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Wing salutes retirees, remembers the fallen

by MSgt. Tom Allocco

With all the good cheer of a family reunion, the men and women of Westover gathered in the Base Hangar in May to salute wing retirees, re-tell old stories and renew pledges to never forget.

The sixth annual 439th Airlift Wing Retiree Appreciation/Memorial Day Ceremony during the May A UTA issued an open invitation to all retirees to come back for at least one more day of ceremony and camaraderie.

The invited guests of honor were the 100 military and civilian members of the Westover family, who retired during the previous year — representing 2,353 years of experience.

The ranks of squadrons in formation, highlighted, by the precision drill of the 439th Airlift Wing Honor Guard, sent the message that the day was special. Lt. Col. Armand Tourangeau served as emcee.

"You are part of the heart and soul of the wing... You continued an unbroken tradition that started not far from here at Lexington. You earned the title of 'patriot.' I thank you for answering the call and your family for supporting your answering the call," Col. Martin M. Mazick, wing commander, told the retirees.

The wing commander noted that those in uniform today were trained and mentored by those who came before them. "The wing is in good hands because you did your job so well," he said.

Four deceased wing members received a final salute. TSgt. Stephen Adamzyk and SSgt. Douglas LeBlanc played echo taps in honor of MSgt. Alda Abramson, MSgt. John Wallace Spencer, TSgt. John Britigan and SSgt. Frank Thornton.

Chaplain (Maj.) Richard Miesel gave the invocation.

A complete list of retirees appears on page 8.



LEST WE FORGET — Westover's Honor Guard presents the colors in a ceremony honoring Wing retirees (standing in background) on May 1. In honor of deceased members, a symbolic memorial wreath was placed by Capt. Deborah Fuller, the wing's second quarter outstanding company grade officer; and SrA. David Dybski, outstanding airman.

photos by
MSgt. Sandi Michon

Are you ready?

I want to thank you all for the warm welcome that I have received in my first month here at Westover ARB. I have been attempting to immerse myself into life at the 439th. I like what I see. You are working hard and doing the best you can with the resources you have. I hope to have my family here by the time you are reading this and then this will feel like home.

My main priority will continue to be *readiness* at the individual, unit and base levels. World events dictate that we pay attention to this basic premise of why we exist here at Westover.

Our Air National Guard neighbors in Westfield have been activated and we have assisted in their deployment. If and when NATO elects to insert ground forces we may have some of our units called up to assist in that beddown in the theater.

Take the time now to ask yourself, "Am I Ready?" Ask this question as a reservist and as a family member. We have the resources here to assist you in answering "Yes" to both.

My commitment in this job is to you! Without you we cannot accomplish anything, our aircraft would be static displays and Westover would be a ghost town. I look forward to rolling up my sleeves and working with each of you in supporting our National Defense and continuing Westover's commitment to excellence.

Thanks for all you do!

COMMENTARY



Col. Martin M. Mazick

by Col. Martin M. Mazick
439th Airlift Wing commander

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Briefs

Airfield grasslands are now off limits

From April 21 until July 31, access to airfield grasslands on Westover ARB is prohibited without coordination with Base Environmental Engineer, Jack Moriarty.

Beginning around April 21, two state-listed endangered bird species—the grasshopper sparrow and the upland sandpiper—start nesting and breeding at Westover which contains the largest contiguous expanse of grasslands in New England.

The base is obligated to protect endangered species so vehicle and foot traffic must stay on established roads and trail.

Further information is available from Moriarty at ext. 2434.

Emergency telephone numbers changed

As of April 15, base emergency telephone numbers have changed.

New numbers include:

ON BASE

Fire 117

Medical 117

Police 116

OFF BASE

Fire 557-1117

Medical 557-1117

Police 557-3557

SA now called ME

Effective immediately SECAF/CSAF has changed the name of the Social Actions office to the Military Equal Opportunity office. The new symbol is ME. Any mail to our base office should be addressed to 439 AW/ME.

JUNE UTA SCHEDULE

A UTA June 5-6
B UTA June 26-27

337th loadmaster saves boater

by SSgt. Christine Mora

Mark Gilbert had no choice.

He had to jump into the icy river.

And because he did the right thing at the right time, a Chicopee man is alive today.

TSgt. Gilbert, a 337th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, was working his four to midnight shift as a Chicopee police officer April 11 when the call came in. There was a downed boater in the Connecticut River.

Responding to the Medina Street boat ramp, Gilbert quickly assessed the situation and made what he calls "the only decision I could have made." The boater, Raymond Payne, had capsized in his kayak. He had been staying afloat in the raging 40-degree current for about 20 minutes by the time Gilbert arrived.

"I asked him if he was injured," Gilbert said. "He said he couldn't kick to shore. He said he needed help."

Gilbert quickly dove in and swam to the weakening boater. As the frigid waters rushed by, he grabbed the kayak, and the man holding on to it, and began the long journey to shore.

"The current really took us for a ride," Gilbert said. "It dragged us 500 yards down river while I tried to swim 40 yards laterally to shore."

