

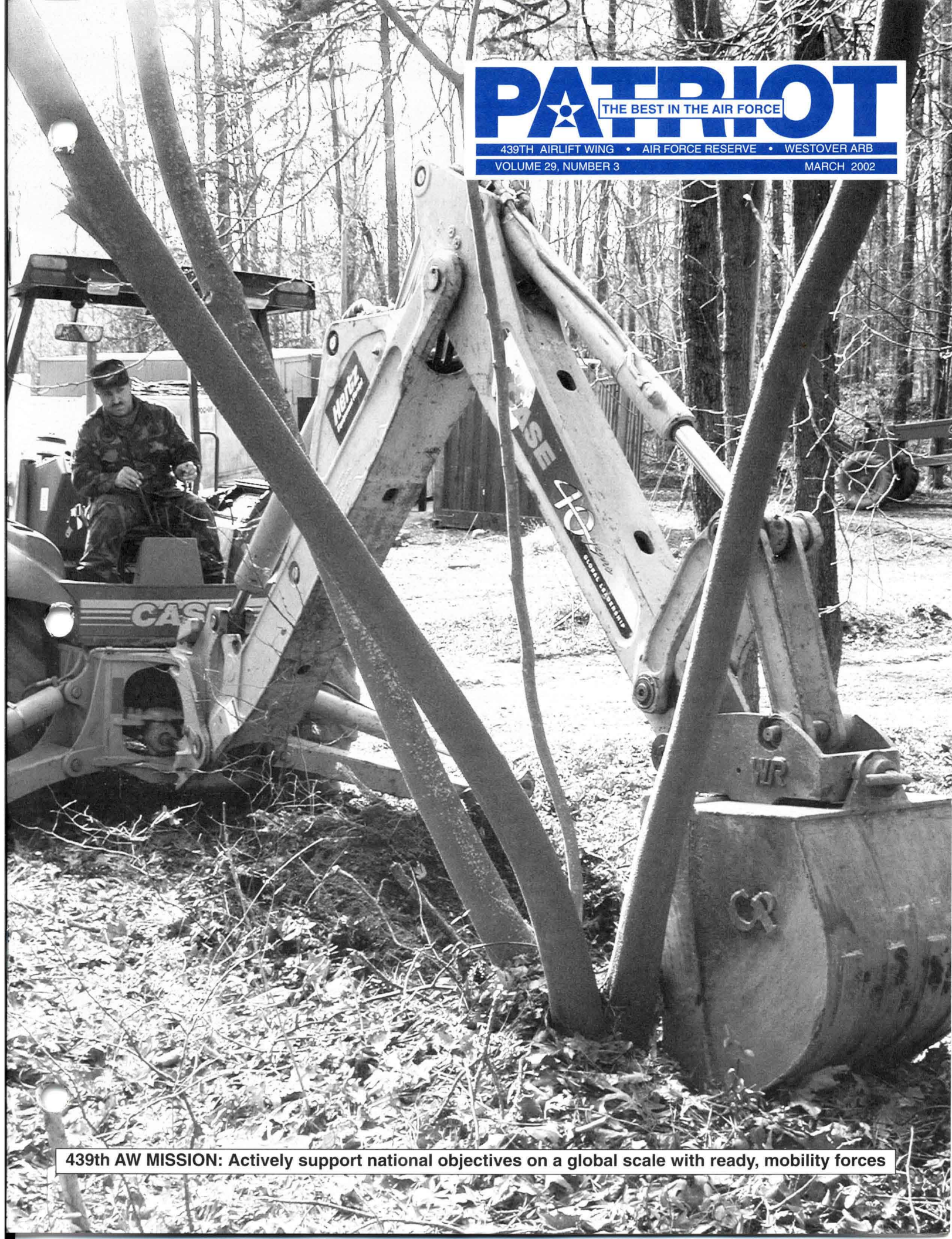
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Veteran area chaplain dies

Msgr. Rosario L.U. Montcalm, a veteran Catholic chaplain who served Westover and western Massachusetts, died on Feb. 4.

Montcalm, 89, died at Holyoke Hospital.

He was commissioned in the Air Force in 1943. His career took him all over the world for the next two decades. Montcalm served in France, Germany, the Pacific and at Westover for the Eighth Air Force of Strategic Air Command in 1957. In 1963, he became command chaplain at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. He retired from the Air Force as a colonel in 1965.

Chaplain (Capt.) William Wiecher, who has been at Westover for three years, reflected on the loss of Montcalm.

"He was a fantastic person," Wiecher said. "He was an individual pillar of faith and faithfulness. He was an officer in every way and was a hard worker, but humble in doing so."

Montcalm, who lived in South Hadley, was born in Worcester in 1912. He attended a grammar school in Holyoke before enrolling at seminaries in Quebec and Baltimore, Md. He was ordained in Springfield in 1936. From 1936 to 1942, he was stationed at St. Joseph's Church in Worcester, and then moved to Precious Blood Church in Holyoke until 1943. Montcalm was called to active duty on Aug. 18, 1943.

After his retirement from the Air Force, Montcalm continued his profession as a volunteer chaplain at Westover for many more years. He was pastor of St. John's Church in Millers Falls until 1967. He then was transferred to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Holyoke, where he served until 1984.

Montcalm served as the Diocesan Consultor, the Diocesan Scouting Chaplain, and the Diocesan Director of Hospitals, all for the Diocese of Springfield. He retired from the Active Pastorate in 1984. His involvement in the community also included membership in the Air Force Association, Rotary International, and the Catholic Hospital Association.

