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Year of Readiness

You have done a great job this last year supporting the Air Force and Air Force Reserve requirements. You met the challenge of flying overseas missions and filling AEF tours and fixing airplanes and training to maintain mission readiness. A number of our squadrons have already completed Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspections (EORI).

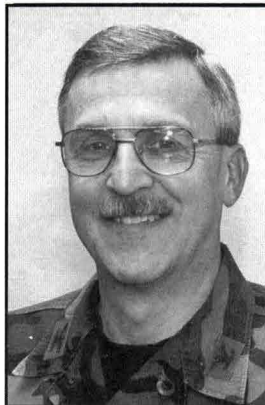
Now our big **READINESS** test comes this year. It is time to roll up the sleeves and get down to business. I have declared this to be the "Year of Readiness."

Commentary

In 2001, more units will demonstrate our ability to go to war through the EORI process.

The central event is the deployment of Operations and Maintenance UTCs the last week of August. We are working with the IG to come here and evaluate the Wing for "Initial Response" (IR) capability. Let there be no doubt that this is a "WING" event. I have assigned Col. Tom Mauzaka to be our "warlord" and oversee the wing preparation for this inspection.

The checklist is available on our Y: drive under "UTC Mets Taskings". Our CCX shop has compiled all the measuring criteria in this one location. You can select your UTC and print the measures that will apply to you. For IR, everyone needs to go to "UTC Deploy" and start preparing now. Our dress rehearsal is "Patriot Tomahawk" in May. This will take an entire wing effort, working hand-in-hand with Griffin Services and our deploying units, to make this a success.



by Col. Martin M. Mazick
439th AW Commander

CORRECTION – The number of people in the Civil Engineering Squadron reported in last month's "Unit Round-Up" did not include figures for all four sections. The correct total for CES is approximately 133 people assigned against 131 slots. The four sections that make up CES are operations, fire protection, explosive ordnance disposal and readiness. Operations (building and repair, crafts, equipment, heating, etc.) currently has 83 assigned. Firefighters have 37 people. EOD has seven people and readiness has six assigned.

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Briefs

Honor Guard seeking 'Ceremonial Guardsmen'

MSgt. Tom Roe, superintendent of Westover's honor guard, has scheduled a base honor guard school for Feb. 12-16. This is the same course taught by the Air Force Honor Guard mobile team.

Prospective members will be trained on new military honors, protocol and ceremonies, proper wear of the ceremonial uniform, flag etiquette, color guard responsibilities, M1 rifle and saber manual of arms, and history and traditions.

Any reservist interested becoming a 'Ceremonial Guardsman' for the base honor guard should contact Roe at (413) 557-3342 or email Thomas.Roe@Westover.af.mil by Feb. 5.

Cost of dry cleaning may be reimbursable

Military travelers may now be reimbursed for the cost of dry cleaning, personal laundry and pressing of clothing while performing TDY.

The cost incurred during TDY travel (not after returning to permanent duty station) of at least seven days is reimbursable at an average rate of \$2 per day. Travelers do not have to file receipts with travel vouchers. For further information, call Dan McCarthy at (413) 55703460.

Ski discounts

In addition to winter sports rentals, the Four Seasons Rental Store has information on ski discounts through Operation Ski & Snowboard. The Military Snowsports Travel Guide, and OpSki discount coupons are available at the Four Seasons store. The guide shows military discounts available at all participating ski areas. Information is also available online at: www.OpSki.Com.

February UTA schedule A UTA Feb 3-4 B UTA Feb 24-25

Cover photo — Snow blanketed the C-5s and flightline from a series of storms in the Northeast, dumping three to 12 inches each, in December and early January.

— Photo by MSgt.W.C.Pope

Wing prepares for Expeditionary Operational Inspection

By Capt. James G. Bishop

For one week this summer, if all goes as planned, 129 people from eight Westover units will deploy to an undisclosed location to be part of a new Inspector General exercise—the Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection.

That part of Westover's EORI will take place from July 30 through Aug. 5. The people won't know the location until a few months before the exercise, said Lt. Col. Forrest Price, director of wing plans. "Theoretically, it won't matter where they go, because all your support should be in place," he said.

The IG, in effect, is putting together a simulated Aerospace Expeditionary Force. Deployable functional mini-packages of specialized troops, called unit type codes or UTCs, are the key inspection elements, according to the Air Mobility Command IG briefing by William Bergen. Individual UTCs will have inspection due dates based on five-year cycles and the last UTC inspection.

The EORI "does not focus on one wing in isolation. It focuses on individual UTCs and assesses their readiness," according to an August 1999 message from the Air Mobility Command IG.

And 2001 is the big year for many Westover units.

"This is the year of readiness," Col. Martin M. Mazick, commander of the 439th Airlift Wing, told his staff in January.

At the August exercise, members of the 439th will be part of 908 people from 15 Reserve, National Guard and active duty units working together as a single AEF under the IG's close scrutiny.

Some things won't change. Participants will feel the same pressure to go through exercises and do the mission well. The difference, this year, will be that instead of deploying as a wing, UTCs will deploy, making the scenario more realistic and in line with EAF principles.

Eight Westover units volunteered to do their EORI this summer. That way, they know when they're going, said Price. Otherwise, as units near the end of their five-year inspection cycle, the IG will task a unit.

The common core areas of inspection, will be:

- Initial response, or how well we get our troops deployed
- Employment, or how well the deployed UTCs do their job
- mission support
- and ability to survive and operate (ATSO) in hostile conditions, such as chemical warfare.

