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ON THE COVER >> SrA. Maryellen Santiago, Patriot Sands Airman and a 58th Aerial Port Squadron reservist, was among 28 Patriot Wing members who deployed to Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., Feb. 20-24. Turn to pages 6-7 for more photos. (photo by TSgt. Brian Boynton)

EDITORIAL | Spring fever doesn't mean losing your self-discipline

Spring fever must be in the air. The snow is melting, the birds are returning, the squirrels are out, and self-discipline seems to be slipping. The Patriot Wing is the best wing in the Air Force, but it seems that every spring we must be reminded that we are responsible for our own actions. Speeding, illegal parking, and moving violations all seem to be on the rise; customs and courtesies, proper uniform wear, and common sense all seem to be in decline. I know the weather is getting warmer and we feel freer, but we must still obey the rules. I do not like to hear from retirees that our Airmen are not wearing the uniform properly off-base, and I definitely do not want to hear that one of our Airmen has been injured or killed because someone lacked self-discipline.

As members of the greatest military in the world, we are expected to maintain a high level of discipline at all times. That is a reason why the military is consistently rated as one of the most highly respected groups in America. The proper wear of the uniform and following proper customs and courtesies are outward displays of that discipline. If you cannot wear your uniform properly or follow



proper customs and courtesies, it is doubtful that you can do your primary duty properly.

The same applies when driving your vehicle. If you cannot obey the speed limit, put your cell phone down, or stop at a stop sign, it is an indication that you may not be following other rules. The same internal lack of discipline that lets these things slide could also cause you to skip a step in a checklist, take a short-cut around a safety check, or not pay attention during a critical phase of a procedure.

It is time to stop, do a self-evaluation, and make sure that we are abiding by the rules. Minor slips in self-discipline such as improper uniform wear or illegal parking are disturbing, but they are an indication that our self-discipline is slipping and worse things could happen if we do not correct course and steer ourselves back towards following the rules -- all of the rules.

The public would not trust us with billions of dollars' worth of equipment, the lives of their sons and daughters,

and the protection of the nation if they did not believe we have the discipline to follow simple rules. We must strive to follow the rules. If you think you have a better way of doing something, submit a suggestion through proper channels to have the rule changed, but in the meantime it is your responsibility to comply. Not following the rules might seem to be a good idea at the time, but in the end it could result in lost time, injury, or death.

by Brig. Gen. Steven Vautrain
439th Airlift Wing commander

BRIEFS |

Military Child month

The Airman and Family Readiness Center has partnered with the Westover Bowling Center to provide free bowling for all military children up to 17 years old, April 26, 2-4 p.m. Children will get two hours of unlimited bowling, shoe rental, one slice of pizza and a free drink.

Registration is required.

Families are asked to call 557-3024 by April 18 with their child's name and age or via email to shanna.king.1@us.af.mil.

Patriot Wing to honor Black History Month in April

The 439th Airlift Wing will observe Black History Month during the April A UTA. Normally commemorated in February, Black History Month recognizes the achievements, lineage, and history of African-Americans. Clayton Arline, a retired Air Force master sergeant, will be the guest speaker April 5 at 11 a.m. at the Westover Conference Center. The Putnam High School Junior ROTC unit from Springfield will join reservists during this commemoration.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is Sexual Assault awareness Month. This year's Department of Defense motto is "Live Our Values: Step Up to Stop Sexual Assault." A sexual assault prevention information booth will be set up at the Westover Club April 5 and April 26.

Westover Shoppette traffic flow to change

The traffic flow and parking at the shoppette will change beginning in April. The lower entrance, on Airlift Drive, will be the only entrance. One-way traffic must go through the pumps or up the hill to the exit. Parking will be reversed along Airlift Drive and new parking will be added near the tire pressure area.

Base civil engineer is tops in Air Force

Wayne Williams, base civil engineer, recently earned the Harry P. Reitman Award in the Senior CE Manager category. For additional awards that base units recently earned, turn to page 5.

