

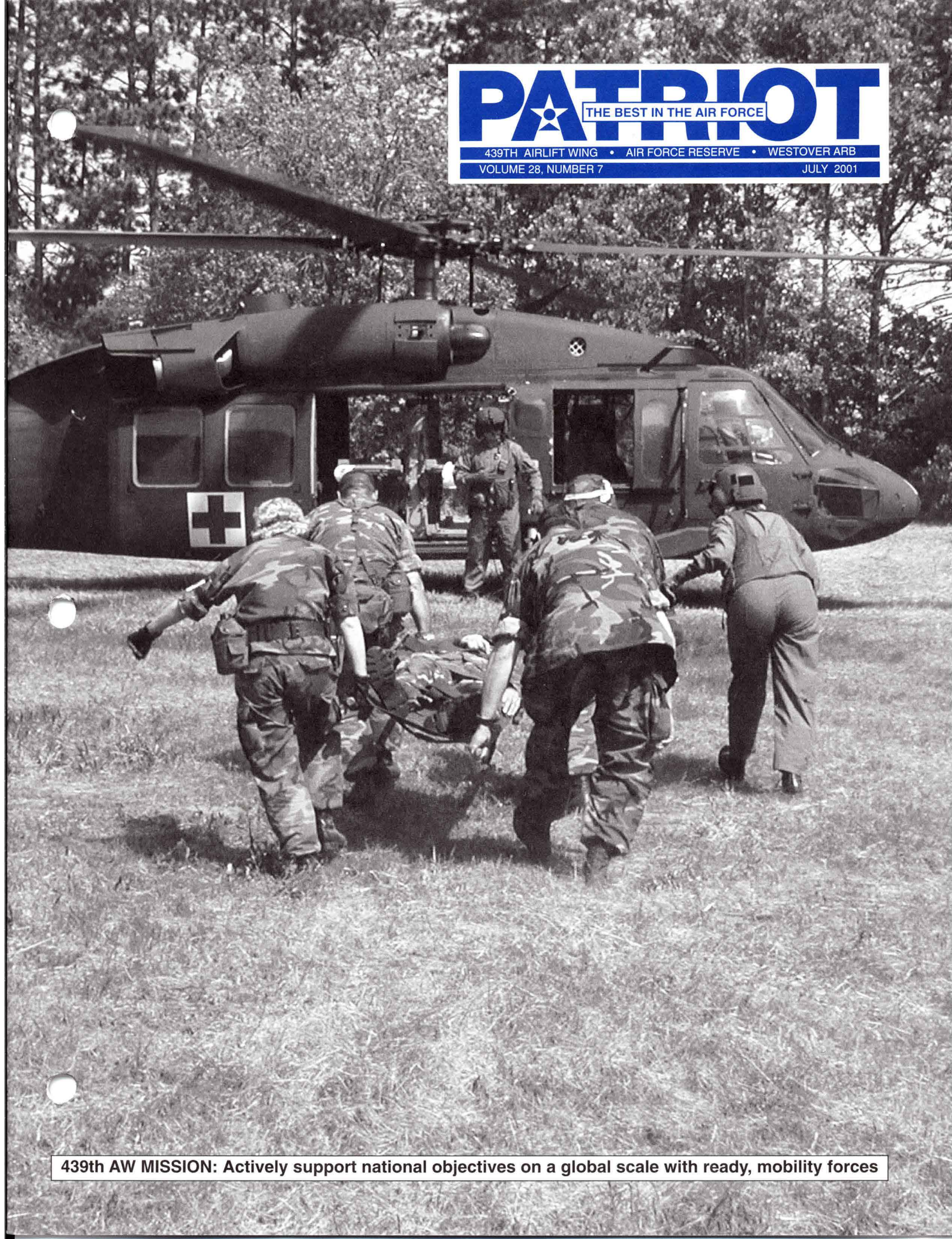
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**439th AW MISSION: Actively support national objectives on a global scale with ready, mobility forces**



## It's showtime!

This month we will be welcoming the Air Mobility Command IG to evaluate our ability to "get out of town." July 26 - 29 will be our Initial Response evaluation. This is our big-ticket grade for mobility and precedes the deployment of our ALCE, Aviation, Life Support, Maintenance, Transportation, OSI and PA Unit Type

### Commentary

Codes for their EORI. This is possible because, in addition to those listed above, UTCs from the 58<sup>th</sup> APS, 42<sup>nd</sup> APS, 439 ASTS, AES, CES and

LSS will process for mobility so we can get credit.

My thanks in advance. Like everything else we do this will take a team effort. Full wing support, including our contractor, is expected and necessary to insure a successful outcome. This will be OUR grade and demonstrate OUR wartime readiness. I know we are ready and up to the task. I wish our warriors every success as they deploy for the inspection.

I got to walk the ground at Volk Field and talk with some of you. I received plenty of positive comments on your efforts and esprit. So much so that it was another one of those occasions that continue to make me proud to be your commander. Please note some extremely positive feedback (see page 9) from one of our base visitors in May. As you can see, what you do and how you do it is recognized. You can be proud of your performance.