Each UTC will receive a grade of "green," meaning mission



AIRLIFT WARRIORS — Members of the 439th Aircraft Generation Squadron guard the aircraft during an exercise at Savannah International Airport, Ga. in 1999.

— photo by MSgt. W.C. Pope

ready, or "red," meaning not mission ready. And the IG warns in its briefing, once the exercise begins, "if it's happening, we may inspect it."

The wing grade will be based on a cumulative grade from the UTCs. Last August, the IG returned to a five-tier grading system: outstanding, excellent, satisfactory, marginal and unsatisfactory.

Whereas past ORIs focused on 84 wings, the EORI will target smaller deployable packages—UTCs. The IG's target is to inspect more than 4,000 UTCs, according to Arsenault.

Originally, the IG wanted to see units operate in a field-type environment like AEFs, Price said, but there wasn't enough real-world opportunity. Also, IG sometimes had problems obtaining in-theater clearance, so they decided to run simulated AEFs to test people's skills.

The eight Westover units going to the IG exercise in July and August are the 337th Airlift Squadron, two maintenance teams from AGS, life support, two teams from the ALCE, security forces, trans-

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EORI preparation tips

The new expeditionary operational readiness inspection concentrates on inspecting deployable functional mini-packages, called UTCs or unit type codes, instead of inspecting an entire wing at once. Here are two good ways to prepare for your EORI.

✓**First, scrutinize your UTC checklist, found on the Y-drive under UTC Tasking METS, then click on UTC info. This is the same check-**

list the IG will be using. The checklists are listed by UTC.

✓**Second, dig out your Airman's Manual (Air Force Manual 10-100). In January, Col. Martin Mazick, 439th AW commander, emphasized the importance of the manual: "If you don't own the Airman's Manual, get it. If you own it, read it."**

The manual is a field book containing practical, readable information and photographs covering topics such as pitching a tent, reading a grid map, and performing emergency first aid.

From any government computer, the Airman's Manual and associated tests are available online at <https://commweb.hill.af.mil/AMT/>.

Construction underway for MEPS building on base

Article and photo
by Gordon A. Newell

The Westover family will grow a bit larger when the Military Entrance Processing Station opens new quarters on the base early next year.

An official groundbreaking ceremony for the new facility, to be located across from the Visiting Officers Quarters, was held Dec. 19 with Congressmen Richard E. Neal, D-Springfield, John W. Olver, D-Amherst and many military officials on hand.

All people who enter the military take physical examinations, aptitude tests and fill out paper work at MEPS prior to taking the oath and attending basic training.

The center is currently housed at the Federal Building and Courthouse at 1500 Main St., Springfield and annually handles about 6,000 recruits. The new facility is due to be completed in January 2002.

Navy Capt. Jan Adams, who is Director of Operations for the United States MEPS office in Chicago and a former commander of the Springfield station, was invited back for the groundbreaking.

"We've been talking about moving to Westover for over 10 years, so I'm very excited that this facility is finally underway. It will be wonderful for applicants to process through such a place." She added that the 50 or so MEPS employees, both military and civilian,



GROUNDBREAKERS – From left, 439th AW Commander Col. Martin M. Mazick, Congressmen, John W. Olver and Richard E. Neal, Lt. Commander Donna Desmukes; Capt. Jan Adams and Col. Brian Osterndorf, of the Army Corps of Engineers, take part in the traditional groundbreaking ceremony for a new MEPS facility at Westover.

will find the new location more convenient, not to mention the free parking. Olver and Neal helped push the \$4.1 million project through the Military Construction Budget.

"We want to ensure the viability of Westover, and there is no better way than to continue building vital facilities like this one," said Neal. "Putting MEPS on Westover makes a lot of sense," said Olver. This will help to reduce costs and streamline the military entrance process, and provide more efficient recruiting services for applicants."

Col. Martin M. Mazick, commander of Westover's 439th Airlift Wing was enthusiastic about the project.

"We want to lay out the red carpet for MEPS and their prospective recruits," he said. "Every young person entering the military from this area will now come through Westover. They may not stay in the military for life, but we have reserve units for all branches right here on base."

Westover recognized by state for environmental efforts

By Gordon A. Newell

Westover Air Reserve Base has been honored by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management for having earned recognition as a Tree City USA community.

Base Environmental Engineer Gina Rossi and Lt. Col. Talivaldis Maidelis, vice commander of the 439th Support Group, represented Westover in a ceremony held in Belmont, Mass. that was a USDA Forest Service-sponsored initiative from the White House Millennium Council. The initiative offered each state 100 famous and historic trees, offspring of such noted trees as the John F. Kennedy Graveside Crabapple and the last living tree known to have been planted by Johnny Appleseed.

The trees were given to the 61 Massachusetts cities and towns that have earned national recognition as Tree City USA communities because of their continued commitment to trees and forests.

Peter C. Webber, who is commissioner of the state's DEM, recognized the connection trees make between our past and future.

"We are here to honor everyday heroes who have planted trees for future generations," he said.

Trees distributed include the Johnny Appleseed Apple tree; the Washington Tulip Poplar, planted by George Washington; the JFK Graveside crabapple; the Charter White Oak and the Clara Barton Redbud.

The tree presented to Westover officials will be planted here.



