smacked him with the foam asp and took him down.

"I've got a story to take back to the sheriff's department; they think I'm too old to still do

this," he bragged. Devine is security director with the Hampden City Sheriff's Department and supervises Master Sgt. Richard Garcia, who is deployed to Balad Air Base with the 42nd Aerial Port.

Although the employer medical team may have harmed a real patient, the dummy survived the ordeal. The 439th ASTS showed exactly how it should be done and applied the skills to their real-world deployment to Balad AB earlier this year.

The reservist teams picked star performers from each group to sit in the navigator and jump seats in the cockpit during the afternoon C-5 "deployment" flight. Their two-hour deployment ended back at Westover for a social at the Club and presentations from actual deployments and briefings by representatives from the Connecticut and Massachusetts Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

Mr. Devine summed up the result. "I've worked with reservists for years and heard about their two-week tours and reserve weekends, but you don't really picture what they're doing," he said.

"This morning, I saw the Airman's Manual, the different things they have to learn, the different things they have to do. You really get an understanding about their training and skill levels."



**REMEMBERING A FRIEND** >> Tech. Sgt. Patrick Carlin and Master Sgt. Jenny Carney visit the Fallen Airman Memorial at Joint Base Balad Oct. 12. The Westover Airmen were previously deployed to Balad in 2004 when a fellow Airman was killed in a mortar attack. (photo by Staff Sgt. Don Branum, 332nd AEW Public Affairs)

## CASF medics recall Airman's memory

by Staff Sgt. Don Branum  
332nd AEW Public Affairs

JOINT BASE BALAD, Iraq -- Four and a half years after his death, Airman 1st Class Antoine Holt's memory perseveres in the thoughts of two Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility medics deployed to a nation that today is much closer to peace.

Master Sgt. Jenny Carney and Tech. Sgt. Patrick Carlin, reservists from Westover, were deployed to Joint Base Balad -- then Balad Air Base and Logistics Support Area Anaconda -- in April 2004 when a mortar round struck Airman Holt's tent, killing him and wounding two others.

"I didn't know of him until after the attack happened," said Sergeant Carney, "but after that night, I'll never forget him."

Sergeants Carney and Carlin had moved from Baghdad to Balad to establish the base's CASF. The Air Force had recently established a presence at the base, with about

1,200 Airmen living in tents. The base had earned the moniker "Mortaritaville" -- and not without good cause, as Iraq was much less stable at the time.

Sergeant Carlin witnessed the impact from less than a football field away. The explosion briefly lit up the Air Force housing area, and its shockwave buffeted him. The explosion had destroyed the tent's roof, and the smell of sulfur lingered as the medics tried to work their way through thick smoke.

"We went in and found Holt underneath a mattress," Sergeant Carlin said. "We got Holt out and had him on a stretcher .... I have probably helped move 30,000 wounded, but (Airman 1st Class Scott) Palomino and Holt are still the ones I remember most vividly. Being back here brings everything back," he said.

Airman Holt was an air traffic controller with the 727th Expeditionary Air Control Squadron, and was a native of Kennesaw, Ga.

## Volunteering versus mobilized: article explains benefits

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Information for this article was provided by the Air Force Reserve Directorate of Strategic Communications at the Pentagon. View this complete article on Westover's web site:

[www.westover.afrc.af.mil](http://www.westover.afrc.af.mil)

Since Operation Desert Storm, the Air Force has increasingly relied on Reserve and Guard forces to meet combatant commander requirements. Demand for forces dramatically increased after the terrorist attacks of 9/11.

The Air Force initially met this demand primarily through partial mobilization of forces. Although Reserve and Guard forces are still being mobilized — particularly in stressed career fields like security forces, civil engineering and operations — the Air Force Reserve has subsequently strived to meet these requirements through volunteerism.

To accommodate this greater reliance on Reserve and Guard forces, Congress and the Department of Defense have revised law and policy, improving benefits in some cases and outlining accessibility to Reservists in others. The range and conditions of benefits — when they apply, when they don't — can be confusing: Does a Reservist get a particular benefit when he or she meets a contingency requirement by volunteering as opposed to being mobilized?