"We kicked to the shore line. I made sure he held on. I told him to kick and not give up and we'd get in," Gilbert said.

After dragging Payne to safety, the duo had to wait on the wooded shoreline for the rescue team to reach them.

"We had drifted so far because of the current, that the emergency response team couldn't find us," Gilbert said. "We heard them yelling for us and they reached us 20 minutes later."

Meanwhile Payne, who by that time had been in the near-freezing water for about an hour, was suffering from hypothermia. Hypothermia is marked by an unusually low body temperature and harmful effects include cardiac arrest.

Both were taken to the hospital. Gilbert was treated and released quickly, but Payne's stay lasted longer as he continued treatment for hypothermia.

Police Lt. Ann Hurlburt, watch commander of the second shift, said nearby Springfield, West Springfield and other emergency personnel had launched boats or responded to assist. However, she did not think Payne

would have survived the wait for a rescue boat.

"He was losing his grasp," she said.

Hurlburt said Gilbert "did not have to risk his life. It's our job to a certain point, but you have to make a split decision if you're going to be another victim yourself or can do some good. Obviously he made the right decision."

Chicopee Police Chief John Ferraro, Jr., said of Gilbert, "It was his decision. He is to be commended. His swift actions prevented a disastrous situation."

Gilbert is slated to receive the Medal of Honor from the Chicopee Police Department. "All the attention is overwhelming," he said. "I obviously didn't anticipate this and am very flattered."

Gilbert has been a loadmaster with the 337th Airlift Squadron for three years. Prior to joining Westover's ranks, he was a security policeman in the Air National Guard stationed at Barnes ANG.

On duty recently in Chicopee, Gilbert got an unexpected visitor. "I was stopped at an intersection and a man approached me. It was Mr. Payne. He wanted to thank me for all my help," Gilbert said. "What a great feeling."



MSgt. Sandi Michon

TSgt. Mark Gilbert

Reserve offers HYT extensions

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — Reservists with a high-year-of-tenure date between Oct. 1, 1999, and Dec. 31, 2000, may request a two-year extension of their enlistment to stay in Air Force Reserve Command.

Reserve officials said this temporary exception to policy is designed to help the command meet its mission and end-strength objectives.

Only unit reservists and individual mobilization augmentees in the Selected Reserve are eligible for the program. They may not enter an extension beyond age 60. Previous extensions of HYT dates combined with extensions under this program may not exceed three years.

Reservists with an HYT date between Oct. 1, 1999, and Dec. 31, 2000, have until Aug. 31 to submit a request for an extension under this temporary program. Those with an HYT date between June 30 and Sept. 30 have until May 14 to apply.

Air reserve technicians who retire from Civil Service during the HYT extension will have their extension terminated when they leave their civilian position. The Air Force Reserve began phasing in its HYT program Jan. 1, 1989. The program limits participation in the Reserve to a total of 33 years of total federal military service for all enlisted reservists unless they are selected for an extension beyond the HYT. The Reserve started the program to improve grade ratios, ensure sustained promotion opportunity for lower grade enlisted people and increase readiness with a more fit force.

Before 1989, enlisted reservists could stay in the Reserve an unlimited number of years up to age 60. The active force has also approved a temporary HYT extension program offering extensions for up to two years to top-notch performers between now and Sept. 30, 2000.

Military personnel has more information about the extensions. (AFRC News Service)

UTA schedule for FY-00

Westover ARB and the Geographically Separated Units (GSUs)

	A	B	722 ASTS	85APS
October	2-3	16-17	2-3	23-24
November	6-7	20-21	6-7	20-21
December	4-5	11-12	4-5	4-5
January	8-9	22-23	8-9	22-23
February	5-6	26-27	5-6	26-27
March	4-5	18-19	11-12	18-19
April	1-2	15-16	29-30	15-16
May	6-7	20-21	1-2	20-21
June	3-4	24-25	10-11	24-25
July	8-9	22-23	8-9	22-23
August	5-6	19-20	5-6	19-20
September	9-10	23-24	9-10	23-24

If any unit wishes to deviate from this schedule, a reschedule letter must be approved at least 60 days prior to the changed UTA. Questions may be directed to MSgt Ann Fluegge, at ext. 3436.

Reservists needed For AEF duty tours

Members of the 439th Airlift Wing will be given the opportunity to volunteer for Air Expeditionary Force duty at various sites around the globe in the fall.

Tours of duty range from 15, 30, 45 and 60 days according to Lt. Col. Forrest Price, wing plans officer.

