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### UTA SNAPSHOT

>> Base chapel to hold rock band morale concert and burger burn for reservists, Saturday, 3-8 p.m.; Bldg. 1100, Walker Avenue

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ON THE COVER: Acting Secretary of the Air Force Eric Fanning visits Westover July 25. (Cover photos by MSgt. Andrew Biscoe, MSgt. Todd Panico and SrA. Kelly Galloway)

## EDITORIAL | The eagle-turkey continuum

Did you happen to read CMSgt. Thorpe's editorial in the June issue of the *Patriot* comparing thoroughbreds and pack mules?

If not, take a look. It's true.

If we take the time to care for our people and allow them to learn from their mistakes, they will develop into their full potential. Pack mules can and do develop into thoroughbreds.

Allow me to offer a second reference to the animal kingdom. Have you ever heard that old saying, "It's hard to soar with eagles when you work with turkeys?" Ever notice how no one ever thinks of himself

as the turkey... or do they? Odd isn't it? It should be so clear. Either we are succeeding and life is good or... not so much. Sometimes our inner person can get pretty twisted up.

While in the animal kingdom no eagle has ever confused itself for a turkey, we human beings can get a bit confused. We confuse our identity with the status of our relationships, the result of our

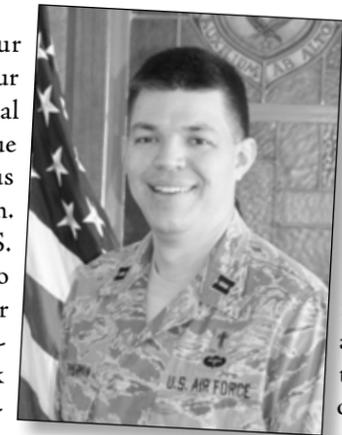
latest physical fitness test, our last performance evaluation, our possessions, or even our financial status. None of these are a true indicator of our value or status along the eagle-turkey continuum. The great author and scholar C. S. Lewis once wrote, "There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal... It is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub and exploit - immortal horrors or everlasting splendors."

We all have value! The question is... How do I know how I am doing?

As a chaplain, I see, coach, and celebrate with people through all kinds of things. Here are

four key areas to consider when you do your next self-assessment:

- 1) Assumptions - Deep down, what do you actually believe about life? Seek that out and guard it. Out of this flow all the issues of life.
- 2) Assertions - What are your words



saying? What do you assert and communicate as true? Sometimes it doesn't line up with what you really believe. Peace and satisfaction stem from genuineness and authenticity. The things we say about ourselves and life too often come true.

3) Actions - What do you actually do? What kind of seeds are you sowing? Do you need to get some weeds out of the garden of your life?

4) Attitudes - How you do things matters too! Are you bitter, angry, full of resentment, and contentious? Replace that with understanding, kindness, and compassionate correction.

So, check yourself. How are you doing? Remember ... we are not merely what we do. What we do is profoundly shaped by who we are.

by Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Zimmerman, 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing

**"It should be so clear. Either we are succeeding and life is good or... not so much."**

## BRIEFS |

### Family Day

Westover's joint-service Family Day will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 7, on the Base Ellipse.

Events will include the Top Three Volleyball Tournament, food, popcorn, refreshments, and a car show. Military members and their families from all services on base are welcome to join in the first-ever joint-service Family Day.

Activities for children include bounce houses, hay rides, a dunk tank, and face painting. For more information, call CMSgt. David Carbin at 557-3699.

### Former base police chief dies

Harold Voelker, a former Westover police chief, died July 4. Voelker was chief of the base from 1975 to 1988. He also served in the Air Force from 1953 to 1973, including a tour in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967. He retired from civil service in 2000.

### Health insurance, benefits for gay couples

Health insurance and other benefits can now be extended to family members of federal employees who have legally married a spouse of the same sex.

This results from the Supreme Court's June ruling that the Defense of Marriage Act is unconstitutional. Federal employees have until Aug. 26 to make immediate changes to add family members to policies; however, any other changes can be made at open season later this year.

This ruling also enables members to make changes to other programs like life, dental, vision and long term care insurance, retirement and flexible spending accounts.

For more information, call the civilian personnel office, located in Bldg. 1850, at 557-3193.