For the most part, the answer to this question is yes. However, there are some cases where the benefits for volunteers as opposed to people who are mobilized are different.

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"You know, we sign the time off paperwork for them and we think 'Yeah, OK. They are going off to military duty,' but we have no idea what they really do ... "

-- Lynne Parker  
Reservist: Chief Master Sgt. Earl Duncan



"I left Westover with an understanding and great respect for all the efforts of our Armed Forces."

-- Richard Devine

Reservist: Master Sgt. Richard Garcia



"They do a lot more than just fly .... I learned how skilled the Airmen are -- in leadership, planning, operations, and responsibility."

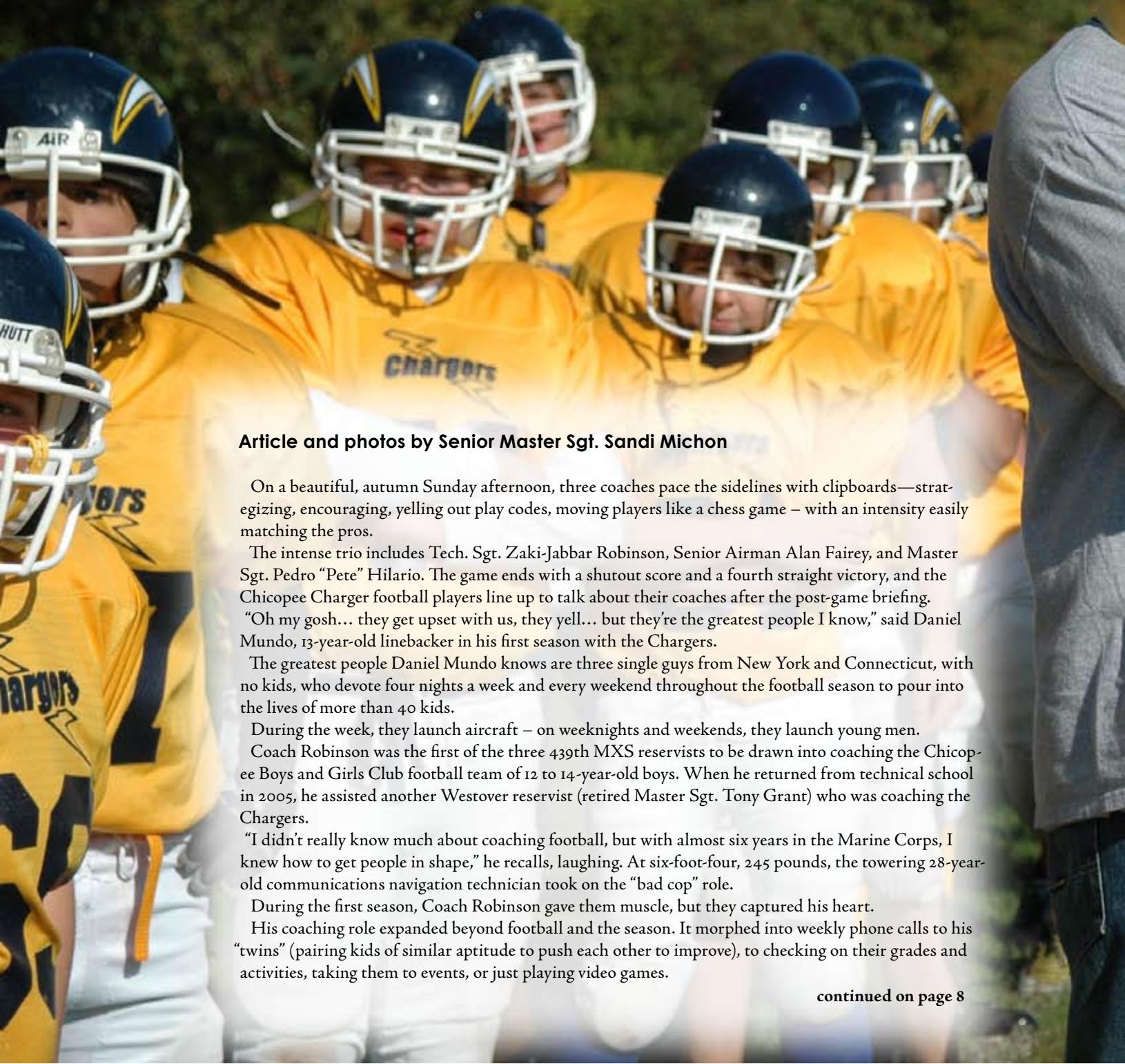
-- Maryanne Cataldo

Reservist: Master Sgt. Bob by Vongphakdy

**BOSS TALK** | How did Employer Day inform you about today's Reserve?

# Men-in-motion

Airmen devote hours of coaching to local gridders



Article and photos by Senior Master Sgt. Sandi Michon

On a beautiful, autumn Sunday afternoon, three coaches pace the sidelines with clipboards—strategizing, encouraging, yelling out play codes, moving players like a chess game – with an intensity easily matching the pros.

The intense trio includes Tech. Sgt. Zaki-Jabbar Robinson, Senior Airman Alan Fairey, and Master Sgt. Pedro “Pete” Hilario. The game ends with a shutout score and a fourth straight victory, and the Chicopee Charger football players line up to talk about their coaches after the post-game briefing.

