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ON THE COVER >> An engine change is always a major project for maintenance crews, since it involves the Air Force's largest aircraft, but it's a rare sight to have two engine changes on the same aircraft. Turn to page 7 for the coming engine changes for all C-5s at Westover that begin later this year. (photos by William C. Pope)



HOLIDAY HAMS >> Pausing for a photo during the December A UTA's holiday meal are Staff Sgt. John Ashley, 439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, and Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Beaudry, 42nd Aerial Port Squadron. Senior NCOs and first sergeants served the Yuletide lunch to Patriot Wing Airmen Dec. 4 at the Westover Club. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Amelia Leonard)



As we “turn final” on the countdown to Capstone, I want to encourage everyone in the Patriot Wing to prepare to show the inspection team how we take care of our vital strategic airlift and agile combat support missions.

Capstone is the “new” way that Air Force Reserve Command evaluates its units. The days of the Operational Readiness Inspections and Compliance Unit Inspections have been replaced by the Air Force Inspection System.

AFIS allows inspections to happen organically from the unit to headquarters. Our Capstone inspection will occur September 21-26. That will wrap up two years of self-monitoring, called a Unit Effectiveness Inspection. I want our Capstone inspection to show the inspection team the great work we do every day! The subject matter experts give each area a close look. First, functionals do a virtual inspection of MICT and other online programs, and then in September they come in person. These teams will scrub most of our areas. Last fall, a Reserve airlift unit received a grade of “Ineffective,” requiring an exhaustive clean-up effort. Another was only marginally effective, due to cutting corners on documented inspections. Let’s make sure we don’t repeat their mistakes.

Capstone encourages a culture of all Airmen having input to improve the mission, so if you see a better, safer, more

efficient or less costly way of doing your job, speak up!

I heard about the Patriot Wing’s renowned work ethic long before Chantel and I arrived last March. So it’s time now to partition your time on these remaining UTAs to continue to accurately and honestly assess ourselves. Wing inspection team members: you are the first line of defense. Don’t let your guard down – keep inspecting. Keep the momentum going through no-notice inspections. Remember the major graded areas: Managing Resources, Leading People, Improving the Unit, and Executing the Mission. It’s what we do – and do well – every day.

All this happens while the Patriot Wing is in a major operational transition. The loss of eight C-5s affects our maintenance and operations group. All eight remaining aircraft are awaiting modernization to the C-5M Super Galaxy; our first aircraft is expected here in late spring. Ultimately, the entire Patriot Wing team supports, maintains, or flies these aircraft.

Let’s keep our focus on doing our jobs well. Let’s show how the Patriot Wing continues to perform its mission like no other unit, amid challenging circumstances.

You have my utmost respect and support as your commander. Thank you for what you do for our Air Force and for our country.

Brig. Gen. Jay Jensen
439th Airlift Wing commander

BRIEFS

Protest particulars

A local private liberal arts college recently drew media attention and controversy for the decision to remove the United States flag from its perch. This was in response to complaints, which drew counter protestors, many of whom were veterans. As a reminder it is your right to participate in any function of this type, however you cannot do it in uniform or on duty. Questions should be directed to the base legal office at 557-3513.

Drug Testing Office has moved

The drug testing office is now in building 5100, the Base Services building located next to the enlisted dorms.

Airmen are reminded that while the state of Massachusetts has legalized marijuana, service members are still prohibited from using it. Federal employees who disregard this are subject to administrative action or punishment under the UCMJ. Please turn to page 12 for more information.

NYPD Fife and Drum corps

The NYPD Fife and Drum Corps and 439th Security Forces Squadron teamed up in December to support deployed SFS members who won’t be home for the holidays with their loved ones. They provided collected gifts from Toys for Tots. The Fife and Drum collected toys for the families of all the deployed troops and handed them off to the Westover Key Spouses for distribution.

A SFS reservist, who works full time for the NYPD, is deployed with other Westover reservists. They are among more than 200 Airmen deployed to Southwest Asia through most of this month.

Snow Line

Call 413-557-3444 for information on base closure or late opening.

Top 3 donates more than 600 pounds of food to Lorraine’s Soup Kitchen

Top 3 members delivered 650 pounds of donated food and \$140 in early December to Lorraine’s Soup Kitchen in Chicopee, said Senior Master Sgt. Greg Libby, Top 3 president. The Top 3’s food drive began on base in November.