Thanks for all you do!

by Col. Martin M. Mazick  
439<sup>th</sup> AW Commander



## Help is again needed for annual Stand-Down

Volunteers are needed for the 2001 Western Massachusetts Veterans' Stand-Down scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 25 at Westover. Individuals with medical skills as well as general manpower are needed.

Due to a combination of joint service and civilian efforts, over 350 veterans were provided with legal consultations,

social services, job placement information, health care and referrals, and distribution of new clothing during the last year's Stand-Down held last year. For further information, call 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Krista Bonner at (207) 871-9791. For a registration form, call TSgt. Bill Forbes at (413) 557-3073. Please respond by Aug. 10.

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## Briefs

### AFA membership drive

The Air Force Association is conducting an annual, nationwide membership drive.

The theme for the 2001 membership drive is "AFA and You: Assuring America's Aerospace Excellence." Membership in AFA is authorized under the Department of Defense Joint Ethics Regulation.

Participation in AFA, like other professional military associations such as the Air Force Sergeants Association, the Reserve Officers Association and the Retired Officer Association, is a personal choice and voluntary. These associations exist to promote the development of military professions. (AFRC News Service)

### 439<sup>th</sup> is recruiting for Wing historian

The 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing is recruiting for the position of Wing Historian.

The position is a master sergeant slot with an AFSC of 3HOX1, and the successful candidate must be able to obtain Top Secret clearance within one year of training before being awarded a 5-level. The 3-level school is approximately four to five weeks long, 5-level is CDC and 7-level is a two-week school.

Anyone interested may contact Capt. Elaine Bernash at Ext. 3562.

### Correction:

The caption on page 4 of last month's Patriot should have read "Capt. Christine Klink and MSgt. Connie Fonfara, both of Operations Group, prepare packages for the new mentoring program."

### August UTA Schedule A UTA Aug. 4-5 B UTA Aug. 18-19

### Cover photo

**BLACKHAWK RESCUE — EMT students carry a patient from the 'front lines' to an Army National Guard Blackhawk for an engine running on-load during Team Yankee exercises in Dogpatch in May.**

—photo by MSgt. Tom Allocco



## Civic leaders get 2-day tour of Colorado military sites

Article by Gordon A. Newell

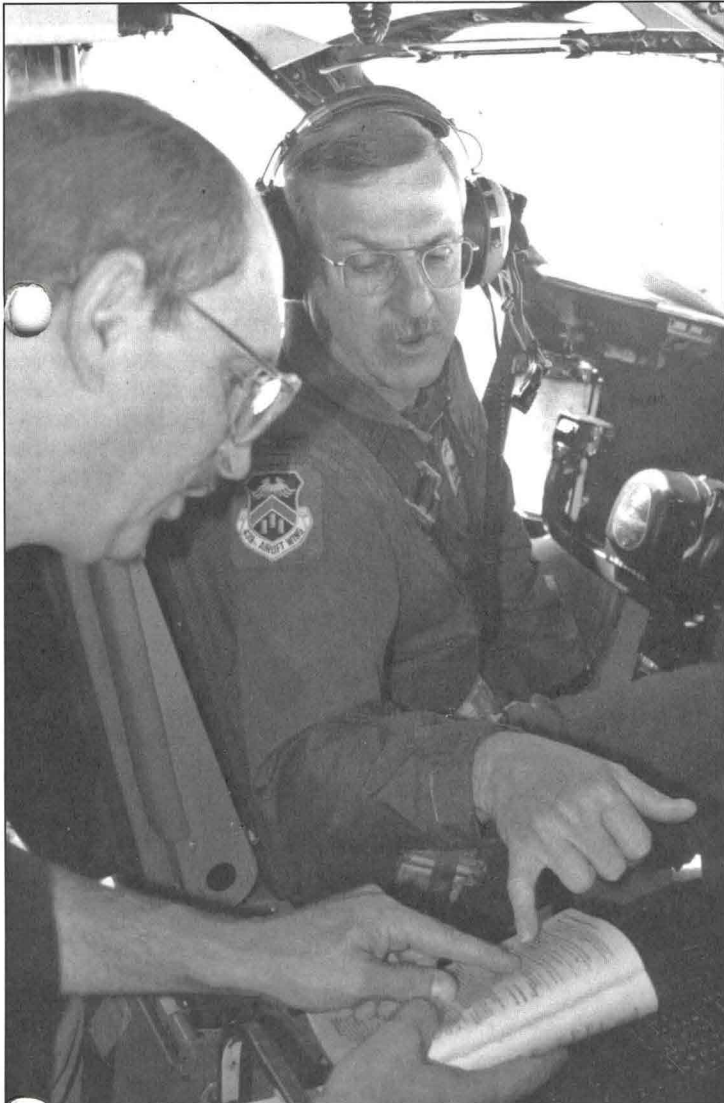
Photos by Maj. Sally Morger

Col. Martin M. Mazick, commander of the 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, led 30 civic leaders from the Western Massachusetts area on a trip to Peterson AFB, Colo. June 6-7.

The whirlwind tour left Westover at 10 a.m. on June 6 and upon landing at Peterson at noon, local time, the travelers were whisked from one military site to another over the next 20 hours or so.

For Al Chawlek, superintendent of Public Works for the city of Springfield, Mass., it was his first trip with the Air Force and it couldn't have gone better.