“Oh my gosh... they get upset with us, they yell... but they’re the greatest people I know,” said Daniel Mundo, 13-year-old linebacker in his first season with the Chargers.

The greatest people Daniel Mundo knows are three single guys from New York and Connecticut, with no kids, who devote four nights a week and every weekend throughout the football season to pour into the lives of more than 40 kids.

During the week, they launch aircraft – on weeknights and weekends, they launch young men.

Coach Robinson was the first of the three 439th MXS reservists to be drawn into coaching the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club football team of 12 to 14-year-old boys. When he returned from technical school in 2005, he assisted another Westover reservist (retired Master Sgt. Tony Grant) who was coaching the Chargers.

“I didn’t really know much about coaching football, but with almost six years in the Marine Corps, I knew how to get people in shape,” he recalls, laughing. At six-foot-four, 245 pounds, the towering 28-year-old communications navigation technician took on the “bad cop” role.

During the first season, Coach Robinson gave them muscle, but they captured his heart.

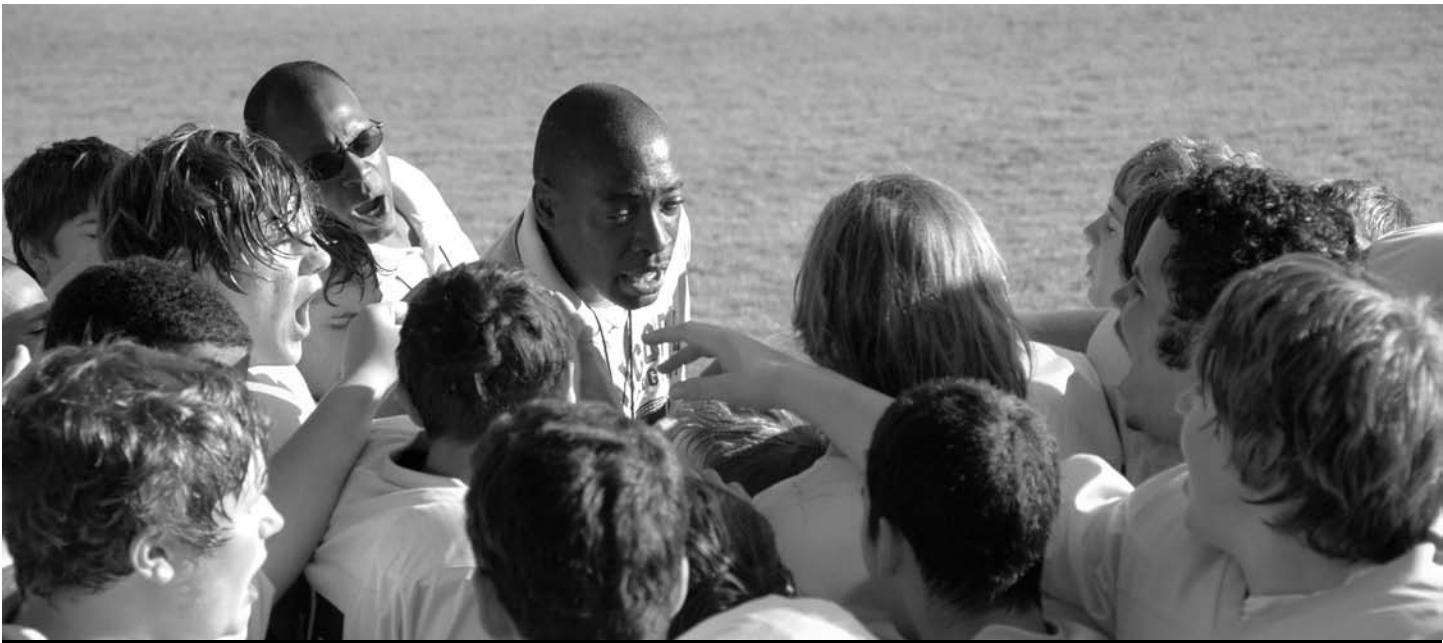
His coaching role expanded beyond football and the season. It morphed into weekly phone calls to his “twins” (pairing kids of similar aptitude to push each other to improve), to checking on their grades and activities, taking them to events, or just playing video games.