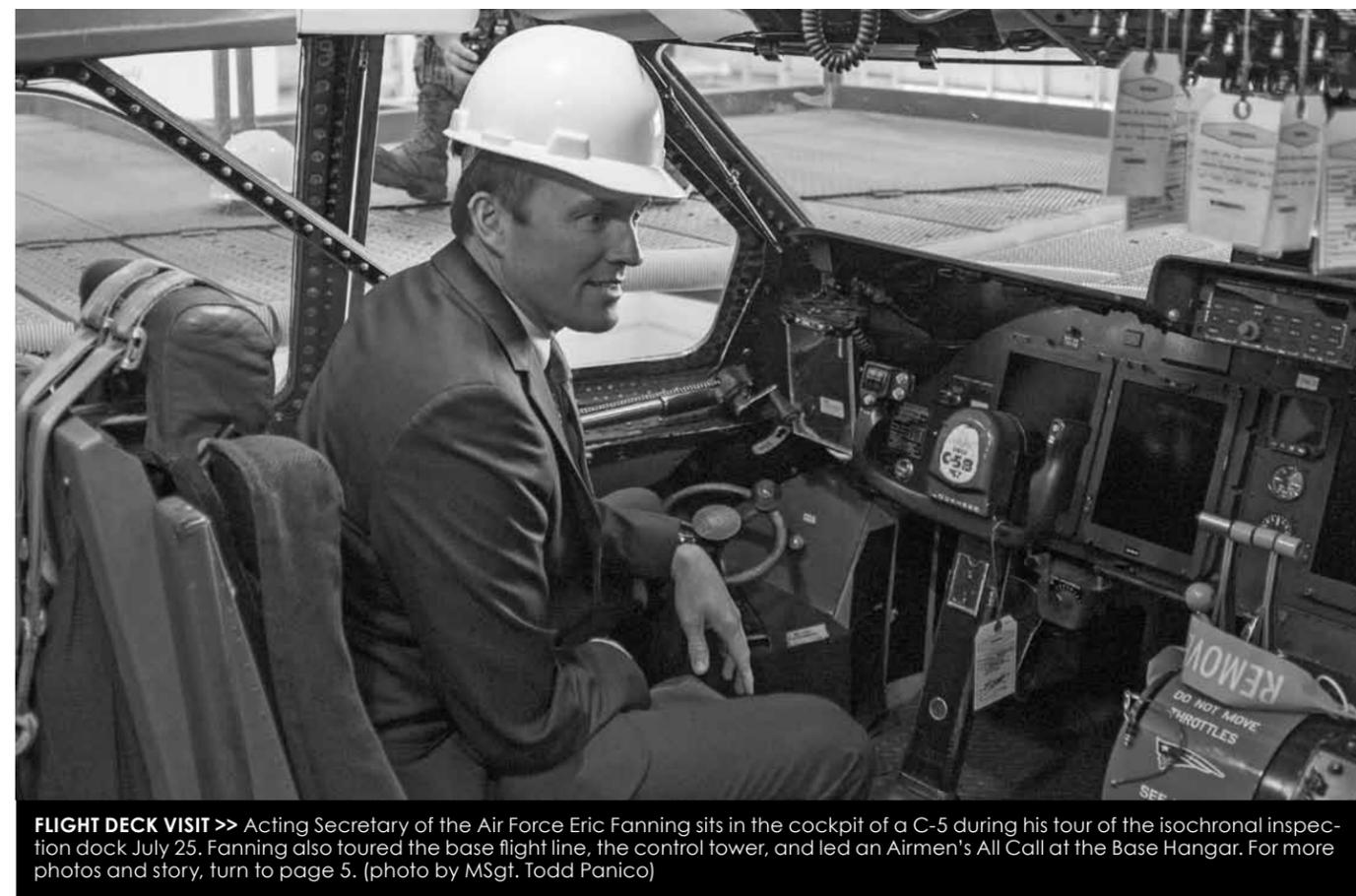
### No Patriot

Due to the furlough, the September *Patriot* will not be published. However, a larger October edition is planned and will be published shortly before that month's A UTA.

### Cell phone policy

Security forces officials remind motorists that the new on-base cell phone policy carries the same penalty as seatbelt usage.

Motorists cited using a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle will lose their driving privileges for 30 days and their licenses will be suspended.



FLIGHT DECK VISIT >> Acting Secretary of the Air Force Eric Fanning sits in the cockpit of a C-5 during his tour of the isochronal inspection dock July 25. Fanning also toured the base flight line, the control tower, and led an Airmen's All Call at the Base Hangar. For more photos and story, turn to page 5. (photo by MSgt. Todd Panico)

## Furloughs hurt employees, economy, mission

by Lt. Col. James Bishop

Congressionally-mandated furloughs of more than 700 civilians locally and some 680,000 Department of Defense civilians worldwide began July 8 and are scheduled to continue through September.

Civilians here are required to take 11 days of unpaid leave between July 8 and Sept. 30, resulting in a 20 percent pay reduction during that period.

The furloughs were announced in mid-May. They are part of DOD-wide budget cuts due to the sequester.

"We've been preparing for this -- and though the number is less than the 22 originally planned, 11 days is 11 days too many," said Col. Steven Vautrain, 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander. "I know furlough will impose a financial burden on all of us. We are a strong and resilient wing, and we'll get through this as we continue to perform our mission to the best of our abilities."

The 700 civilians on base include about 450 dual-status Air Force air reserve technicians. Civilians and ARTs serve in nearly all base functions, from pilots to mechanics and firefighters. They also in operations, maintenance, aerial port, personnel, finance, public affairs, civil engineering, communications, security forces, medical, airlift control, aeromedical evacuation, and aeromedical staging.