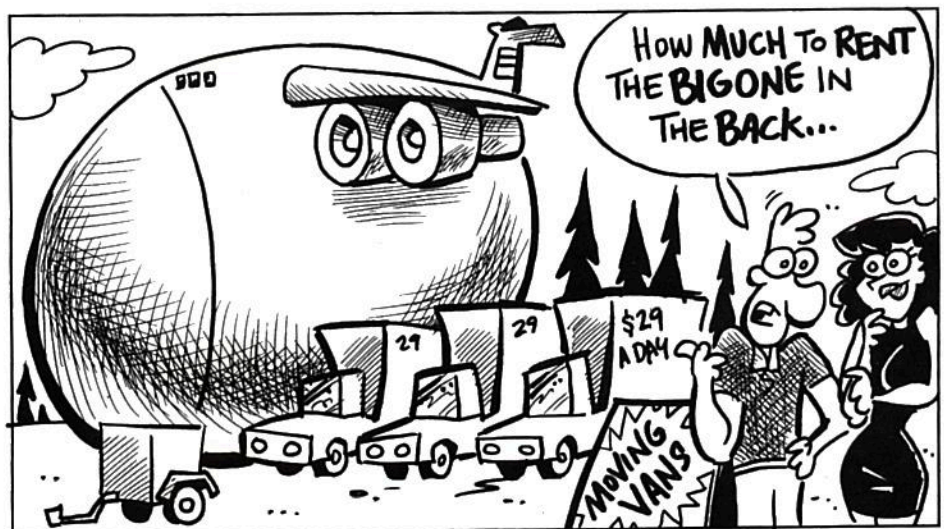
"If a reservist wishes to volunteer for any of the tours, he or she must remember to add two travel days to each end of the tour," Price said.

Price also said that the earlier reservists volunteer the more certain they could be of getting the time slot they request.

Tours for AEF One are mostly be in the Persian Gulf area. AFSCs needed include Chaplains, LGS (supply), military personnel and Public Affairs.

AEF Two has assignments available in Europe and Turkey. AFSCs needed include aerial porters, finance, fuels, military personnel, civil engineering and administration.

Reservists who wish to volunteer must notify their commander by July 12. Commanders will then notify the Wings Plans Office.



PLAY IT SAFE!

Statistically, the 101 critical days of summer pose the highest risk of injury — most often during civilian activities.

New chief recruiter facing many challenges

**Article and photo
by SSgt. Charlie Cangemi**

"If I enlist in the reserves is there any chance I'll go to Kosovo?" the young recruit asked new Westover senior recruiter CMSgt. Gary L. Anderson.

"If you enlist in the reserves there's always a chance that you will be called for active duty," the chief replied.

"Well, I don't want to go to Kosovo, so I'm not going to enlist," she said.

Monitoring whether or not Kosovo will impact future recruiting is just one of the many challenges Anderson has taken on since assuming the duties of senior recruiter at Westover — challenges he's confident the recruiting office will overcome.

"This was an isolated incident — we're not sure if Kosovo will affect our numbers yet," he said.

Anderson, who arrived on March 29, does know what is affecting his numbers: an ever-shrinking pool of prior-service members and a robust economy. Additionally, post-cold war young people aren't living with the same threat to national security the way their parents did, making high school students difficult to recruit.

The chief says he and the other recruiters are hopeful that things will turn around as headquarters is supporting them with inner-service recruiters overseas, an increased advertising budget, and other support services. Locally, additional recruiting will be taken place in untapped communities.

"When I first became a recruiter in 1989 we didn't really have to recruit — the active duty forces began downsizing and many of the people that were discharged looked for the reserves to continue their military careers," Anderson said. "We never recruited high school students."

Another round of cuts occurred in 1994 and 1995, while Anderson worked as assistant chief of health professions, Region C, Bergstrom AFB, Texas. This contributed to another influx of prior-service members for the reserves. However, at this point the government slashed the armed forces almost in half, creating a minuscule prior-service market.

"In 1996 there were very few prior-service members," said Anderson, who by then was recruiting out of HQ AFRES/RS. "Since then we've had to approach high

schools because the emphasis now is on non-priors."

This means the reserve is competing in the same market as active duty.

"A lot of high school guidance counselors aren't too receptive of more military recruiters in their schools," he said.

Students now have more access to student loans and grants, making college more accessible. Before such subsidized loans were available, many people joined the military to fund their educations.

Also, the low unemployment rate makes the armed forces less attractive to people, Anderson said. Many part-time jobs are available on the weekends that pay more than a reserve check.

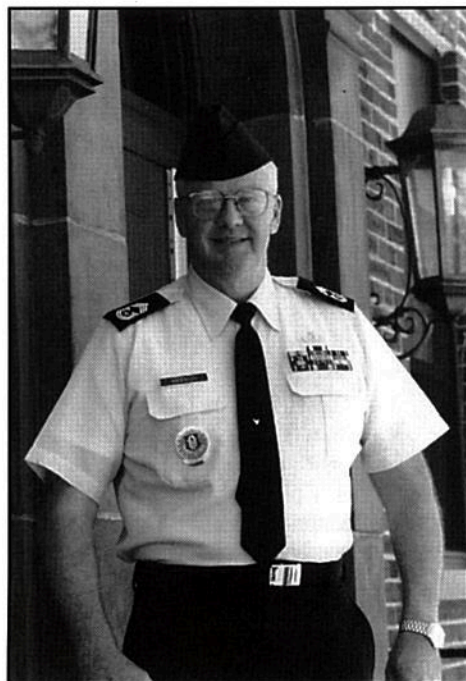
"What they don't realize is with promotions comes more income, and the retirement benefits cannot be beat," he said.