TREE CHEERS – Westover has been honored for its role in planting and conserving trees. At the ceremony, from left are: Peter C. Webber, commissioner of the Mass. Department of Environmental Management, Lt. Col. Maidelis, vice commander of the 439th Support Group, John Parry, of the U.S. Forest Service, Susan Corbett of American Forests and Gina Rossi, Westover's environmental engineer.

THE MILITARY PERSONNEL FLIGHT CAREER FOCUS

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The Importance of Professional Military Education

Base Education and Training

As you probably already know, completing the required levels of Professional Military Education can be very important to your Air Force Reserve Career.

For enlisted members the appropriate level of PME is a requirement for promotion. Senior Airmen must complete the Airman Leadership School to be promoted to Staff Sergeant. Staff Sergeants and Technical Sergeants take the NCO Academy to get promoted to Master Sergeant. Finally Master Sergeants must take the Senior NCO Academy to be promoted to Senior Master Sergeant.

The Air Force Reserve Senior Leadership is placing further emphasis on the importance of PME. HQ AFRC has implemented a new policy that requires Master Sergeants assigned to a Senior Master Sergeant position to enroll in the Senior NCO Academy (SNCOA) within six months of assignment to Senior Master Sergeant positions. The SNCOA must also be satisfactorily completed within

the required time frame, or the member will be removed from the SMSgt position.

This is a sound leadership effort to ensure the people holding these management level positions complete all necessary requirements. The policy will also ensure that enlisted members in Technical Sergeant and Master Sergeant positions are not held back from promotion by another member who has not completed the required PME for promotion. The policy is effective immediately, and does include Air Reserve Technicians.

How do you make yourself eligible for promotion? First, complete all mandatory CDCs and then the required level of PME as soon as you are eligible. When you receive the course material, review each section, set up a schedule and stick to it. Make your Air Force career a success.



From the MPF

Welcome to the latest edition of the MPF's Customer Focus. We are please to have the opportunity to publish the Career Focus as a part of the Patriot! This publication is designed to shed light on personnel issues that affect every reserve member's career.

We are seeking ideas for future arti-

cles. If you have any questions or an idea for an article please contact us at 439MSS/DPM, Westover ARB, 100 Starlifter Avenue, Chicopee, MA 01022-1775, call (413) 557-2993, or email kelly.braudis@westover.af.mil. We will be sure to respond to you directly or in the next Career Focus publication.

THE YEAR OF READINESS

PERSONNEL READINESS

Now that the Expeditionary Air Force Cycle 1 is over, our deployments have slowed down significantly. However, it is still important to ensure you are mobility qualified before you volunteer for any deployment, including an Air Expeditionary Forces (AEF) deployment.

Colonel Mazick has termed 2001 the "Year of Readiness." In May, our Wing will participate in a Readiness Assistance Visit at Volk Field, Wis. and an Inspector General Exercise in July/August 2001. The IGX will serve as an Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection for several units.

Mobility qualifications are a unit responsibility and your unit deployment manager can assist you in determining if you are mobility qualified and if there are additional requirements for specific deployment locations. Basic mobility qualifications include, but are not limited to, weapons qualification, Self-Aid and Buddy Care, Chemical Warfare Defense Training, Anti-terrorism/Force Protection Training, AFSC skill level qualification, physical and immunizations completion, etc. If you are not qualified, you must become qualified prior to your deployment departure date.

ANNUAL TOUR SUBSTITUTIONS

CAREER ENHANCEMENT

Fourteen days is the minimum period of annual tour training all reservists must perform each year to satisfy the training requirements associated with your Reserve assignment. The 14-day requirement is exclusive of travel time. To help reservists struggling with time constraints, other training can satisfy AT requirements.

It is possible to substitute active duty for training (ADT), such as a formal school tour or active duty for support (ADS), such as an AEF tour, for all or part of the Annual Tour requirement. Substitutions must be submitted by the unit commander in advance of tour start dates and have the wing commander approval.

All AEF tours must be done in manday status; you cannot go on an AEF tour in annual tour status. However, AEF missions may be performed in lieu of the AT requirement, if approved in advance. You may voluntarily complete annual tour, in addition to the AEF deployment, if your unit has a need for additional support.

Call us in Career Enhancement if you have any questions about performing annual tour.

LINE OF DUTY DETERMINATION ENTITLEMENTS

CAREER ENHANCEMENT

If you are ever injured or become seriously ill while performing military duty it is important to know that you have certain rights and protections under the law. The FY-00 National Defense Authorization Act Section 705, allows for reservists who become ill or injured, in the line of duty, during periods of inactive duty training to be placed on active duty orders for the purposes of treatment or recovery from the line of duty (LOD) condition.

Inactive duty for training includes UTAs, additional flying training periods, and readiness management periods. The phrase "in the line of duty" simply means that you were on duty or in a military status at the time the illness or injury occurred and that the cause of the condition was not due to your own misconduct.

You are also entitled to remain on active duty orders if you are injured or become ill, in the line of duty, while on active duty orders until you are cleared as medically fit for duty, (i.e. upgrade from a physical profile 4 to a profile 3 or better).

The commander authorizing the original IDT period or orders will make the determination regarding placement on orders. Reservists can only be placed on these orders with the commander's concurrence. If you are in a profile 4, it is not the commander's option, but your legal right; however the member does have the option to come off of orders and draw incapacitation pay for lost civilian wages.

