

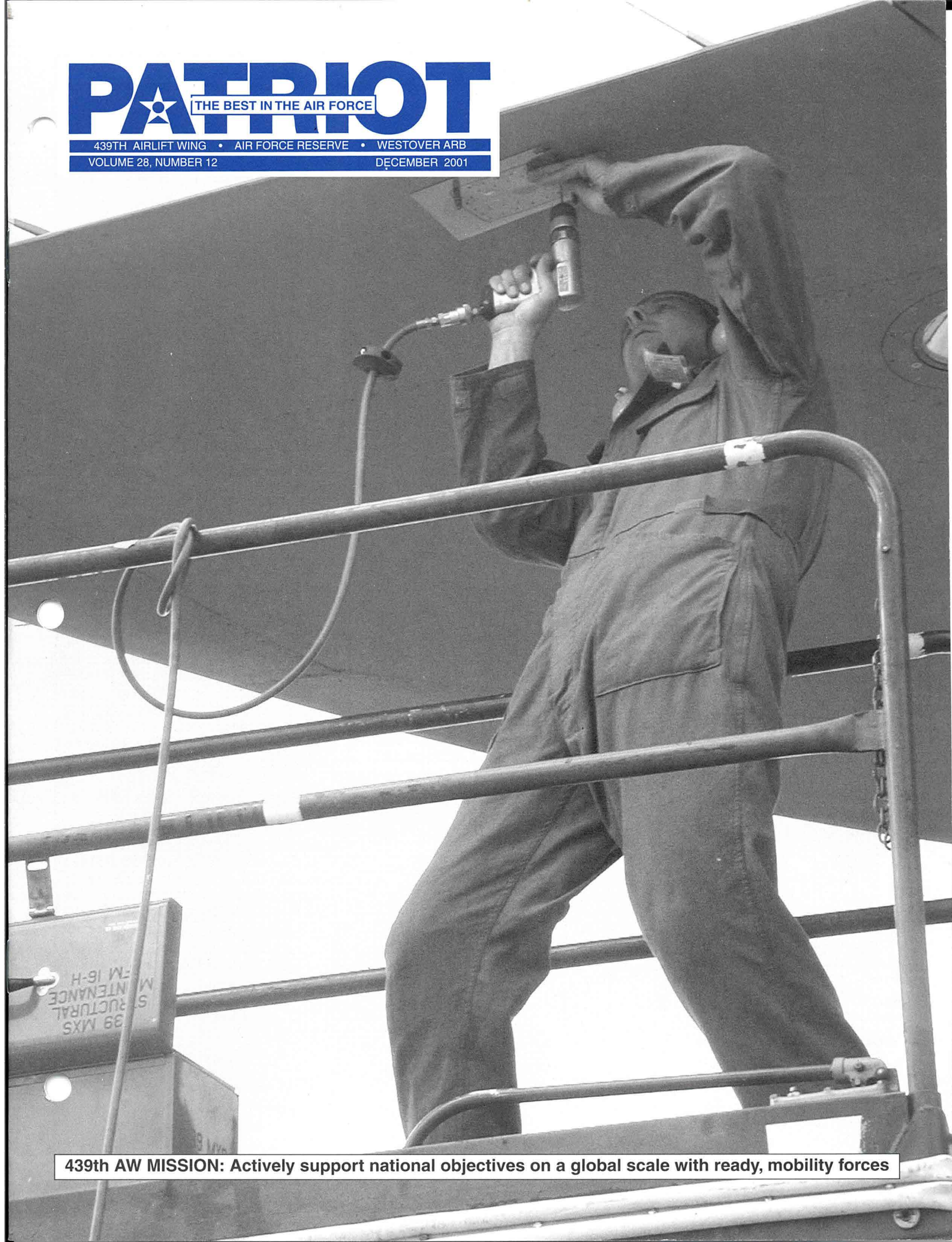
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Mrs. Bush's holiday greeting

I am delighted to wish you a happy Thanksgiving. This year the holiday season holds special meaning for Americans, and we are particularly grateful for members of our National Guard and for members of our Armed Forces Reserves.

As we continue to heal from the tragedies that began on September 11, your role becomes more important – and more appreciated – than ever. Our nation depends on the premiere, community-based force of the National Guard and Reserves. You are America at its best.

For many of you, this will be a season of separation from friends and loved ones. The President and I appreciate your sacrifices and commend your willingness to serve and defend our country, from ensuring that our airports and ports of travel are safe, to protecting our nation's borders. Your presence across our homeland and abroad is a source of pride and reassurance for all Americans.



Mrs. Laura Bush

This holiday season, Americans are reflecting on what is most important to us: our faith, our family and friends, and our freedom, which you defend with honor and dignity.

Thank you again, and may God bless you and your families as you continue your service to America.

by **Mrs. Laura Bush**
First Lady

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Briefs

First quarter award recipients announced

Westover's Quarterly Awards Board has selected the following first-quarter award winners for fiscal year 2002.

Airman:

SRA Rebecca L. Pina, 439 ASTS;

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TSgt. Theresa M. Robert, 439 MSS;

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MSgt. Stephen H. Rehm, 439 AES;

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Pioneer Valley USO in Building 1800

The Pioneer Valley USO has moved to Building 1800 and will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on UTA Saturdays from noon until 4:30 p.m.

The USO and its food pantry are open to all military personnel and their families. Anyone in need is welcome to visit. The group will be distributing holiday baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

On Dec. 12, the USO in conjunction with the Moose Lodge on Fuller Road will offer a free dinner to 300 activated reservists and their families. Tickets are available at the USO office.

Tricare/Dental information

Tricare representative Tim Lovely is available to help with Tricare and Dental questions and case problems for activated reservists. His office hours at the Family Support Center, Bldg 1100 (same as chapel) are from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Appointments are not necessary.