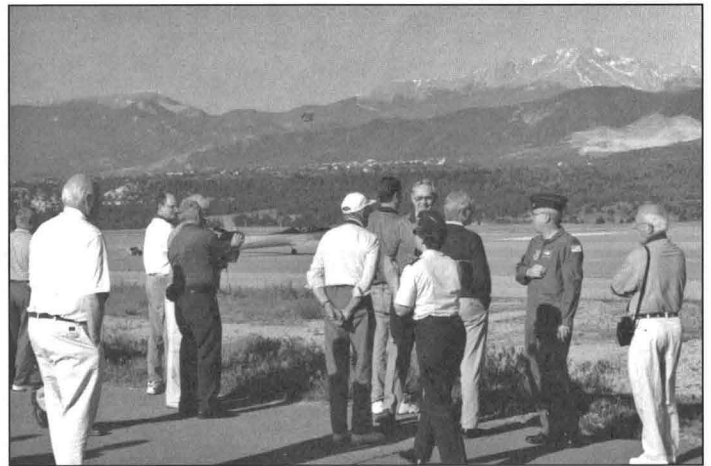
"I was very impressed," he said. "Not only with the sites we



**COMMAND PERFORMANCE** – Col. Martin M. Mazick, commander of Westover's 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, goes over the airfield reference manual to Al Chawlek, superintendent of Springfield, Mass. Department of Public Works during a Civic Leaders flight to Peterson AFB, Colo.



**ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH** – CMSgt. Ken Gilbert, (top) explains inner workings of the flight engineer's panel during a Westover Civic Leader flight to Colorado during the first week of June. Below, civic leaders and Wing Commander Col. Martin M. Mazick, enjoy a view of the Rocky Mountains from the U.S. Air Force Academy Airfield.



were privileged to visit but with the extreme professionalism of the military people we came in contact with. The entire trip was well planned and well thought-out and at every stop we were treated like Congressmen."

After being met by Col. Richard Moss, commander of the 302<sup>nd</sup> AW, the host wing for the visit, the group was scurried off to Cheyenne Mountain, for a tour of the North American Aerospace Defense facility deep beneath the surface of the mountain.

After an early evening visit and briefing at the Air Force Space Command Headquarters, the group had dinner at the Peterson AFB Officers' Club where they were treated to a 302<sup>nd</sup> AW command briefing. Guest speaker for the night was Maj. Gen. Frank D. Watson, retired, who is the former Mobilization Assistant to the AF Space Command commander.

Early the next morning, the group was taken to the United States Air Force Academy for their final tour.

"For me, the Academy was the icing on the cake," said Chawlek. "I feel fortunate to have seen this beautiful facility and I think Americans should be very proud of it."



# Team Yankee proves medical teams are ready

by MSgt. Tom Allocco

Westover's medical teams left behind classrooms and books and took to the field to treat and transport patients during the 12th annual Team Yankee exercise involving more than 600 joint-service participants, May 18 - 20. Team Yankee also marked the culmination of training for 15 emergency medical technician students, following nine months

of training at Westover's Armed Forces Reserve Center.

This year's exercise continued the tradition of striving for realism as Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine participants pitched tents in Dogpatch and ate dirt kicked up by evacuation helicopters and C-130s.

The scenario called for medical support of a NATO blocking force in response to a simulated Iraqi push against



**EMERGENCY CARE** — Team Yankee students demonstrate their ability to deliver emergency first aid and prepare casualties for the first stage of evacuation from the front lines to a hospital.

— photo by MSgt. Tom Allocco



**GOOD TO GO** — Medical specialists await the signal to start a C-130 engine-running-onload of patients at the 439th AES Mobile Staging Facility at Dogpatch in a simulated evacuation from a forward position to a 439th ASTS Aerial Staging Facility. The field exercise, Team Yankee was held at Westover in May.

— photo by SrA. Brad Harrison

the Kurds in Southeast Turkey. Evacuation of patients from field to hospital started with initial treatment by EMT students, transportation to a Battalion Aid Station, then to the 439th AES Mobile Aeromedical Staging Facility (Diyarbakir, Turkey) by helicopter, onto a 439th ASTS Aerial Staging Facility (Incirlik, Turkey) by C-130 and finally to Germany by C-141.

Young Marines and Civil Air Patrol members role-played as patients and the Aerial Staging Facility was set up in the Base Hangar. Army MPs helped provide security and Westover Seabees patrolled against Marine aggressors.

Observers to Team Yankee included Col. Kenneth Steel, Air Force Reserve Surgeon General, and Chicopee Mayor Richard Kos. The Command Surgeon General rated Westover the "team of choice" and Team Yankee as a classic example of training in the same way we will fight.

"Joint training is obviously the way we have to plan for the future... hopefully Team Yankee will be the template used across the country," he said.

In an exercise highpoint a National Guard Blackhawk and UH-1 kicked up waves of dirt and twigs as they banked over the treeline and landed for an engine-running-onload of patients.

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## Team Yankee continued...

Team Yankee students ran from one moaning "patient" to another, barking out orders: "talk to me, can you wiggle your toes; I got a belly wound here, I need a litter; hurry, I got to get this guy out of here!" A Marine radio operator announced "hilo inbound, nine mike."