A concelebrated Mass was held on Feb. 9 in the Sacred Heart Church in Holyoke. Burial followed at Notre Dame Cemetery in South Hadley.

Wiecher said he would remember Montcalm as someone always responsive to his congregation.

"I remember him coming in with his need to be here with the men and women of the community," Wiecher said. "For his age to see that kind of love and inspiration is a model for me as a younger chaplain."

Memorial donations may be made to College of Our Lady of the Elms, 291 Springfield St., Chicopee, Mass., 01013, or to the Foundation of the Diocese of Springfield, 65 Elliot St., Springfield, 01101-1730.

Briefs

Civilian employees C-5 flight planned

Civilian employees of Westover (excluding contractors) will have the opportunity to fly aboard a Westover C-5A on May 16.

The 439th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office will compile a first-served, first-served list of those who wish to take part. Please call either 557-3500 or 557-2020 to reserve a seat. The flight will last approximately 90 minutes.

Family support needs child care volunteers

The Family Support Center is seeking non-military individuals who could provide daycare/nightcare/drop-in care for reserve/mobilized personnel who need assistance.

The center staff will need information to include name, home address, work and home phone numbers, and available hours.

If interested, please call 557-3024 or reply by return email to Linda. Reith@westover.af.mil.

Reserve band to arrive at Westover on April 10

The Band of the United States Air Force Reserve will arrive at Westover ARB on April 10 for a five-day concert tour. The band's Bagpipes, Dixieland Band, Brass Quintet, and rock group Reserve Generation, will perform at area high schools, malls, hospitals and other public venues. A block party is planned for April 12 at the Westover Club. More information will be available on the base web page and in the *Patriot* as soon as it becomes available.

April UTA Schedule A UTA April 6-7 B UTA April 20-21

Cover Photo

PULLING UP ROOTS — SSgt. Moises Zanazanian, 439th CE heavy equipment operator, up-roots a tree while working on a field training area at Dobbins ARB, Ga. in January.

(see article on pages 10-11)
—photo by SMSgt. Sandi Michon

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Tragedy besets 439th AMDS again

Death of 16-year veteran sends shock, disbelief through clinic

by SSgt. Andrew Biscoe

The sudden death of TSgt. Felicia Marshall sent the men and women of the 439th Aerospace Medicine Squadron into shock and disbelief on Feb. 2.

This was the squadron's second loss within two months. SSgt. Theodore Brown, was fatally stabbed on Dec. 5 in Springfield.

CMSgt. George Kudla, AMDS medical administrator superintendent, said Marshall, 40, was attending a family event in Springfield when she died. An autopsy was scheduled in early February to determine the cause of death.

While the tragedies of the two deaths have been painful enough for the squadron, they are also ironic. Both Marshall and Brown worked at the front desk of the clinic. Squadron members said Marshall personally consoled Joyce Brown, the wife of the slain staff sergeant, following the December tragedy.

"She told Mrs. Brown, 'I'm here for you,'" said SMSgt. Charles Whittington, Marshall's supervisor, adding to the disbelief that overtook clinic personnel during the February "A" UTA. "This is a shocker. A lot of emotion is going

through the unit. We are a close unit."

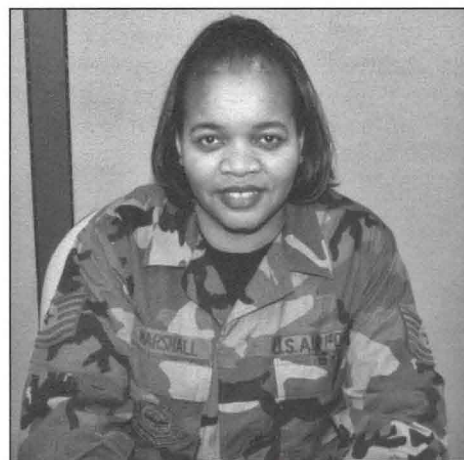
Marshall worked at the clinic for 16 years. With her primary job as customer service, Whittington said Marshall was tailor-made for the demands of the job.

Some, like Kudla, tried to keep the positive memories of Marshall fresh in their minds. The chief remembered her as an avid card player. "She was the meanest card player in history," Kudla said, as he recalled her competitive side. "She beat me a couple of times."

Marshall's people skills ideally suited her for the job at the clinic, Kudla said. "She was a people kind of person," he said. "Everybody liked to work with her on the 'B' weekend. She was just part of us. Felicia and I went on more annual tours than anyone else."

AMDS Acting Commander Col. Ronald Coffey noted the sympathy shown by the wing, which included two visits on Feb. 3 to the clinic from Westover Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Richard Miesel. "We appreciate the support we have had from everyone," Coffey said. "She was full of life ... a very, very loved woman. (Felicia) was a happy spirit ... and very close with Ted and his wife."

Marshall lived in Springfield and had



TSgt. Felicia Marshall

an adopted son, Tyler, 12. She also leaves her husband, Kenyatta Mayanga.

Whittington reflected on the near back-to-back loss of Brown and Marshall.

"It was hard enough with Ted," he said, shaking his head. "We're just going to miss them. It's hard to replace good people."



PATRIOTS' PATRIOTS — Activated reservists from the New Hampshire Air National Guard and Westover's 439th Airlift Wing gathered between their aircraft at an overseas location in late January to show which Super Bowl team had their support.

— Associated Press photo

Everything comes up green for 42nd aerial porters

by A1C Tom Ouellette

A Westover unit is seeing green.