January UTA schedule A UTA Jan. 5-6 No B UTA

Cover Photo

TSgt. Charles Nash, 439th MXS replaces a wing tip panel high atop a B-5 stand.

—photo by **MSgt. W.C. Pope**

Politicians thank activated reservists for service

by MSgt. Tom Allocco

Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Congressman Richard Neal and Chicopee Mayor Richard Kos came to Westover to express appreciation and pledge support for recently activated reservists on Oct. 26.

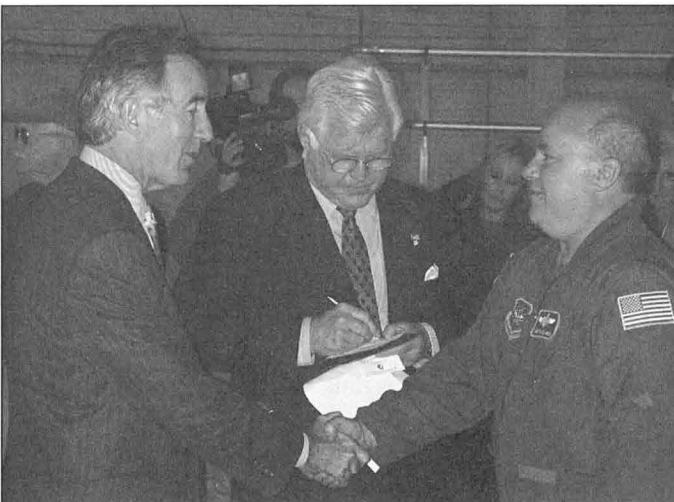
Following a tour of the base, escorted by Col. Martin M. Mazick, wing commander, the three met with activated aircrew, logistics personnel and security members in the Base Hangar.

The Massachusetts senior senator noted that the Bay State might be activating more military members than any state in the nation.

"You represent our country's finest men and women. Your efforts and the efforts of all our Guard and Reserve units are immensely important to protecting the nation and preserving our highest ideals. We know that all of you at Westover are doing all you can to guarantee that America is safe and secure, and we're forever in your debt," Kennedy said.

Kennedy, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, promised to continue to work to upgrade the C-5 and Westover facilities.

"The C-5 provides support and air-lift capabilities unmatched by any other aircraft, and that's possible only because



HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE —
Congressman Richard Neal (left) and Senator Edward M. Kennedy greet activated Westover reservists in the Base Hangar. Chicopee Mayor Richard Kos also attended.

— Photo by SSgt. Andrew Reitano

of the extraordinary dedication and efforts of all of you. To maintain this success, it is clear that we need a significant and immediate new investment in both the C-5A and B-model aircraft, and I intend to do all I can to see that Congress provides it," he said.

Kennedy noted that Congress recently authorized \$7 million for family housing renovations for Marine Corps and Marine Corps Reserve members at Westover.

"Above all, we will never forget the many sacrifices that members of the Guard and Reserve will be called

upon to make in the coming weeks, or the hardships, as well, on the families who remain behind....So, we will work together to ease the burdens on your families," he said.

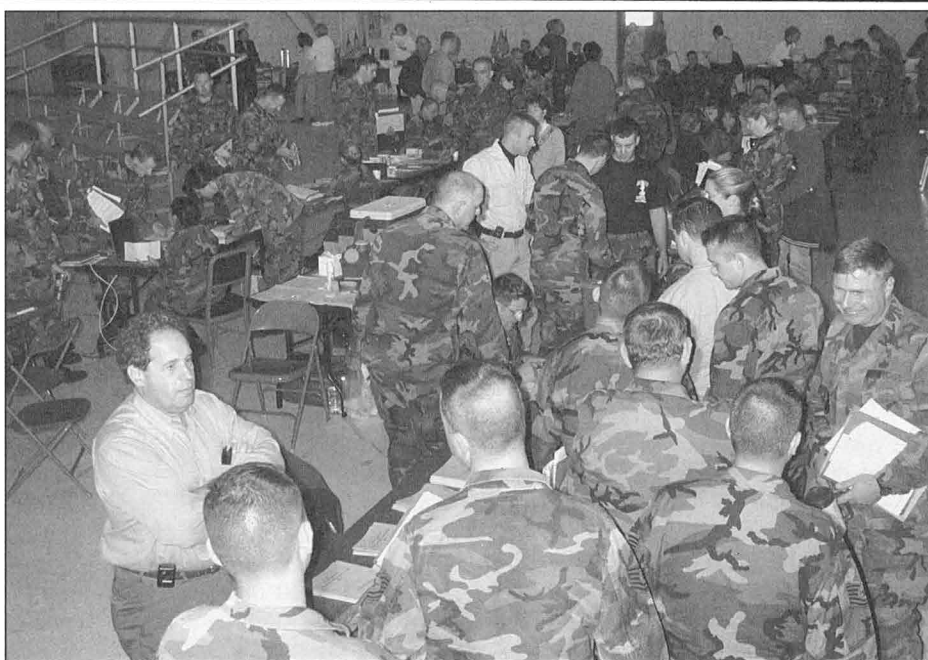
"We will work with Congress and the Administration to provide increased support — through expanded child care and after-school programs, and through family services, such as counseling and crisis intervention," Kennedy said.

Following Kennedy's remarks, the senator, Neal and Kos shook hands, exchanged greetings and small talk and answered questions from those in the hangar.

ROUND THREE

REPORTING FOR DUTY —
November 5 brought another round of activations in the 439th Security Forces Squadron. After briefings, members lined up to have personnel records checked. The latest activation brings Westover's total to 1003.