Instructors moved through the frantic activity, rating the effectiveness of their 110 hours of classroom training. "When dealing with life-threatening injuries, we look for the ability to adapt to any situation. That is the sign of a well-trained student," said MSgt. Charles Willis, an instructor from the 722<sup>nd</sup> ASTS.

"They have all the course knowledge. Now we want to see it in their hands, see it in their eyes when it all comes together," said chief instructor, Navy Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Paul Gallon.

The skills they learned are important to Army 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Mark Kalin and SFC Heriberto Colon. They are among 4 members of the Massachusetts National Guard who will deploy to Eagle Base, Bosnia for seven months. "As a rifle platoon leader, this training is a big advantage to me in making a contribution to my unit," Kalin said.

"This simulates our wartime mission as closely as we can do it, using medical skills, patient care skills and survival skills," said Maj. Meg Lewis,



**FIRST STEPS HOME** — Team Yankee EMS students assist a "walking wounded" young Marine volunteer to an ambulance that will take him to a staging facility.

— photo by MSgt. Tom Allocco

439<sup>th</sup> ASTS assistant chief nurse.

While observing the stress involved in engine-running evacuations, Col. Martin M. Mazick, wing commander, rated field training as a Westover priority. "You can spend time in classrooms and briefings, but until you feel the heat and smell the burning JP-8 and sense the vibrations of the airplane, only then do you get the adrena-

lin rush to get the job done. We have to keep the mobility machine in the wing well oiled," Mazick said.

Westover Marine Col. Gerard J. Boyle served as exercise commander. Lt. Col. Edward Mello of the 104<sup>th</sup> Medical Squadron, Barnes Airport, was office-in-charge of training Team Yankee EMTs.

## Compensation, care available when reservists injured on duty

by MSgt. Tom Allocco

If you are injured or suffer a long-term illness while on duty or traveling to or from duty, you may be eligible for military medical care, disability compensation or a medical discharge.

A Line of Duty determination (AF Form 348) is used to document the injury or illness and determine whether it happened while on duty status, existed prior to service, or was due to a member's misconduct. Line of Duty procedures are in AFI 36-2910 and AFRCI 36-3004.

If an injury or illness does not require immediate emergency treatment, a disabled reservist is required to report to their supervisor or commander and then to the medical unit. The medical unit will initiate an AF Form 348 and forward it to Military Personnel.

A reservist who has a disqualifying condition, may be placed on orders by their commander for the length of time of their disability.

If you are on UTA status and a Line of Duty determination is initiated you may be eligible to be placed on active duty orders or may be eligible for incapacitation pay if you cannot report back to your civilian employment due to your injury or illness. Incapacitation pay is received

when a Line of Duty is finalized and approved and you can show a loss of civilian income.

If a Line of Duty is initiated when you are on active duty orders and you are found not medically fit for duty and placed on a Profile 4 by the clinic and further treatment is needed, you can elect to continue on active duty orders. If you are placed on a Profile 3 or lower your unit commander can elect to continue you on orders. You may decline to continue on orders.

Diane Thompson (Ext. 2654) of the 439<sup>th</sup> Aerospace Medicine Squadron initiates AF Form 348, provides a medical briefing and coordinates the delivery of medical care.

MSgt. Ann Fluegge (Ext. 3436) of the Military Personnel Flight will brief an affected reservist and forward AF Form 348 to the unit commander, the judge advocate and the wing commander.

The unit commander investigates the circumstances of the case and assists the reservist in gathering and completing documents required to apply for incapacitation pay.

Rose Daigle (Ext. 3880) of Finance provides a pay briefing and processes incapacitation pay requests.



# Patriot Tomahawk gives Wing members v

by Maj. Sally Nutt Morger

Dressed and armed for battle, 222 Westover members deployed in May to a "South Korean" airfield where they endured more than two days of enemy chemical attacks, terrorist snipers, kidnappings, media cameras, and torrential rains ... all while under the scrutiny of 22<sup>nd</sup> Air Force inspectors.

South Korea was actually at Volk Field, Wis., where 894 active, Guard, and Reserve airmen converged for the operational readiness exercise dubbed Patriot Tomahawk. The exercise tested participants' ability to survive and operate in a chemical warfare environment, to provide mission support while deployed, and to deploy, operate and redeploy.

Lead units were the 934<sup>th</sup> AW, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn., and the 911<sup>th</sup> AW, Pittsburgh IAP, Penn. Other Reserve units included the 459<sup>th</sup> AW, Andrews AFB, Md; the 514<sup>th</sup> Mobility Wing, McGuire AFB, N.J.; and the 932<sup>nd</sup> AW, Scott AFB, Ill. The 459<sup>th</sup> AW flew C-141 airlift missions, while the 934<sup>th</sup> and the 911<sup>th</sup> AW provided C-130's. The 375<sup>th</sup> AW, the active-duty host unit at Scott AFB, provided C-9 and C-21 airlift support.