The 42nd Aerial Port Squadron performed well during its recent three-day Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection at Pope Air Force Base, N.C. in January.

"In the 20 years I've been here, this is the best score we ever had," said CMSgt. John F. Szewc, the NCOIC during the EORI.

EORI's give grades of "green," meaning mission ready, or "red," meaning not mission ready.

Passing the EORI means that the 42nd APS effectively demonstrated the ability to perform all necessary tasks to sustain worldwide mobility operations.

"This is what we train for, to show we are combat ready. It's a great feeling and it's rewarding to pass. It indicates our quality," said Lt. Col. Jim Carey, 42nd APS commander.

To receive the EORI's satisfactory grade, the aerial porters were challenged with processing and moving 315 tons of cargo over 146 missions.

"That's a lot of missions, it says a lot," said Szewc.

"Looking at the volume of weight the 42nd had to move--it's impressive," added SMSgt. Bruce L. Westcott, the 42nd's senior air reserve technician.

Carey indicated the positive results could be attributed to work ethic of the aerial porters.

"They have been training hard for over two years. They did well," said Carey.

The EORI's Officer-In-Charge, Maj. Tom Clark, stressed that the work was a total team effort.

"At an EORI, management has the choice to select the best 33 members for inspection. We chose to have every member inspected," said Clark.

Fifty-two men and women participated. Clark said they all excelled.

Proving proficient in the EORI wasn't the only goal accomplished by the 42nd APS during their recent annual tour at Pope AFB.

Others highlights include:

- All 33 participants in the EORI's ability to survive and operate (ATSO) in hostile conditions component passed.
- TSgt. Michael J. Downs was personally recognized as an "exceptional performer." Downs received honors because of his professionalism, high expertise and ability to respond to inspectors questions in a high stressed operational," said Clark.
- Six members graduated from a two-week training course on the 60K Tunnar aircraft loader. TSgt Daniel Breckenridge, TSgt David K. Henrickson, TSgt Joseph Niemic, SrA. Michael D. Rogers, SSgt John P. Skaza III and TSgt Robert Stefaniak all qualified. Breckenridge, Niemic, Rogers and Stefaniak were honor graduates, said Clark.

Carey, referring to the aerial porters bright red ballcaps, said, "All we see is green. The only red to see is their hats."



MAN DOWN — TSgt. Terry Lovett checks his Airman's Manual while kneeling over TSgt. Jesse White. SrA. Frank Lalli, another member of the sweep team, carries White's equipment.

— photo by SMSgt. Scott Reed, 42 APS

A letter of thanks from John D. Winkler, deputy assistant secretary to the assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs

Dear Colonel Mazick,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you and the outstanding members of the 439th Airlift Wing for hosting me during your drill weekend on December 1, 2001. I truly enjoyed my visit and learned a lot about the Air Force Reserve. I especially enjoyed the opportunity to tour the ramp and hangars, as well as the C-5 simu-

lator. It is clear to me that the dedication and spirit of the men and women at Westover exhibit the finest traditions of our military today. They are great Americans and their service to our Nation is much appreciated.

You and your airmen have helped me gain additional insight about our Reserve components and the day-to-day effort at the unit level that contributes to our national defense. I look forward to future dealings with the Air

Force Reserve. If there is anything I can do to return the favor of your hospitality, please call my action officer, Lieutenant Colonel Gary Crone at 703-693-7481.

John D. Winkler
Deputy Assistant Secretary
(Manpower and Personnel)

Westover supports Olympic security Guard mission

Article and photo
by Capt. Wilson Camelo

With the help of Westover reservists, more than 700 Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Virginia Army National Guard soldiers are now in Salt Lake City, Utah, on a mission to provide security support at the XIX Winter Olympic Games.

The soldiers flew out from Westover Jan. 26, and are part of the estimated 4,500 service members providing support to the 2002 Olympic and Paralympic Games, which run Feb. 8-24 and March 7-17 respectively.

Getting the soldiers to Salt Lake efficiently required a geographically-convenient location with facilities large enough to stage the troops, aircraft and equipment. It also required people with the necessary expertise to get the job done right the first time.

Enter Westover, and the men and women of the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron, who processed the soldiers and equipment, and 439th Airlift Wing Plans Office who planned the missions.

For the 42nd APS, it was a job for which they were amply qualified to perform. The unit recently concluded its Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection at Pope AFB, N.C., where at nearby Fort Bragg they processed Army troops onto civilian aircraft. (See article on previous page.)

"It was like we never left Pope (AFB)," said Maj. Jim Finneran, 42nd APS ATOC officer in charge.

While the mission of loading Army troops onto civilian aircraft was a bit déjà vu for the unit, it was still a labor-intensive job because each soldier could bring up to 450 pounds and was allowed three bags.

For SSgt. John Skaza, one of about 30 42nd APS airmen supporting the mission, the assignment was a rewarding experience. "We were just doing the job we're trained to do. But it was my first time doing a real mission since (the attacks of) 9-11. It was definitely nice to be a part of this job and it made me feel like I was working for a cause."



OLYMPIC LINEUP — Army National Guardsmen wait at Westover to board an aircraft bound for the Olympics in Salt Lake City.

The sentiment of being satisfied about finally being able to contribute to U.S. defense, post-9/11, was shared by many.

"We have good esprit de corps and morale is very good in my unit," said Connecticut Army National Guard Command Sgt. Maj. Todd Smith. He said many in his unit expressed satisfaction in being a part of homeland defense and the unit is ready to go. "We've undergone some cold weather training, were briefed on rules of engagement and will get additional training in Utah. We're ready

and happy we can finally go do something."