— photo by MSgt. W.C.Pope



Reservists proud to serve

Vignettes of activation

EDITOR'S NOTE: Air Force security guidance prohibits the use of surnames for individuals serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

by SMSgt. Sandi Michon

We sign up for it, train for it, hope it won't happen – but it has.

In a national crisis, the country looks to the Reserve to play a vital role in the overall mission. Since Sept. 11, nearly 1,000 Westover reservists have been recalled to active duty – and the sacrifice is enormous.

As reservists, most of our lives are centered in the civilian realm – family, friends, job, school, home, recreation, etc. Activation, for most, rips the reservist from all those arenas, some more dramatically than others.

Perhaps the hardest hit are the entrepreneurs. Their shoes are hard to fill in their absence, and the resulting financial hardship can be devastating. TSgt. Bob*, a flight engineer for 17 years, was activated in mid October. As owner of a boatyard and transport business in Eastern Massachusetts, Bob's fall season is particularly busy – getting the boats out of the water and preparing for winter. He and his employees are doing the best they can to get the job done, but Bob says some customers are not being taken care of and are going elsewhere.

"It's a very trying time on lots of different levels, but we've got a job to do," said Bob, referring to his reserve mission.

"Defending my country is worthwhile because of people like you."

TSgt. Pete*



"People rise to the occasion and do what needs to be done. You have to keep a good attitude – attitude is key," Bob stressed. He praised his co-workers at the base for their offers to help and also credited his wife for her patience on the home front.

Others face financial hardship when there is a large discrepancy between civilian and military pay levels. TSgt. Pete*, command post controller, works as director of

human resources for an airline on Cape Cod and recently purchased a home there. Patriotic duty could cost him his new home. Pete's activation in early November creates a \$300 per week discrepancy between his military base pay and civilian pay, which includes side work as a commercial pilot. To create additional angst, Pete knows airlines are struggling to remain solvent since the September 11 attack, and feels divided between his role for his airline employer and his patriotic duty. "This has been the busiest time in my life," Pete said.

Before reporting for duty at the base, Pete notified a nearby neighbor that he would be gone a lot because of Air Force duty. His neighbors offered to watch his house, and his neighbor's wife broke down in tears, hugged him and thanked him for serving the nation. He told her, "Defending this country is worthwhile because of people like you."

Despite the challenges, Pete is confident that he can work out the details and he praised supervisors SMSgt. Kim Covey and Lt. Col. Dave Maloy for their leadership and assistance.

Students are also hit hard – now studying their futures from a military textbook. MSgt. Art* began his last semester of law school in September and planned to take the Massachusetts bar exam the following summer. All that has changed for the 337th flight engineer, who ironically pursued his law degree after re-employment problems following his Desert Storm activation. Art knew his call to active duty was inevitable after the September 11 attack on America. "The courage, commitment and resolve displayed by our country's leadership has been impressive and moving," he said.

But Art, like so many activated reservists, will struggle most with family separation. He said the most significant impact of his military duty will be time spent away from his teenage daughter and newborn son.

It's disorienting... but, I'm in the Air Force..."

MSgt. Mindy*



"I will miss them dearly, but they are perhaps my inspiration and motivation to willingly and cheerfully serve in support of Enduring Freedom," he said.

Missing family is even more poignant for the newly married. MSgt. Mindy*, command post controller, was married only a month when called to active duty at Westover – some 80 miles from her Connecticut home. Her civilian life as a fulltime cash manager for a New England insurance company, a new wife, and stepmom to three teenagers has changed drastically. "It's disorienting to leave the demands of managing a home and a full-time career to live in base billeting," Mindy said, but counted herself luckier than most because she can still visit at home.

SSgt. Brian* from the 439th Security Forces found himself already activated just one week prior to his October 5th wedding. The wedding went on as planned, but he only had two days off before reporting back to duty. "It's hard being away from her so much," he said, shaking his head. "It's just difficult."

A visit to any of the operations, maintenance or security units results in hundreds of snapshots of sacrifice – as individual as the reservists themselves. It's emotional to hear the stories of those caught in transition – the maintenance senior airman who just moved to Texas – who transferred his civilian job and was working on a military transfer – only to be called back to Westover. Another maintenance reservist leaves a new bride in England, and another flight engineer surrenders a job opportunity in Georgia and makes arrangements to board her five horses for the duration of her service to country.

The circumstances are varied, but the common thread in every story is acceptance of the call and pride to serve. The timing for war is never right, but Mindy counts the cost in a simple statement, "I'm in the Air Force." And Bob sums up the consensus, "I'm proud to serve."



SSgt. Brian* and his bride Stephanie

Med tech joins triage at Ground Zero

Article and photo
by SMSgt. Sandi Michon

New York City went from Technicolor to gray Sept. 11.

That's one of the recollections MSgt. Albert Lefave has of that day.

While attending a two-day meeting in the city for his pharmaceutical company, the veteran Westover med tech watched in horror as planes smashed into the twin towers. He heard fire trucks and ambulances screaming to the scene and his EMT instincts helped him shake off the initial shock.

"With all that going on, you can't be that close and not go to help," he said.

After the first tower imploded, urgency propelled Lefave and a co-worker, an Army lieutenant, to what came to be known as Ground Zero. Within 20 blocks of the scene, he witnessed the second tower collapse.

"The news coverage depicts how horrendous the events were, but it doesn't capture the 'largeness' of these huge buildings crashing to the ground," Lefave said soberly, staring straight ahead into vivid memories.

Arriving downtown, he discovered that the initial triage area was buried under four to five stories of rubble, so it was confusing to find the new triage area. After 40 minutes, he reached the police barrier, showed his military ID and EMT certification, and was finally directed to the second triage site at the courthouse.