If you become ill or are injured while on military status, first seek the appropriate medical treatment. Always notify your unit as soon as possible, and then seek information regarding your options regarding staying on active duty or eligibility for incapacitation pay. Be sure you understand your options before you choose to come off of orders. Staying on orders will provide medical benefits for your family members.

Contact MPF Career Enhancement with any questions.

PERSTEMPO TRACKING

PERSONNEL READINESS

The number of days military members are deployed has been a national concern for several years. The services have been tracking Personnel Tempo, the time a person spends away from home station, since 1997. Air Force leadership has been working to reduce PERSTEMPO by implementing concepts such as the Expeditionary Air Force. The National Defense Authorization Act of 2000 also contains legislation to track PERSTEMPO and authorizes high-deployment per diem of \$100 per day for each day a military member is deployed more than 401 days out of the preceding 730 days. The law also makes commanders responsible for tracking and managing individual member's deployment by requiring them to approve accumulation of deployment days beyond 182 and 220 in a 730-day period. The primary intent of this law is to place management attention on the tempo of our people – not to provide a TDY incentive.

For the purposes of PERSTEMPO, "deployment" days are typically associated with TDY days with two exceptions. TDY days to schools/training and non-funded TDYs such as Invitational or Permissive TDYs do not count. For military personnel of the

Guard and Reserve, TDYs to their permanent duty station or within 100 miles of their homes do not count toward high-deployment per diem.

The tracking system for PERSTEMPO will be at the unit level through the orders system (TBAS). There is also a system on the AFPC web page that tracks PERSTEMPO and this will be monitored by the MAJCOMs. Your unit's orders clerk will answer questions on the TBAS screen, which will determine the duty status output to the PERSTEMPO tracking system on AFPC's web page. The TBAS system will flag the orders clerk when you reach 120, 150, 181 and 220 days deployed.

Rudy de Leon, defense undersecretary for personnel and readiness, said the tracking effort is just the first step. "We've gone from a force that was forward deployed to one that is more of an expeditionary force," he said. "We've got to make sure that as we transition to these new missions we're taking good care of our people and giving them predictability." de Leon also points out "We're looking at ways to use the National Guard and Reserve units to supplement the active duty force so that they're engaged, involved and bringing their expertise to some of the missions that we have overseas."

NEW TRICARE DENTAL COVERAGE!

CUSTOMER SERVICE

There is a new TRICARE Dental Program, managed by United Concordia, which covers more comprehensive services than the existing TRICARE Selected Reserve Dental Program to include enrollment of family members at a modest rate.

Beginning 1 Feb 01, Reserve component members and their family members are eligible for the same comprehensive, worldwide dental program that was previously available only to active duty family members.

This voluntary dental plan is offered to members of the Selected Reserve and Individual Ready Reserve and their family members. The new TRICARE Dental Program affords you the opportunity to select coverage for yourself only or yourself and your family members.

The new benefit package includes coverage for diagnostic and preventive services such as exams, cleanings, and x-rays along with many other services such as fillings, root canals, gum surgery, dentures,

oral surgery and braces.

The member's monthly portion of the premiums for Selected Reserve is \$7.63 for sponsor coverage only; \$19.08 for Single Premium which covers the sponsor and one family member; and \$47.69 for Family Premium which covers the sponsor and two or more family members.

In order to be eligible for this program, you must have 12 months retainability on your current enlistment and enrollment must be for a minimum of 12 months. Enrollment information may be obtained from MPF Customer Service, Ext 3430 or by calling United Concordia at 1-800-866-8499. Additional information on the TRICARE Dental Program at www.ucci.com.

Keep in mind that United Concordia queries the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) to confirm eligibility on sponsor and eligible dependents. It is important that all of your family members are enrolled in DEERS as a pre-mobilization requirement; family members not enrolled in DEERS are ineligible for the TRICARE Dental Program.

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Hints on Looking Sharp

CUSTOMER SERVICE

The 95th Uniform Board is complete; some of the changes to AFI 36-2903 include:

- Personnel will be required to wear all ribbons, including devices, when wearing ribbons. Previously when ribbons were worn you could wear "some or all," now you if you wear ribbons you must wear them all.
- AFI 39-2903 will be changed to read: "Fingernail length must not interfere with duty performance or hinder proper fit of prescribed safety equipment or uniform items." Fingernail length was not previously addressed in the AFI.
- Attaché cases, gym bags, backpacks and women's purses may be carried in either hand as long as they do not interfere with rendering proper military courtesies. This is a change from the requirement to only carry these items in the left hand or over the left shoulder
- Gore-Tex parkas will be available in military clothing sales stores as an optional item.
- Plain, dark blue or black ropes, silver or plastic small-link chain and clear plastic chain attachments may be worn for access badges.
- Wear of flight gear will be authorized for Phoenix Raven personnel.
- Camel-pack water containers may be worn as part of standard hot-weather uniform.

Money Available for Apprenticeship Training

Base Education and Training

If you qualify for the Reserve or Active Duty GI Bill, you may be eligible to receive money for civilian apprenticeship Training.

The following civilian occupations have been approved for apprenticeship training.

- FIRE FIGHTER/EMT
- POLICE OFFICER
- CORRECTIONS OFFICER
- DISPENSING OPTICIAN
- MACHINIST
- MOLD MAKER
- WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR
- TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST
- REFRIGERATION, AIR COND MECHANIC
- BUILDING MAINTENANCE

MECHANIC

- COOK/CHEF
- ELECTRICIAN
- PLUMBER
- AND MANY MORE

Mr. Frank Mooney from the Massachusetts Department of Labor is the point of contact for this program. You may call him with questions at (413) 732-1139. He will also be visiting Westover Air Reserve Base soon to provide a briefing to anyone interested in the program. We will advertise the date and time once the briefing is scheduled.