**PERSCO team processes multiple casualty messages. Front- TSgt. Theresa Robert, 439th AW and TSgt. Denise Gerst, 911th AW. Back-MSgt. Bob Fretette, 439th AW and TSgt. Chris Kountz, 911th AW.**  
— photo by Maj. Sally Morger



**MIDNIGHT OIL — Lt. Col. Tommy Tornillo, 73rd AW commander works late into the morning at the combined squadron operations center.**

— photo by Maj. Sally Morger

Beginning on Thursday, May 17, members of the units began arriving at Volk, and just like an air expeditionary force, quickly came together as a team to form a new, provisional unit. The war began early Monday morning, May 21, when North Korean forces unleashed their chemical power, and continued through mid-day on Wednesday, when lack of sleep, stress, and aching body parts tested the good nature and decision making skills of all the players.

And that was the real point of the exercise, according to the 934<sup>th</sup> AW commander, Col. Dean J. Despinoy. "In these exercises, no matter if you have perfect people and the perfect plan. The exercises are designed to wreak havoc."

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Air Force conducts readiness assistance visits (RAVs) like Patriot Tomahawk and began doing so just last year. RAVs provide valuable learning experience and practice to participating units, each of which is chosen to participate because of scheduled Operational Readiness Inspections (ORIs) later the same year.

According to Westover's Resource Manager Lt. Col. Forrest Price, Patriot Tomahawk was a difficult exercise because of scope. "The exercise was a good exposure to an AEF because of working with so many units. There were many lessons learned to apply to the EORI," said Price.

The 439<sup>th</sup>'s five-day expeditionary ORI is scheduled to begin July 30 in Savannah, Ga.

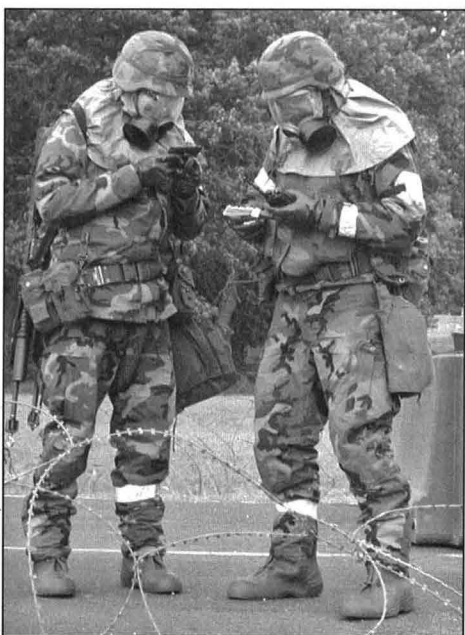


# War-like training



**FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE** — SSgt. Dan Lawlor and SSgt. Andrew Smallidge man the entry control point checking vehicles and personnel as they enter the compound.

— photo by SSgt. Andrew Rietano



**CHECKING IT TWICE** — Members of the 439th AW Security Forces SSgt. Edward Plant and SSgt. Andrew Smallidge conduct a post-attack test for use of simulated nerve agent.

— photo by SSgt. Andrew Rietano



**HEAVY LOAD** — Members of the 911th AW, Pittsburgh IAP, Pa. load a C-130 with supplies for the combined units of the exercise.

## *A view from under the desk*

The MOPP 4 alarm assaults my ears again. Thar she blows, I think. Maybe this will be the last time. My hands fly into their orchestrated dance. Left hand opens mask bag while right hand yanks out mask, lifts it to face. Left pulls mask straps over head while right works the hood. Check air seal. Check my buddy. Dang! We're gettin' good! That was smooth. Don't get cocky Sal. Need to take cover.

I scan the room for a good hiding place here in my war correspondent's office shared with the chaplain and mortuary affairs. The choice spot is under the dead body table but someone else was quicker than me. Maybe I'm not as good as I thought. I'm stuck with the dinky desk where my laptop sits perched, still blinking in the possibly contaminated air. I scramble underneath, noisily banging the metal sides. It's a tight spot. I can't sit up straight. I try kneeling into a crouch but wince when I hit the bruise on my knee, the war wound acquired last night while trudging and tripping through the dark to the command post for the oh-two-hundred shift-change briefing. I am no more graceful now as I yell a muffled "ouch!" and hit my head on the desk. I am 46-years-old, sitting here in a very funny costume, rubbing my injured knee and head, and feeling extremely sorry for myself. I volunteered for this?

"You okay, Major?" I hear the muffled yell from across the room. I look up and see a masked someone who got my spot under the dead body table waving to me. The unmasked man on top of the dead body table is grinning. I give them both a chipper thumbs-up sign.

Time to head outside to sweep for UXOs. My tired bones and heavy gear make it hard to stand, but everyone else is getting up. I can do this, too. Come to think of it, Outward Bound actually charges for this kind of test-yourself fun. And here I am drawing pay. And I'm collecting some good stories to share with my more conventional friends back home. And I'm serving my country. And, oh yeah, this could have been the real thing...

I straighten up, move out the door. I now remember why I volunteered for this.

by Maj. Sally Morger





## Westover salutes Veterans' Memorial Cemetery dedication



**MILITARY SALUTE** — Westover's C-5 (left) roared above the crowd gathered to dedicate the new Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Agawam, Mass. in May. In photo above, older veterans salute during the national anthem. In bottom photo, politicians and community leaders gather around the newly-unveiled memorial plaque to honor Edward Squazza, the 86-year-old retired Agawam farmer who donated the 61 acres for the cemetery.