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**SIDELINE STRATEGIES** >> (From left) Coaches Zaki-Jabbar Robinson, Alan Fairey, and Pete Hilario, call out plays from the sidelines.

## FEATURE |



**ALL FOR ONE, ONE FOR ALL** >> Coaches Zaki-Jabbar Robinson, right, and Alan Fairey rally their team members during the Oct. 5 game in Chicopee. The coaches devote their efforts four nights a week and every weekend through the football season to more than 40 kids, all part of the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club football team. All three Airmen are assigned to the 439th Maintenance Squadron. (photo by Senior Master Sgt. Sandi Michon)

It's not uncommon for parents to call the coaches if their sons start to stray. When one boy's grades began to fall, Coach Robinson met with him regularly, combining physical workouts with academic coaching.

"I expect excellence on and off the field," he said. "But, the kids know they can call me any time."

When Coach Robinson moved from assistant to head coach in 2007, Coach Alan took over as offensive coordinator. The six-foot-two avionics journeyman loves football and was All-State Free Safety in 1999 at his Wappinger Falls, N.Y. high school. He admits he was hooked after the first Chargers' practice, by the coach's enthusiasm, and the kids' responses. Coach Alan commands respect, but he's obviously the "good cop."

"I try to keep the tone positive. They're still kids," he said.

"We see some kids start out almost putting their helmets on backwards, but progress to play good ball," he said. "Kids start out crying from one pushup – to a few weeks later—ripping off 30 pushups."

The 27-year-old business administration major is no stranger to volunteering. He grew up helping in nursing homes, soup kitchens, Habitat for Humanity – and helped with Katrina-related rebuilding while at technical school at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

"Football is more than just a game. It can be life-changing, for some," he said.

The Westover coaching trio was rounded out this year with the addition of Coach Pete. The 38-year-old Isochronal Inspection Dock (ISO) chief attended a coaching clinic, at Gillette Stadium with the others, in May, and brings his own football experience as a quarterback in junior high, and running back in high school. At five-foot-six, he joked about his football position change in high school. "I was too short to see over the linemen!" he said.

There is an easy camaraderie between the three coaches, but also a deep respect. In the kid's absence, they are still Coach Robinson, Coach Alan and Coach Pete – and they are

quick to recognize each other's strengths – and all three draw from their military experience.

Military discipline is translated to athletic discipline. Victory is the mission and teamwork is the method. All three coaches mentor players and teach them to mentor each other. They teach the Air Force core values: Integrity, Excellence, and Service Before Self.