This new program provides another opportunity for many reservists to receive educational benefits. For more information on the education benefits available to you, please call or stop by the Base Education and Training Office. We are here to help you reach your education goals!

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Westover has important role in upcoming AEFs

By MSgt. Tom Allocco

The 439th Airlift Wing, which established a high profile in support of the first Aerospace Expeditionary Force cycle, will again be tapped for participation in cycles 3 and 4 between March 2002 and August 2004.

For the second year in a row, Air Force Reserve Command is providing thousands of reservists and dozens of aircraft to support the Aerospace Expeditionary Force.

Support for Aerospace Expeditionary Force Cycle 2, which began in December and will continue through February 2002, includes 4,000 Reservists and Individual Mobilization Augmentees.

Under the AEF concept, the Air Force organizes, trains and equips AEF troops to deploy for contingency operations when needed. Ten AEFs are constituted per cycle, with two of them always deployed or on call.

Most troops are in Southwest Asia supporting Operation Southern Watch and Incirlik AB, Turkey for Operation Northern Watch.

About 150 Westover reservists supported the first AEF cycle from October 1999 to November 2000, including security police, aerial porters, medical, supply and finance specialists. Numerous Westover members volunteered for extended tours, resulting in 190 slots being manned by wing members. The minimum tour is 15 days in-country, plus travel days.

Members of the 439th AW served up to 90 days in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Germany, Spain and Bosnia during Cycle 1.

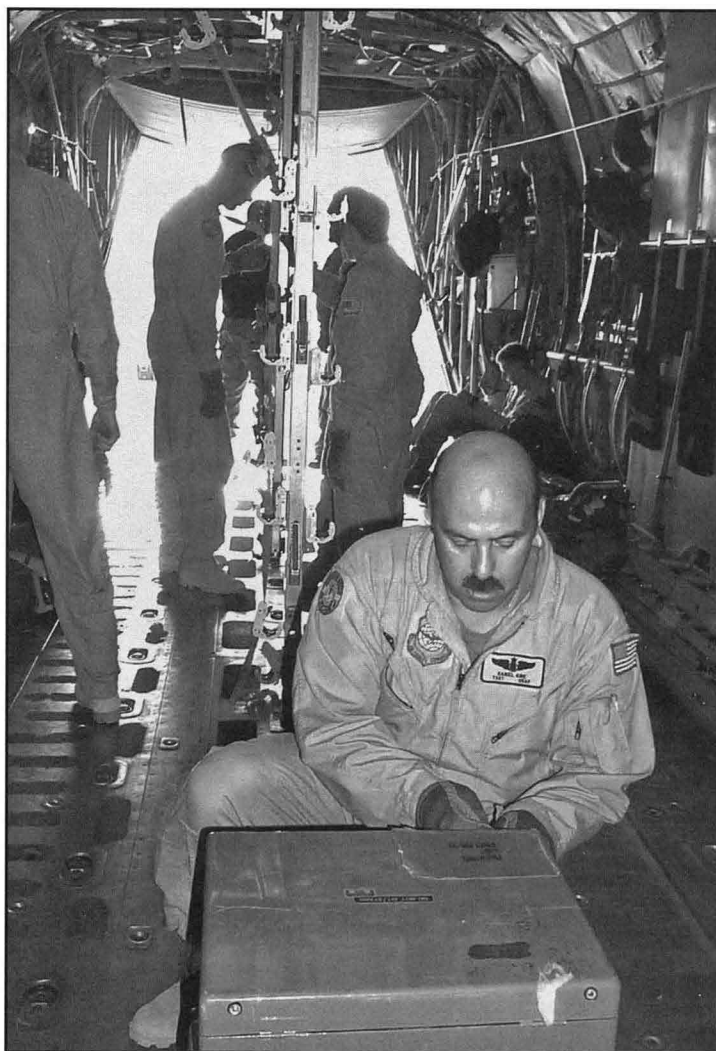
Medical specialists from the 439th AES are projected to deploy overseas during AEF Cycle 3, between March 2002 and May 2003. The mission and numbers of squadron members to deploy are in the development stage.

The 439th AW and 433rd AW, Kelly AFB, Texas will compose the first AEF in Cycle 4, beginning in June, 2003.

Lt. Col. Forrest Price, director of Wing Plans, gives high marks to Westover's contributions to the AEF.

"Thanks to our volunteers, last year we were able to meet our commitment to the AEF concept. In addition to meeting our own quotas, wing members also volunteered to fill numerous shortfalls for other units," Price said.

"The record of wing members in AEF should be a point of pride for every reservist," he said.



MIDDLE EAST MISSION — TSgt. Dan Kibe, med tech with the 439th AES, integrates into the 9th Air Expeditionary Group in Kuwait last year during an AEF tour.
— photo by MSgt. W.C.Pope

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portation, public affairs and the historian.

Three units have already been inspected. In November 1999, a team from the 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron was inspected during an exercise in Hawaii. Then last May, UTC from the Aeromedical Staging Squadron and the Military Personnel Flight were inspected during the medical exercise here, Team Yankee. All three UTC's were rated "green," or mission ready.

