

Service before self

Volunteerism at core of Air Force values



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ON THE COVER >> Airmen from Westover volunteered their time in May to remodel a transitional home for veterans in Springfield, Mass. Turn to page 6 to read more stories of Patriot Wing reservists volunteering their time to help others.



PUSH-SHOP >> Master Sgt. Manuel Chavez, 439th Mission Support Squadron, joins three other Patriot Wing Airmen for push-ups in the Base Hangar June 7 during Westover's third annual enlisted workshop. Besides physical fitness and team-building exercises, the Airmen learned about career development, benefits, and deployment preparation. For more coverage of the workshop, visit Westover's web site at www.westover.afrc.af.mil. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Brian Boynton)



Colonel Swain

We have all heard the phrase, "Hurry up and wait."

We follow orders from our chain of command – no matter how quickly or otherwise that direction might be coming from senior leadership. As Airmen, our flexibility and patience is expected.

During the June A UTA, our senior leadership asked us to slow down for a few hours for a wing stand-down. Amid everything else we have going on, including our activations and surge in Afghanistan, we adjusted the time of our Commander's Call, and started the UTA with everyone gathered in the Base Hangar.

We then spent the remainder of the morning and broke out into groups. We heard from our safety and chaplain staffs about watching out for our wingmen.

Why did the Air Force have us stop everything we're doing to hear briefings that we have heard many times already?

Because Air Force senior leadership is tell-

ing us we need to watch out for each other.

As of June this year, the Air Force has lost 29 of its members – 18 from active duty, eight from the guard and reserve, and three civilians – to suicides.

There is no question that our Airmen feel the stresses of what military life requires of us. Change is stressful. Our men and women leave their families and jobs behind to head downrange or serve here. In April, I visited the conference center to address nearly 500 men and women called up for the Afghanistan surge. I met with another approximate 300 who loaded their bags onto buses and aircraft for Afghanistan and Iraq. In June, we began C-5 stage operations in Rota, Spain.

Remember ACE:

- Ask your wingman
- Care for your wingman
- Escort your wingman

Having covered how we *do* things, I need to touch upon how we *say* things.

You're in a restaurant enjoying a bite to eat with your co-workers. The subject of the discussion is how your teamwork launched that C-5, when it left Westover, and where it is headed.

Who's listening?

Anybody and everybody. Please practice security at the source.

Discussions that go into specific operations and deployments should stay within the confines of our work areas – not in a restaurant.

If you are asked about Westover's operations, refer that person to public affairs. If you see suspicious activity – report it to the security police or the Office of Special Investigations. Don't shrug it off. Let people know.

I am proud to lead this wing as your commander. One of my favorite moments in my two years here was when I pinned the latest Outstanding Unit Award ribbon on the wing's guidon during the June Commander's Call.

I did the pinning, but when I stood up on the stage in the Base Hangar with Command Chief Zig Skawski, I was attaching the ribbon for all of you.

Whether we are deployed abroad or here, watch your wingman. Don't let frustrations with 'hurry up and wait' get the best of you.

My thanks to all of you for your dedication to this wing and this country.

Col. Robert Swain Jr.
439th Airlift Wing commander

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IG reminder

Col. Patricia Evans, 439th Airlift Wing Inspector General, reminds Air Force members that complainants must file statements within 60 days of learning of the alleged wrong.

IG complaints not reported within 60 days may impede the gathering of evidence and testimony, she said. The IG may dismiss a complaint if there is reason to believe that insufficient information can be gathered to make a determination.

Complainants must provide investigators with factual and relevant information regarding the issues.

For more information, contact Colonel Evans at DSN 589-3137 or email 439AW.IG@westover.af.mil.

Wing sets Family Day for Sept. 11

Patriot Wing members and their families are invited to Family Day 2010 at Westover which begins at noon Sept. 11 (Saturday of the A UTA) on the Base Ellipse.

The family-fun event is scheduled to run until 5 p.m. Free food will include chicken, sausages, hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, pasta salad, ice cream and soda. Activities scheduled include bounce houses, hayrides, face painting, horseshoes, a flight simulator, a dunk booth, volleyball, and model airplane demos.