Anderson believes one way to combat the manning issue is to address retention. "Last quarter we brought in as many people that left," he said.

The chief said his name will be added to the out-processing sheet for those members who are discharging (except for retirements or transfers) to find out why people are getting out. "And I'll point out all the benefits they are going to lose," he said.

The recruiting office is confident that with the emphasis on retention, and increased support from headquarters, numbers will gradually rise at Westover. "We see the light at the end of the tunnel," he said. "We are very positive."

Anderson said the units at Westover



CMSgt. Gary L. Anderson

are working with the recruiters to help bring people in, and they are looking to revamp the "Get One" program.

The Westover recruiting office is a seven-member operation, with satellite offices in Albany, N.Y., Manchester, Conn., Boston, and Worcester. Anderson noted that there were a couple vacancies for anyone interested in becoming a recruiter.

Air Force activates stop-loss hot line

RANDOLPH AFB, TEXAS — The Air Force Personnel Center Call Center has begun a 24-hour operation to help answer questions concerning Stop-Loss.

Although Stop-Loss has not been implemented, there are many concerns and rumors about the program. If you have any questions, please contact the call center at (800) 558-1404, DSN 665-2949 or commercial (210) 565-2949.

For more on the subject try the Air Force Link, <http://www.af.mil>.

Y2K team makes sure backup systems work

by SSgt. Andrew Reitano

As the final countdown for Y2K gradually approaches, the Patriot Wing is not only ensuring that its computers are compliant, but that the backup systems are also operational.

"Although the base is Y2K compliant, we might still run into some problems," said Maj. Patrick Hanford, Westover Y2K project manager. "With a contingency plan, we will be ready for anything that might throw us a curve ball and provide problems."

According to Hanford, the Y2K Contingency Plan shows what Westover is going to deal with, should the compliant equipment fail and the backup systems need to be implemented. "It's a plan that generally covers a number of contingencies from power failure to computer problems leading to data corruption," said Hanford.

Merely checking the backup systems is not enough. Knowing how a specific Y2K failure correlates to other areas is also important. The Relationships of Contingencies to Function Matrix is what Hanford is using to



determine the various impacts systems will have on one another should a Y2K failure occur in any of them. "As we go through this, we look at mission critical functions and then perform an inter-relationship check between the various contingencies," said Hanford. "How does one effect the other? If you have a telephone system outage, does

that tie in or lead to a possible base LAN failure."

Almost 10,000 items on Westover are associated with the Y2K bug. The matrix's purpose isn't to test every single item but those that are mission critical/essential,

"The contingency plan is not so much that we expect the base compliant systems to fail but the concern is with those outside Y2K failures." For example, if the base's external electric power source were interrupted, Westover would have to use another method of channeling electric power to its facilities.

Various contingencies may involve accomplishing certain tasks manually if a computerized system fails.

"Working through Y2K issues has encouraged networking among people on the base and on a inter-base level," said Hanford. He said he is impressed with the creative, quality input from all base agencies.

"Y2K is a broad issue to deal with because it's so tangent and interconnected," said Hanford. The contingency plan is a security blanket and right now we're in the process of evaluating and testing it."



COMPLIMENTARY LOADING — Members of the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron train members of the 1164th Transportation Company, an Army National Guard unit from Framingham, Mass. Base aerial porters loaded two tractor trailers, a 45-passenger bus, a tow truck and a command/control truck into

the huge C-5 cargo bay. The loading and securing of the rolling stock helped army personnel learn airlift requirements to help their unit increase readiness for worldwide missions. "We enjoy helping other units train," said MSgt. Anita Mancini, 42nd APS NCOIC. (photo by Capt. Mike Franco)

FATS aims at training target

Article and photo
by SSgt. Anne Kymalainen

A machine invented by Formula One race car driver Jody Schecter helps Westover Reservists stay current in firearms training during the winter months.

Computer-generated targets or scenarios are projected onto 20-foot screens. Scenarios can range from battlefield conditions (enemies unloading from a helicopter) to a routine traffic stop where, instead of pulling identification out of a glove compartment, the driver pulls out a handgun.

The system, called FATS, Firearms Automated Training System, not only keeps Westover's security forces trained. The U.S. Marshals, Chicopee Police, Hampshire City sheriff's office, and Mass. State police have trained on Westover's FATS machines. The

machines are also a big hit at Westover's air show, where thousands of civilians get a chance to shoot a simulated military weapon.

Westover purchased the first of the three systems in 1988. "This simulator uses real, but modified, 9-mm pistols and M-16 rifles for indoor use," said MSgt. Mike Grady, 439th Security Forces Combat Arms Section superintendent.

"Real weapons are demilitarized—the inner firing mechanism taken out and replaced with laser technology," he said.