"The inspectors weren't continually looking over our shoulders," said PERSCO Team Chief MSgt. Robert Fredette. One time, they brought in a person who was twitching and had a dry mouth. Within ten seconds, the

team had found the symptoms in their Airman's Manual, realized it was a simulated reaction to a nerve agent, and administered the proper treatment—in this case a spring-loaded Atropine injector.

In addition to the off-station IG exercises, the wing will also have a five-day exercise in August at the base. During the home station initial response exercise, the "Wing will be graded on how well we get our folks out of town," Mazick said.

Preparation for this year's home station IG exercise will involve extra work because the contractor, Griffin Services and its subcontractor, Maytag Aircraft Corp., will have

to be worked into the plan, Mazick said.

Griffin Services now does deployment support. Major areas of the civilian contractor's responsibility include cargo and passenger terminal aerial port work for real world deployments and exercises, base transportation and motor pool, to include drivers and mechanics, civil engineering, base operations, and fuels.

The EORI process — establishing, then inspecting a mock-AEF — should foster the Expeditionary Air Force culture, according to the IG message.

"That's how we go to war now, so that's how they want us to train," Price said.

Reservist, sister save each other from carbon monoxide

By Capt. James G. Bishop

The day before the January UTA, SrA. Cristen Barry nearly died.

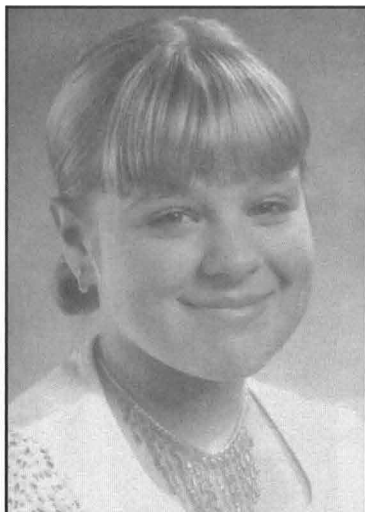
Barry, a college student and a dental technician at the 439th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, was staying with her mom and sister in North Adams. She had gotten in late and slept in late. Her mom had already gone out. Barry was asleep around 11 a.m. when her 12-year-old sister, Alanna Rancourt, shook her awake and said, "You've got to get up. I smell something really funny."

Woozy, Barry asked her sister how they heat the house.

"Oil," Rancourt said.

"Then my Air Force emergency training kicked in, and I barked at my sister — 'get out of the house' — as if she were a troop rather than my sister," Barry recalled in an interview two days later. "She looked shocked, but she got out."

Then Barry followed the smell to the



SISTERS — Alanna Rancourt and SrA Cristen Barry

basement, where she saw a thick black haze and smelled a strong chemical odor.

Barry called 911 and left the house.

The rescue people arrived and confirmed their fear. In the house, the carbon monoxide monitors registered 105 parts per million, exactly three times the amount that would trip the

alarm.

The fire chief took Barry aside and told her that if Rancourt hadn't alerted her, she would have died.

Barry, a Chicopee resident who is studying criminal justice with a concentration in forensic psychiatry, didn't go to the hospital until the next day when she wasn't feeling well.

At the emergency room, tests showed that the carbon monoxide in her blood was at 14 times the normal level. doctors administered oxygen, but beyond that, time will be the best healer as her body excretes the poison.

The severity of the situation didn't hit her until one day later. I just stopped and thought, "I almost died." I called every friend I had Saturday night and told them I loved them," she said.

"She's the hero," Barry said of her sister, at the end of the January UTA. "I was dead asleep."

Awards and Decorations

Meritorious Service Medal

Lt. Col. Barry J. Cunha**	439 AMDS
MSgt. Jeanne T. Brewer	337 AS
MSgt. Luciano Giovannucci	439 AW
MSgt. Norman N. Hoskeer	58 APS
MSgt. James M. Serra	439 CES
MSgt. Pamela J. White	439 CES
TSgt. John W. Barrett**	439 AGS
TSgt. Gerald L. Coney	439 AW
TSgt. John J. PrechtI	439 OSS

Air Force Commendation Medal

Capt. Diane M. Murphy	439 AES
MSgt. Linda S. Colucci**	439 OSS
MSgt. Steven J. McCauslin**	58 APS
MSgt. Richard A. Ricci**	439 AES
MSgt. Stephen J. Smith**	439 CES
TSgt. James D. Jerzyk	439 AGS
TSgt. Robert J. Lowen	58 APS
TSgt. Lawrence E. Parker**	439 MXS
TSgt. Warren D. Rivers**	58 APS
TSgt. Shari Scott-Smith	58 APS
TSgt. Russell S. Shaw**	439 AES
SSgt. John T. Barley**	439 MXS
SSgt. Martin Gosselin**	439 AMDS
SSgt. Gerard M. Leamy	58 APS