Wing members need to inform their first sergeants of how many family members they will plan to bring in order to make sure there is plenty of food for everyone. Family Day will begin with a ceremony in remembrance of those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001. For more information, contact Chief Master Sgt. David Carbin at (413) 557-3699 or david.carbin@westover.af.mil.

PA plans Employer Day for Aug. 7

The 439th AW Employer Day is set for Aug. 7 (Saturday of the A UTA). Scheduled activities will include a simulated mobility line, visit to the C-5 simulator, meals-ready-to-eat at the Dogpatch training area, and opportunities for employers to visit workplaces of the reservists.

Electronic sign-up deadline is the end of the July A UTA. Log on to Westover's home page: www.westover.afrc.af.mil

Quarterly awards

Westover's quarterly awards board has selected the following second quarter winners for their outstanding contributions to the 439th Airlift Wing mission:

Airman: Senior Airman Janai Lee, 439th Mission Support Squadron

NCO: Tech. Sgt. Gary Bacon, 337th Airlift Squadron

Senior NCO: Master Sgt. Ronald Jordan, 337th AS

Company Grade Officer: Capt. Jeremy Downer; 439th Communications Squadron

Civilian: Karl Lindberg, 439th Mission Support Group

Civilian Supervisor: James Boudreau, 439th Maintenance Squadron.

Promotion marks mission pushed westbound by ash

by Tech. Sgt.
Timm Huffman

While the volcano in Iceland spewed ash into the air, shutting down air travel across Europe in May, the Afghanistan war raged on and troops on the ground still needed supplies and cargo.

That's why several recent C-5 airlift missions took Westover crews westward, some of them circumnavigating the globe.

For Maj. Scott Kuhrt, the aircraft commander on one of these trips around the world, the unusual mission was doubly memorable. That's because he was informed of his selection to major and, in a time-honored pilot tradition, came home with a shaved head.

As Eyjafjallajökull (pronounced ay-yah-FYAH-lah-yer-kuhl) filled flight paths over Europe with a heavy cloud of tiny volcanic particles, the crew



STRANDED >> The Iceland volcano forced C-5 aircrews to keep the jets on the ground at Naval Air Station Rota, Spain, until the ash cleared. These Galaxies are from Westover, Dover Air Force Base, Del., the Air National Guard in Memphis, Tenn., and Travis AFB, Calif. (photo by Master Sgt. Keith Meyers)



Major Kuhrt

of eight departed Westover, headed west and across the Pacific into the area of responsibility (AOR).

According to Capt. Jonathan Beale, a supporting pilot on the mission, westbound trips take about twice as long as going through Europe and require a number of additional stops through the Pacific Ocean.

It was at one of the extra stops that Major Kuhrt heard the news of his selection for promotion. He had no idea the promotion was going to happen during the mission.

"I had the promotion board in February and the six- to eight-

week time frame for hearing back was past. The career enhancement office said the system was all backed up. I wasn't expecting it to happen," he said.

This promotion held extra significance because it was a "below the zone" promotion for the major.

Lt. Col. John Healy, 337th Airlift Squadron commander, informed the major-select of the good news.

"We were in Guam and I had a message to call [Colonel Healy]. When I did, he said I was out of uniform. I wasn't even thinking about the promotion."

After he announced the good news, Colonel Healy asked to talk with one of the other crew members.

"[Colonel Healy] asked us to make a concerted effort to influence the new major to shave his head in celebration as he started the newest chapter of his career,"

said Captain Beale. The major-select did not concede to the crew's request, however, and they had to resort to other tactics to accomplish the mission, Captain Beale said.

As the mission continued west from Guam, the crew remembered an old pilots' tradition: If it's a crew member's first time flying around the world, then the crew has to shave its heads.

The mission called for the cargo to be delivered to Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan, but an attack there added an extra day to their delivery time as they were re-routed a few times before they could land at that base.

After they successfully delivered their cargo of Army equipment to Afghanistan and since the ash cloud from the volcano in Iceland had dissipated, the C-5 flight home was re-routed across the Atlantic Ocean and back to Westover.