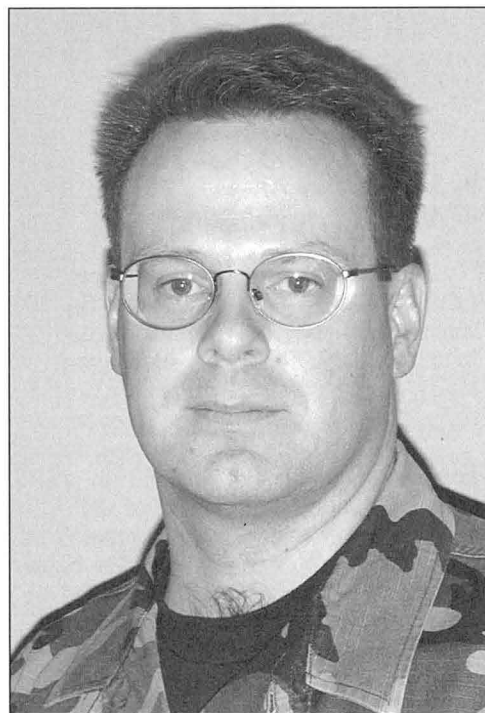
He jumped into a Hatzolah ambulance at the scene and traveled in and out of the thick bank of smoke to search for fallen firefighters. "We used water bottles to rinse ash out of eyes and to clear throats," he said. We also helped people with breathing difficulties from the scene."

The adrenaline that fueled his initial response began to ebb as more firefighters carried their dead comrades past Lefave.

"Even in death, they were so protective," recalled Lefave, noting that they wouldn't let anyone touch their "brothers." Despite obvious anxiety and frustration, the firefighters pushed

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MSgt. Albert Lefave



on, earning deep admiration from the Westover reservist.

After watching Building 7 lean, and eventually collapse, Lefave was disheartened as no further rescues materialized. Later that evening, his services no longer required, Lefave trudged back toward his motel in midtown Manhattan.

Leaving the scene he described as "one huge black-and-white photo, he said it was disorienting to return to parts of the city untouched by the day's disaster. While street traffic was light, he noticed he was attracting strange looks. Puzzled at first, he realized he was covered with dust except for his eyes and smudges where his mask had been.

Having forgotten his hotel key is his rush to respond to the twin towers, Lefave eventually produced a hotel parking stub that convinced them to allow him back into to his room. As a hot shower washed the dust of devastation down the drain, it failed to cleanse his mind of the images of death – the smoke billowing out of the twin towers, seeing the second tower mushroom down and he watched from the ground, firefighters crying – as well as the gray blanket pulled over New York's financial district.

At home, the next day, Lefave was

deluged with calls from friends and family praising his actions, but he is nonplussed.

"How could you be there and not help?" he questions.

Back at Westover nearly eight weeks later, working with the 439th AMDS as the unit processed reservists called up to support the war on terrorism, Lefave puts his September 11 experiences into perspective.

"Now, it's unfinished business for me, I want to follow this through to the end," he said, referring to a possible fulltime military role. Although not activated, he stated, "If they need me, I'm there."

A 16-year Air Force veteran, Lefave has spent more than a decade in medical training. He has participated in many mass casualty exercises and contrasted them with Sept. 11. "Our worst-case scenario would be wonderful compared to what I saw," he said, referring to the chaos at Ground Zero.

That experience has put his military contribution into sharper focus. "To see something so big helps you see that small roles are significant," he said. It helps me see the bigger picture."

Westover team finishes huge job on C-5

by Lt. Col. Dan Allen
439th AGS commander

Faced with a unique C-5 repair recently, 439th Aircraft Generation Squadron maintenance technicians turned to ingenuity, creativity and hard work to return the aircraft to service in time to support Operation Enduring Freedom.

During a periodic inspection, Lockheed field engineers and 439th AGS members determined several of the floor panels in the upper crew compartment and their support beams needed to be replaced on aircraft 70448, said CMSgt. Mike Major, 439th AGS superintendent.

"This helps keep the aircraft structurally sound and safe for flight. Work required us to get absolutely everything off the floor in the crew compartment area, remove and replace the floor as well as the support beams, then put everything back in place," he said.

While not the first time this type of repair was needed on a Galaxy, it was the most extensive, and the first where a significant amount of the work was com-



FLIGHT DECK — The C-5 flight deck is in disarray while 439th AGS members perform extensive maintenance. — Photo courtesy of 439th AGS

pleted by AGS members rather than a contract field team, he said.

While he had some idea of what he was up against when the replacement work started, MSgt. Dave Cabana, the C-5's crew chief, said he didn't appreciate how big the challenge really was.

"There is no written procedure or established plans on how to completely remove and replace the floor of the

crew compartment on a C-5," Cabana said. "Every step we took we discovered more that needed to be done. It was more than merely taking a puzzle apart and putting it back together. The new floor panels needed to be shaped and drilled for fastening individually. We actually fit and temporarily installed lexan panels to use as templates for each floor panel so we could be absolutely sure the new panels were custom fit into the aircraft," Cabana said.

In the meantime, a significant portion of the crew compartment, which included the latrine, galley, emergency slide, boiler room and avionics closets, was either suspended from the top of the fuselage or brought down to the cargo deck, according to MSgt. Kevin Mattoon, aircraft electro-environmental craftsman.

While the aircraft was undergoing repair, various parts were removed and used on other airframes to keep them airborne. "This added to the complexity and intensity of work getting 448 recovered, inspected and ready for flight," Cabana said. "In addition to what we did to replace the floor, we replaced more than 600 other aircraft parts and had Quality Assurance check our work."

"Aircraft 448's been flying we and has been extremely busy supporting Enduring Freedom missions over the past month," Major said. "It's absolutely amazing what the technicians were able to do. We learned a lot and the technicians proved a lot to themselves."



FLOOR SHOW — The C-5 flight deck is stripped to replace floor support beams and panels and other inspections and repairs.