**Article by Gordon A. Newell**  
**Photos by Gordon A. Newell and SMSgt. Sandi Michon**

As more than 1,000 spectators looked on, a 439<sup>th</sup> C-5A, flying at 1,000 feet, heralded the opening of a dedication ceremony for the new Massachusetts National Veterans Cemetery in Agawam on May 21.

The flyover took place over the 61-acre site that was donated by Edward Squazza, 86, a retired potato farmer from Agawam. To recognize his generosity, the audience stood and collectively rendered a military salute to Squazza.

When completed, the \$7.2 million federally-funded cemetery will have room for 50,000 burial plots, according to Robert C. McKean, director of state Veterans Memorial Cemeteries.

Among the visiting dignitaries were Sen. John F. Kerry, Congressman Richard E. Neal and Anthony J. Principi, U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Representing Westover was 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Commander, Col. Martin M. Mazick, and members of the Westover Honor Guard.

Famed Irish tenor John McDermott sang several selections including a stirring rendition of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

The Westover aircrew assigned to the Flyover included: pilots Lt. Col. Sandy Whittier, Lt. Col. Dave Moore; flight engineers CMSgt. Ken Gilbert and SMSgt. Gary Miller and loadmasters MSgt. Tom Denault and MSgt. Don DeVincenzo.





## Pentagon visitor has high praise for Westover family

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *Westover regularly hosts VIP visits from both the civilian and military community — and frequently receives very positive feedback. The following letter to Col. Martin M. Mazick, wing commander, is a recent example:*

Marty:

Thanks a million for the superb hospitality you and the 439th extended to Mr. Jim Laughlin, Col. Ron Oberbillig, Col. Fred Freeman, and me on our recent visit. The comprehensive mission brief you provided, facilities discussion to include Mr. LaFortune and Mr. Rauhecker, LG maintenance tour, OG tour of the C-5 simulator and aircraft, and base windshield tour with Lt. Col. Jim Joyce helped us better understand all that's on your plate and especially your unique funding, manpower, and C-5 maintenance concerns. Special hats off to Jim Laudenslager for orchestrating our visit. He and his superb Financial Management team do impressive work making the 439th top notch. His folks including Sophie Bartosik offered their

insightful perspective on FM issues in the field. Also appreciated very much the support behind the scenes provided by your admin team. The morning refreshments and luncheon at the "Windows on the Common" were first class! You all really made us feel like part of the family.

Please also extend our personal thanks to Col. Charlie Brown and his Logistics Group team of professionals. The special tour and discussions with the outstanding personnel at the C-5 ISO Dock, Corrosion Control and Fabrication Flight Facilities, Quality Assurance Section, and AF Engineering/Tech Services gave us an immense appreciation for our total force and helps us better articulate our funding, retention, and quality of life requirements. Special thanks to Major Mullen, Major Skomars, CMSgt Drouin, CMSgt. Majors, CMSgt. Rogers, CMSgt. Fetherston, CMSgt. Podkowka, and Mr. Joseph Strouse. It simply amazes us all that our troops are doing, even with thinly stretched resources — they are

truly a force multiplier.

Would also like to recognize the exceptional work of Col. Dave McCarthy and his Operations Group. Special thanks to Col. John Riley, Mr. Carl Smith, and Mr. Robert Stewart for the opportunity to fly the C-5 simulator. The realism was simply awesome and made a lasting impression on Jim Laughlin as "pilot in command." Also enjoyed the tour of the C-5 from nose to tail—truly a national asset with tremendous capability to project force.

Again, please thank your folks for a job exceptionally well done making our visit so successful. The team spirit at Westover is obvious — you and the 439th have a whole lot to be rightfully proud of.

Godspeed and Sincere Best Wishes,

**Donald W. Henney III, Col., USAF**  
Comptroller, Air Force Reserve  
HQ USAF/REC, Pentagon  
Washington, D.C.

## Air Force Reserve announces high-year-of-tenure extension program

by Capt. Wilson Camelo

Westover reservists with a high-year-of-tenure date between June 1, 2001, and Dec. 31, 2002, may request an enlistment extension in the Selected Reserve under a temporary Air Force Reserve Command program designed to attain mission and end-strength objectives.

Unit reservists have until August 5 to make their request and obtain wing commander recommendation, according to SMSgt. Beverly Cote, chief of Personnel Relocations. However, Cote said people should complete it by the July A UTA due to the wing Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection.

Reservist with a HYT date between June 1 and Dec. 31, 2001 may request an additional two years, as long as the extension does not exceed five years or the reservist reaching their 60th birthday.

For those reservists with a HYT date between Jan. 1, 2000, and Dec. 31, 2002, are eligible for a three-year extension, if the extension does not take them past their 60th birthday.

Currently, 30 people here fit the criteria for requesting an extension, according to Cote.

If the Reserve filled a position before June 1, 2001, because of an anticipated vacancy created by an HYT date, the replacement and the reservist eligible for the extension can occupy the same position during the extension period. However, the replacement is not eligible for promotion until the promotion cycle after the extended reservist actually leaves

the position. The extended reservist, who is considered an overage, is not eligible for promotion.