"The crew, especially the seasoned pilots like Major Kuhrt, understood the unwritten rules of this change in plans," said Captain Beale. "The crew must shave their heads!"

So, just before departing Italy for the flight back to Westover, Major Kuhrt quietly excused himself to the barbershop. When he returned with a shaved head, the rest of the crew vowed to do the same once they reached home; two even shaved their heads on the flight back.

With some maintenance and operational issues behind him, Major Kuhrt's memorable mission included a change of scenery as he flew over the Pacific.

And it will be a mission the new major -- and his scalp -- will not forget any time soon.

EDITOR'S NOTE: To read the complete story on this mission, click on Westover's web site: www.westover.afrc.af.mil



ALL ABOARD >> Aerial port reservists get ready for the first leg of their worldwide journey to Afghanistan May 5. More than 130 reservists with the 42nd and 58th APS have deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq since the surge began in April. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

More than 130 aerial porters load up for Afghan surge

by Staff Sgt. Andre Bowser

Recent deployments of Patriot Wing Airmen to Afghanistan and Iraq have been high in frequency and intensity -- taking some members close to, if not in the path of, harm's way.

Westover aerial port reservists are spread across the globe. More than 130 hit the ground in Afghanistan and Iraq in support of the spring Afghanistan surge. Those reservists are members of the 42nd and 58th Aerial Port squadrons.

Master Sgt. Donna Miranda, an administrative supervisor for the 58th Aerial Port Squadron, said Airmen from her squadron had put boots to the ground in Kandahar in early May when Taliban forces attacked the base.

"About 15 were in Kandahar during an attempted mortar, rocket and automatic weapon fire attack," she said of the unsuccessful attempt on the part of enemy insurgents. While no one from her squadron was harmed, a number of other Airmen were injured.

Master Sgt. Daniel Witt, a 42nd APS transportation technician, said many of his wingmen are working tirelessly in support of

the recent surge. Thirteen reservists deployed May 13 to Iraq from the 42nd, and on May 23, 16 more deployed to an area that borders the United Arab Emirates.

"Our biggest group left earlier in the month," said Sergeant Witt, referring to May 5, when more than 40 members from his squadron deployed in a single day, accompanied by about 20 58th APS members.

"We still have 3 more people expected to deploy in the near future," he said. "We're working on other deployments, and we have people that want to go all the time."

Sergeant Miranda said the deployments started in April and will last until June. "Then we will start redeployments in September that won't end until November," she said.

"Everybody is still upbeat and very focused on doing the job they got sent there to do," she said.

Although danger is a part of the job, Sergeant Miranda said she felt a huge weight get lifted from her shoulders when she received the word that all 58th Aerial Port Squadron members were present and accounted for after the failed attack in Kandahar.

"It was just a huge, huge sense of relief," she said. "Because, you know, it's like they are my

brothers and sisters over there."

Many of the Airmen who have boots on the ground said it felt like a whole new world down range. Senior Airman Miguel DeJesus, 58th APS, said Iraq was a lot different than his home in Chicopee, but his fellow Airmen helped him.

"I was put into the outbound cargo section and trained by some amazing and knowledgeable people who made the transition very comfortable," he said. "It was very easy for me to perform my duties in a timely and concise manner."

Master Sgt. Roland Snow, 42nd APS, said one of his biggest goals upon arriving in Iraq was "having a seamless transition with the team we replaced."

Sergeant Snow said they deserved it -- just like every man and woman serving on the front lines.

"I just want to let everybody know that there are so many men and women here in the AOR that are sacrificing for everybody back home," he said. "I'm sure they're all so proud to serve."

To his family back in the states, Sergeant Snow sent a personal message:

"I miss you!!!"

Airmen giving back

by Tech. Sgt. Timm Huffman

“Volunteerism is the foundation of our Air Force Reserve.”

- Lt. Gen. Charles E. Stenner Jr.,
Chief of Air Force Reserve

The Air Force Reserve, like the other components of the U.S. armed services, is an all volunteer force. It is no surprise then, that in addition to serving their country, so many Westover Airmen go the extra mile to give back in their own communities.