Quarterly winners

The wing quarterly winners for the first quarter are: Airman - SrA. Ryan Manning, 337th Airlift Squadron; NCO - SSgt. Anny Sonenarong, 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron; SNCO - MSgt. Amelia O'Brien, ASTS; CGO - Capt. Michele LaFoe, ASTS; Civilian - Karen Watts, 439th Mission Support Group; Civilian Supervisor - Christopher Harry, 42nd Aerial Port Squadron



CHIEF TALK >> The Patriot Wing's change of responsibility ceremony was held March 8 in the Base Hangar. Left, CMSgt. Michael Thorpe, 439th Airlift Wing Command Chief since April 2011, delivers a farewell speech before turning responsibility of the wing's senior enlisted billet to CMSgt. David Carbin. See article and additional photo on page 4. (photos by TSgt. Brian

Chief Carbin moves up to top enlisted wing billet

by SrA. Alexander Brown

During a March 8 change of responsibility ceremony, the Patriot Wing’s top enlisted billet became a 32-year Air Force veteran’s new title.

CMSgt. Michael Thorpe, former wing command chief and now 22nd Air Force Command Chief, delivered a farewell message to the 439th. Having served at Westover since first joining the 439th Security Forces Squadron in 1988, the chief

thanked his family for their support, then addressed the Patriot Wing.

“You are what makes this nation great,” CMSgt. Thorpe said.

Within seconds of saluting Brig. Gen. Steven Vautrain, 439th Airlift Wing commander, the wing’s new command chief came down from the stage. CMSgt. David Carbin spoke at eye-level with his audience, which included his family, co-



workers and fellow Airmen.

“Without this group of people I would never be here today,” he said. He first joined the Air Force in 1982, and has been a reservist since 1988. The chief has earned 13 different awards and decorations, held a long tenure as the 439th Maintenance Squadron first sergeant and was the Westover Chiefs’ Council president four years in a row.

“I want to make sure the enlisted force have the tools necessary to become the leaders of tomorrow,” CMSgt. Carbin said. “I have to give you those tools.”

The command chief also took advantage of the occasion with a large Westover audience to mention the upcoming annual enlisted workshop.

“I want to make sure you understand this is a good program,” he said. “This year we’re changing things a little more ... we have people working hard on this and they’re living up to the workshop’s theme, ‘Building Bridges.’”

EDITORS NOTE: The workshop will be held June 9-10. For more information on CMSgt. Carbin, visit westover.afrc.af.mil/library/biographies.

Department of Defense budget sets AFRC changes

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. -- The Department of Defense budget request for fiscal 2015 includes a number of proposed changes for the Air Force Reserve.

If enacted into law, the DOD budget request would increase the number of Reserve fighter wings equipped with F-16 fighters, create a classic associate B-1 bomber group, increase the number of Reserve KC-135 tankers, inactivate the Reserve airlift wing at Pope Field, N.C., retire the A-10 fighters, and inactivate the Reserve’s E-3 AWACS classic associate group.

Major changes in Air Force Reserve structure include:

- Beale AFB, Calif. - Add eight KC-135 Stratotankers to the 940th Wing and inactivate the 583rd RED HORSE Squadron.
- Dyess AFB, Texas - Activate a B-1B Lancer classic associate group.
- Whiteman AFB, Mo. - Retire 27 A-10Thunderbolt II aircraft and replace them with 21 F-16 Fighting Falcon (Block 40) aircraft in the 442nd Fighter Wing, tentatively scheduled for 2018.
- Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. - Retire 28 A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft and replace them with 21 F-16 Fighting Falcon (Block 40) aircraft in the 924th Fighter Group, tentatively scheduled for 2019.
- Little Rock AFB, Ark. - Convert Detachment 1, 22nd Air Force to the 913th Airlift Group equipped with 10 C-130J Hercules aircraft.
- Peterson AFB, Colo. - Reduce the number of C-130H Hercules from 12 to eight in the 302nd Airlift Wing.
- Dover AFB, Del. and Travis AFB, Calif. - Will each convert

four C-5 Galaxy aircraft from the active inventory to the backup inventory.