Even before the furlough, bases and communities saw the effects of sequestration: the Air Force implemented a hiring freeze, cut facility maintenance and repair, and canceled key public engagements, including all air shows, flyovers and most travel, according to Pentagon officials. The Air Force halted flying training for three months, until Congress approved a \$1.8 billion reprogramming request, according to a July 15 Air Force News Story. "And now we are implementing furloughs, which will harm both morale and productivity and mission accomplishment," Pentagon officials said in a written statement.

Locally, furlough effects began to be felt immediately. The following is a partial list of effects at Westover ARB.

### Personal Economy

The 11 unpaid furlough days will cost Westover DOD civilians and technicians an estimated average salary loss of \$3,780

### Services affected base-wide

-- **Furlough days:** July 8, 19, 22; Aug. 2, 5, 16, 19, 29, 30; Sept. 13, 16

-- **Services affected and/or curtailed:** Finance, Airmen and Family Readiness Center, military personnel flight (military IDs), fitness center, Westover Club, control tower, fire department, James Street Gate, Visitors Center, weather programs, operations, and maintenance.

per person, based on Fiscal Year 2012 Economic Impact figures of 11 lost days and one lost accrued leave day.

### Local Economy

The base's economic impact in fiscal year 2012 was \$238 million. The 20 percent loss of salary over nearly three months, along with the belt-tightening before and after, will result in an estimated 5 percent - \$12 million - loss of cash-flow to the local economy.

### Mission

-- Minimal manning on furlough days will affect all areas of Westover's mission: flying, maintenance, and all support.

-- The airfield weekend operation hours will be reduced, and the aircraft control tower's hours will be reduced by 6 ½ hours per day, affecting flying operations at Westover and at the adjoining civilian airport, Westover Metropolitan Airport.

-- Numerous weather programs will be curtailed; staff weather programs will lag.

-- The furlough significantly reduces the maintenance group's ability to repair aircraft. During the first week of furlough, the aircraft maintenance squadron saw:

- Three delays in aircraft recovery.
- Two home station checks (periodic maintenance checks) unable to be worked.
- Non-compliance of one aircraft during depot maintenance acceptance.
- Delayed maintenance on all aircraft.

-- In the maintenance squadron, the 20 percent decrease in work time means an aircraft in regularly-scheduled maintenance takes an estimated 4-5 days longer to go through Isochronal Inspection.

-- If an aircraft breaks on a core furlough day, other key programs will fall behind due to 20 percent loss in available work time. Those programs include evaluations, decorations, orders processing, civilian

time cards, government purchase card, government travel card, and many others. "The end result," said Col. Kerry Kohler, 439<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Group commander, "is that C-5s are delayed getting back into the fight and mandatory programs are being degraded."

-- Though able to fly so far, the aeromedical evacuation squadron's support ability has been degraded. "The impact of the furlough is the great stress it's put our ART staff in providing the support for our unit members, processing orders, coordinating issues with other base and AFRC functions, etc.," said 439<sup>th</sup> AES senior ART, Lt. Col. David Zamorski. He also noted that support to several dozen deploying members of his squadron will be delayed due to the furlough.

-- The base fire department will be staffed at 50 percent, reducing their ability to respond to fires on the massive C-5 and their ability to respond to mutual aid requests.

-- Although Westover is one of two aircraft live fire training areas in the state, it will have to curtail all outside fire department training, so civilian firefighters will no longer be able to obtain their Federal Aviation Administration certification here.

-- Because of the hiring freeze and furlough, Westover's ability to begin contract maintenance and repair projects is diminished. "Normally, at this time of year, many government contracting personnel will work up to 50 or 60 hours a week to complete government contracts and purchases before the close of the fiscal year on Sept. 30. Now they're limited to 32 hours per week," said base civil engineer Wayne Williams. This nearly 50 percent cut will negatively impact the local economy by reducing overall construction spending.

-- At the force support squadron's military personnel flight, civilians and ARTs see a backlog of medals, performance reports and many other mandatory items that could impact Airman's careers due to slower processing times.

-- Customer support at FSS is closed on furlough days, which means they can't issue ID cards (except in an emergency). This impacts those needing ID cards for TRICARE benefits, etc. for active duty, reservists, retirees and disabled veterans.