The Olympic support mission is the first deployment for Pfc. Samuel Gonzalez of the Connecticut Army National Guard. He was at technical school in Alabama during the terrorist attacks and graduated on Sept. 18.

"After 9/11, I felt a lot of pride in my decision to join the Army and in my uniform. It's great to be part of something like this, especially since it's an international event. I'm excited; but a little nervous, too," he said.

Westover plays its part in Operation Enduring Freedom

Article and photos by MSgt. Tom Allocco

Operation Enduring Freedom is rolling because Westover men and women, those activated and volunteers, are in place worldwide, moving cargo, maintaining aircraft, flying and performing other support missions from finance to intelligence.



PRE-FLIGHT — MSgt. Ron performs a pre-flight check of the C-5 inertial navigation system during an Enduring Freedom mission.

Some of them recently received personal greetings from home. In January, Col. Martin M. Mazick, wing commander, and an aircrew under aircraft commander Lt. Col. Sandy, flew missions to two locations where they met aerial porters and intelligence specialists who are among Westover's overseas Enduring Freedom teams. Sharing the community support back home, they delivered a poster and letters from area school children.

MSgt. Mike, SrA. Dixie and

SrA. Roland of the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron were serving as volunteers at an airfield where Enduring Freedom cargo moves on and off C-5s, C-17s and C-130s day and night.

SrA. Roland was working the graveyard shift in fleet services from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. MSgt. Mike was ramp dispatch crew chief and he and SrA. Dixie were both driving 10K forklifts on icy ramps during the 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. shift.

Because of the 439th Airlift Wing's tasking in Enduring Freedom, they frequently see C-5 aircrews. It's nice to see a part of home, to see that Patriot Wing on the tail," SrA. Dixie said.

Along with greetings from home, the wing commander brought the aerial porters the first word that the 42nd APS had more than proven themselves in the recent ORI deployment to Pope AFB, N.C.

The three aerial porters arrived in November for a 90-day tour when the active-duty aerial porters were stretched thin.

"I was surprised at how many different units are here. When we first got here there were no parking spaces on the ramp. As soon as a spot opened up, it got filled. The workload required incredible 14-hour days," MSgt. Mike said.

The job is made harder by winter weather. "We've had five inches of snow since we got here, rain and sleet. We're 'all weather aerial porters,'" she said.

They've been bolstered by the support of the community outside their overseas base. An active-duty airman said local people use the term "we" and not "you" when speaking of victims of the September 11 attack, and laid flowers and lit candles at the gate.

"We first stayed off-base and our landlord served us breakfast. She went out of her way to accommodate us. She knew we worked 12 hours," MSgt. Mike said.

She worked the graveyard shift on Thanksgiving Day. One of the active duty people made turkey and ham and the aerial porters ate it in their break room. She worked Christmas and missed that holiday meal, but had five days off for New Year's.

"The hardest part is being away from my family," said SrA. Dixie of Gill, Mass., who stays in touch by e-mail.

MSgt. Mike has a wife and two adult sons in Charlestown, N.H. The best part of being deployed was spending time with his two grandchildren and his son, a technical sergeant who is an F-15 armaments specialist stationed a train ride away.

The aerial porters were also witness to the price of combating terrorism when they witnessed ceremonies for Army Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Chapman, the first U.S. fatal combat casualty, when he was air-



COMMUNITY SUPPORT — Col. Martin M. Mazick, wing commander, (right) presents a poster showing support from 4th graders of St. Michael's School, Exeter, N.H. to aerial porters MSgt. Mike and SrA. Dixie who are serving a 90-day tour overseas.

lifted home.

Capt. Peter and CMSgt. Lawrence are serving 90-day tours at another base, providing intelligence briefings to aircrews in support of Enduring Freedom and Fundamental Justice.

They are billeted on-base in housing in which everyone is doubled. From their balcony they can hear the Islam call to prayer and see a snow-covered mountain range.

C-17 and C-141 aircrews conduct staging operations out of the location, swapping aircraft from tired to fresh crews. The host country flies F-4s and transport aircraft and British RAF tankers and reconnaissance aircraft also use the base.

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Life of a C-5 crewmember is not all that glamorous

by MSgt. Tom Allocco

Soldiers are getting mail, airmen are getting spare parts, mechanics are tools and people are getting food because Westover aircrews are doing their job. The successes in Afghanistan, that put terrorists behind wire or on the run seemed to come fast, but in reality were built patiently pallet by pallet. Many of them are being delivered every day by 337th Airlift Squadron aircrews.

In early January, a typical aircrew left Westover on a mission scheduled for five days that stretched into seven. Aircraft commander Lt. Col. Sandy led a crew of 11, in aircraft call sign Reach Rome 2, getting close enough to the tip of the Enduring Freedom spear to qualify for a combat zone tax break.

The mission started with a briefing, a three-hour exacting sequence of pre-flight checks by flight engineers and loadmasters while Lt. Col. Sandy and pilots, Maj. William and Maj. William plotted waypoints along the route and talked to meteorologists.

The mission was no different than many the aircrew has performed since Sept. 11. The difference was that Col. Martin M. Mazick, wing commander, was the fourth pilot in the aircrew. For the pilots, loadmasters and flight engineers who have been activated since Oct. 17, the inclusion of the wing commander would not make the mission any less a test of endurance.