Top 3 meetings are held at 2 p.m. on Saturdays of each UTA at the Westover Club.

Santa and Mrs. Claus land at Westover



by Senior Airman Monica Ricci

The sound of holiday cheer rivaled the roar of a C-5 flying patterns around the base Saturday of the December UTA.

Nearly 100 children attended this year's annual Christmas party on base. They rode the "Polar Express train" around the base ellipse and warmed up inside to hot chocolate, crafts and face painting.

It all led up to a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Westover Conference Center, where the kids were able to make one last wish to St. Nick himself.

One boy, Jordan, said he enjoyed the party but that it was missing one thing -- his father, who's deployed.

"My favorite part about the Christmas party is spending time with people and sitting on the lap of Santa," Jordan said.

Senior Airman Alfredo Rosario and Angelica Cruz brought their daughter to the party.

"It's all about seeing her happy and having a good time," Rosario said. He's assigned to the 439th Security Forces Squadron.

The day wouldn't have been possible without coordination of the Airman and Family Readiness Center, Westover Key Spouses and volunteers from the Developmental and Training Flight and the USO.

Amie Croy, a Westover Key Spouse, helped organize the event and ran a table where kids could make reindeer out of candy canes.

"My favorite part is hanging with the kids," Croy said. "I love seeing their happy faces and how excited they are that Christmas is here."

TSA PARTNERS WITH DoD TO MAKE TRAVELING LESS PAINFUL

by Capt. Meghan Smith

Do you love to travel? Do you have to travel? Are you sick of removing shoes, laptops, liquids, belts, and jackets to go through airport security? There's great news! If you have a common access card you are automatically qualified to be a TSA PreCheck member and can skip all of those steps.

According to the TSA.GOV website, travelers should, "Enter the DoD ID number from the back of your common access card into the 'known traveler number' field of your flight reservations or when updating your Defense Travel System profile for official travel." All members of the Armed Forces can use this program for official and personal travel. The TSA website advises that you "include your DoD ID number in the known traveler number field when making reservations through an airline or travel website. Travelers may also save their DoD ID/KTN (Known Traveler Number) in their frequent flyer program profile."

DoD federal civilian employees must opt-in to TSA PreCheck by visiting the milConnect website

This benefit also extends to children travelling with you if you are indicated as the parent or guardian on their boarding pass.

Be aware that not all airlines and airports participate in this program. To check if an airport or airline participates in TSA PreCheck, please click [here](#). If you have any other questions about this program, visit the TSA website.



Family Christmas Party Album





LAST C-5B GOES THROUGH ISO DOCK

by Master Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

It was 1985. Then-Airman 1st Class James Mitchell watched history unfold at Dover Air Force Base, Del., as the base received its first C-5B Galaxy. Now a chief master sergeant, Mitchell recently bid farewell here to one of the last B-models of the Air Force's largest airlifter.

Aircraft 041 -- second to the last of 50 C-5B's built during the Reagan Administration, departed Westover Nov. 22, bound for Lockheed-Martin at Marietta, Ga. Workers will remove the aging General Electric TF-39 engines and install much more powerful, quieter and fuel-efficient ones. The "newer" C-5 also features all-new lighting inside the massive airlifter's 121-foot-long cargo deck and passenger compartment.

Westover's 439th Airlift Wing, equipped with C-5s since 1987, will again make history next year, when the first re-engined C-5 arrives here as a C-5M Super Galaxy by late spring, said Lt. Col. Jordan Murphy, 439th Maintenance Squadron commander. Once the entire conversion is complete, the wing will fly eight C-5Ms.

Lockheed's modifications give new life to an aging airframe. "It's not just a re-engined aircraft," Murphy said. "Lockheed gets in there and replaces all the electrical wiring. So much comes back modified. We'll have eight brand new aircraft."

Meanwhile, Westover maintainers anticipate an easier time when it comes to the periodic engine maintenance. The whine and growl of the TF-39 engines - familiar to those on the flight line and to surrounding Pioneer Valley communities - will be replaced by more powerful and quieter CF6 turbofans. They'll require less maintenance.

While the B-models are nearly all gone, older C-5A models have been transferred from the 433rd Airlift Wing at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. Mitchell said these aircraft, built in 1969 and 1970, are much more challenging for maintenance

crews, primarily due to their age. Some of the aircraft are former C-5s from the 439th dating back to the 1980s, he said.