— photo by SMSgt. Sandi Michon



Maintenance torques up repair schedule

photos by MSgt. W.C. Pope

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CHECKIN' IT TWICE — SSgt. Michael* and TSgt. Michael* from the 439th AGS review maintenance write-ups on the flight deck.



WIRED — MSgt. Joe* assists of SrA. Benjamin* replaces a detent cable on one of the many pallet locks in the C-5 cargo bay.



UP TO THE JOB — Members of the Alternate Mission Equipment Systems Shop head into the C-5 to fix the cargo compartments palletized rail system.



FILL'ER UP — Fuels shop personnel pack up equipment after a C-5 refueling.

Family Care: more important than ever

As a member of the Air Force Reserve, you have always known you must remain ready to perform military duty at a moment's notice. Since the terrorist attacks on the nation, our need to be ready at a moment's notice is more of a reality than ever before. One of the most important aspects of your readiness is ensuring that your loved ones will be cared for in case of mobilization and deployment. Many of our wing members have already been activated and some have deployed. When this occurs, there is always much more to do at the "last minute" than you expected. Leaving the details of who will care for your children, an elderly parent, or incapacitated spouse cannot be left until the "last minute."

The Family Care Plan Program is a necessary step in ensuring that your children, or any member of your family not capable of self-care, will be properly cared for during your absence. The completion of a Family Care Plan (AF Form 357) is required if you have a child in your care under the age of 19, or if you are responsible for a family member over the age of 19 who is not capable of self care, coupled with being a single parent, "military married to military," your spouse is the step-parent of your child, your spouse is not capable of caring for your family members due to illness, or if you have other unique circumstances.

Your Family Care Plan file includes the AF Form 357 and powers of attorney. The requirements for the plan have also been expanded, and now require your plan to include detailed information to assist your family members' caregiver. Information that now must be a part of your Family Care Plan includes details about your child's school/day care, after-school programs, special needs, language limitations and unique situations. Including this information will ease the transition for your family member and the caregiver. If your caregiver knows what your child's favorite toy is, what their favorite foods are, and even more important, what they don't like, the fear and uncertainty that your absence will cause may be somewhat eased. Also consider having a current will, financial arrangements, and valid military identification cards for eligible family members.

Now is the time to review your Family Care plan with your designated caregivers to ensure the arrangements are workable and that your caregiver is comfortable with how the transition will occur. Discuss important details such as the possibility that your child may need to change schools. Will your child be able to continue with extracurricular activities such as dance lessons, basketball, or martial arts? Will your caregiver want access to a nearby base to use the commissary or BX? What doctor will your child see if there is an illness or injury? No detail is too small!

When marital status or other changes occur, please notify your first sergeant and review your plan. Remember, this affects your unit's readiness. Contact your first sergeant, or MPF Customer Service at Ext 3874, with questions regarding Family Care. You may also contact the Family Readiness Center for guidance on outlining a detailed Family Care Plan

Security reminders

by MSgt. Tom Allocco

Capt. Ronald Coburn, 439th Security Forces Squadron deputy commander, recently reminded Westover military and civilian members that security is a long-term effort that requires everyone's cooperation.

"We need to bear with inconveniences that may occur during increased FPCONs and understand that force protection at Westover is not solely the mission of the 439th SFS," he said.

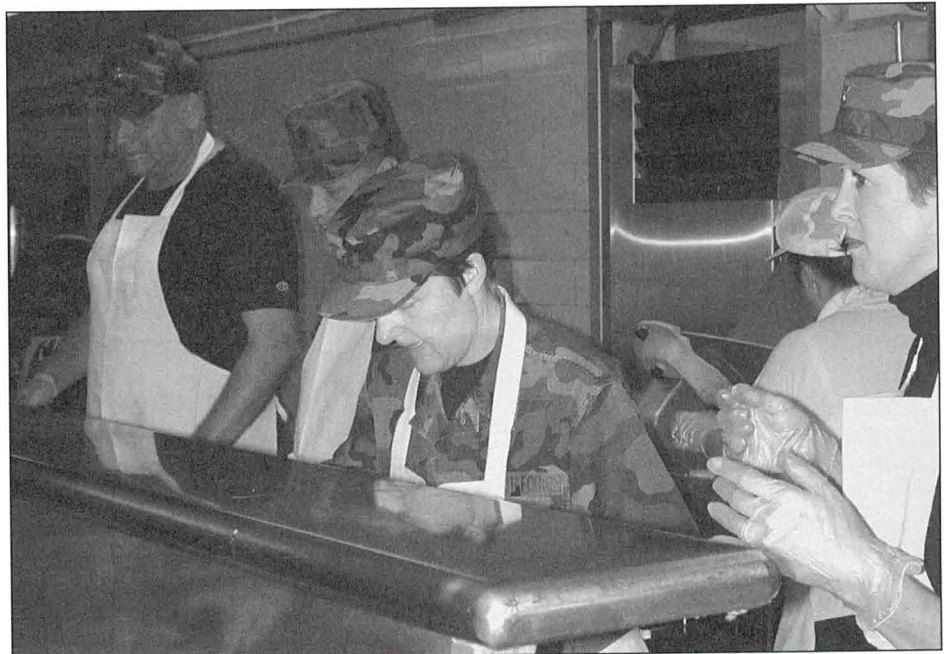
If someone or something arouses your suspicion, call 911, he said. Other security tips he offered include: don't leave property unattended where it could be misconstrued as a bomb or other threats; immediately report the theft or loss of military items, such as military and civilian ID cards, DoD decals or government license plates; when commuting, don't draw unnecessary attention to your military affiliation; practice communication security (COMSEC) and operational security (OPSEC) at work, home, and public places and be aware that small, seemingly inconsequential bits of information can cause security breaches if they are the missing parts to a puzzle.