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## ACTING SECAF TOURS ISO, HOLDS ALL CALL

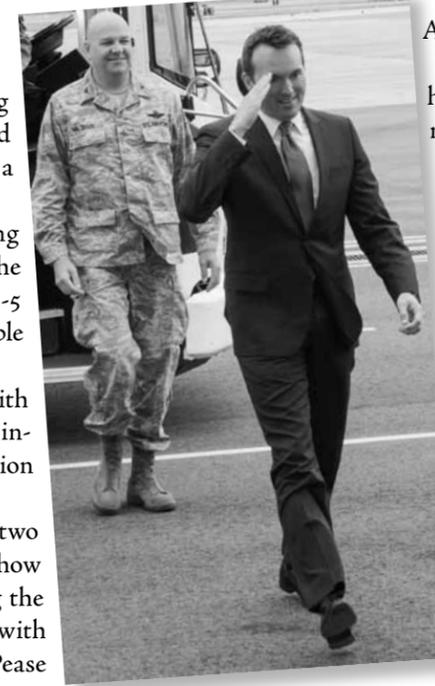
by Lt. Col. James Bishop and MSgt. Andrew Biscoe

"That's a lot of iron on the ramp," Acting Secretary of the Air Force Eric Fanning said during his July 25 visit to Westover, seeing a row of 10 C-5s on the East Ramp.

During his three-hour visit, the acting secretary donned a hard hat and toured the nation's largest military aircraft, flew a C-5 simulator, and spoke to more than 450 people during an Airman's All Call.

At each stop on base, Fanning spoke with dozens of Airmen and civilians, gaining insight on how they support the airlift mission and listening to their concerns.

Fanning chose Westover ARB as one of two New England bases to visit and observe how furloughs and sequestration are affecting the Air Force, and to discuss current issues with the troops. The previous day he visited Pease



Air National Guard Base, N.H.

Speaking on sequestration to wing members, he said his primary goal is to "make decisions now that provide some stability in the future."

It costs two and a half to three times more to retrain a pilot whose currency has lapsed than it does to keep a pilot current, he added. During the Airman's All Call, he answered pointed questions on furlough. "We broke faith, in my view, with the people we furloughed," Fanning said.

"And we are feeling the impact. I'm very committed to get us out of them because it's the worst way to manage a work force."

Fanning, a Dartmouth College graduate, was confirmed as the 24<sup>th</sup> Undersecretary of the Air Force in April. Two months later he became acting secretary after Michael Donley departed. He oversees the Air Force's \$110

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## New fuel hydrant system to pump up C-5s on flight line

by Lt. Col. James Bishop

Some 40 civic, business, and military leaders gathered at a ceremony June 24 announcing a \$24.4 million contract to fund a new fuel hydrant system on base.

The ceremony took place on spot 8 of the sweltering ramp, in the shadow of a C-5 Galaxy, the largest aircraft in the U.S. military. Opening the ceremony, Congressman Richard Neal (D-Springfield) said, "Today is a good day for Westover, a good day for America's national defense, and a good day for the Western Massachusetts economy."

Col Steven Vautrain, 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander, called the new system "environmentally sound" and an important upgrade to continue Westover's mission.

The current fuel hydrant, a Type III system, was commissioned in 1990, and

some parts date back to the original Type II system, commissioned in 1952, said Don Gale, Westover fuels manager.

ground fuel storage tanks, according to Brett Bailey, chief of design for Base Civil Engineering.

He said the work will include modifying the existing pump-house, and constructing new truck fill-stands, among other improvements. The new fuel storage capacity will be 420,000 gallons, and the current storage capacity is 584,000 gallons. "So we lose 164,000 gallons of hydrant storage capability," said Gale, "but we only have to maintain two above-ground storage tanks versus 12 underground tanks."

In an earlier written statement, Congressman Neal said, "This is a very significant investment into the infrastructure and long term viability of the base in Chicopee. The \$24 million upgrade will help Westover perform its mission much more effectively...it also

reinforces Westover's importance as a national strategic military asset."



**FUELING THE FLEET >>** Congressman Richard Neal (D-Springfield) highlights the importance of the new fuel hydrant system during his visit to Westover June 24. (photo by W.C. Pope)

The project will construct a pressurized hydrant fuel system with 14 hydrant outlets and two 210,000 gallon above-