The A-models will remain at Westover until next summer before being flown to their final resting spot at the Air Force "boneyard" in Arizona, Murphy said.

Westover isochronal maintenance area has already adapted the future all-C-5M fleet, Murphy said. A blended force of air reserve technicians, active duty Airmen, and civilians sustains a 24-hour operation with frequent M-model ISO work. Minor ISO work on the C-5 fleet is performed here; the major ISO is located at Dover, where the Patriot Wing's only remaining B-model, aircraft 043 is undergoing work before it too heads to Lockheed-Martin.

Westover performed an ISO inspection on its last C-5B on

Nov. 22. From now on, only M-models will go through the routine inspection here.

Several maintainers were on hand to say goodbye to aircraft 041 Nov. 22. But Mitchell said it wasn't really a goodbye. Nearly a decade into C-5B operations, Westover will soon unfold another chapter with the arrival of the Super Galaxy in 2017.

"We got it on its way," he said. "We know it's coming back."

As the 21st century Air Force continues to evolve, plans call for the fleet of 52 modified C-5s to continue to shoulder much of the strategic airlift needs until about 2040.

That means continued relevance for Westover and the 439th, Murphy said.

"We're going to be around for a long time," he said.



GONE BUT NOT FOR GOOD >> Framed by a portion of the nearby Holyoke Mountain Range, the last C-5B model in the Air Force to go through an isochronal inspection takes off for Georgia Nov. 22. Westover is slated to have eight renovated C-5Ms by July 2018. The first C-5M is expected to be delivered here by late spring. The Dogpatch training area is visible in the lower right. (photo by Master Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

Citizen Airmen, Marines lead the way at 407th AEG

by Capt. Matt Darisse
407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron operations officer

SOUTHWEST ASIA -- The U.S. Airmen and Marines of the 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron are leading the way on their deployment with a truly collective approach to joint defense operations. Over the past decade, joint operations between U.S. sister services has become increasingly prevalent. So much so, that the joint environment has become the paradigm of comprehensive and effective battlespace ownership. What is unique about the base defense mission here is the integration of not only two U.S. sister services, but also a coalition partner, all under one, unified tactical control.

The composition of the 407th ESFS is anomalous not only by virtue of its current assembly but the evolution thereto. Initially an Air Force mission, defense operations have developed into a synoptic pursuit with contributions from many of the installation's stakeholders. This confluence of contributors, from varied cultures and specialties, has broadened the utility of the unit and epitomizes the concept of total force integration. The U.S. Air Force component is responsible for overall base defense, and as a result the plurality of the unit is Air Force security forces. Marine civil engineers and infantrymen from 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines make up the second largest subset. Contractors attached to the unit do their part to ensure a wide range of force multipliers are operational in support of defense operations. Finally, Polish Air Force security forces provide a contingent to assist with patrolling. Interestingly, support from the above mentioned organizations was not the product of a mandate or request for forces but rather the conscientious commitment of said entities.

In early spring of 2016 the Polish Air Force deployed to the 407th Air Expeditionary Group for their first deployment since World War II. From the outset of their arrival, the Polish contingency here expressed an abiding interest in participating in the defense of their personnel and assets. To this end, Polish leadership appealed to the U.S. Air Force Security Forces leadership to consider integrating Polish Security Forces personnel into base defense functions. In the days and weeks that followed, leadership on both sides worked together to implement Polish involvement in base defense. Finally, on August 18, 2016, the Airmen and Marines of the 407th ESFS welcomed the integration of the first combined, Polish Air Force – U.S. Air Force patrol since World War II.

The first official combined patrol was conducted by U.S. Air Force Reserve Tech. Sgt. Clark Medina and Polish Air Force Senior Private Adam Lukaszczyk. It was only fitting that a defender of Polish descent, participated in the first patrol.

"It is an honor to be the first Airman since World War II to work alongside our Polish counterparts. This experience is the highlight of my 24 year military career," said Medina.