Seven days on the road is 168 hours of eating fast food, getting dehydrated breathing recirculated air at 30,000 feet, cat napping in foam seats, tormenting your circadian rhythm across time zones, hitting a billeting bed at

noon and staring a workday at midnight, calling for a crew bus, waiting for crew buses, waiting for paperwork at billeting, looking for the dining hall, and "bag dragging" your possessions up and down a ladder.

"It's seven days of some memorable times, like everybody chipping in to buy a ham to cook in the aircrew oven that somehow really comes out delicious. It's seven days of confinement with 10 other people in a space 41 footsteps from the former navigator's seat to the rear bulkhead, and a walkway a little more than a shoulder's width wide.

In the words of SMSgt. Garth, who wears a tab denoting 7,000 hours of flying time, "still think the life of an aircrew member is glamorous?" The question arose shortly crew members were awakened to be told of a change in schedule. "Oh, it's a glamorous profession. Where else can you get woke up at 3:30 and told to go back to sleep until 6, you don't really have to go to work?"

"People at work think it's a vacation," cracked MSgt. Rich. He started the mission by heating a can of stew in the aircrew oven for supper. "I didn't think you were allowed to start eating out of a can before leaving home station," the wing commander kidded.

The first long leg of the mission started with a 2:30 p.m. telephone alert to be ready for the bus in 45 minutes. Over the next 21 hours, the aircrew crossed an ocean and delivered cargo on two continents.

The "workday" ended in the military hotel of a host nation. There were two narrow beds to a room and a cranky heating system, but everyone was glad to avoid the fate of other aircrews in "tent city." It was good just to be

someplace that wasn't enveloped in the roar and vibration of four engines.

During the mission TSgt. John, a Massachusetts corrections officer, was thinking of his wife and two sons and a daughter at home in New Salem. Instead of being with them on Thanksgiving Day, he had a slice of the turkey cooked in a C-5A aircrew oven.

MSgt. Ron left home on a mission the day after Thanksgiving and wasn't back to his family for three weeks. He did his Christmas shopping for his wife and three children, ages 6 to 13, on the road.

"It's tough on the six-year-old. When I was gone three weeks he asked my wife if I was dead," he said. After a week at home, he was back on a mission on December 26.

He can't remember how many missions he has been on. By far, the toughest are the "stage" missions. A crew flies to one of a number of worldwide Enduring Freedom staging locations, passes its plane to a fresh crew and awaits assignment to another C-5.

Seven days - almost within the hour - after departing, Lt. Col. Sandy's aircrew and Reach Romeo 2 landed at home station and taxied to a parking spot. As they did one last bag drag and loaded gear on a crew bus, they could see another crew a few spots away pre-flighting their C-5A for a similar Enduring Freedom mission.

Somewhere soldiers were going to get their mail and airmen their spare parts delivered by a fresh aircrew. The tired Westover went home to be with their families and await the next call to help assure the success of Enduring Freedom pallet by pallet.

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"Until you see it, you don't appreciate the number of units involved. We are one part of a big effort. This is a serious war effort," Capt. Peter said.

In the intelligence shop where he and CMSgt. Lawrence work, duplicate copies of the October 8 Stars and Stripes with the bold headline "America Hits Back" are displayed on many desks as reminders of why they are there.

"Obviously there is mission focus here. What we do is serious work in all aspects and is taken very seriously by aircrews, and they listen very carefully to what we say because it's their life hanging in the balance," Capt. Peter said.

His overseas tour has given him a renewed appreciation for the maintenance specialists, aerial porters and others who together make up the airlift team.

"The aircrews are going all the time at 100 percent effort...the aircrews are one part of this whole team effort, part of the larger pic-

ture," he said.

"Family Support is assures my wife that she has a support network. It offers peace of mind that she can call and be helped out," he said.

CMSgt. Lawrence follows world news on CNN, Stars and Stripes and an English language paper published in a nearby city.

"It's a good learning experience. This is what we train for. Now is the time to put that training to use," CMSgt. Lawrence said.

Capt. Peter said the job is made easier by the belief that the whole nation is behind the effort. "It's understood that if you wear the uniform, you are part of the fight and there is a 100 percent support behind the mission," he said.

The sentiment was echoed in school children's letters delivered by the aircrew. In the words of Jacob, "I wish you did not have to fight. I love that you are fighting for us and am happy that you are fighting for our freedom."

2001 Stakeholders Report Executive Summary

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

Mission:

The 439th Airlift Wing will actively support national objectives on a global scale with ready, mobile forces.

Stakeholders:

Priorities for 2001 were Readiness, Recruiting and Retention, One Standard, Quality of Life Improvement and Infrastructure Improvement. Stakeholders include: 439 AW members and their families, Westover tenant units, Griffin Services Inc, Galaxy Community Council, State of Massachusetts, 22nd Air Force (22AF), 21st Air Force (21AF), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Tanker Airlift Control Center, Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC), Air Mobility Command (AMC), Air Combat Command (ACC), United States Transportation Command, Air Force Material Command, United States Strategic Command, Air Force Space Command, United States Southern Command, Air Force Electronic Systems Command, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), United States Customs Service, Defense Accounting and Finance Services, Air National Guard, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and National Command Authorities.

Milestones:

We started off 2001 with our 42APS folks supporting the Army Logistics and Ground Base Electro-Optical Deep Space Surveillance equipment from Westover to Hawaii. Our ASTS personnel performed hospital services/training at Keesler AFB, MS and in Germany they teamed with active duty people processing over 20 inbound and outbound aero-medical missions. We hosted the AF On-Scene Commanders Course where wing and other 22AF base members learned skills in crisis management.