Many reservists throughout the 439th Airlift Wing are “plugged in” to their cities and towns in a variety of ways, giving back their time and money to those in need. These Airmen live out the Air Force core value “service before self.”

A Role Model

Staff Sgt. Michael Valentin has been a chaplain’s assistant at Westover for about a year. He says one of the best things about the job is knowing he makes a difference in the lives of the Airmen who come to the chaplaincy for help. He said that’s what he loves about volunteering, too.

The Chelsea, Mass. native has a strong history of volunteerism. One of his favorites is volunteering annually to read for the Dr. Seuss Read Across America event at the Garfield Elementary School in Revere, Mass. A friend invited him to read at the event four years ago and he’s gone back every year since.

Sergeant Valentin, who is a firefighter as a civilian, goes each year dressed in his firefighting gear and reads to the students at the school. After he reads, he talks to the kids about his fire equipment and answers their questions.

“I do it just to help out in any way I can,” he said. “I get a great sense of accomplishment knowing that I influence them and act as a role model.”

A lifestyle

To Staff Sgt. Joshua Woods, another chaplain’s assistant here, volunteering is more a lifestyle choice of regularly helping others out than signing his name on a roster to help a few hours here or there.

One of the ways he lives this out is through caring for a quadriplegic friend whose injuries resulted from a serious car accident.

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Staff Sgts. Joshua Woods (left) and Michael Valentin are chaplain’s assistants at Westover. Sergeant Woods says he tries to volunteer whenever he sees a need. This includes lending a hand to a disabled friend whenever he can. Sergeant Valentin enjoys helping out at a local elementary school, reading to the students.





CLASS COUPLE -- Tech. Sgt. Christopher Harry and his wife, Staff Sgt. Crystal Harry, recently jumped into action and volunteered their time in an emergency situation in the local community. Recently married, the two plan on volunteering regularly in the community.



ON GUARD -- In addition to serving as a ceremonial guardsman with the Westover honor guard, Tech. Sgt. Heidi Coleman volunteers whenever she gets the chance. In May she gave her time to help remodel a transitional home for veterans in Springfield, Mass.

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His friend has little family, aside from a grandfather he lives with. He often needs a ride to and from the places he needs to go.

Sergeant Woods tries to be there for his friend, more than just "hanging out." He said he tries to help out, support him, and drive him places he needs to go. The chaplain's assistant also helped persuade companies to donate gift cards for a benefit auction to raise money to help his friend get medical help.

Another Westover Airman echoed how Sergeant Woods feels about helping others.

Tech. Sgt. Heidi Coleman, a ceremonial guardsman with the honor guard and a member of the 439th Services Squadron, grew up volunteering in her community. Sergeant Coleman has always been involved in her community, helping through organizations like the Girl Scouts, ROTC and her church.

Sergeant Coleman recently gave up a day of liberty to participate in the one-day remodel of a transitional veteran's home in Springfield. When she learned her day off coincided with the remodel project, she knew right away that's what she wanted to do.

"I've always been involved in my community... so why stop now, why not keep doing this? It's a chance to give back. It shows you care and it's also a way that God works through you to touch someone else and make a difference in their life."

Sergeant Woods said he just likes to work with people, to be there for them and lend a hand. "It might not necessarily be volunteering, but it is in a way because you are taking time to help someone else

out. I believe that if everyone did that, the small things, they add up."

Sergeants Valentin and Woods both recently graduated from technical school together. During their chaplain's assistant course in South Carolina, they volunteered their time at a veteran's hospital.

Sergeant Valentin said that speaking and spending time with the veterans there who were in the final stages of life was rewarding. He knew the quality one-on-one time made a difference to them.

He remembered a retired colonel who was very excited to see another military member. Sergeant Valentin remembered that it had been many years since the colonel had seen another servicemember -- aside from doctors, nurses and other patients.

So why volunteer?

While volunteering is often thankless and sometimes demeaning work, there are many rewarding reasons why Airmen should do it. From feelings of personal accomplishment to increased morale and welfare, the benefits are immense.

Andrea Bowen, Airmen and Family Readiness Center director, said that without volunteers her mission would be impossible to accomplish. Volunteers are vital because she does not have a large staff and without them, the center could not run its programs.