# Air RES



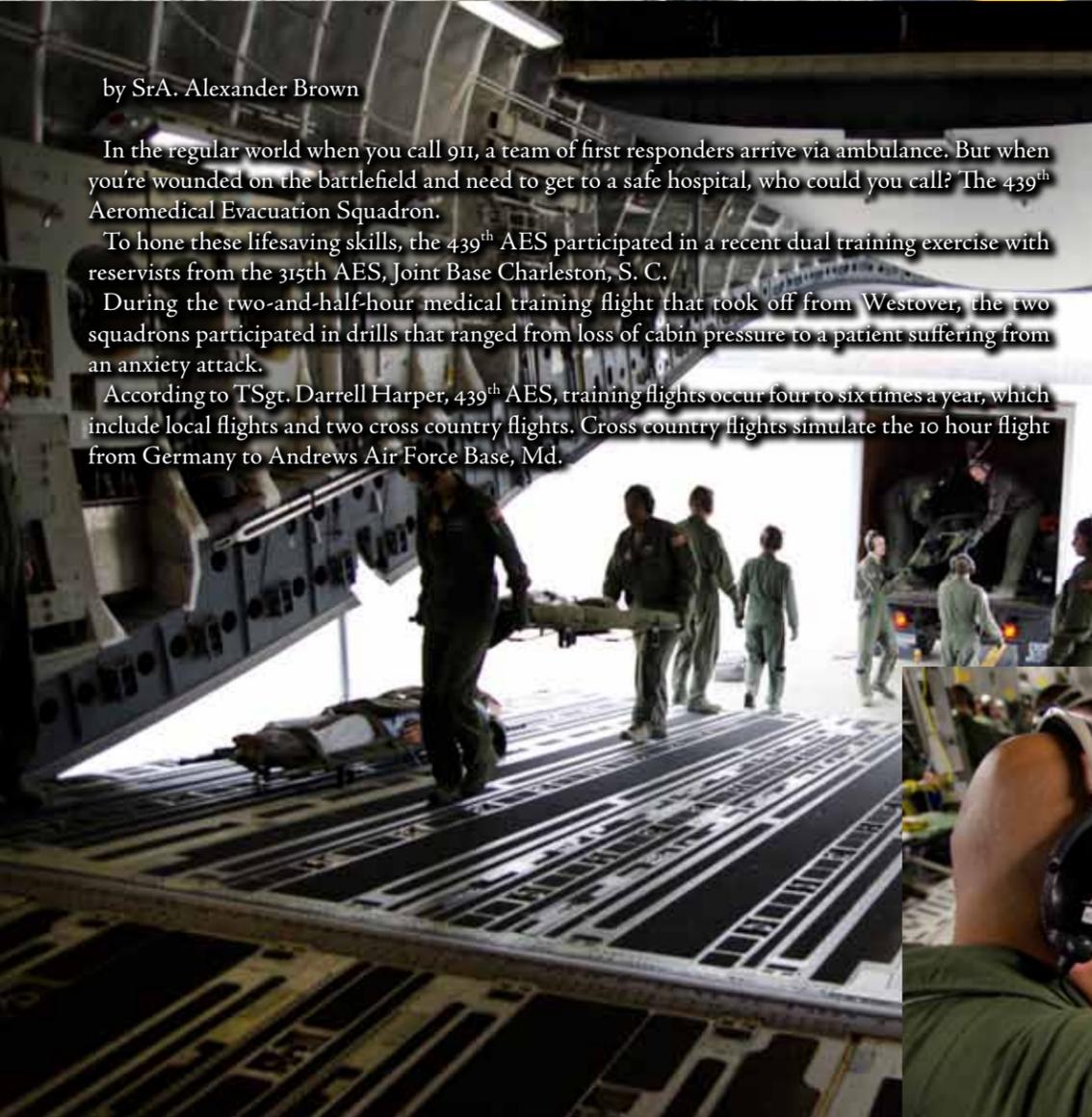
by SrA. Alexander Brown

In the regular world when you call 911, a team of first responders arrive via ambulance. But when you're wounded on the battlefield and need to get to a safe hospital, who could you call? The 439<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

To hone these lifesaving skills, the 439<sup>th</sup> AES participated in a recent dual training exercise with reservists from the 315<sup>th</sup> AES, Joint Base Charleston, S. C.

During the two-and-half-hour medical training flight that took off from Westover, the two squadrons participated in drills that ranged from loss of cabin pressure to a patient suffering from an anxiety attack.

According to TSgt. Darrell Harper, 439<sup>th</sup> AES, training flights occur four to six times a year, which include local flights and two cross country flights. Cross country flights simulate the 10 hour flight from Germany to Andrews Air Force Base, Md.



"Patient care at altitude, in an aircraft creates situations different than care for a patient in a hospital," said Lt. Col. Doug Miller, 439<sup>th</sup> AES. "First of all, you must bring everything that you might need for an emergency. Once under way, it is hard to pull over by the side of the road and get some supplies that you might have forgotten."

The reactions of the flying medics were quick and crisp, even when a curve-ball scenario of a sick passenger was thrown at them. They worked like a well-oiled machine, performing medical procedures with very few problems.

In-flight training drills included scenarios with medical mannequins and live subjects. Complicating scenarios for Air Force medics are loud engines that restrict communication to headsets only. Movement around the patient care area is also restricted whenever the C-17 changed directions, causing increased G-force on passengers. This made it harder to balance while walking around the cabin due to the fact that increased G-force increases one's weight.

After the drills were completed, the 439<sup>th</sup> AES completed reports on all simulated incidents and medical changes. This vital information helps the hospitals to better treat all incoming patients.

These training missions not only highlight the capabilities of the 439<sup>th</sup> AES members but also their ability to perform their duties while in a deployed scenario.

"The crew's performance on this mission was professional and well-coordinated," said Lt. Col. Miller. "We flew a safe and effective mission accomplishing training for all on board."

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FSS produces 500-600 ID cards monthly.

-- On furlough days, the Airman and Family Readiness Center staff cannot provide emergency services for families of deployed Airmen and other emergency cases where people in crisis seek various forms of assistance.

-- The James Street Gate and the Visitor Control Center at the Main Gate will be closed on all furlough days.