- Keesler AFB, Miss. - Inactivate the 403rd Civil Engineer Squadron.
- Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska - Inactivate the 477th Civil Engineer Squadron and 477th Security Forces Squadron.
- Joint Base Andrews, Md. - Inactivate 459th Security Forces Squadron and 459th Civil Engineer Squadron, but retain the explosive ordnance disposal flight.
- Joint Base Charleston, S.C. - Convert eight C-17s from the primary inventory to the back-up inventory.
- Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash. - Convert eight C-17s from the primary inventory to the back-up inventory.
- Pope Field, N.C. - Inactivate the 440th Airlift Wing.
- Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station, Pa. - Inactivate the 911th Civil Engineer Squadron.
- Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. - Inactivate the 42nd Combat Communications Squadron.

The proposed authorized end strength for the Air Force Reserve in fiscal 2015 is expected to decrease 4.7 percent from 70,400 to 67,100 authorized reservists.

“The vast majority of our people serve locally on a part-time basis, and force structure changes pose significant challenges for reservists,” said Lt. Gen. James Jackson, commander of Air Force Reserve Command. “I will ensure that Reserve leaders at every level are doing everything they can to help reservists through the transition.”

Patriot Wing units take AF, AFRC awards

Military and civilians at Westover continued to earn Air Force and command-level recognition in March. The combined 439th Civil Engineering Squadron and 439th Mission Support Group base civil engineering staff won the 2013 Air Force Outstanding Civil Engineer Unit, (air reserve component category).

With more than 350 military and civilians on its combined team, CE oversees the infrastructure of the nation’s largest Air Force Reserve base, which includes \$1.4 billion in assets and 5,500 people. Among its achievements, the CE community executed \$33 million in airfield projects in FY 13, launched a \$24 million Defense Logistics Agency Military Construction project to upgrade the 60-year old fuel hydrant system which will refuel C-5s four times faster, and guided the \$5.5 million design and installation of the largest C-5 mobile tail enclosure - improving the maintenance work center’s capabilities.

Other unit award highlights

-- 439th AW Drug Demand Reduction Program, 2012 Outstanding Air Force Reserve Command Base-Level DDRP: Among the team’s accomplishments was the collection of 616 military specimens, 172 civilian, and 44 pre-employment specimens with no untestable samples for FY 2012. They developed and distributed brochures to new members attending the Welcome Center briefings that inform hundreds of reservists joining the wing. The DDRP staff participated in the 2012 Hispanic Youth Symposium and the Kids of Courage visit in the Base Hangar, where they set up a booth and provided fatal vision goggles that accurately simulated the side effects of drinking too much alcohol.

Fire Department Wins AFRC Award

by TSgt. George Cloutier

For the third year in a row, the Westover Fire Department has won the Air Force Reserve Command Fire Department of the Year Award.

According to Josh Nixon, Westover Fire Department Assistant Chief, the department’s achievements weighed most heavily toward earning the award

included supporting the 16 Air National Guard F-15s from Barnes ANGB during their temporary 2013 stay, earning an excellent rating on a recent inspection, and successful mutual aid operations. The base department assisted in multiple off-base incidents including Brunell’s Marina fire, the Easthampton forest fire and a barn fire in Chicopee.

Other notable achievements that contributed to the earning of the award include: Responding to 379 calls with no loss of aircraft or structures, participating in “Kids of Courage” program, completing installation of a \$3.5 million base mass notification system, training and certifying 10 local fire departments in airfield firefighting operations and leading the base CPR program.

When asked what Westover firefighters may be doing differently than other departments, it’s their training and the base training facilities that really makes the difference.

“We have our own training facilities and that’s helped out a lot,” said Capt. Eric Rauch. “We can do any kind of operation we want to, day or night. We can do live fires, search and rescue and even high angle operations.”

The department gets constant cooperation with Westover building owners and managers, which helps them train for a variety of scenarios, the captain explained. Westover also has live training facilities that can actually be set on fire and extinguished, which are also frequently used by local civilian departments. These facilities include a mock-up plane and a three-story building, located near Patriot Avenue and the North Ramp. Both can be engulfed with flames for optimal realism to help build confidence and familiarity.

“We’ll just go in there and watch flame behavior and what it does,” said Dan Kostura, a Westover firefighter. “Outside of base, you’re only going to get that if you go to the fire academy. It definitely helps to be able to see flames in a training environment. You know what you’re looking for.”