Finally, remember that implementation of the various Force Protection Conditions are meant to ensure that we are able to complete our mission and that the commander is able to protect his assets and personnel.

Serving by example

MILITARY SERVICE —
Commanders from most Westover units served the troops Thanksgiving chow at the Galaxy Dining Facility during the November UTA. From left are: Col. Charles Brown, 439th Logistics Group, Lt. Col. Talivaldis Maidelis, 439th AW Inspector General, Lt. Col. Patricia Hale, 439th Logistics Support Squadron, and Col. Dana Marsh, 439th Support Group.

— photo by SMSgt. Sandi Michon



Reporting suspicious activity

In the context of recent terrorist events, AFOSI frequently gets asked: "How will you gather the information to potentially prevent future attacks and what information are you looking for?" The answer doesn't necessarily lie with the abilities of federal, state or local law enforcement and intelligence agencies. It lies with the vigilance and cooperation of alert Americans and people willing to come forward and share bits and pieces of information. This information may have a bearing on past incidents or indications of future events. What was once considered the province of government agencies, Americans should view as their responsibility and duty. The American people have the potential to become a significant source of information for the law enforcement community.

Be alert to your surroundings. Report activities which seem out of the ordinary as soon as possible. If you see something you deem "suspicious," don't stop and confront the situation. Report the activity to the nearest law enforcement agency and let them handle it from there.

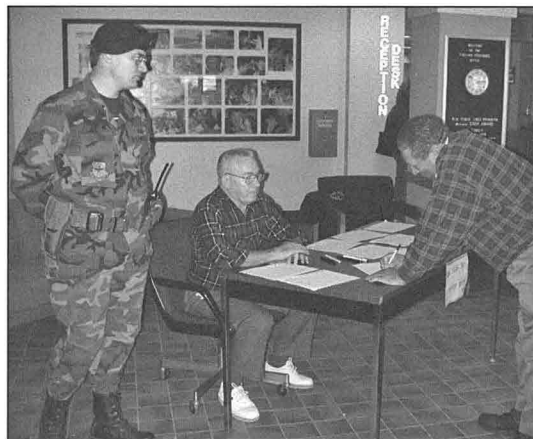
Deeming something "suspicious" can be a very subjective call. For example, if one stops at a local Massachusetts gas station and the person pumping the gas, possibly of Middle Eastern descent, asks why security is so high at Westover — is probably not suspicious activity. However, if someone, regardless of ethnic background, asks probing questions about gate access, base vulnerabilities, deployments, etc, that would likely be suspicious activity and should be reported to AFOSI.

Here are some general categories of information which would constitute suspicious activity AFOSI would like to hear about:

- a. Any threats received by any means for an attack against specific facilities or persons. This doesn't mean only Westover ARB, but any information indicating someone is planning on doing something to any public facility.
- b. An observation of someone attempting to record information or use unusual means to monitor activities in and around a facility. Such attempts may include use of cameras, note taking, maps, binoculars, or other vision enhancing devices. Once again, if one sees this activity and one believes it to be suspicious, don't confront the person conducting the activity, report it to the AFOSI or local law enforcement.
- c. Attempts to obtain security-related information by anyone who doesn't have the appropriate security clearance or need-to-know. These attempts could be made by mail, fax, telephone, e-mail, or in person.
- d. Report any lost or stolen uniforms, badges, ID cards, passes or other security related documents. These items could be used to access the installation or acquire information. Also, if someone witnesses any attempt to measure security reaction times at base gates or people probing the base fence line, it should be reported.
- e. Any activities by the same person or vehicle that occurs multiple times. For example, if one sees the same car parked along the fence line each day at varying times of the day, it should be reported.

If you see something suspicious, report it to AFOSI at 557-3837. If you aren't able to speak with an AFOSI agent, please call the Law Enforcement Desk at 557-3557, report the information, and ask them to forward it to the AFOSI Duty Agent.

Retirees stand watch



RAO VOLUNTEERS — Members of Westover's Retired Activities Office have once again offered help to the base. Several members of the group have been checking IDs at building entrances around the base since the events of Sept. 11.

photo and article
by MSgt. Tom Allocco

Retirees of the Westover family have heard one more call to duty and are responding with the same can-do spirit as when they wore the uniform. When requested to help maintain security by checking ID cards and conducting the sign-in during Force Protection Condition Charlie, the retirees only asked "when and where?"

The request for help came in October from Freeman Wiley Jr., 439th Support Group executive officer, to retired Navy Capt. Fred Sallade of the Retiree Activities Office (RAO), "who graciously accepted the request," Freeman said. The retirees answered the call for volunteers and worked out a schedule of two four and a half hour shifts, five days a week, starting at the Wing Headquarters building.

Recently retired Maj. Raymond Nagle, a former POW who was shot down in Europe in World War II, was checking ID cards and retired MSgt. Paul Adkins, who retired in 1988 as a 59th APS air cargo supervisor, was doing sign-in duty.

"I frequent the base quite often. I'm glad to come out and help the people on active duty. I feel that I should volunteer, that it's my duty. I'm glad to do it," Adkins said.

Retired SSgt. Frank Smith, 79 years old and 175 pounds, and well known around Westover for his volunteer efforts with the USO, has pulled shifts providing security checks.