His Polish counterpart, Senior Private Lukaszczyk explained, "Polish people are very proud and hardworking. It is very important to us that we participate in the protection



Senior Airman Shaun McQuiston from the 439th Security Forces Squadron and U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Michael Hall, both 407th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, pose for a photo at the 407th Air Expeditionary Group, Southwest Asia Dec. 17, 2016. The expeditionary security forces unit uses active duty and reserve Airmen and Marines as well as Polish forces working together to keep the base secure. (photo by Master Sgt. Benjamin Wilson)

of our jets and people."

While the Marines of the 407th ESFS are active duty from the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, the Airmen of the 407th ESFS are reservists from across the Air Force Reserve Command. Naturally, building a defense force from geographically separated units presents its own challenges with regards to continuity. However, AFRC Headquarters' efforts to standardize training requirements across its units have proven effective in establishing a strong baseline for deployment readiness. These baselines and the synergies advanced, ensure that units from across AFRC are able to converge in an expeditionary setting and perform the full operational range. The 407th ESFS's performance in the joint and coalition environment has reaffirmed the efficacy of AFRC's ability to produce mission ready warfighters that are every bit as qualified as their active duty counterparts.

Whether it is reserves or active duty, U.S. or Coalition, the defense forces of the 407th ESFS continue to break new ground in the execution of a common mission: to defend their base and people in an effort to ensure the continuation of sorties to the area of tactical operation. Through this concord of advancing shared initiatives, the active duty U.S. Air Force, AFRC, U.S. Marine Corps, and Polish defense forces here have laid the ground work for effective interoperability for years to come.

YEAR IN REVIEW: LOOKING BACK AT 2016

MARCH

Col. Jay Jensen took command of the 439th Airlift Wing March 6, following a change of command ceremony held in the fuel cell hangar. Col. Jensen came to Westover from Washington, D.C., where he was Senior Policy Advisor for the Air Force Reserve to Reserve Forces Policy Board. Brig. Gen. Al Lupenski, who had commanded the Patriot Wing since September 2014, departed for the Pentagon, where he became director for the Air Force Reserve Programs and Requirements.

APRIL

The base Top 3 organized a Senior NCO Dining-In held April 2 at the Log Cabin Restaurant in Holyoke, Mass. Guest speaker was Fourth Air Force Command Chief Master Sgt. Brian Wong. One hundred-ten current and retired senior NCOs attended the event.

Ninety Junior ROTC cadets attended Westover's 10th Youth Outreach program April 27. The day's activities included a C-5 tour, litter carrying, a frisbee toss, and much more. Youth Outreach, organized by the base's Human Resource Development Council, provides an extensive orientation for high school-age students with Air Force Reserve operations.



APRIL-SEPTEMBER: MORE THAN 10 PERCENT DEPLOY

Westover supported national strategic response to terrorism by deploying more than 10 percent of its military force in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel and Operation Inherent Resolve. All members and units were spread out all over the Central Command area of responsibility. Most of the deployed airmen from Westover were sent to the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing and 386th Air Expeditionary Wing. Some members went to the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing and 380th Air Expeditionary Wing, and a few to Iraq, Afghanistan, Jordan and three CONUS locations.

AUGUST 12: WESTOVER SUPPORTS HUMANITARIAN MISSIONS

The 337th Airlift Squadron supported four Denton Airlift contingencies, providing aid to Central American nations. The Denton program is administered by the U.S. Agency for International Development, the Department of State and the Defense Security Cooperation Agency. It allows U.S. citizens and organizations to use military cargo aircraft to transport humanitarian goods to countries in need. More than 5.6 million pounds of humanitarian supplies have been sent to more than 50 countries since 1998. On Aug. 12, Westover helped transport 47.8 tons of cargo to Nicaragua.

as part of one of these humanitarian missions. The cargo, one Pierce Pumper truck, two Pierce Lyons Trucks, and one Mack fire truck made their way from Wisconsin and New Jersey all the way down to volunteer firefighters in Nicaragua. The mission helped improve U.S. relations with the Nicaraguan government.

SEPTEMBER 15: WESTOVER HOSTS LARGEST BOSSLIFT IN YEARS

Some 55 civilian employers participated in the largest Bosslift in at least 15 years. Captains of industry, police and fire chiefs, and small business owners from across New England and New York converged at Westover. The large attendance was attributed to a strategic change: showcasing our own base and the Air Force Reserve in a single day, rather than asking busy bosses to take two days to visit another base. Employers met Col. Jay Jensen, 439th Airlift Wing commander, who told them about the wing's mission.