Along with the unit award, a personal award was given to Charles VanGorden, Westover Fire Department Chief, for “Best Fire Department Chief” in AFRC.



-- The 439th AW PA staff placed in several AFRC media contest categories, including the 2013 AFRC Public Affairs Awards for Communication Excellence (W.C. Pope, the Outstanding Communication Civilian) and SSgt. Kelly Goonan for the Staff Sergeant Christopher S. Frost (Outstanding Communication NCO Award). The PA office also placed in seven 2013 AFRC Media Contest categories. Those include Illustrative Photo-

graph - 1st place, (SSgt. Kelly Goonan); Best Command Publication - 2nd place, Commentary - 2nd place (Lt. Col. James Bishop); Series - 2nd place, TSgt. George Cloutier and SSgt. Goonan); Pictorial Photograph - 3rd place SSgt. Goonan; AF Military Photographer of the Year - 2nd place, (Goonan); and Personality Feature article - 2nd place, (SrA. Charles Hutchinson).



Westover storms Patriot Sands 2014

by TSgt. Brian Boynton

PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. -- Resilient Patriot Wing Airmen stood the test of time - and withstood what Mother Nature dished out as well, through a four-day contingency response exercise in February.

Real-world scenarios crept in throughout Patriot Sands 2014. Airmen worked 12-hour workdays under the hot sun at Patrick. Heavy rain, high winds, heat, humidity, fog, lightning, and storm/tornado warnings challenged all throughout the entire area of operations. The exercise was held from Feb. 20-24.

"Despite limiting factors of maintenance delays enroute, and weather delays every day, our milestones were met early," said Lt. Col. Rodney Furr, 439th Airlift Control Flight director of operations. "In fact, the 439 CRE/Comm section achieved 100 percent equipment

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photos by TSgt. Brian Boynton

Joint-service Employer Day set for July 12

The 439th Airlift Wing's Employer Day is scheduled for July 12. This year's event follows a hiatus from 2013 due to sequestration and two Air Force-wide civilian furloughs.

This year's event is the first-ever joint-service Employer Day. Reservists from Air Force, Navy and Army units assigned to Westover are encouraged to invite their civilian employers to the base.

The wing public affairs office and volunteers with the Massachusetts Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve are coordinat-

ing the Employer Day activities.

Reservists interested in signing up employers need to submit their employer's name, address, home phone number, and email to: 439aw.pa@us.af.mil

For more information on Employer Day, contact the 439th AW PA office at 413-557-2020.

Look for the most up-to-date Employer Day information on the base web and Facebook pages.

Wing Wingman Day

Patriot Wing Airmen, gathered in a group discussion, listen as Chaplain (Maj.) Jeffrey Ballou explains life's challenges and how to be resilient to face them. This discussion was part of a two-hour long breakout of groups wing-wide as part of the Air Force Reserve Command-directed Wingman Day. (photo by MSgt. Andrew Biscoe)



TROOP TALK | What kind of music motivates you?



"Aside from the diversity and camaraderie, the reserve gives me the opportunity to excel in my civilian career as well as my military career."

>>TSgt. Anna Hedderich
439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron



"You get the best of both worlds! I'm a construction laborer in the Boston area, so I'm able to maintain my civilian career but also serve my country when they need me."

>>SrA. Eric Farr
439th Security Forces Squadron



"In EOD, I'm able to take the specialized training and apply it to a civilian career field. I'm a radiological controls technician in my civilian career, so the sharing of knowledge between that and my military career is very valuable."

>>SrA. Nicholas Cervero
439th Civil Engineering Squadron

photos by SSgt. Kelly Goonan

a continuing series exploring Westover DID YOU KNOW

by SrA. Charles Hutchinson IV

"We leave no family behind."

This is the motto of the Westover Key Spouse Program.

KSP is an official commander's program designed to enhance readiness and establish a sense of community. Program volunteers promote partnerships with unit leadership as well as other community and helping agencies. The program has been standardized across the Air Force to address the needs of all military families with special emphasis on support to families of deployed members.

Key Spouse members do a variety of different things as volunteers. Just as the mission posture evolves at Westover, so does the KSP mission.