As one who works frequently with volunteers, Ms. Bowen was able to name off many benefits of volunteering. Aside from being cost effective, volunteers are committed because their hearts are in it.

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Wing volunteers join 'Rebuilding Springfield'

by Tech. Sgt. Timm Huffman

Reservists and Massachusetts Air National Guard members converged in downtown Springfield May 12 to support veterans in need.

The 439th Airlift Wing and 104th Fighter Wing Airmen teamed up with the non-profit, Rebuilding Together in Springfield, for a one-day remodel of a 12-person transitional housing unit for veterans. The remodeling project gave the house a much-needed makeover with Airmen painting, landscaping and cleaning.

"This is a veterans home and it's a very important organization for me because... I've been in the Air Force going on 22 years now," said Senior Master Sgt. Neil Sherman, 439th AW recruiter.

Col. Robert Swain, 439th Airlift Wing commander, spoke to the volunteers.

"If you look at your T-shirts, they say 'Heroes at Home.' To us (as) veterans, you are our heroes because you support us day in and day out. From veterans past, present and future, I thank you for all the work you do," he said.

The Western Massachusetts Bilingual Veteran's Association operates the home. It gives veterans in need a chance to rehabilitate and connects them with counseling and job placement services.

Gumersindo Gomez, bilingual veterans association's executive director, said the transitional home houses 12 veterans. "It opened in 1996 and serves the purpose of making sure our veterans don't stay out in the streets," he said.

The Airmen worked side-by-side with other community volunteers.



"I coach my daughter's preschool Arbors soccer team in Chicopee."

-- Senior Master Sgt. Jennifer Hearn, 439th AW finance office



"I have a scholarship fund that I set up for my son, who passed away a few years ago."

-- Maj. Cheryl Duzant, 439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron



"I volunteer at nursing homes in the Boston area."

-- Senior Airman Kathleen Barberi, 439th Airlift Wing

TROOP TALK | How do you give back to your community?



FOR THE COLORS >> Staff Sgt. Korey Bissonnette, a member of the Patriot Wing Honor Guard, explains the proper folding of the American flag to Junior ROTC students during the Hispanic Youth Leadership Symposium held in April in the Base Hangar. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

Base hosts annual Hispanic Youth Leadership Symposium

by Staff Sgt.
Andre Bowser

The Patriot Wing hosted nearly 100 local high school students April 28 as part of a Hispanic Youth Leadership Symposium.

Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Cadets converged at the Base Hangar from schools in Chicopee, Springfield and Holyoke. Many were of Hispanic descent and all came to learn leadership traits they could bring back to their schools and communities.

The visiting students were part of the third annual Hispanic Youth Leadership Symposium, which aims at empowering local youth through role model and mentorship interactions.

Colonel Patrick Cloutier, 439th Airlift Wing vice commander, opened the event and greeted the students, encouraging them with the Patriot Wing leadership motto: Leaders in Excellence.

High school students from Put-

nam in Springfield, Dean Tech in Holyoke and Chicopee gathered at exhibits and stations in the Base Hangar, which included tours of a nearby C-5 and the fire station.

Several wing representatives attended the event and introduced the students to different aspects of work and life in the military.

The units included the airlift squadron, security forces, maintenance, honor guard, fire department and fitness. Food was also provided to the students from a local vendor.

Master Sgt. Luisa Cabana with the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) coordinated much of the preparation and execution of the symposium.

“The Hispanic community from the base has a commitment to informing the Hispanic kids that they can be more after high school.”

-- Jose Morales, Putnam cadet leader

“We like to give back to our local community because we have so many resources here at Westover,” she said. “The symposium is an outreach program under the umbrella of the HRDC.”

Many of the students expressed an interest in joining the military. That came as no surprise as many were cadets in AFJROTC programs at their schools.

“The Hispanic community from the base has a commitment to informing the Hispanic kids that they can be more after high school,” said 18-year-old Putnam cadet leader Jose Morales.

The symposium also included guest speakers who discussed topics of education, self-esteem, community awareness, as well as

civic leadership. Military leaders also left their impression on the students - with a commandment of becoming future leaders.