They toured the 439th Isochronal Inspection Bay and 439th Security Forces Squadron headquarters for a closer look into what reservists do on a daily basis. They toured the 439th SFS MILO Range Pro training system. They saw a weapons display put on by our Marine Corps partners, Marine Air Support Squadron 6, a tenant at Westover. Employers toured the control tower in shifts, and then flew in a C-5 over Massachusetts, Maine, and New Hampshire. One employer expressed perfectly the

group reaction: "It was awesome," said Kristina Bosland, Director of UX eCommerce with Staples, Inc. "I got a better understanding of what our reservists do for our country."

OCTOBER

Due to budget cuts throughout Air Force Reserve Command, B UTAs were discontinued. The 439th now trains one weekend per month on the A UTAs.

NOVEMBER 22

The last Patriot Wing C-5B went through an isochronal inspection before it departed for Marietta, Ga., where it will be modified to a C-5M Super Galaxy at Lockheed-Martin.

DECEMBER 7

The U.S. Senate confirmed the President's nomination of Col. Jay Jensen, 439th Airlift Wing Commander, for promotion to brigadier general, effective immediately. Brig. Gen. Jensen is the ninth Westover commander in a row to receive a presidential nomination, and the eighth to be promoted to brigadier general.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The 439th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Staff compiled this information.

2016



2016 in review >> (photo clockwise) In Jan. the base held a FAA drone briefing in the control tower. Throughout the summer Westover deployers left for tour of duty. In March, Brig. Gen. Al Lupenski recieved his star and gave command of the 439th to Col. Jay Jensen. C-5B 041 is the last B model to go through the ISO inspection here. The newly renovated Westover Express store reopened with a new Subway shop in June. In May, Westover hosted its 10th Youth Outreach.



THUNDERBIRDS CONFIRMED FOR 2018 AIR SHOW



The Thunderbirds taxi out for a practice show at Westover, Sept. 5, 2008. The Sept. 6-7 air show drew about 300,000 people to the base. The Air Force's official demonstration team will headline the 2018 Great New England Air Show. This will be the first time they've performed at the base in 10 years. More information will be provided as soon as it becomes available. (File photo, Master Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)



TOYS-4-AF TOTS >> Retired NYPD officer Pat McGee (civilian) organized a toy drive for the children of deployed security forces members and drove three bags of the toys up on Saturday.



Col. Jay Jensen, 439th Airlift Wing commander, congratulates Chief Master Sgt. Wilbert Feltner, 439th Maintenance Squadron, at his retirement Dec. 4 in the fuel cell hangar. Feltner's retirement ceremony capped an Air Force career spanning nearly 35 years. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Malcolm Tavanian)

Marijuana and the Military:

Despite changing state laws, weed and the armed forces still don't mix

by Bo Joyner

Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command

As states legalize recreational and medical marijuana throughout the country, Air Force Reserve Command officials remind Reservists that any marijuana use or possession by uniformed service members is still illegal under federal law – even if you have a prescription for medical marijuana in a “legal” state. And the consequences for breaking this law could be career ending.

Air Force Reservists, like their active-duty counterparts, serve under Title 10 of the United States Code and are subject to the provisions of the Controlled Substance Act, which considers marijuana use or possession to be a crime, regardless of state laws.

In November, Massachusetts joined 27 other states and the District of Columbia legalizing some form of possession and consumption of marijuana – either medical or recreational. “Even if a state has legalized medicinal marijuana, it is still illegal to use or possess it under the Controlled Substance Act, 21 U.S.C. 802, as it is a Schedule 1 drug,” said Lt. Col. Michael Roderick of AFRC’s staff judge advocate’s office at Robins Air Force Base, Georgia. “According to the CSA, Schedule 1 drugs, substances or chemicals are defined as drugs with no currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse.”

The Department of Defense’s position on drug use within the services, as stated on the Military OneSource website, is clear: “Drug abuse and dependence are incompatible with readiness, the maintenance of high standards of performance and military discipline. As a result of this position, each of the services conducts a drug testing urinalysis program to deter and detect drug misuse among service members and to permit commanders to use the results to separate service members from the military.”

Under AFRC’s drug testing program, more Reservists test positive for marijuana than for all other illegal drugs combined.