The coaches demand respect and they give it to every kid – prefacing each of their names with "Mister." They instill respect for each other, for other teams, parents, teachers and referees.

Young teenagers can easily spot hypocrisy, and in a group of 40 football players of all sizes, shapes, colors, and backgrounds, they see their coaches as the real deal.

"They're excellent with us. They want us to be the best we can be in school and the best we can be on the field," said 13-year-old Aidan Santiago. "They respect us. They don't care who you are – they treat us all exactly the same way."

They also see the lighter side. "To tell the truth, the coaches are like us. They play around with you, but when it's time to get serious, it's time to be a disciplined player," said 14-year-old Jovan Jackson.

In fact, 13-year-old Roman Correa found out about the team by playing Xbox™ with Coach Robinson online.

"He can be tough, at times, but he's funny," Correa said.

Chargers team captain, 13-year-old Shane Andrew, sees great value in the coaches' military background.

"Coach Robinson went to Iraq. It makes us understand why they want to push us and make us the best."

Shane moved to Blandford, Mass., three years ago, but stays with the Charger team. "I love the team and I love the coaches. They push you hard, but it's worth playing for them."

His father, Chuck Andrew agrees. "These coaches are awesome guys. I drive 30 miles one way five times a week. But, it's worth it."

## BENEFITS continued from page 5

This article focuses on 30 benefits or categories of benefits available to Reservists and Guardsmen that include pay, allowances and leave, retirement, health care, legal protections, education, insurance, survivor benefits, privileges, and small business support.

Of the 30 benefits or categories of benefits reviewed, 25 are the same for both volunteers and people who are mobilized. Five are different, depending on whether a Reservist is placed on active-duty status by way of volunteerism or mobilization for greater than 30 days. These five are legal assistance, income replacement, the 1095 rule, post-deployment/mobilization respite absence and follow-on mobilization. Following is a brief explanation of some of these five differences:

### Legal assistance

Although legal assistance is available to Reservists and their dependents whenever on active-duty orders, a mobilized Reservist is eligible for continued legal assistance after demobilization.

### Income replacement

In order to qualify for income replacement of up to \$3,000 per month, a Reservist must be involuntarily mobilized (not on voluntary orders) for any full month following the date on which the member (a) completes 547 continuous days of active duty and under involuntary mobilization order; (b) completes

730 cumulative days of active duty under an involuntary mobilization order in the previous 1,826 days; or (c) is involuntarily mobilized for a period of 180 days or more within 180 days of release from a period of 180 days or more of active duty.

### The 1095 rule

Reservists may serve on active duty orders for 1,095 days (three years) of the previous 1,460 days (four years). If Reservists serve in excess of this limitation, then they must be counted against active-duty or active Guard and Reserve end-strength limits, unless these Reservists serve on active duty under certain excluded categories..

Secretary of defense policy establishes the post-deployment/mobilization respite absence (PDMRA) benefit. Department of Defense and AFRC guidance further delineate the policy.

### Follow-on mobilization

Another difference between volunteering and being mobilized that could affect most Reservists is a secondary or follow-on mobilization. Current policy strives to minimize the disruption to a member's commitments outside the military.

### Summary

In order for the Air Force Reserve to continue fulfilling combatant commander requirements by way of volunteerism, while minimizing the disruptive effects of mobiliza-

## Airman receives Article 15

**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 one Article 15, which is nonjudicial punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

A senior airman from Westover was court-martialed for wrongfully receiving money by falsely stating where he lived. The airman was reduced to the grade of airman, was required to forfeit \$500 of his pay per month for 12 months, confined for 30 days, and to perform hard labor without confinement for 30 days.

tion, it is imperative that Reservists have the facts. The fact is a large number of benefits are the same, regardless of how the Reservist is placed on active duty. Where differences do exist, in most cases the benefits only become available after extensive time on mobilization orders or time spent in designated countries.

Since benefits for Reservists are always subject to change, Reservists should keep abreast of the latest information available on the Web at <http://www.defenselink.mil/ra>.