-- The Pioneer Valley USO will be serving a free dinner each Monday evening to furloughed civilians and ARTs.

-- The base fitness center is no longer open on non-UTA weekends.

-- The base dining facility – which serves breakfast, lunch and dinner to the base

populace of about 5,500 men and women – will close on furlough days.

-- And of course, it's too early to track the effect on morale and retention.

Even before sequestration, there was a readiness crisis in the Air Force, said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh III. The severe cutbacks required by the sequester will further downgrade force readiness beyond the current fiscal year if a budget agreement is not reached.

"We can't just all of a sudden accelerate training and catch up," he said. "It costs up to 2 1/2 times as much to retrain a squadron as it does to keep it trained."

Legal restrictions exist for furloughed employees. During furlough, employees are prohibited from performing work or

acting as an unpaid volunteer. This includes coming to work, telework, attending training, using their Air Force issued laptops, or checking email or Blackberries while on furlough. Working during furlough time off violates Federal law and may result in disciplinary action against supervisors and employees.

"We rely on our civilian Airmen to keep the Air Force in the fight," said Acting Secretary of the Air Force Eric Fanning. "Their absence is felt across the board and it impacts our ability to accomplish the mission. Gen. Welsh and I are committed to working with the Secretary of Defense to find a way to bring this disruptive furlough to an end if at all possible."

## After six years, an Airman earns home in America

by SrA. Charles Hutchinson

SrA. Jean Marc Tchazou knows being a U.S. citizen is a privilege. Some people are born here, others work hard for that privilege.

"I am originally from Cameroon, but I'm from the United States now," said SrA. Tchazou.

Born in September 1980 in Douala, Cameroon, SrA. Tchazou is a finance specialist with the 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing. He fled Cameroon in 2007 due to political instability.

He became a United States citizen July 4.

"It was in Sturbridge, Mass., and it was a change in my life," said SrA. Tchazou while talking about his swearing in as a U.S. citizen. "It's a blessing and also a big privilege to be a United States citizen. I think that maybe some people born here don't know how lucky and blessed they are."

"After you are sworn in and they call your name and give you that certificate, the feeling is something that words cannot describe," said SrA. Tchazou.

With countless possibilities in America, SrA. Tchazou isn't letting any go.

"So far what I have accomplished in this country I'm sure if I was in Cameroon I would never do," he said.

SrA. Tchazou came to America with a bachelor's degree in finance from Douala University. Since coming here he has continued his education and recently graduated from Fitchburg State with a master's degree in accounting.

He also owns a brand-new car from working hard. "These are things that are tough to obtain in Cameroon," he said. "The system doesn't allow you to really show your potential."



**SWEARING-IN** >> SrA. Jean Marc Tchazou, 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing finance specialist, swears in July 4 as an American citizen. SrA. Tchazou, originally from Cameroon came to America already with a bachelor's degree, and recently earned his master's degree in accounting. (photo by SMSgt. Jennifer Hearn)

Cameroon is located in west central Africa, between Nigeria and Chad. The west coast is located on the Gulf of Guinea. The capital of Cameroon is Yaoundé, and the country is home to more than 20 million people.

While co-workers find his work ethic absolutely astounding, SrA. Tchazou does allow himself time to relax.

"After I got my citizenship I threw myself a really big party!" he said, in his soft-spoken French accent. "You have to really celebrate it. I came here just six years ago and I already have my citizenship."

SrA. Tchazou said to gain citizenship, "You have to work hard and put trust in the system. You have to stay out of trouble and do what is right. That's what makes America special."

This ambitious United States citizen ended his interview by saying, "It's not who you are, it's not how you look, or how you talk, but you are judged on what you can do. I have been given that chance. I'll continue to try."

### TROOP TALK | What is your most inspiring movie?



"'Full Metal Jacket.' The movie teaches you about military discipline."

>> SrA. Edger Reynoso  
439<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron



"'E.T.' The movie helps us to embrace things that are different than us."

>> MSgt. Michelle Weiser  
439<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron



"'Remember The Titans.' I love sports and the movie is the reason I started playing football."

>> Amn. Kenneth Line  
439<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron



"'Armageddon.' Because the group of men had to sacrifice and overcome their differences for the better of mankind."

>> Stacy Bernash,  
environmental health technician



"'Blackhawk Down.' The movie highlights lessons on leadership under adverse conditions."

>> Bill Lodge  
AAFES facility manager



"'Full Metal Jacket.' The movie takes me back to all my boot camp memories, it's a chance for me to reminisce."

>> Bill Ayers  
warehouse specialist

### ESGR ombudsman addresses employee relations topics

**Q:** Can an employer make someone use vacation time for their two weeks of annual training?

**A:** No. The key is how it is presented by the servicemember to their employer without sounding demanding. The Code of Federal Regulations, § 1002.153, says, If employment is interrupted by a period of service in the uniformed services, is the employee permitted upon request to use accrued vacation, annual or similar leave with pay during the service? Can the employer require the employee to use accrued leave during a period of service?