“Marijuana continues to be the drug of choice for Air Force Reservists who test positive during routine urinalysis,” said

Dr. Don Jenrette, the command’s Drug Demand Reduction Program manager. “In fact, for AFRC over the past 18 fiscal years, two-thirds of the positive drug test results are for THC, the active ingredient in marijuana.”

Jenrette said all Reservists know that marijuana use is illegal while they are in military status, but some may wrongly believe that the laws in their state make marijuana use acceptable when they are not on duty. Reservists who use marijuana while they are away from their military job can still test positive if selected for a drug urinalysis test during a unit training assembly.

Some Reservists also believe that having a prescription for medical marijuana protects them if they should test positive.

“Whether or not they have a valid prescription, marijuana use is still illegal for military members,” Jenrette said. “Most conditions that would require a prescription for marijuana would be disqualifying for a Reservist anyway, but if a Reservist is prescribed marijuana by his physician, he or she should refuse it and ask for an alternative.”

Reservists should also be careful if their spouse or other family members use marijuana, even if they use it legally either recreationally or for medicinal purposes. There have been reported cases among other services where the spouse of a service member placed medically prescribed marijuana in their vehicle, only to have it discovered by security forces members on base.

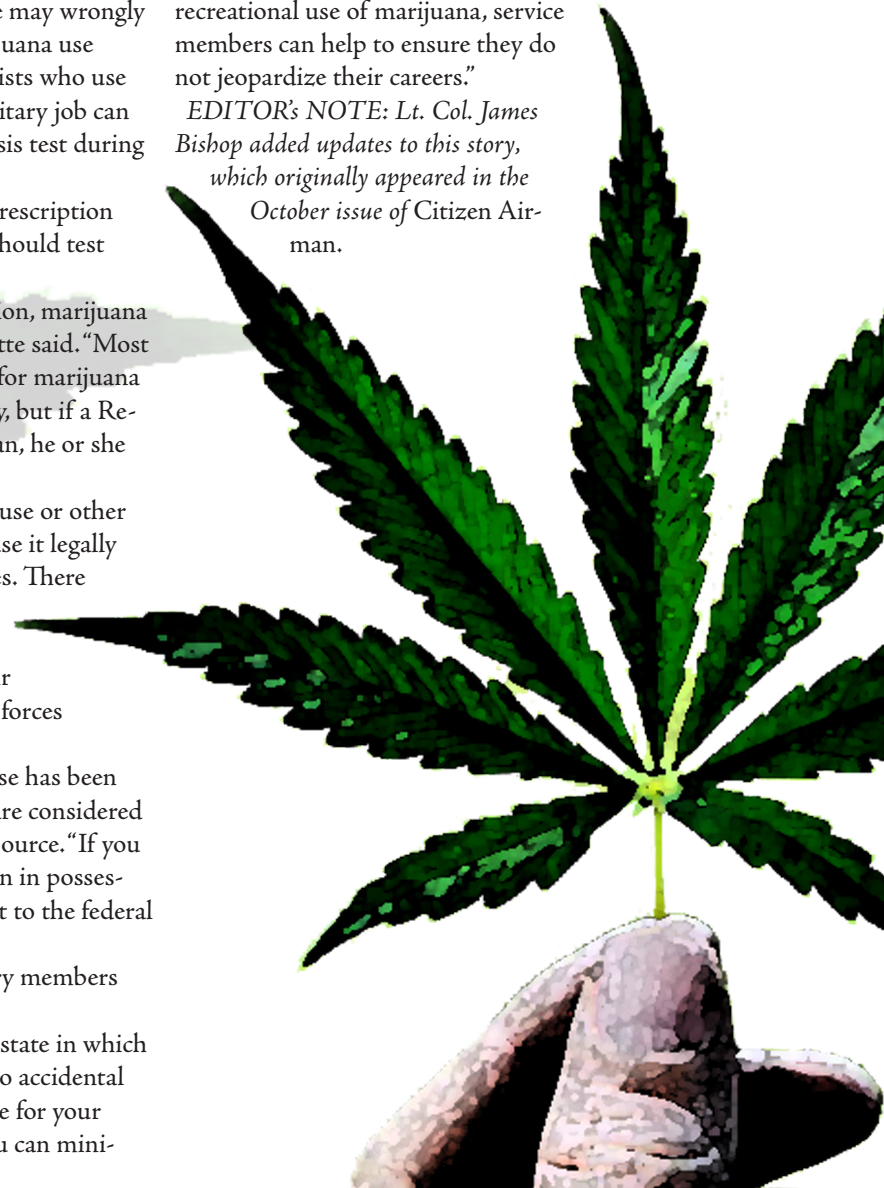
“Even if marijuana possession and limited use has been legalized in your state, military installations are considered federal property,” according to Military OneSource. “If you or a family member is found on an installation in possession of or using marijuana, you will be subject to the federal laws related to marijuana, not the state laws.”