It is impossible to emulate the exact course of a bullet shot outside, taking into account wind, recoil and distance, but the FATS simulator comes pretty close and saves time and effort by automatically calculating a shooter's score on the Air Force Qualification Course.

Grady said the AFQC contains the same situations one would encounter while at the outdoor range, and feedback is available on judgment, shooting accuracy, and speed of response. Realities of the weapon are possible through a 20-foot rope-like hose that is hooked into a CO2 tank and simulates recoil. The "shot" sounds of the 9mm are controlled by computer audio.

Grady said "the part people like most about using the indoor system is not having to clean the weapon."

Twelve to fifteen people can train on the FATS machines at one time.



AIMING FOR EXCELLENCE — MSgt. Mike Grady, 439th Security Forces Combat Arms Section supervisor, illustrates the firearms training system installed at the base.

SFS team shines during Patriot Protector

by MSgt. Tom Allocco

A team of 439th Security Force Squadron members took on an opposition security force "varsity team," gave them home field advantage and finished in the winning column during a two-week ground combat skills exercise in Texas in April.

Dubbed Patriot Protector, the exercise pitted the Westover security specialists as defenders against an elite opposition force who came at them with everything from simulated sniping to multi-squad assaults. The Patriot Wing members had the disadvantage of competing against a flight of security specialists of the 820th Force Protection Group, who know the area as a full-time opposition force.

"The 820th is made up of active, Reserve and Guard members and they do this all year long. They have a reputation of being 'high speed,'" said SMSgt. Frank Puopolo, flight leader of the Westover participants.

"But we kicked them," he said.

Puopolo was the senior member of the 25 Westover men and women assigned as four-member fire teams of a fire team leader, rifleman, squad automatic weapon gunner, and grenadier. They were teamed with a Homestead ARB, Fla. security flight.

The security forces were tested in their ability to defend a forward operating base in

an environment of a high level of terrorist activities and insurgency, classified as Mobility Operations Other Than War (MOOTW). The scrub training area at the National Guard's Fort Walters, Texas, near the former Carswell AFB, contributed to the realism with 80 percent humidity, fire ants, and snakes.

"It wasn't just force on force. We assisted host nation friendly military forces and protected the friendly civilian populace, while also dealing with anti-American protests," Puopolo said.

The Westover security forces used deceptive techniques to help overcome the opposition's home field advantage. They especially earned praise with counter-intelligence when they faced attack by several enemy squads, classified as a "level 2" threat.

"We have people with a lot of experience, including guys who were in Kuwait and Desert Storm. Everyone felt this was a challenge, everyone was taken to their limits," Puopolo said.

Those who deployed to Patriot Protector were: TSgt. Michael Golenski, TSgt. Richard Schmoke, TSgt. Glen Gerans, SSgt. Raymond Circe, SSgt. Gregory Quill, SSgt. Sean Williams, SSgt. Jose Rivera, SSgt. Stephen Valley, SSgt. Lyn Bonvincini, SSgt. Brian Couture, SSgt. Calvin Weingart, SSgt. Pablo Rodriguez, SSgt. Charles Thomas, SSgt. Kurt Boudreau, SSgt. James McSherry, SrA. Dawn Morini, SrA. Joseph Domingos, SrA. David Rondeau, SrA. Samuel Baral, SrA. Michael Ciagliafione, SrA. Patrick Olsen, A1C Shawn Lyman, SrA. Eric Muller and Amn. Kathryn Pouliot.



PATRIOT TRADITION — Col. Martin M. Mazick, 439th AW commander, (above) thanked the retirees for carrying on a military tradition begun by the colonial patriots more than 200 years before them. At right, TSgt. Douglas A. Pregony, one of the base retirees, poses with his parents at the close of the ceremony.



Final salute to retirees

photos by MSgt. Sandi Michon

RETIREE ROLL CALL

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Maj Judith O. Brown
Maj Daniel E. Clearwater
Capt Jim R. Geiss
CMSgt David F. Hawkins
SMSgt Robert A. Allard
SMSgt T. F. Fassenbender, Jr.
SMSgt Duane G. Nelson
SMSgt Joseph M. Norton
SMSgt Stanley Polchlopek, Jr.
SMSgt Thomas E. Pound
SMSgt John C. Tankis
MSgt James O. Beauregard
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MSgt Denise M. Deblois
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Clergy Day