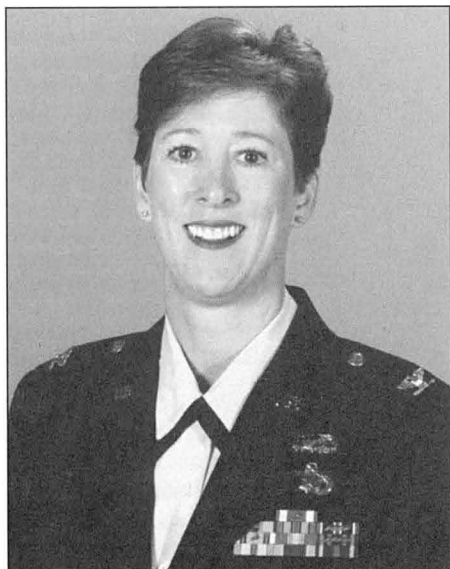
"I got a chance to see some of my old buddies. I feel this is part of my job, helping Air Force people I've worked with since 1941, going back to the days when it was the Army Air Corps. I've been at Westover since 1951. This is my second home," Smith said.

The contributions of the retirees are easing the burden on full-time workers who are able to spend more time at their job when the volunteers watch the entrances, Wiley said.

"I certainly appreciate during these difficult times their support of the troops. This is a classic example of people coming together in this tragedy. These guys heard the call of duty and are helping out as they can, and doing a very good job," Wiley said.

Retired TSgt. Robert Pozos, who directs the Westover RAO, pledged to continue the volunteer effort and expand it to other buildings, if possible. The retirees' organization serves 11,000 retirees of all services, including sending its newsletter as far away as Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Maine; and Puerto Rico.

Col. Dana Marsh is MSS commander



Col. Dana Marsh

Col. Dana Marsh is 439th Mission Support Group commander, replacing Col. James Joyce who has taken an assignment at Charleston AFB, S.C.

Marsh previously served three years as the 913th Airlift Wing Support Group commander.

From 1989 until 1998, she held several positions at Dobbins ARB, Ga. including Public Affairs Director for 14th Air Force, Support Division Chief for 22nd Air Force, and Deputy Commander for the 622nd Regional Support Group.

She joined the Air Force in 1974, and has served both an enlisted member and an officer. She has a Bachelors in Arts degree from Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Ga.

Operations Security Throughout the Department of Defense

On 14 September the President declared a national emergency by reason of terrorist attacks and the continuing and immediate threat of further attacks on the United States. As this Department assists wide-ranging efforts to defeat international terrorism, it is clear that US military and civilian service lives, DOD operational capabilities, facilities and resources, and the security of information critical to the national security will remain at risk for an indefinite period.

It is therefore vital that Defense Department employees, as well as persons in other organizations that support DOD, exercise great caution in discussing information related to DOD work, regardless of their duties. Do not conduct any work-related conversations in common areas, public places, while commuting, or over unsecured electronic circuits.

Classified information may be discussed only in authorized spaces and with persons having a specific need to know and the proper security clearance. Unclassified information may likewise require protection because it can often be compiled to reveal sensitive conclusions.

Much of the information we use to conduct DOD's operations must be withheld from public release because of its sensitivity. If in doubt, do not release or discuss official information except with other DOD personnel.

All major components in this Department to include the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Defense Agencies, the DOD Field Activities and all other organizational entities within the DOD will review the Operations Security (OPSEC) Program, described in DOD Directive 5205.2, and ensure that their policies, procedures and personnel are in compliance. We must ensure that we deny our adversaries the information essential for them to plan, prepare or conduct further terrorist or related hostile operations against the United States and this Department.

Paul Wolfowitz
Deputy Secretary of Defense

Annual Turkey Trot

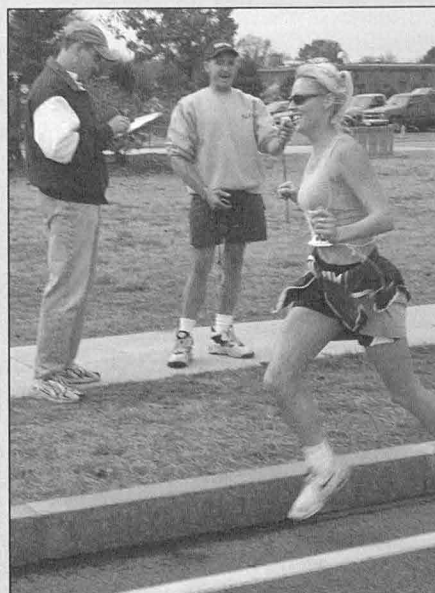
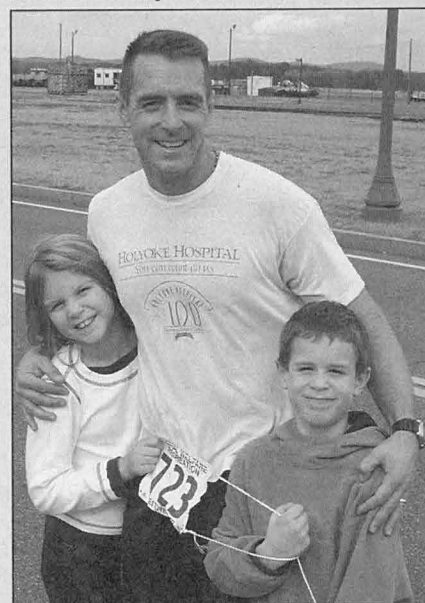


PHOTO FINISH — TSgt. Kim Schultz, 439th LSS speeds across the finish line in the annual three-mile run and walk. This year 26 participants competed for 12 turkeys. Rick Heller, sports specialist at the Fitness Center took names and times while MSgt. Ron Baldwin ran the stopwatch.