In **February**, a cooperative humanitarian effort between the 439th and the Rotary International of Hingham, Mass. airlifted 2 fire trucks, medical equipment and other supplies to Honduras. Twenty-four of our 42APS folks received real world training by processing 216 aircraft during a tour at Yokota AB in Japan, and our recruiters kicked off a "Groundhog Shadow Day" program where 200 high school students shadowed Westover workers.

Westover folks were on center stage in **March** at the Air Force Reserve Public Affairs Conference in Georgia, when our PA staff won or placed in 8 of the 12 eligible categories in the AFRC Print Media Contest. A Community Action Information Board was formed to

serve as a forum to resolve all issues affecting our reservists and their families.

In **April**, we hosted an Inactive Ready Reserve Muster for over 100 Individual Ready Reserve members leading to 30 recruiting leads for the wing. More than 100 of our CES folks headed to England to assist the active duty and train on equipment they would use in wartime. Our AES folks supported 2 separate Joint Field Training Exercises in Korea and Thailand, while our 58APS performed annual tour in Arkansas.

Once again, in **May**, Westover people demonstrated their readiness expertise: we hosted the 12th annual Team Yankee exercise with more than 600 joint service members striving for realism in a mass casualty exercise that honed medical, patient care, and survival skills; 222 battle-ready 439th members deployed to Volk Field, Wisc, for the

Patriot Tomahawk ORE, where they endured more than two days of enemy chemical attacks, terrorist snipers, kidnappings, media cameras and torrential rains. This exercise tested our ability to survive and operate in a chemical environment, to provide mission support while deployed, and to deploy, operate and redeploy. We also held our first annual Fitness Challenge to encourage esprit de corps among the squadrons. The wing gathered as a whole in a ceremony to remember fallen comrades and honor 68 recent retirees.

In **June**, 30 civic leaders were taken on a 2-day trip to Colorado led by our wing commander. Westover welcomed the Army Reserve's 226th Transportation Railway Operating Co. as our 11th tenant unit. The 58th APS deployed to Guam for another annual tour; the AMDS headed to Azores, and the ASTS performed

a special humanitarian tour at the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

In **July**, our AMDS/ASTS were named outstanding medical squadrons in AFRC while individual honors were earned at both the command and NAF level – this from 32 units across the country. A Westover aircrew transported a WWII-era rail car, used as a prisoner of war troop train from France to the Air Force Museum in Ohio. Wing members answered the call in two back-to-back AMC IG exercises demonstrating the ability to generate aircraft, and process and deploy 60 personnel and cargo to operate in a simulated overseas environment. The wing received numerous accolades from inspectors and an "excellent" rating for our Initial Response.

In **August**, hundreds of aerial porters from around the country converged on Westover to participate in Patriot Tiger, a biennial four-week exercise to test military readiness to deploy troops and equipment. Our aerial port, services, and security forces personnel also supported this exercise. Some of our security forces folks participated in computer-simulated tactical exercise in Korea, and once again, our medical units hosted a Veterans' Stand Down providing medical care



SAME DAY SERVICE—Within hours of terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, a Westover crew airlifted search and rescue teams, with 72 people and 37 tons of cargo across the country.

— photo by TSgt. Bob Serricchio

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and attention to 400 local veterans.

September began with food, clowns, activities, and a nod to our families at the Family Day celebration. Galaxy Community Council volunteers cooked so our reservists could enjoy the day with their families. Just three days later, base security tightened after the Sept. 11 terror attacks. A Westover crew airlifted a 72-person FEMA disaster unit from CA to NJ that evening, in support of the America's initial response to the attacks. At a force protection level not even reached during Desert Shield/Storm, several local military and civilian police agencies volunteered to assist in securing our assets, while 41 of our security forces reservists were activated. Our supply personnel started the process of X-raying all packages delivered on base. Two members of the 58APS filled active duty short falls for AEFs in Saudi Arabia. Some of our ASTS folks performed an operational tour in Hawaii to transport patients throughout the Pacific theater.

Operation Enduring Freedom called up 903 combined aircrew and maintenance personnel early October. Several others displayed the Patriot spirit and volunteered to help where needed. Senator Kennedy and Congressman Neal and our Chicopee Mayor Kos came to the base to thank the reservists and pledged to support them. Despite the world situation, we earned goodwill with our Employer Appreciation day and hosted 20 civilian employers of base reservists. Our Family Support Center, USO and Retiree Activities office moved in with our chaplains to provide a one-stop Community Support Center. Our recruiters celebrated their best year of the past decade with 330 enlistments. Our aerial port squadrons hosted the first 60K "Tunner" K-loader class for all of 22AF.

November brought more activations for our security folks. We deployed our first team of maintenance folks on a 60-day tour to provide real world support overseas. Our retirees volunteered to check ID cards at building entry points around the base. Our MWR committee worked hard to put together programs to support our activated personnel: a "Diamond Room" in Bldg 5102 to support those on swing shift with food and computer access; the establishment of the "Cyber Café" in our club to be used as an alternative with computers, video games and books to read; and an outdoor skating rink. Our annual Veterans Day ceremony was held during a wing training assembly honoring our nation's veterans.