**TAKING THE OATH >>** Col. Robert Swain Jr., 439th Airlift Wing commander, leads a mass enlistment with Chief Master Sgt. Erik Anderson, senior recruiter at Westover, Oct. 8, while in front of a Patriot Wing C-5. More than 20 men and women either reenlisted or enlisted during the ceremony. The Springfield Falcons hockey team also visited the group of enlistees and toured the C-5. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

## WESTOVER PATRIOTS |



**THE SCOOP ON FUND-RAISING** >> Staff Sgt. Michael Jaczyk, 439th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, hands ice cream to Staff Sgt. Mark Jordan, 42nd Aerial Port Squadron, during the Combined Federal Campaign scoop-a-thon held Oct. 5 at the Westover Club. The CFC drive wraps up Dec. 15. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

## CFC drive road race set for Nov. 2

The Westover Runway Run-Away Road Race, to benefit the base Combined Federal Campaign drive, will take place Nov. 2.

Registration will begin at base operations at 2 p.m. with the races starting at 2:30.

The \$5 registration donation is payable the

day of the race. Anyone bringing in a pledge of \$50 or more will receive a CFC T-shirt.

Prizes will be given to the three people bringing in the highest amount in pledges.

For more information, call Lt. Col. Douglas Sudnick at Ext. 2329.

## Chiefs Council awards scholarships to Airmen

The Westover Chiefs' Council recently selected three Patriot Wing Airmen as annual scholarship program winners.

Five hundred dollar scholarships went to: Tech. Sgt. Lisa Dufresne, 439th Mission Support Squadron, Tech. Sgt. Kristen Mahoney, wing command post, and Staff Sgt. Amber Dutton, 439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

Scholarships are awarded to applicants with a 3.0 grade point average, or if entering college for the first time; proof of enrollment from the college.

Applicants also completed an essay entitled "My goals as an Air Force enlisted person."



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## BRIEFS

### Wing recruiters seek air reserve techs

The 439th Airlift Wing recruiters seek candidates for vacancies in the Air Reserve Technician (ART) program at Westover.

ARTs are full-time Air Force Reserve employees who are civil service workers during the week and are in military status as reservists on UTAs and as other military assignments require.

Those Airmen interested in learning more about the program may attend a briefing at 2 p.m. Nov. 1 (the A UTA) in the Westover Club.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Bill Hose at Ext. 2943 or e-mail, william.hose@westover.af.mil

### Program offers three reserve officer slots

The Reserve Airman Commissioning Program has three slots for Airmen with college degrees who would like to be Air Force Reserve officers.

During the January B UTA, the 439th Mission Support Group will hold a commissioning board to interview such candidates. The three positions are with the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron; 58th APS, and the 439th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Candidates must be able to complete the entire commissioning process, including Officer Training School, before their 35th birthday.

Packages need to include a copy of applicant's Air Force Officer Qualification Test (AFOQT) scores; a copy of their college transcript(s); and a cover letter. Application packages are due no later than close of business on Dec. 6 to:  
439th Mission Support Group  
Attn: Michelle Booker  
100 Lloyd St.  
Westover ARB  
Chicopee, Mass. 01022-1825.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Alice Mitchell at Ext. 3436.

## PATRIOT PEOPLE |



Senior Airman Francisco Lopez-Torres

**NAME :** Francisco Lopez-Torres  
**RANK :** Senior airman  
**AGE :** 22  
**HOMETOWN :** Springfield, Mass.  
**UNIT :** 439th Logistics Readiness Squadron  
**POSITION :** Vehicle operator  
**FAVORITE FOOD :** Wings with bleu cheese  
**YEARS OF SERVICE :** Two and half years  
**FAVORITE SPORT :** Baseball  
**FAVORITE HOBBY :** Lifting weights  
**IDEAL VACATION :** Europe  
**BEST WAY TO RELAX :** Watch movies  
**PREFERRED ENTERTAINMENT :** Stand-up comedy  
**FAVORITE HERO :** My father  
**FAVORITE MUSIC STYLE :** Rap  
**FAVORITE MOVIE :** Gladiator  
**FAVORITE AIRCRAFT :** F-22  
**PET PEEVE :** Bad drivers  
**WHAT WOULD I DO IF I WON \$1 MILLION :** Buy a house and take a long vacation

**HI-YAH! >>** Join the karate-judo/jujitsu classes Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 7-8 pm. Also, bike riding and yoga classes are offered Tuesday and Thursday. For more information, call Ext. 3958.