CHEERLEADERS—MSgt. Dave Adams' kids cheer dad on during and after the race.
— photos by MSgt. W.C. Pope

Patriot People

Name: Jason Schultz
Rank: SrA.
Age: 23 years
Address: Latham, N.Y.
Unit: 439th Aerospace Medicine Squadron
Position: Medical Services Apprentice
Civilian position: Medical Assistant
Favorite food: Pasta
Years of service: 2 years
Favorite sport: Soccer
Favorite hobby: Fishing
Ideal vacation: Back packing through Europe
Best way to relax: Reading
Preferred entertainment: Music
Favorite hero: Lou Gehrig
Favorite music: Modern
Favorite movie: "Lawrence of Arabia"
Favorite aircraft: C-130
Pet peeve: Doing things twice
What I would do if I won \$1 million: Set up multiple IRA's, stocks and charities.

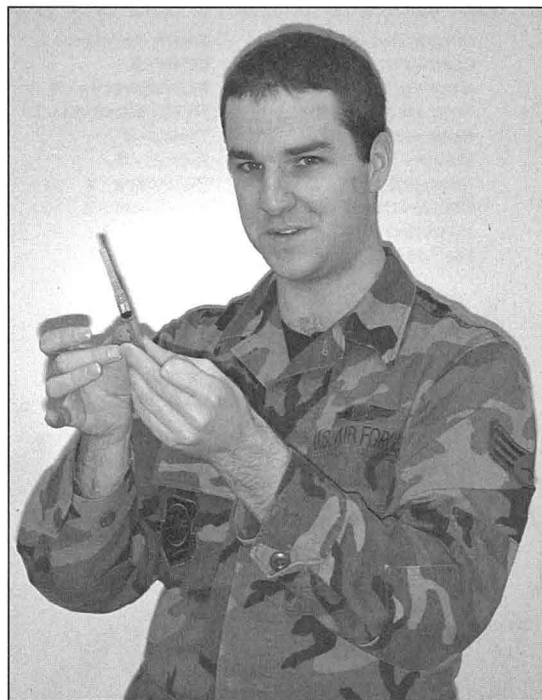


Photo by SMSgt. Sandi Michon

SrA. Jason Schultz

Patriot Praises

Enlistments:

TSgt. McNutt, Brian K.
 SSgt. Starr, David A.
 SSgt. Rainey, Leslie A.
 SSgt. MacDonald, Jeffrey A.
 SSgt. Goodkowsky, Eric R.
 SrA. Marcos, Ruel A.
 SrA. Lambert, Malcom M.
 SrA. Calkins, Jeffrey M.
 A1C Wood, Casandra A.
 A1C Tenebro, Kenneth L.
 A1C Merced, Feliciano
 A1C Gilbert, Jeffery A.
 A1C Flynn, Michael
 A1C Denis Jheran
 A1C Ash, Jonathan R.
 AB Rendon, Jasmine P.

Newly Assigned:

Col. Marsh, Dana S.
 Maj. Dorman, Robert C.
 Capt. Buoniconti, Michael A.
 Capt. Wilson, Mark F.
 1Lt Anderson, Christopher R.

MSgt. Turner, Tracey T.
 TSgt. Casson, Jeffrey J.
 TSgt. Chouinard, Roger J.
 TSgt. Lopez, Carlos H.
 SSgt. Armstrong, David P.
 SSgt. Moloney-Cook, Eileen E.
 SSgt. Peeples, Jerry Jr.
 SSgt. Rose, Kenneth W. Jr.
 SSgt. Sarno, Joseph F.
 SSgt. Theriault, Andre R.
 SSgt. Vachon, Matthew V.
 SrA. Bray, Martin A.
 SrA. Ferguson, Sean E.
 SrA. Goracy, Sandy M.
 SrA. Gunther, Dennis P.
 SrA. Huling, Christine L.
 SrA. Kutrubis, Kathy J.
 SrA. Marcotte, Daniel J.
 SrA. O'Brian, Christopher C.
 SrA. O'Connor, Peter K.
 SrA. O'Leary, Kevin D.
 SrA. Schafer, Timothy M.
 SrA. Shouse, Kurt V.
 A1C Davidson, Gregory J.
 Amn. Ulloa, Martha

Awards and Decorations

Meritorious Service Medal

Lt. Col. James P. Carey** 42 APS
 Maj. Robert B. Breese Jr. 439 AW
 SMSgt. James H. Swotchak 439 CES
 MSgt. Leroy T. Rose 439 APS

Air Force Commendation Medal

Capt. Ruben Altunian* 439 SVS
 MSgt. Timothy G. Williams 42 APS
 TSgt. Deborah A. Batey* 42 APS
 TSgt. Steven L. Marx 439 ASTS
 SSgt. Ellen T. Moore 439 CES
 SSgt. Edward R. O'Boyle 42 APS

Air Force Achievement Medal

TSgt. Richard Barklow 42 APS
 TSgt. Charles F. Carlin III 42 APS
 TSgt. Albert C. Hayford Jr. 42 APS
 TSgt. Robert B Linton 42 APS
 TSgt. Vonsicia S. Nunally 42 APS

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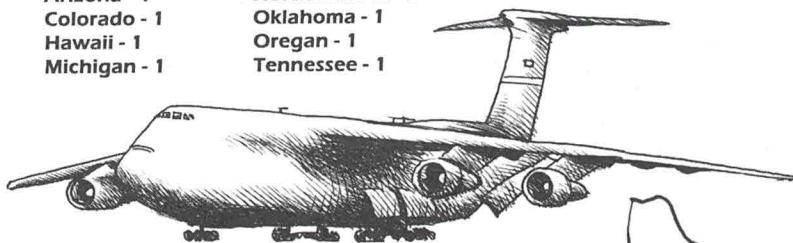
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Pennsylvania - 4
North Carolina - 3
Texas - 3
Illinois - 3
Delaware - 3
California - 3
Georgia - 2
Kentucky - 2
Maryland - 2

Washington - 2
Arizona - 1
Colorado - 1
Hawaii - 1
Michigan - 1

Mississippi - 1
North Dakota - 1
Oklahoma - 1
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Tennessee - 1



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