by SSgt. Andrew Reitano

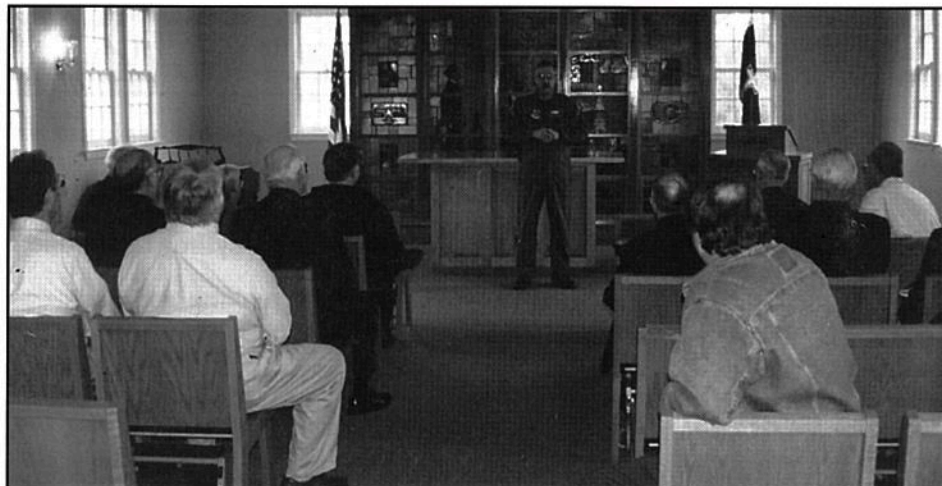
A group of local clergy received the opportunity to get up close and personal with their "boss" when they took an orientation flight on board a C-5 Galaxy local, May 6.

The event was coordinated by the base chapel staff as a method of educating reservists' pastors on the Westover mission.

"It was good to have an opportunity to meet some of our reservists' clergy," said Chaplain. (Maj.) Richard Miesel, senior chaplain at Westover ARB. "Meeting together provides them with a better understanding of what the Air Force Reserve does at Westover, and lends to a better support network by allowing us to get acquainted and touch base," he said.

During the one-hour flight, which roamed the skies of upstate New York, the clergymen made their way through the cargo bay and up to the flight deck. In groups of 3-5, they made their way around the operational flight deck of a C-5 cruising at 20,000 feet. Crew members also answered a multitude of questions from their guests.

"In the advent we're activated, or for those base units that are constantly deployed in support missions, this flight is a way of



familiarizing the clergy with our mission and giving them a better understanding of the spouses' and families' needs," said Maj. Bill Spence, 337th AS.

According to chaplain section staff, the event proved to be a successful learning experience for the clergyman and for some, a look back at familiar past life.

"It brought back memories for me," said Klaus Jonietz from Redeemer Lutheran Church in New Paltz, N.Y. "Just as I was getting out of the Air Force, the C-5As were starting to become operational. Jonietz served in the Air Force from 1966 to 1970 at duty stations in South Carolina and Hawaii where he served as an air cargo and ground traffic control specialist.

WELCOME — Local clergy are welcomed by Col. Martin Mazick (above) and view the cockpit during a C-5 flight.



Federal Women's Program puts stamp on Westover

by MSgt. Tom Allocco

We're one generation away from the days when Air Force recruiters could sign up only a token two-percent of women, and we're just a few more generations away from a law against women wearing trousers in public.

The long and varied trek of women in America from jailed suffragettes to space shuttle crewmembers was celebrated at the Westover Club by the Federal Women's Program on April 21.

Col. Martin M. Mazick, wing commander, and Lt. Col. James Joyce, 439th Support Group commander, joined guest speakers Lt. Col. Sandra Whitley of Hanscom AFB and nette Price of the Springfield Post Office during an event titled "Women Putting Our Stamp on America" attended by about 150 people.

"Our aircraft on the ramp would be static

displays if not for our folks who fly and maintain them. We will be as good as our people will be...no matter what gender they are...you do make a difference," Mazick told attendees.

Price, who serves as manager of Post Office Operations, said that there are relatively few women at her level of management. "I look forward to bringing women along with me through mentorship, and encouraging training and leadership," she said.

Whitley, who is director of contract planning at the Electronics Systems Center recounted the milestones that transformed the role of women. She spoke of the commonly accepted social mores of the 19th century when women were forbidden to wear trousers and the Harvard professor who in 1870, solemnly warned that "higher education harms women and their offspring."

When the Air Force was organized,

women were kept "separate but not equal" in the Women in the Air Force (WAF) program, she said. It was not until 1967, during the height of the Vietnam War build-up that Congress lifted the legal restriction that kept the number of women in uniform at no more than two percent of the military force.

Whitley noted that women are among those who have benefited from the freedom and opportunity made possible by social changes of recent decades. Only 22 years after the military academies were opened to women, today there are seven women general officers and all but one-half of one percent of Air Force jobs are open to women. Women have served in space and as a pilot of the Discovery Space Shuttle. About 40,000 women deployed during the Gulf War, including two who became POWs.

Linda Rieth, director of Family Readiness, served as emcee and Janet Druzolowski of Base Civil Engineering led the invocation.

Bosses' Days

by MSgt. Gordon A. Newell

The 439th Airlift Wing will once again conduct Employer Appreciation Days in October and all reservists are encouraged to invite their boss to the base for the day.

The highlight of the day for employers will again be an orientation flight aboard a unit C-5A. Reservists assigned to the A UTA should ask their bosses to come on that weekend while B UTA reservists may invite their employers on that weekend.

Col. Martin M. Mazick, commander of the 439th Airlift Wing, urges all reservists to take part in the program.