(a) If employment is interrupted by a period of service, the employee must be permitted upon request to use any accrued vacation, annual, or similar leave with pay during the period of service, in order to continue his or her civilian pay. However, the employee is not entitled to use sick leave that accrued with the civilian employer during a period of service in the uniformed services, unless the employer allows employees to use sick leave for any reason, or allows other similarly situated employees on comparable furlough or leave of absence to use accrued

paid sick leave. Sick leave is usually not comparable to annual or vacation leave; it is generally intended to provide income when the employee or a family member is ill and the employee is unable to work.

(b) The employer may not require the employee to use accrued vacation, annual, or similar leave during a period of service in the uniformed services.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following information was provided by Earl Bonett, Massachusetts ESGR Ombudsman Director.

WESTOVER PATRIOTS |

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**NEW EAGLES** >> Retired Army Col. Andrew Perkins, father of Col. Anthony Perkins, 439<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron commander, congratulates his son during his promotion ceremony July 14 at the Westover Conference Center. Also pictured are Col. Steven Vautrain, 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander, and the new colonel's son, Andre. (photo by TSgt. Brian Boynton)



**NEW COMMANDER** >> Lt. Col. David Heroux, left, congratulates Lt. Col. John McSpadden July 14 following the 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Control Flight change of command. Also pictured is Col. Michael Miller, 439<sup>th</sup> Operations Group commander. Lt. Col. McSpadden replaced Lt. Col. Patrick King. (photo by SrA. Alexander Brown)

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billion annual budget. Though a relative newcomer to the Air Force, he has served more than 20 years in national security at the Pentagon, Capitol Hill, the White House, and defense think-tanks. He also worked on the foreign and national assignment desks at CBS National News. Prior to his confirmation, he served as Deputy

Undersecretary of the Navy. "He was surprisingly direct," observed Scott Daigneault, 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing antiterrorism officer. "He gave us some honest background to the budget crunch." He acknowledged that pay raises between the active duty

Spencer read every message posted on the Every Airman Counts blog, and he encouraged every Airman to participate.

He ended the All Call by saying, "Thank you for getting up every day and focusing on the mission."

At the end of his tour, as he stepped off a blue Air Force bus to fly to his next stop, Fanning watched a KC-10 climb into the air after doing a

touch-and-go and exclaimed, "I love to see that."



POPE'S PUNS | by W.C.Pope



and civilian forces aren't equal, but said it's not from lack of trying. The Air Force has requested a civilian pay raise every year, including this year.

Fanning also addressed sexual assault prevention: "It's clear from what I see that too many Airmen don't feel safe. This impacts our ability to take the mission forward." He said he and Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Larry

PROMOTIONS

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Joseph Musiak  
Nakishe Flippen  
Jared Flores  
Leonardo Lima  
Ashley Williams  
Kyle Gauthier  
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**Airman**  
Aaron Gaj



**A1C Joe Beasley**  
439<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron

A1C Joe Beasley is a communication navigation specialist with the 439<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron. Born and raised in Warwick, R.I., A1C Beasley enlisted nearly two years ago.

"I wanted to pay for college," he said. "I am not in school now, but I want to go to school for electrical engineering. I'm trying to get into the University of Connecticut."

A1C Beasley has been at Westover for about five months.

"I went to basic training on March 29, 2012," said A1C Beasley. "And then I went to a long tech school."

In his civilian life, A1C Beasley is a paintball technician and a paintball referee in North Kingston, R.I.

"Yes it's a real job!" he exclaimed.

Although future plans change every day, A1C Beasley seems quite sure of this: "I plan on staying in the Air Force for a while; I plan on going for the full ride. I just wanted a good job with free training," he said. "Who wouldn't want that?"



A1C Joe Beasley

-- SrA. Charles Hutchinson IV

RETIREMENTS |

**Lieutenant Colonel**  
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Wayne Allen  
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Kenneth MacDougald  
Donna Miranda  
Gregory Williams

**Technical Sergeant**  
Ernest Clinkscales  
Thomas Griffin

SERVICES CALENDER |

Submitted by Mollie Anello, services marketing assistant

**CLUB** >> Wing Wednesdays at the Club! 4-8 p.m., 6-, 12-, 24-, or 48-piece specials, choose from 8 different flavors! Buffalo, Atomic, BBQ, Spicy BBQ, Tequila lime, Teriyaki Asian Glaze, Garlic Parmesan and Honey Mustard.

**BOWLING** >> Dollar Daze Monday Mania: \$1 Games, \$1 Shoe Rental, \$1 Slushies! Furlough Friday Fun, All You Can Bowl for \$6.99, Fridays 11 a.m.-1:30p.m. Shoes included.