Military OneSource goes on to warn military members against accidental ingestion or exposure.

“If limited possession and use is legal in the state in which you live, the availability of the drug can lead to accidental exposure or ingestion that could cause trouble for your military career,” according to the website. “You can mini-

mize your risk by being aware of your surroundings, being cautious about eating foods in homes where marijuana is present and knowing whether establishments in the community allow recreational use. By remaining vigilant and avoiding establishments permitting recreational use of marijuana, service members can help to ensure they do not jeopardize their careers.”

EDITOR’S NOTE: Lt. Col. James Bishop added updates to this story, which originally appeared in the October issue of Citizen Airman.



TROOP TALK "What's your plan to start the new year off on a positive note?"



"I want to eat healthier and improve as a person, job-wise and personality-wise"

Airman Shayla Reyes
439th Force Support Squadron

"This time around I'll be spending time with my friends, and working to get back some of the money I spent during the holidays."

Senior Airman Ruben Litmanovich
439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron

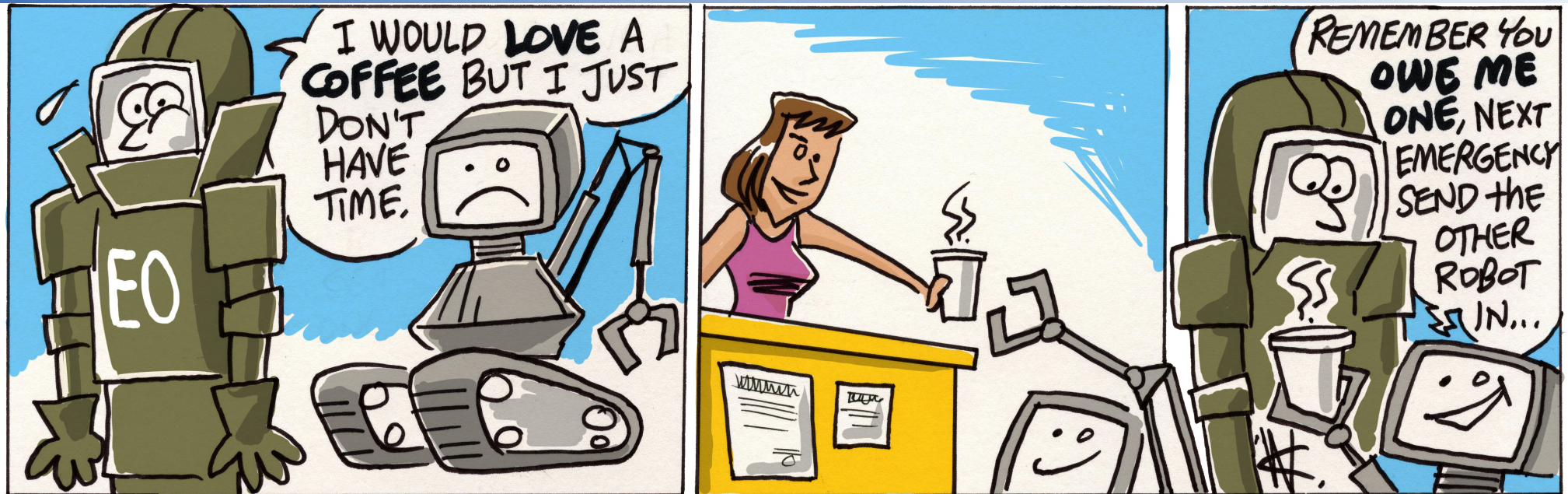


"I am going to hustle at work so I can keep up with my credit cards and spend time with friends and family for moral support to help kick off year on a good note"