Shanna King, a manager with the Airmen and Family Readiness Cen-

ter, helps oversee KSP. She briefed senior leadership and squadron commanders on the March A UTA about the Key Spouse Program.

"Everybody has a part to play," she said, adding KSP synergizes the efforts of volunteers, first sergeants and families.

KSP members, who meet at the base monthly, assist during times of deployments and mobilizations.

"Key Spouses are trained volunteers that provide personal, peer-to-peer support for their unit's families", said Therese Sarnelli, a veteran Key Spouse member. "Their role is to care for fami-



Therese Sarnelli is this year's nominee for AFR Key Spouse of the Year.

lies by providing them with information from their unit's leadership about events, programs, and other available resources during periods of separation. As an official unit representative, they also serve as a point of contact when spouses need to communicate to their leadership any difficulties they may be experiencing."

Spouses can call the Airman and Family Readiness

Center or go to their spouses' first sergeants for more information.

"This is very important communication with the first sergeants. We'll be meeting with them on the Sunday of the April A UTA," said King. The center may be reached at 557-3024.

EDITOR'S NOTE: TSgt. George Cloutier contributed to this story.

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operation and reliability for the first time, which was a huge success. This was a very solid CRE mission achievement by all three locations in the exercise."

This was also the first time that five different affiliated teams participated in a mobile command and control exercise. Westover deployed 28 Airmen from the 439th ALCF and 58th and 42nd Aerial Port squadrons. They flew aboard a Westover C-5 to Patrick. C-17s joined the exercise and came from reserve units assigned to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, Dover AFB, Del., and Joint Base Charleston, S.C.

Patriot Sands tasked ALCF Airmen to provide a Forward Operation Location Contingency Response Element support for affiliated units at Patrick for deployment training and requirements. Other units staged from MacDill AFB and Homestead ARB, also located in Florida.

Also participating were members of the FBI Washington Field Office's Rapid Deployment Logistics Unit and Rapid Deployment Teams from both Miami and New York. The Florida Advanced Surgical & Transport Team (FAST) provided personnel, vehicles and equipment for transportation.

A series of events backdropped real-world scenarios. The first event starting before the Westover Team departed Feb. 20, with a C-5 maintenance delay. Airmen adapted to arrival at Patrick with an unplanned night offload and immediately set up the Mobile Command Control Truck and Heavy Equipment Lightweight

Air Mobility System.

Despite securing for the day by late that evening, Team Westover was up and operational at the beginning of day one, Lt. Col. Furr said. "The only fully functional CRE including full communications."

Another delay involved having to load the FAST trailer which came in on a C-17 but not initially equipped for loading on a C-5. Again working alongside the affiliates with FAST and the Washington FBI field office everyone pulled together and successfully completed the mission. This type of training now ensures that in the event of a real world emergency Westover can quickly and safely deliver the Florida Advanced Surgical and Transport Team to any contingency worldwide. It gave the participants a better understanding of the challenges they may face when deployed.

Missions continued to run even after the tear down and packing of equipment and personnel.

With the final C-17 loaded and safely in the air the last of the Team packed up and loaded onto a flight ready C-5 for an uneventful return to Westover Feb. 24. By the conclusion of the exercise, Airmen had moved 263 tons of cargo and 255 passengers.

"Team Westover again proved we are "Leaders in Excellence" with everyone - regardless of rank - pitching in to not only accomplish mission objectives, but doing it with camaraderie and professionalism across the ranks," said Maj. Jessica Rose, CRE operations officer and operations officer with the 439th ALCF.

EDITOR'S NOTE: MSgt. Andrew Biscoe contributed to this story.

WESTOVER STRONG: “CREATING A RUNNING LIFESTYLE”



by SrA. Alexander Brown

A speed walker, ultra-runner and triathlete came to Westover’s Club March 9 to provide advice that covered beginning a running regimen to competing in a 50-mile trail run. During the lunch time meeting Airman learned the following from the three experienced runners:



WARB STRENGTH >> Westover Airmen gather in the Westover Club for the third installment of the Westover Strong seminars. The March UTA session focused on physical fitness and was led by Lt. Col. Rodney Furr (pictured left) and 1st Lt. Lisa Vellucci. (photos by SrA. Alexander Brown)