"Without continued support of employers, reservists of this wing would have to choose between duty and employment. Without their support, the Air Force Reserve Command cannot complete its mission. We must let your employers know that your participation here is vital to the defense of this country. Employer Appreciation Days are our way of letting them know exactly how important your service is," he said.

EMPLOYER APPRECIATION DAY APPLICATION

Reservists's name, rank and unit: _____

Reservist's home address: _____

Reservist's daytime telephone number: _____

Employer's name and title: _____

Employer's company name: _____

Choice of UTA:

Oct. 2 (A UTA) _____ Oct. 16 (B UTA) _____

I understand that I may nominate one person annually, and only an individual who is my supervisor, foreman, manager, etc.

Signature: _____
(Falsification of information on this form can be punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.)

Return this form to:

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A case of excellence

The verdict is in! The 439th AW Legal Office is the best in Air Force Reserve Command.

Capt. F. Scott Risley was recognized as the Outstanding Judge Advocate of the Year and Kathleen Kies as the Outstanding Legal Service Civilian of the Year.

"I was very pleased to have been selected. It is an honor considering there are so many other Air Force JAGs out there who are doing outstanding work," said Risley. Both members were surprised that they were selected, but especially Kies. "I won this award in 1997, and never expected to win for 1998," she said.

Risley and Kies' work to maintain a top-notch legal office is only part of the reason why the duo captured this command honor. "There are two main reasons why we won this award — who we are and who are clients are," said Risley. He explained that, while they always try to do their best, half of the credit goes to the highly-competent people they represent on the base.

Patriot People

Name: David Fallon
Rank: TSgt.
Age: 30
Address: Somerville, Mass.
Unit: 439th Medical Squadron
Position: Flight medicine
Civilian position: Exercise physiologist
Favorite food: Tacos
Years of service: 10
Favorite sport: Basketball
Favorite hobby: Sports
Ideal vacation: Nice beach
Best way to relax: Reading
Preferred entertainment: Music
Favorite hero: Sgt. Driscoll
Favorite music: Country
Favorite movie: *The Quiet Man*
Favorite aircraft: F-16
Pet peeve: None
What I would do if I won \$1 million: Spend it



TSgt. W. C. Pope

TSgt. David Fallon

Patriot Praises

Promotions

SMSgt. Beachell, Paul E.
 SMSgt. McKelligan, James M.
 MSgt. Cadenhead, Constance
 MSgt. Chaloux, Theodore J.
 MSgt. Parker, Richard A.
 MSgt. Stefaneck, Pamela A.
 TSgt. Antuna, Jeff K.
 TSgt. Bonanno, Anthony P.
 TSgt. Brown, Edward A.
 TSgt. Butler, Mark W.
 TSgt. Chartienitz, Richard
 TSgt. Demers, Thomas F.
 TSgt. Dunn, Michael T.
 TSgt. Dwyer, John A.
 TSgt. Ferriter, Lawrence
 TSgt. Gaudreau, Marie E.
 TSgt. Gilzinger, Steven P.
 TSgt. Glover, Terry J.
 TSgt. Goguen, Richard J.
 TSgt. Greenwood, Jeffrey
 TSgt. Hamlet, Michael E.
 TSgt. Hayford, Albert C., Jr.
 TSgt. Hellyar, Christopher
 TSgt. Hurley, William P., Jr.
 TSgt. Jensen, Marshall
 TSgt. Jones, Keith L.
 TSgt. Lanier, Cheldon O., Jr.
 TSgt. Lieb, Michael J.
 TSgt. Linton, Robert B.
 TSgt. Manning, Jeffrey N.
 TSgt. Matherson, Gary M.
 TSgt. McEwan, Alexander H.
 TSgt. Nash, Joseph P.
 TSgt. O'Connor, Michael J.
 TSgt. Olszewski, Michael
 TSgt. Page, David A.
 TSgt. Patuano, Stephen J.

TSgt. Recchia, Edward P.
 TSgt. Sullivan, Daniel T.
 TSgt. Szafko, John L., Jr.
 SSgt. Allison, James
 SSgt. Audet, Thomas E.
 SSgt. Bean, Kendra J.
 SSgt. Bednarzyk, Sheri
 SSgt. Brown, Steven D.
 SSgt. Dietzler, Karl M.
 SSgt. Forbes, Scott M.
 SSgt. Gauvreau, Richard W.
 SSgt. Goguen, Christopher
 SSgt. Hinkson, Marva L.
 SSgt. Howell, Clayton A.
 SSgt. Kvadus, Glen J., Jr.
 SSgt. Manning, Lowell T.
 SSgt. Page, Richard H., III
 SSgt. Raymond, Albert R.
 SSgt. Sackett, Christopher
 SSgt. Sargeant, Alan L.
 SSgt. Soares, John T., Jr.
 SSgt. Struthers, Richard
 SSgt. Tetreault, John P.
 SSgt. Tupy, Amy L.
 SSgt. Young, William J.
 SrA. Dion, Winnifred A.
 SrA. Harvey, Jason N.
 SrA. Moodie, Shannon
 SrA. Parker, Robert A.
 SrA. Wayne, Michael L.
 SrA. Wilchinski, Edward
 A1C Lowe, James F.
 A1C Klein, Chad M.
 A1C Wilkinson, Joseph C.