SSgt. Daniel Sullivan

439 MXS

Air Force Achievement Medal

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CMSgt. Randy J. Malek**	439 CES
SMSgt. Thomas F. Galloway***	439 CES
MSgt. Eugene Bebeau****	439 AGS
MSgt. Edward Letourneau**	439 CES
MSgt. Gary L. Matteson**	439 AGS
MSgt. Greg J. Zakrzewski**	439 CES
TSgt. Robert E. Brown	439 CES
TSgt. Luis A. Cabrera, Jr.***	439 CES
TSgt. Kenneth D. Crawford****	439 CES
TSgt. James H. Ferry**	439 AGS
TSgt. Eugene E. Fish***	439 CES
TSgt. Allen J. Guiel, Jr.**	439 CES
TSgt. William P. Hurley, Jr.	439 CES
TSgt. Daniel R. Jalbert***	439 CES
TSgt. Robert J. Leisenfelder**	439 CES
TSgt. Peter T. Morgenstern	439 CES
TSgt. Francis R. Newfield**	439 CES
TSgt. Peter A. Olbrys**	439 CES
TSgt. Alan D. Parrot**	439 CES
TSgt. Andrew H. Pietras	58 APS
TSgt. Bradley T. Perno***	439 CES
TSgt. Gary W. Pike**	439 CES

TSgt. Terry S. Radziewicz	439 AGS
TSgt. Arthur H. Riley, Jr.**	439 CES
TSgt. Francis Robles**	439 CES
TSgt. Stephen D. Stavros***	439 CES
TSgt. Robert T. White, II**	42 APS
TSgt. Charles F. Woodward****	439 CES
SSgt. Michael E. Adduci**	439 CES
SSgt. Thomas E. Audet**	439 CES
SSgt. Joann F. Chouinard	439 CES
SSgt. Joshua Herbert**	439 CES
SSgt. Russell F. Huther, Jr.	439 CES
SSgt. David A. Jeleniewski**	439 CES
SSgt. Ellen T. Moore**	439 CES
SSgt. John A. Olexa**	439 CES
SSgt. Eric M. Pelkey**	439 CES
SSgt. David R. Sweet	439 CES
SrA. Scott M. Beaudoin	439 CES
SrA. Jason J. Cebula**	439 CES
SrA. Michael D. DaSilva	439 CES
A1C William T. Grassetti	439 CES
A1C Theresa M. Gellner	439 CES
A1C Ryan T. Longtin	439 CES

**second award

***third award

****fourth award

Patriot People

Name: David Koretsky
Rank: SSgt.
Age: 44 years
Address: Brookline, Mass.
Unit: 439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron
Position: Aeromedical Technician
Civilian position: Real estate
Favorite food: Prime rib
Years of service: 21 years
Favorite sport: Snow skiing
Favorite hobby: Working on my 1987 Pontiac Fiero
Ideal vacation: Exotic places such as Tunisia
Best way to relax: Vacation cottage in Maine on the lake
Preferred entertainment: Broadway musical
Favorite hero: My Uncle Dave
Favorite music: Quiet disco
Favorite movie: "Erin Brockovich"
Favorite aircraft: C-5
Pet peeve: People who are impatient on the road
What I would do if I won \$1 million: Buy myself some property

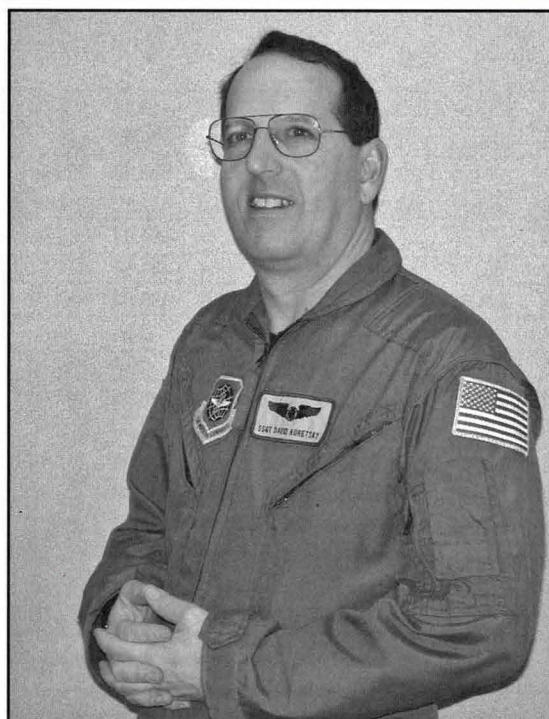


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SSgt. David Koretsky

Patriot Praises

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 TSgt. Walbridge, Michael L.
 SSgt. Feliciano, Elsain
 SSgt. Overton, Elisa M.
 A1C Bolduc, Susan M.
 A1C Chan, Trevor K.
 A1C Eaves, Talia A.
 A1C Fill, David J., II
 A1C Fries, Patricia A.
 A1C Ouellette, Thomas R.
 A1C Pasternak, Michael J.
 A1C Rogers, Michael D.
 A1C Thomson, James K.
 A1C Villalobos, Amy E.
 Amn. Ross, Michael A.
 AB Johnson, Tawanna M.
 AB MacNeil, Jason A.
 AB Rodriguezmunoz, Andres M.

REENLISTMENTS

CMSgt. Boidleau, Raymond V.
 CMSgt. Major, Michael A.
 SMSgt. Pursell, Dean L.
 SMSgt. Watson, Gary W.
 MSgt. Abare, Gary A.
 MSgt. Brainard, David N.
 MSgt. Dillon, William B.
 MSgt. Forcum, Steven J.

MSgt. McCarthy, Shelli A.
 MSgt. McGlynn, Eric R.
 MSgt. Mitchell, James T.
 MSgt. Monteleone, Philip
 MSgt. Shamett, Serge M.
 TSgt. Allen, Michael E.
 TSgt. Antuna, Jeff K.
 TSgt. Barboza, Paul J.
 TSgt. Carver, Tammy A.
 TSgt. Clark, Christopher J.
 TSgt. Duval, Robert J.
 TSgt. Greenwood, Jeffrey C.
 TSgt. Kent, Michael M.
 TSgt. Markelonis, Brian A.
 TSgt. Needham, Tracy D.
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 SSgt. Barry, Richard I., Jr.
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 SSgt. Brunelle, Gary P.
 SSgt. Czupkiewicz, Paul J.