Although the event was limited to one day, Maj. Eric Colon said many reservists of Hispanic descent, including himself, strive to engage youths from all backgrounds in their communities.

As a flight surgeon in the Air Force Reserve and doctor in the civilian world, Major Colon said giving back is important.

“I try to help out a lot in the local community,” said the seasoned flight surgeon that has been stationed at Westover for five years. “I try to get the message out: ‘Shoot for your dreams.’”

Chicopee High 10th-grader Natasha Rodriguez said the day’s events left her 15-year-old eyes wide open.

“I think it’s a really good opportunity for me because I was thinking about joining the Air Force,” she said.



GENERAL TOURS SIMULATOR >> Maj. Gen. James Rubeor, left, 22nd Air Force commander, listens as Lt. Col. Jeffrey Hancock explains the C-5 simulator as Col. Robert Swain, 439th Airlift Wing commander, looks on. Colonel Hancock, 439th Operations Support Squadron commander, was among several Patriot Wing members who briefed the general during the visit to Westover May 12-13. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Timm Huffman)

Retired chief gets his due -- 60 years later

by Staff Sgt. Andre Bowser

Retired Chief Master Sgt. Francis Galligan revisited memories from more than a half-century ago with stark clarity in May.

Congressman Richard Neal (D-Springfield) awarded Chief Galligan, 89, a Bronze Star and Purple Heart Medal May 10 for his service during World War II - marked by the further distinction of having survived the Bataan Death March and three and a half years as a prisoner of war at a series of Japanese camps.

Chief Galligan worked at Westover for nearly 25 years before retiring from the 439th Operations Support Squadron in 1998.

His story of sacrifice and service came to the attention of Congressman Neal years later, which resulted in the award ceremony

taking place at the Westover Conference Center.

On May 6, 1942, a then-21-year-old Francis Galligan was taken prisoner and led down a path of forced labor, mistreatment, malnutrition and perilous marches that would last until Sept. 12, 1945 - the day U.S. Army paratroopers would liberate the last of WWII prisoners, including Chief Galligan.

Over the years, veterans continued to fight to be awarded medals, such as the Purple Heart Chief Galligan received, for atrocities



Chief Galligan

and injuries they suffered during imprisonment by the Japanese.

During the award ceremony, Chief Galligan reflected on the struggles he faced with the precision of memory that only comes from never forgetting.

"I still have dreams...nightmares...about what we went through --'til this day," he said. The oldest of nine children, Chief Galligan said his life has always been about service to family and to country--and that's what got him home.

"You just have to have fortitude; you just have to say: I'm gonna beat these guys—*damn it!* I'm going to get home!"

EDITOR'S NOTE: Click on the Westover web site to see this story in its entirety. The link is <http://www.westover.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123204293>

Wing gives 54K+ to CFC

by Staff Sgt. Andre Bowser

Patriot Wing military and civilian members have been generous to the surrounding community and broader charities for years.

This past year has been no different with more than \$54,000 raised through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) in 2009.

While some of those members did not wish to expound upon the reasons for their generosity, one shared her story as a way to inspire others.

Staff Sgt. Michelle Lareau said giving back one percent of her salary was a small price to pay.

"I think about how I would only have to give up a minimal amount of money to help someone—less than what I would spend out to dinner in a month or so," she said. "It makes me feel good to help since I can."

Sergeant Lareau has been giving for two years.

The other list of military and civilian Patriot Wing members who gave one percent of their pay were: Col. Michael Mounts, Lt. Col. William Kountz Jr., Chief Master Sgt. Kathleen Wood, Master Sgt. Virginia Griffin, Tech. Sgt. Eric Dibrandisi, John Keith, and Steven Ross.

This year's Westover CFC kickoff breakfast is scheduled for Sept. 28.