Enlistments

SSgt. Cruz, Isaias
 SSgt. Lalli, Frank P.

SSgt. Normandin, Neal G.
 SrA. Cormier, Michael C.
 SrA. Hunsucker, Steven B.
 A1C Ouimet, James A.
 AB Grassetti, William T.
 AB Longtin, Ryan T.

Reenlistments

SMSgt. Trychon, Albert F.
 MSgt. Cubetus, James J., II
 MSgt. Dube, Marilyn A.
 MSgt. Huckins, Kenneth M.
 MSgt. Martin, Robert J.
 MSgt. Porter, Charles E.
 MSgt. Ross, Karen R.
 TSgt. Bone, Steven P.
 TSgt. Bracey, George P.
 TSgt. Dupuis, Andrew J.
 TSgt. Fredette, Robert W., Jr.
 TSgt. Higgins, Steven M.
 TSgt. Mink, Ronald
 TSgt. Preble, Robert S.
 TSgt. Reed, Allan S., Jr.
 TSgt. Sciacca, Vincent E.
 SSgt. Bicho, Janet M.
 SSgt. Chartienitz, Richard G.
 SSgt. Harris, Eric D.
 SSgt. Merrill, Stanley E.
 SSgt. Monteyro, Jose F. B., III
 SSgt. Rodriguez, David J.
 SSgt. Sullivan, Daniel T.
 SrA. Sargeant, Alan L.
 SrA. Struthers, Richard M.
 SrA. Wilson, John J.

Retirements

Maj. Clearwater, Daniel E.

Awards and Decorations

Meritorious Service Medal

Maj. Cam J. LeBlanc**	439 LSS
SMSgt. Kim Covey	439 AW
MSgt. Robert R. Durand	439 SFS
MSgt. John B. Langevin	439 LSS

Air Force Commendation Medal

Maj. Mary M. Hurnovich	439 AES
Capt. Adelle C. Ainsburg**	439 AES
Capt. Catherine R. Manning**	439 AES
MSgt. George M. Dempsey	439 SFS
TSgt. Jill A. Baush**	439 SFS
TSgt. Timothy E. Beumel**	439 AW
TSgt. Kimberly S. Bowen**	439 LSS
TSgt. Robert Cekowsky	439 LSS
TSgt. Martha F. Costa**	439 SFS
TSgt. Daniel Ernst**	439 SFS
TSgt. Richard C. King**	439 LSS
TSgt. Scott M. Owen**	439 SFS
TSgt. Bradley T. Perno	439 CES
TSgt. Richard Sandman	439 CES
SSgt. Daniel R. Jalbert	439 CES

Air Force Achievement Medal

TSgt. Robert J. Leisenfelder	439 CES
TSgt. John J. Lupien	439 SFS
TSgt. Gregory J. Zakrzewski	439 CES
SSgt. Marc A. Bourgeois	439 SFS
SSgt. John E. Lawrence	439 CES
SSgt. Matthew M. Pinardi	439 SFS
SrA. Patrick W. Larkin	439 SFS
SrA. Richard Mustacchio	439 SFS
SrA. Jeffrey D. New	439 SFS
SrA. Jeffrey C. Otis	439 SFS

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Westover flying support missions for 'Allied Force'

by MSgt. Gordon A. Newell

Reservists from the 439th Airlift Wing began flying contingency support for Operation Allied Force on April 16 and, by May 16, had completed five missions to various sites in Europe.

With the Presidential Selected Reserve Call-up in effect, the Air Force Reserve had more than 600 mobilized reservists overseas.

Four reserve units began sending mobilized troops and KC-135 refueling tankers overseas during the first two weeks of May. Other units include: 434th from Grissom ARB, the 452nd Air Mobility Wing from March ARB, Calif., members of the 927th Air Refueling Wing from Selfridge ANG, Mich. and the 940th ARW from Beale, AFB, Calif.

Another KC-135 unit, the 931st Air Refueling Group from McConnell AFB, Kansas sent reservists to Europe, and also the 931st ARG, an associate unit with the 22nd ARW, the active-duty host unit at McConnell. The 939th RQW from Portland, Ore. deployed 120 people.

Westover's first mission carried equipment and supplies to Istres, France for Grissom's 434th ARW. The second mission carried supplies from MacDill AFB, Fla. to Mont-De-Mer France while the third airlifted elements of Portland's 939 RQW to Italy. Other missions moved equipment stateside to overseas locations.

Base earns conservation awards



MEMORIAL TREE – Col. Martin Mazick, 439th AW commander; Carmen Angeloni, country forester and Leroy Clink, base fire marshal, plant a tree in memory of former fire chief Haskell Jenkins during an Arbor Day ceremony on April 30. Angeloni presented Westover with its fourth Tree City USA award and the Growth Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation for its tree conservation efforts.

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