We ended the year in December with five aircrew members receiving AMC recognition for logging more than 10,000 accident-free flying hours. We deployed a maintenance team on a 90-day real world support tour. The wing hosted the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs (Manpower and Personnel) for an orientation visit with us during the UTA affording him an opportunity to address members of the wing, and a representative from the Defense Advisory Committee On Women In The Service interviewed several base personnel as a voice to the Secretary of Defense. Due to the high number of CCAF graduates (28), the wing received a Pitsenbarger Scholarship from the Air Force Association for a wing member pursuing a bachelor's degree. Over 100 toys were donated to families in need via our Community Support Centers Xmas Angel program and just 2 days before Christmas, another team of maintenance folks were on their way overseas, ending the year with the reality of war. We knew we were ready to support it.

Outlook:

The year 2002 will provide the Patriot Wing with its greatest challenge in over a decade. Having achieved our goals in 2001, and successfully demonstrating our readiness through inspection, we were

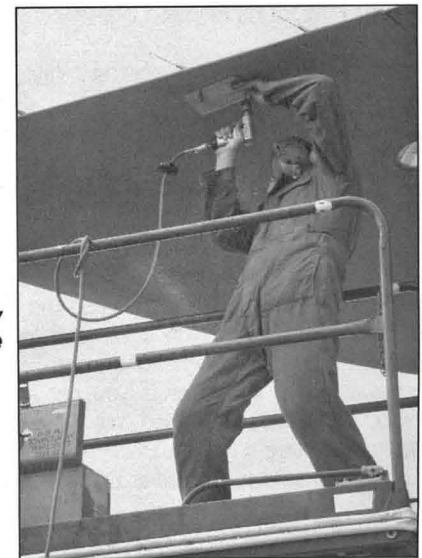
put to the test late in the year by mobilization. We anticipate that our country's "War on Terrorism" will require our activated services throughout this year. Our challenge will be the increased support of over 1,100 activated reservists under constrained resources, while at the same time undergoing major inspections from AFRC, AMC and AFIA in May and fulfilling AEF Cycle 3 taskings.

We will complete the renovation of 60 percent of our enlisted lodging, commission the new control tower, resurface runway 15/33 and begin the conversion of our 50+ year-old central heat plant to all individual building natural gas units. Our intentions are to host the Great New England Air Show in August with the help of the Galaxy Community Council.

Not since Desert Shield/Desert Storm has the wing faced this kind of operations tempo. It will take the complete effort of all personnel and our community supporters. We can do it—we are the TEAM OF CHOICE!

FINE TUNED—TSgt. Charles Nash, 439th MXS, replaces a C-5 wingtip panel while high atop a B-5 stand.

—photo by
MSgt. W.C.Pope



Conclusion:

Our focus for 2001 was to be mission ready. We had several chances to prove it. UTC training in the first quarter paid off in the second quarter with wing roles in the Patriot Tomahawk and Team Yankee exercises. We were inspected by AMC in the third quarter, with not only our initial response grade of EXCELLENT, but also a successful EORI for our maintenance and operations folks.

Like all of America, we were not ready to accept what occurred on September 11th, however we were ready to defend our country. Our constant training helped us face the fourth quarter with its hectic activations, processing lines, deployments, and a new appreciation for security awareness.

Throughout the year we continued to support our stakeholders: we supported 59 C-5 aircraft tours for 2,105 community people and giving 21 addresses in the area to 4,950 people; we transported 1,993 tons of cargo and 6,324 passengers; maintenance provided en-route support teams for bases 7 times; our security forces sent en route teams 7 times to protect our aircraft; and our honor guard performed 50 military funerals, 12 memorial services, 10 retreats and 20 parades throughout New England.

Readiness was our focus and it only helped to advertise what we see ourselves as—the TEAM OF CHOICE!

Westover saves the day for AFRC CE

Article and photos
by SMSgt. Sandi Michon

Westover civil engineers routinely take care of their own, but they also took care of the Air Force Reserve Command when they worked consecutive annual tours to Dobbins ARB, GA in January and February.

Approximately 50 Westover reservists answered the call when AFRC needed workers to transform older military property into a consolidated Expeditionary Combat and Support Training and Certification Center that will provide full-spectrum war-time civil engineering training for more than 4,000 reservists and others.

Anticipating the first class at the new center in mid-February, Col. Brent Hill, director of engineering for the 622nd Regional Support Group said, "If Westover hadn't stepped up to help, we wouldn't have been able to start the school on time."

CMSgt. Bobby Moore agrees — and then some. As Air Force Reserve Chief of the new CE training center, Moore praised the Westover team for their work ethic and level of experience they brought to the job. "Those guys will run you over if you get in their way," he joked, but added that they hit the ground running.

The first team arrived at Dobbins on Friday, Jan. 11 and worked long days through the weekend, and continued throughout the week.

Chief Moore thanked CMSgt. Randy Malek for his "can-do" attitude to put the

tours together and also Col. Martin M. Mazick, 439th AW commander, for coordinating the effort.

During the back-to-back work tours, from Jan. 11 through Feb. 8, Westover civil engineers swarmed over five former base houses to transform them into classrooms and administrative offices for the expeditionary school. They tore down walls, built new ones, rewired, replumbed and installed fire alarm systems. While nearly half of the reservists do similar work at their civilian jobs, for some it was a chance to learn new skills. For all, it was a chance to work as a team.

"They love this kind of work. There is a real sense of accomplishment," said CMSgt. Joe Cullen, Westover's chief of CE operations, and project manager for the Dobbins tour. In December, Cullen visited Dobbins to review the tasks and establish priorities. Back at Westover, he matched the needs to available personnel and organized the annual tour.