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PATRIOT PEOPLE |



Diane Lessard

NAME: Diane Lessard
RANK/UNIT: YA-02/Civilian personnel office
HOMETOWN: Chicopee
FAVORITE FOOD: Pasta
YEARS OF SERVICE: 30
FAVORITE SPORT: Marathon shopping
FAVORITE HOBBY: Shopping
IDEAL VACATION: Ogunquit, Maine
BEST WAY TO RELAX: Reading
PREFERRED ENTERTAINMENT: Family and friends - they're quite "entertaining"
FAVORITE HERO: Patricia Mardeuse
FAVORITE MUSIC: Love it all!
FAVORITE MOVIE: Planes, Trains and Automobiles
FAVORITE AIRCRAFT: The ones that get off the ground and land safely
PET PEEVE: People who whine - constantly!
WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH \$1 MILLION: Be a philanthropist. So many great causes; I'd love to be able to donate to them all!

AT THE CLUB >> Stop in for the daily lunch buffet (\$6.95, members; \$7.95, non-members). The club is located on Galaxy Road. Visit the services web site for daily specials. Information: 413-593-5531

FITNESS CENTER >> Sign up for a massage or join the judo classes or quality of life boxing program. The center is located on Patriot Avenue. For more information, call 557-3958.

CASE LOT SALE >> The sale will be held at the Base Hangar July 9-11. For more information, call (781) 377-4210.

BOWLING CENTER >> Participate in the 2010 Beat the Summer Heat bowling program, for a chance to win \$350. For more information, call 557-3990.

SUMMER RENTALS >> Rentals include bounce houses, grills, tents, campers, a power rake, power washing and more. For more information, call 557-2192.

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Retirements

Maj. Gregg Southworth

Senior master sergeant
Ronald Chevalier
Peter Hogan
Steven Meltzer
Linda Moen
Kevin Pietrowski

Master sergeant
Stephen Butler
Michael Cadran
Keith Lassonde
Steven Porteus
Wayne Rehnberg

Tech. Sgt. Stephen Aziz

PATRIOT PRAISES | Promotions, civilian service awards

Promotions
Technical sergeant

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 Kristopher Childs
 Anthony Gonzalez
 Raymond Larose
 Jennifer Taylor
 Francisco Romirez
 Michael Anastasovites
 Keenum Staniszewski
 Michael Edreich
 Stephen Gallant
 Yurany Echeverri
 Kyle King
 Jose Gonzalez
 David Hernandez

Brian M. Kustan
 Cecil Calvin
 Shannon Donnelly

Staff sergeant

Andre Bowser
 Arthur Brown
 Dionisio Gerena
 James Hawkins
 Kathleen Kruczek
 Alexandre Pereira
 Jonathan Moorcroft
 Paul Torres
 Leeann Dudanowicz
 Eric Posson
 Melvin Irizarry

Jermame Samuel
 Jorge Monge
 Evan Johnson

Senior airman

David Boido
 Upine Inthapone
 Thomas Mancarella
 Michael Pavia
 Ashley Rose

Airman first class

Natalie Duque
 Antonio Lipari

Amn. James Ricco

Civilian service

Thirty years
 Mark Baker Jr.
 Timothy Burnell
 Thomas Cestroni
 Edwin Driscoll
 Eric Geissler
 Robert Karrasch
 Diane Lessard
 James Scott

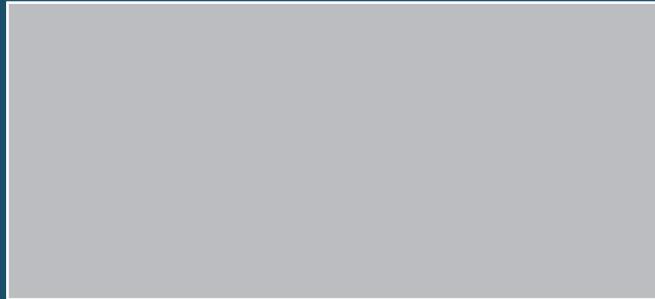
Twenty years

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STORM DAMAGE >> A repair crew cleans up damage from a May 26 storm which knocked a tree over near the base chapel section of Bldg. 1100. Dan VanDalsen, real property maintenance manager with Phoenix Management Inc. at Westover, took this photo of the storm's aftermath. Photographers are encouraged to shoot high-resolution photos of Westover happenings and people for this back page photo section of the *Patriot*. Photos may be submitted to 439aw.pa@westover.af.mil.

Photo selection of the month