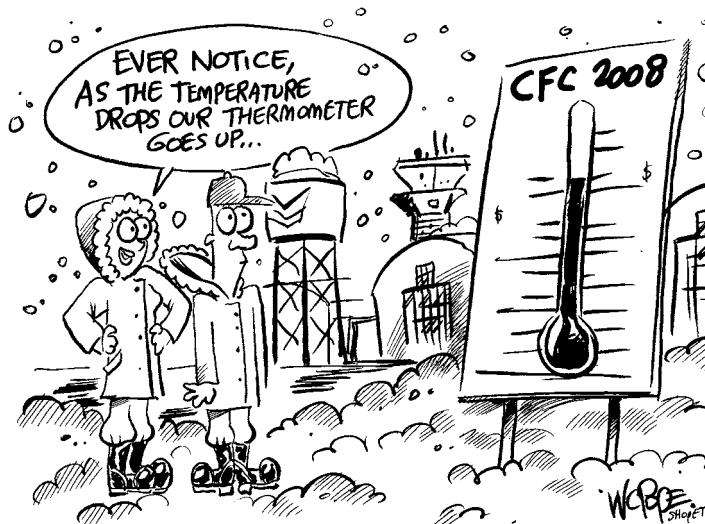
**NEW CLUB FIXINS >>** The Club is open Monday – Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch. A new lunch menu is offered. A seafood lovers buffet is on Fridays. Holiday parties can be catered at the club, where club members will save 10 percent on their functions. Information: Ext. 2039

**COSMIC SNACKING >>** In addition to its weekday 11 a.m. to 1:30 pm lunch hours, the bowling center and snack bar are open Monday and Wednesday evenings. Also, enjoy cosmic bowling Friday and Saturday nights. Information: Ext. 3990

**HANDY RENTALS >>** A leaf blower, air compressor and power washer are among the items available. The rental center staff services skis and snow boards, with services including sharpening, waxing and polishing. Skis and snowboards are available as well as jackets and accessories. Information: Ext. 2192.

NOVEMBER SERVICES CALENDAR | [www.westoverservices.com](http://www.westoverservices.com)

## PATRIOT PUNS |



## PATRIOT PRAISES | Reenlistments

### Reenlistments

Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Gerald Durkin Jr.

Master Sgt. Edward Francis Laroche

Tech. Sgt. Gary John Surozenski

Staff sergeant Derek Michael Green  
Edison Montesdeoca  
Leah O'Leary  
Daniel Cummings Orcutt

### Civilian awards

Thirty years

Joseph DiMartino  
Steven Holloway  
Mary Ladeau  
Gary Lavigne  
David Pelletier

Twenty years

Ann Cartelli  
Charles Gablaski  
Gary Kwasnik

Joseph McDaneld  
Geoffrey Read

**Federal Executive Association of Western Massachusetts awards**

Lt. Col. Craig L. Tommila  
Professional Employee of the Year  
- Technical and Scientific

Catherine Volpe-Proctor  
Distinguished Federal  
Supervisor

Master Sgt. Mark Willette

Outstanding Service or Trade Employee

Nicole D. Remy  
Outstanding Customer Service Effort - Individual or Team Effort



**FIREWORKS AT WESTOVER >>** Fireworks explode over the base operations building Oct. 4 during the Westover Oktoberfest celebration. The local rock band, Aquanett, performed as part of the celebration postponed from the Great New England Air Show due to rainy weather in September. The reservists and civilian staff of the 439th Service Squadron arranged Oktoberfest on the Base Ellipse. (photo by Lt. Col. Casey Ajalat)

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