Senior Airman Mia Gibson
42nd Aerial Port Squadron

POPE'S PUNS

by William C. Pope



PROMOTIONS

Senior Master Sgt.
Matthew Dauphinais
Joseph Lecuyer
Richard Levitt
Nicholas Perna



Master Sergeant
David Carpenter



Technical Sergeant
Lee Lleces
Stephen Doten, Jr.
Todd Brunelle
Richard Rizza
Michael Krutiak



Staff Sergeant
Patrick Culhane, Jr.
Sherlie Louis
Patricia Vincenty
Michael Dunn
James Kearney
Eric Quagliaroli
Daniel Kennedy
Sergey Grigoryan
Tyler Lima Bybell



Senior Airman
Dein St. Joseph Jules
Zaire Laroche
Logan Guay
Emily Brogna
Abigail Lukasik
Nicholas Coffman
Ian Duffin



Airman First Class
Jean Elie Pierre Canel
Orville Henry
Daniel Pedretti



Airman
Rebekah Howard
Michael Higgins, Jr.



Tech. Sgt. James Johnson

439th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

by Staff Sgt. Tamara Williams

Tech. Sgt. James Johnson recently transitioned to the new unit deployment manager of the 439th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

"As a fellow air reserve technician and former Navy guy, I've tackled so many jobs in the military, this position only felt right," he said. "After all, in the Navy our motto as sonar techs was doing more with way less."

Johnson has been a unit deployment manager for a little over a year and is learning more with each step. Concerned with an increased workload, he also has reaped some of the benefits from being in a high-demand job – more great opportunities and knowing more people within his unit.

"Working on the flight line is one thing, but being an active part of the deployment process and helping meet the needs of others in my own squadron is totally different," Johnson said.

As a result of taking on such leadership positions in the military, he's also gained the courage to start his own business outside of the Air Force and hopes to excel in both aspects of his life.

RETIREMENTS

Chief Master Sergeant
Wilbert Feltner

Master Sergeant
Michael Jump
Ellen Moore
John Tetreault

Technical Sergeant
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SERVICES CALENDAR

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Club >> The band Relentless returns to the Club Lounge Saturday, Jan. 7 from 7 to 11 p.m. The lounge will open at 3 p.m. Relentless is a Western Massachusetts dance/party band, covering classic rock and new country.

Bowling Center >> Temp-RATE-Ture Bowling: Thursdays in January the price per game when you bowl is the same as the current temperature outside -- Zero or below you bowl for free! 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Join us for lunch, try our C-5 burger.

Fitness Center >> Get your team together for indoor hockey sign-up throughout the month of January. Games will be played Feb. 13 through 19.

The Grind >> Located inside the front door of the Fitness Center, Starbuck's coffee, salads and wraps.

Outdoor Recreation >> We have a full tuning services for your skis. One day for all tune-up services. For both skis and snowboards we offer hot wax and remount bindings. Winter rentals available, for fun and work; snowshoes, snowboards, ice fishing equipment, snow blowers -- check out the full list at: www.westoverservices.com



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SNOW SHOW >>

A Dec. 12 snowstorm brought only three inches of precipitation, but when Westover snow removal crews must clear it from the base's 11,600-foot runway, a trajectory of white towers into the air. (photo by Master Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

Sign-up for 2017 Air Force Marathon open in January

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio -- If you missed registering for the sold-out 2016 Air Force Marathon, mark Jan. 2 at 9 a.m. EST on your calendar. That's when registration will begin for the 2017 event.

Registration will open with special New Year's resolution discounts, and participants who register Jan. 2 will receive \$10 off the full or half marathon and \$5 off the 10K or 5K.

The change from the traditional Jan. 1 date is driven by customer service, said race director Rob Aguiar.

"We wanted to open registration this year on a day and time when the staff is in the office," said Aguiar, "We think this offers a better level of customer support so that if a person has questions during registration, they can call and we'll be there to assist."

The Air Force Marathon sold out in July 2016 and organizers anticipate selling out even faster in 2017.

The featured aircraft for the event is still to be determined.

The Air Force Marathon, presented by Northrop Grumman, USAA and Boeing, will be Sept. 16. The Sports & Fitness Expo is held at Wright State University's Nutter Center and will be Sept. 14-15. The event will feature a gourmet pasta dinner and Breakfast of Champions on Sept. 15. For more information about the race visit www.usafmarathon.com.