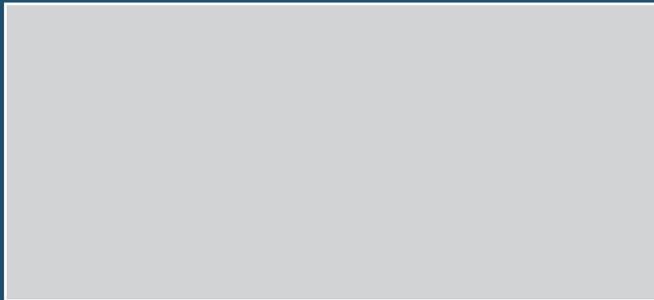
**FITNESS** >> Sign up for Flag football Aug 12-30. Season starts in September. Dates and times to be announced.

**OUTDOOR REC** >> Stay cool and have summer fun at ODR! Let us help you with Canoes, Hobie Kayaks, and our newly added Stand Up Paddle Boards! For more information call 557-2192.



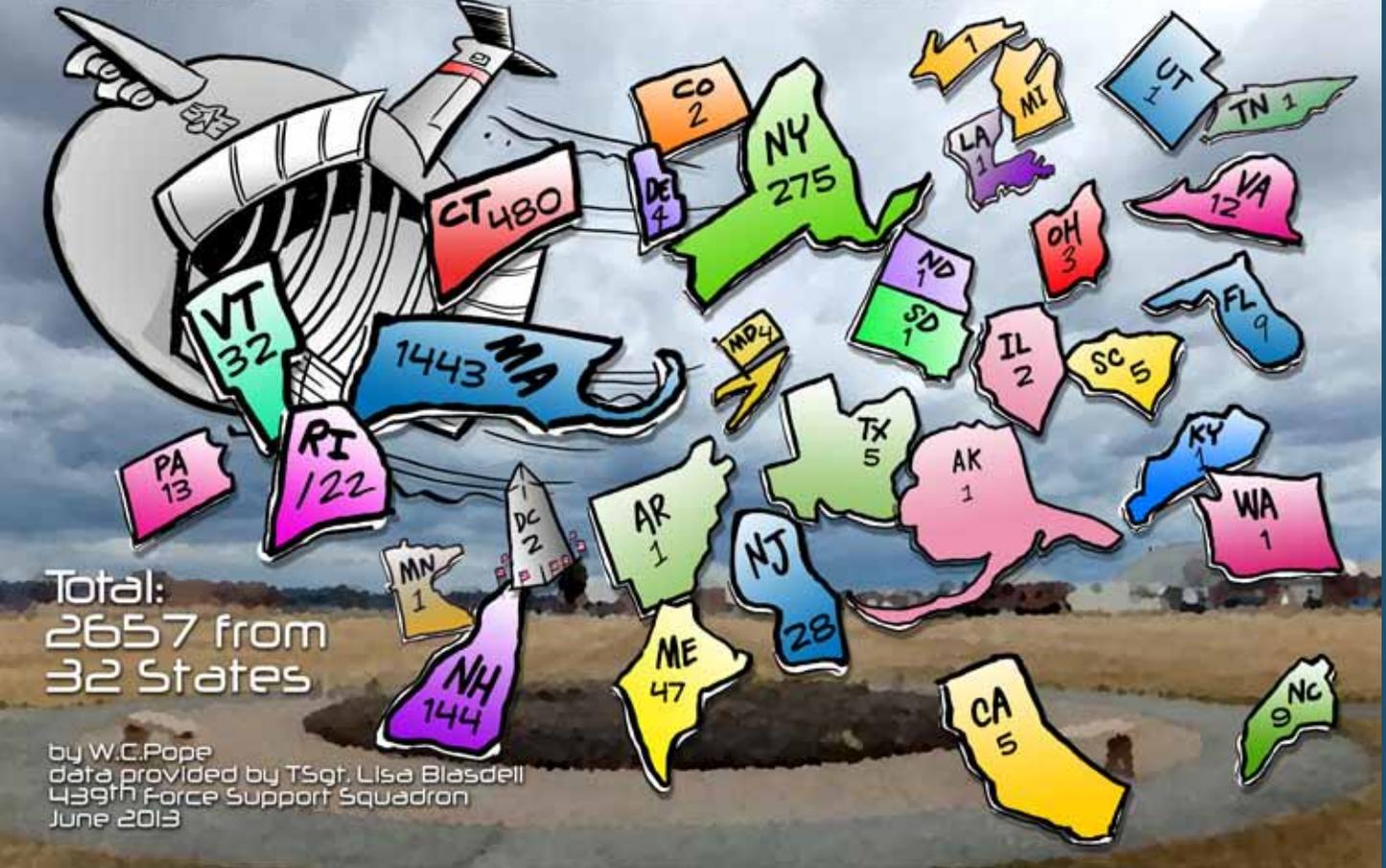
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**FROM ALL OVER >>** While a majority of the Patriot Wing's reservists live in Westover's home state, Airmen from 31 others travel here from far corners of the country, including California and Florida. Westover's 2,500 acres make it the largest Air Force Reserve Command base in the country. (Graphic by W.C. Pope)