In addition, commanders may assess unit mission needs to determine the viability of returning reservist to service who retired between Oct. 1, 2000, and May 31, 2001, because they reached their HYT. The same terms would apply to returning retirees -- their combined HYT extension cannot be for more than five years, and they cannot extend beyond age 59.

This is the first time HYT extensions are offered to retirees, according to Cote. "We're currently in the process of identifying and notifying recent retirees that fit the extension criteria," she said. "Unit commanders and wing commanders need to justify their return and the AFRC vice commander has final determination and will consider the requests on a case-by-case basis."

The Reserve HYT program, first implemented in January 1989, limits the participation in the Reserve to 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, reservists could conceivably stay in the service for more than 40 years, depending on when they enlisted.

Westover reservists who believe they meet the criteria and have not been notified of the August 5 suspense date should check with their unit or call Personnel Relocations at Ext. 2588.

(Air Force Reserve News Service contributed to this article)





**ROAD TO READINESS** — From tar to concrete, Westover civil engineers paved the way to a successful annual tour at RAF Lakenheath in England in April and May. At left, SMSgt. Dean Pursell drives the paver as (l. to r.) SSgts. Russell Huther and Joshua Hebert and TSgts. Kenneth Crawford and Warren Coleman provide assistance. Above, Pursell and Hebert screed concrete to smooth the surface.

## England tour provides great CE training

Article by SMSgt. Sandi Michon  
Photos by SMSgt. Thomas Galloway

Westover civil engineers headed to England in April and May to hone their skills and provide badly-needed help. Three waves of annual tours brought 111 Westover reservists to RAF Lakenheath from April 20 to the end of May.

"It was great training," said CMSgt. Randy Malek, 439<sup>th</sup> CES Prime BEEF program manager. "The annual tours allow more time to train and provide training on equipment we don't normally get to use," he said.

According to Malek, Lakenheath personnel were thrilled to have skilled help. He said there is a civil engineering personnel shortage throughout the Air Force and AEF deployments further reduce a steady workforce. "Our reservists helped them catch up with their work orders. We did things they never would have gotten to," Malek said.

TSgt. Robert Leisenfelder, 439<sup>th</sup> CES power production craftsman, helped troubleshoot a generator that had been down for more than two years. During his annual tour, he tore down the generator, figured out the problem, and furnished a parts list and repair plan.

Westover's heavy equipment operators need the skills to provide rapid runway repair, and the England tour provided ample training as they were able to run a rubber-tire excavator to repave several areas. SMSgt. Dean Pursell drives a paver in his civilian job, so he was able to provide training to the active duty folks at Lakenheath, as well as to fellow Westover personnel.

While Westover doesn't have aircraft arresting barriers used for fighter aircraft, the Lakenheath tour provided training on that equipment. If deployed to an area with fighters, Westover's power productions craftsmen would have to be familiar with the machinery.

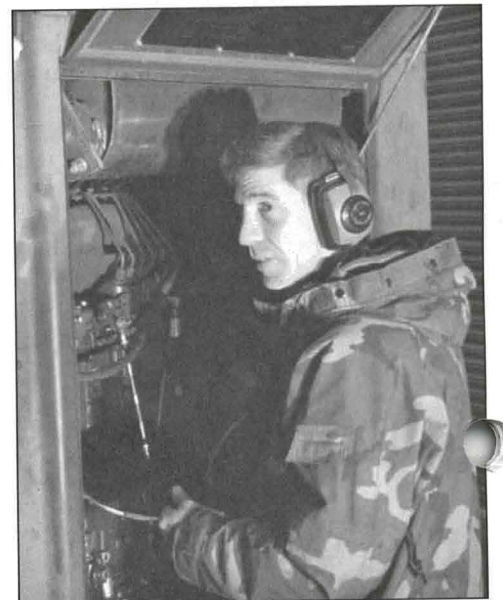
Westover firefighters got a lot of experience responding to aircraft emergencies as multiple F-15 sorties fly out of Lakenheath in support of Northern Watch. They responded to more than 100 structural emergencies, 10 in-flight emergencies and 21 medical emergencies. They also provided hazardous-materials training.

In addition to the firefighting section and readiness section, Westover sent personnel from 11 specific craft fields such as heating and air conditioning, electrical, structural, liquid fuels, utilities and operations.

The commander at Lakenheath was impressed with the level of experience in our unit, and also with our work ethic," Malek said.



**MORE POWER** — Westover's power production craftsmen train in England. In top photo, TSgt. Richard Sandman (r.) explains the aircraft arresting barrier equipment to CMSgt. Joseph Cullen. Below, TSgt. Robert Leisenfelder troubleshoots an long-broken generator.