- Running isn’t something that happens overnight.
- Find out what the “rocks are in your river” and flow around them.
- Decide on a goal but be realistic.
- Be flexible and stay positive.
- Run when you can, walk if you have to, crawl if you must; just never give up.
- Find out what works for you.
- Anyone can be a runner if you put the time in to do so.
- “It’s the little things that make up the whole,” said Lt. Col Rodney Furr, 439th Airlift Control Flight.
- “Every journey begins with one step. Each step can be a new mile-

stone that leads you towards goals for a better PT score, losing weight, running your first race or even becoming a ultra-runner.” Those attending the event also knew that the information could help Airmen who have difficulty with the 1.5-mile run portion of the physical fitness training test. The run counts for 60 percent of the grade. EDITORS NOTE: For more information about running or speed walking, feel free to contact Lt. Col. Rodney Furr or 1st Lt. Lisa Vellucci. Westover Strong events are held monthly. The April topic will cover taking Air Force career development courses.

POPE’S PUNS |

by W.C.Pope



PROMOTIONS

- Chief Master Sergeant**
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Senior Master Sergeant
Brandon Ives
Jose Rojo
Bobby Vongphakdy

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Theresa Lyon
Jeffrey McCauley
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Jordan Duffy
Joseph Foote
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Michael Howard
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Dale Nasuta
Willie Pearson
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Karolina Prado

Airman First Class
Patrick Benevelli
Emily Brogna
Diego Dasilva
Leah Kingsley
Rachel Leonardo

Airman
Branden O'Brien
Zachary Snyder

TSgt. Daniel O’Donnell 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

As a medical technician with the 439th Aero-medical Staging Squadron, one of TSgt. Daniel O’Donnell’s main functions is to help coordinate medical training for his fellow med techs. This includes EMT training, CPR training, and medical skills. TSgt. O’Donnell is from Glenville, N.Y. He first joined the military in 1995, enlisting in the Navy. He attained the rank of petty officer second class before separating in 2001. After about an eight-year break of service, TSgt. O’Donnell wanted to return to serving his country. He joined the Air Force Reserve in 2009 and been stationed at Westover since that time. He joined the Air Force because he wanted to fly. TSgt. O’Donnell wanted to see how Air Force operations are conducted. He’s ready to re-enlist as he’s happy with his decision to rejoin the military as a Citizen Airman.

--SrA. Charles Hutchinson



FACES OF WESTOVER

RETIREMENTS |

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Freitas	Senior Master Sergeant Daniel Gerard Matthew Leamy	Technical Sergeant Brian Couture
Major Christopher Ekstrom Patricia Manning	Master Sergeant Kimberly Babin David Deskis Richard Grant William Solomon Scott Trumble	

SERVICES CALENDER |

Submitted by Mollie Anello, services marketing assistant

CLUB >> Free Comedy Show at the club, April 5, 8 p.m. Hosted by Jay Are Adams, featuring: Steve Vecchiarelli, Jess Miller, Tom Lewis, Rebecca Lucente, James Moore and Rob Santos! There will be more new comedians April 26 at 8 p.m. (hosted by Jay Are Adams) and featuring Brian Plumb, Jess Miller, Tom Lewis, Laura Fattarusio, Darik Santos and Rob Santos! Lounge doors open at 3 p.m.

BOWLING >> The Bowling Center will be having Spring Break Bowl on April 18, and 21 through 25 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with \$1 games, \$1 shoe rentals and Cosmic Bowling!

OUTDOOR >> Rent equipment to get your yard ready for spring and summer, like a lawn vac, wood chipper, log splitter and more! Information: 557-2192.

FITNESS CENTER >> Sign up and participate in one of the many monthly events, including the racquetball tournament, register for the Wallyball and Tournament Softball. And climb the Mount Everest Climbing Wall any time throughout the month. Information: 557-3958.



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WELCOME HOME >> More than 100 citizen soldiers from the 344th Military Police Company got a warm welcome from family and friends Feb. 11 in the Base Hangar. Spc. Brendan Winkel gets to hold his baby son for the first time. The company has detachments at Watertown, Conn. and Worcester, Mass. (photos by W.C. Pope and SSgt. Kelly Goonan)