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 SSgt. Gainer, David V.
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 SSgt. Marsh, William L.
 SSgt. Martel, Brian W.
 SSgt. Morales, Carlos A.
 SSgt. Murphy, Peter J.
 SSgt. Nelson, Daryl A.
 SSgt. Overton, Elisa M.

SSgt. Rhodes, Arlene L.
 SSgt. Rodriguez, David J.
 SSgt. Shank, Jeffery M.
 SSgt. Syriac, Phillip M.
 SSgt. Valley, Thomas P.
 SrA. Brown, Theodore N.
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 SrA. Santiago, Ralph L.
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NO PAIN, NO GAIN—Col. Diane Russell, 439th AW Inspector General, reacts to her flu shot from SrA. Daniel Foye during the January UTA. Flu shots will be available during both UTAs in February at the 439th Aerospace Medicine Squadron. The shots are mandatory for all military personnel and prior to overseas deployment. — photo by MSgt. W.C. Pope

NEWLY ASSIGNED

Maj. Dugan, John A.
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SSgt. Pagan, Caroline
 SrA. Chappelaine, Kimberly M.
 SrA. Padilla, Darrin R.
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 SrA. Payton, Toure J.
 SrA. Riley, Mark R.
 SrA. Van Reil, Natasha J.
 A1C Tomaszewski, Kelly D.

2001 Reserve Pay for Four Drills

	Years of Service														
	<2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
O-7	757.64	809.12	809.12	815.00	845.44	868.60	895.40	922.12	948.92	1033.04	1104.12	1104.12	1104.12	1104.12	1109.68
O-6	561.52	616.88	657.36	657.36	659.88	688.12	691.88	691.88	714.76	800.72	841.52	882.32	905.52	929.04	974.64
O-5	449.16	527.32	563.84	570.72	593.40	593.40	611.24	644.24	687.44	730.88	751.60	772.04	795.28	795.28	795.28
O-4	378.56	460.96	491.72	498.60	527.12	550.36	587.96	617.24	637.56	658.00	664.88	664.88	664.88	664.88	664.88
O-3	351.76	398.80	430.40	465.24	487.52	511.96	532.36	558.64	572.28	572.28	572.28	572.28	572.28	572.28	572.28
O-2	306.80	349.44	402.48	416.04	424.64	424.64	424.64	424.64	424.64	424.64	424.64	424.64	424.64	424.64	424.64
O-1	266.36	277.20	335.04	335.04	335.04	335.04	335.04	335.04	335.04	335.04	335.04	335.04	335.04	335.04	335.04
E-9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	416.92	426.32	438.28	452.32	466.40	480.24	499.04	517.68	541.44
E-8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	349.60	359.72	369.12	380.44	392.68	405.48	418.40	437.08	455.64	481.68
E-7	244.16	266.56	276.68	286.64	296.96	307.08	317.20	327.32	337.28	347.60	357.84	367.84	385.44	404.60	433.40
E-6	210.00	232.04	242.32	252.24	262.60	272.80	283.04	292.92	303.00	310.36	315.72	315.72	316.04	316.04	316.04
E-5	184.24	206.56	216.52	226.80	237.04	247.44	257.40	267.72	267.72	267.72	267.72	267.72	267.72	267.72	267.72
E-4	171.84	189.84	200.08	210.16	220.40	220.40	220.40	220.40	220.40	220.40	220.40	220.40	220.40	220.40	220.40
E-3	161.96	174.28	184.48	184.72	184.72	184.72	184.72	184.72	184.72	184.72	184.72	184.72	184.72	184.72	184.72
E-2	155.88	155.88	155.88	155.88	155.88	155.88	155.88	155.88	155.88	155.88	155.88	155.88	155.88	155.88	155.88
E-1>4	139.04	139.04	139.04	139.04	139.04	139.04	139.04	139.04	139.04	139.04	139.04	139.04	139.04	139.04	139.04
E-1<4	128.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

New pay chart effective Jan. 1. Normally, reservists receive credit for four drill pay periods during one weekend unit training assembly.

Protection masks being evaluated for defective parts

By MSgt. Tom Allocco

Westover Readiness specialists are inspecting all nuclear, biological and chemical (NBC) protection masks as part of an Air Force-wide program following the discovery of "disbonding" or separation in some masks.

The Air Force is mandating that all MCU-2A/P masks be inspected by March 15, a deadline which Westover readiness specialists expect to meet.

"It only takes a couple minutes to check each one. We've already gotten a lot done. We'll also be doing the geographically-separated units

at Hanscom AFB, Mass. and Fort Hamilton, NY," said Bobby Knox chief of Readiness.

"I believe that overall our masks are in good shape," she said.

The inspection was prompted by the discovery of separation of the silicone rubber from around the metal outlet valve of the MCU-2A/P mask.

"We don't know whether that condition causes a mask to be 'inoperable,' but until we get this issue resolved, no one will have one of those masks in their possession or have to deal with that doubt," said Brent Inman, chief of the Ground Support Equipment Section at Warner-Robins Air Logistics Center, Ga.

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