## Patriot People

**Name:** Jim Dupuis  
**Rank:** SSgt.  
**Age:** 27 years  
**Address:** Glens Falls, NY  
**Unit:** 439th Security Forces Squadron  
**Position:** Combat Arms instructor  
**Civilian position:** Student  
**Favorite food:** Chicken Parmesan  
**Years of service:** 8  
**Favorite sport:** Basketball  
**Favorite hobby:** Trivia  
**Ideal vacation:** Tropical climate  
**Best way to relax:** Sleeping  
**Preferred entertainment:** Watching movies, listening to music  
**Favorite hero:** My Father--Gordon  
**Favorite music:** Everything  
**Favorite movie:** Mel Gibson movies  
**Favorite aircraft:** B-52  
**Pet peeve:** Snow--northern climate  
**What I would do if I won \$1 million:**  
 Donate it all to the starving children of the world



Photo by MSgt. W.C. Pope

SSgt. Jim Dupuis

## Patriot Praises

### Enlistments:

SSgt. Cadran, Bryan J.  
 SSgt. King, David P.  
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 A1C Lopes, Shawn M.  
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AB Hayward, Justin W.  
 AB McGrath, John J. III  
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 SSgt. Scaff, Dawn E.  
 SrA. Bishins, Timothy R.  
 SrA. Blanchard, Nickolas C.  
 SrA. Jump, Michael R.  
 SrA. Lucia, Jason E.  
 SrA. Wilson, Sophia C.

### Retirements:

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 Lt. Col. McPherson, Paul R.

Maj. Schnepf, Kathleen J.  
 CMSgt. Mackey, George F.  
 CMSgt. Pratt, Robert L.  
 SMSgt. McGee, Kirk A.  
 MSgt. Archibald, David A.  
 MSgt. Austin, William W., Jr.  
 MSgt. Dumont, Eugene M.  
 MSgt. Hoagland, George L.  
 MSgt. Lloyd, Kenneth A.

MSgt. Silcott, Vance S.  
 MSgt. Toomey, William F.  
 TSgt. Dube, George W.  
 TSgt. Dudley, Scott D.  
 TSgt. Lambert, Raymond E.  
 TSgt. McDonough, Thomas G.  
 TSgt. Rossi, Stephen A.  
 SSgt. Dolan, George P.

## Awards and Decorations

### Meritorious Service Medal

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| SMSgt. Frederick D. Fraini | 439 ALCF |
| SMSgt. Gregory P. Morin    | 439 ALCF |
| MSgt. Victoria L. Bolton** | 85 APS   |
| MSgt. William H. Ford      | 85 APS   |
| TSgt. Thomas B. Perkins    | 439ASTS  |

### Air Force Commendation Medal

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| SMSgt. Robert N. Knutson     | 85 APS   |
| MSgt. William W. Austin, Jr. | 85 APS   |
| TSgt. Alexander J. Cotton**  | 439 ALCF |
| TSgt. Julie A. Kycia         | 439OSS   |
| TSgt. Raymond E. Lambert     | 85APS    |
| TSgt. Robert J. McGraw, Jr.  | 439 MSS  |
| TSgt. Gary F. Sanderson**    | 439 ALCF |
| TSgt. Mark G. Seitz**        | 439 SPTG |
| TSgt. John L. Szafko         | 439 ALCF |
| SSgt. George P. Dolan        | 85 APS   |

### Air Force Achievement Medal

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Maj. Arvin H. Chin | 722 ASTS |
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# Wing to hold Employer Appreciation Days in October

by Gordon A. Newell

The 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing will once again conduct Employer Appreciation Days during both UTA's in October.

Reservists are encouraged to invite their boss to the base to foster a better understanding of what they do when they put on their uniforms. In addition to observing reservists doing their military jobs, employers will also be treated to an orientation flight aboard a Westover C-5A.

Col. Martin M. Mazick, commander of the 439th AW, will host employers at breakfast at the Westover Club to kick off the day's activities.

"This is a perfect opportunity for our reservists to share our mission with their civilian employer and help bolster his/her support for what you do for your country. We always have a great turnout, so I ask you to nominate your boss early," he said.

Reservists who normally drill on the A UTA should ask their boss to be here Oct. 13 while B UTA reservists may invite their employer for Oct. 27.

Employers should be instructed to arrive at the Westover Club by 8 a.m. for registration. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. Reservists may attend the breakfast with their boss but must pay for their own meal. Employers are guests of the wing commander.

The orientation flight is scheduled for approximately 10:30 a.m. and will last for about 90 minutes. Following lunch, employ-

ers will be given the chance to observe and field exercise in the Dogpatch area then may visit their reservist's on-base workstation.

Reservists are allowed to bring just one supervisor. Only reservists assigned to the flight crew will be permitted to take part in the

orientation flight.

To make reservations, fill out the application that appears on this page and return it to the Public Affairs office.

Further information is available at (413) 557-3500. Fax number is (413) 557-2011.

## EMPLOYER APPRECIATION DAY

Reservist's name, rank and unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Reservist's home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Reservist's daytime telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's name and title: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's company name: \_\_\_\_\_

Breakfast for employer: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Breakfast for reservist: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of UTA:

Oct. 13 ( A UTA ) \_\_\_\_\_ Oct. 27 ( B UTA ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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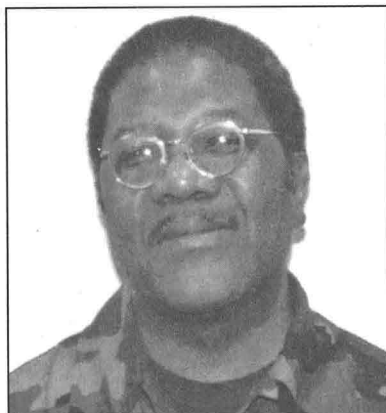
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