In addition to the classroom sites, the Westover team also tackled the outdoor practical training site where civil engineers will receive field instruction on war-time field equipment seldom seen at their individual bases. The wooded area was completely overgrown, so the task was daunting. Westover's heavy equipment operators tore down old buildings, cut down trees, cleared brush, graded areas and put in new roads and repaired existing structures. The steady rumble of backhoes, tractors and graders competed with the high-pitched whine of the chipper machine as an arc of wood chips accumulated in a pile at the edge of the wood. Operating the "grown-up Tonka toys" requires a great deal of skill, but is also a job diversion for some. For Springfield police officer and staff sergeant Moises Zanazanian, pulling up trees and clearing brush is worlds apart from his civilian job. Even though he has years of civil engineering experience, he said, "It's good to get two solid weeks of practice running these machines." Co-worker TSgt. Francis Robles might find the big machines easier to manage than the smaller students he teaches in Holyoke, Mass.

Just beyond the trees, TSgt. Bob Leisenfelder tended to broken generators like a doctor reviving "coded" patients. Generators that initially started up in billowing clouds of smoke, purred like a lion a short time later under his skilled hands.

As word got around the base that Westover reservists were on board, other tasking developed. At 22nd Air Force headquarters building, a small Westover contingency ac-



WIRED — SrA. Keith Davis holds the ladder while TSgt. Robert Brown installs a wiring bracket for a fire alarm system while renovating buildings for the new CE school.

complished some relocation tasks within the Crisis Action Team area. They also received additional heavy equipment training when they helped with grading on a proposed site for a MIA/POW memorial at Dobbins.

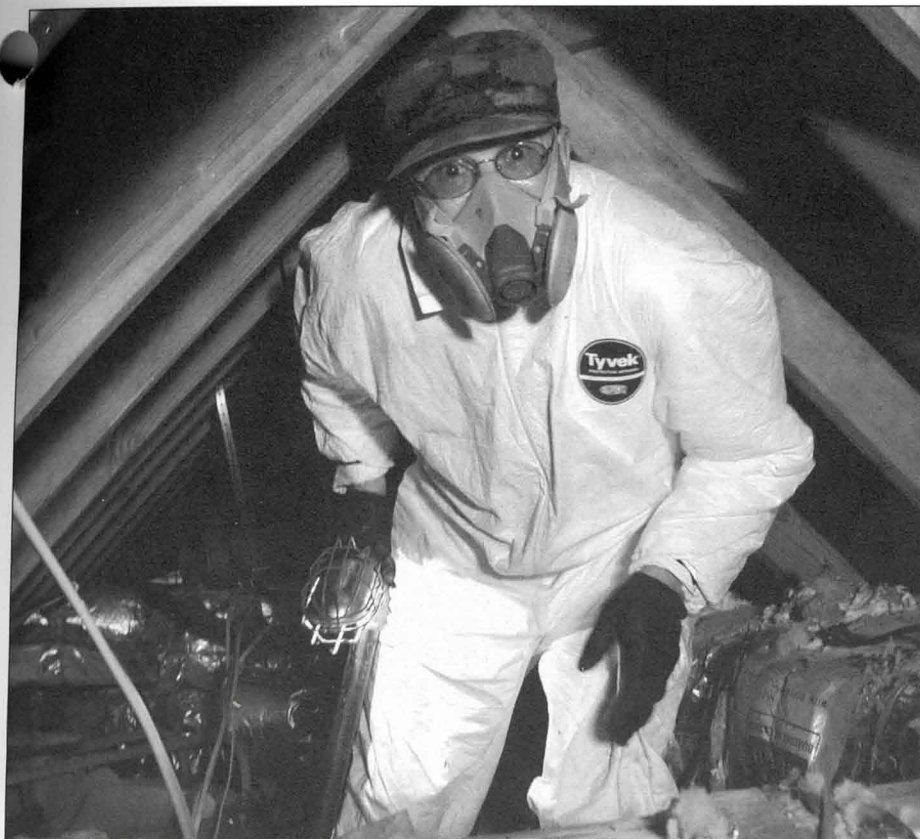
"This annual tour has the immediate value of training and being able to contribute to an Air Force Reserve-wide project," Cullen said, "but it also has future value when we can send our own reservists to the school we are working to complete." Cullen also commented that this annual tour project for the expeditionary combat and support training center is actually more important in light of September 11 changes. "This training center is a real-time priority because the school is critical to wartime readiness."

When the civil engineering teams return to Westover, they won't have long to rest on their laurels because AEF requirements lurk just around the corner with an ORI ahead of that.

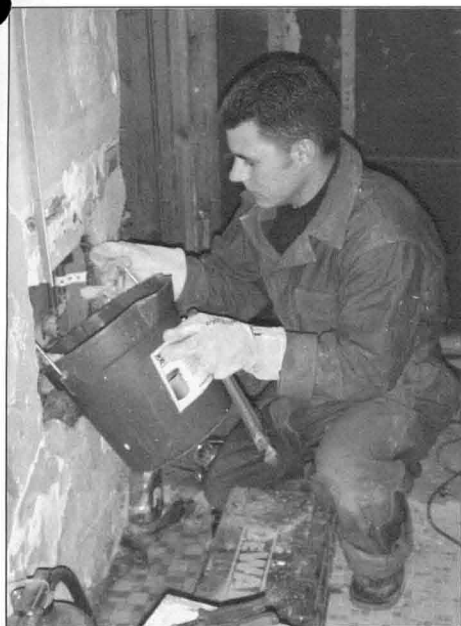
Chief Malek, 439th CE operations management superintendent, plans ahead and takes it all in stride. "As reservists, it's our job to be trained — to be ready," he said.



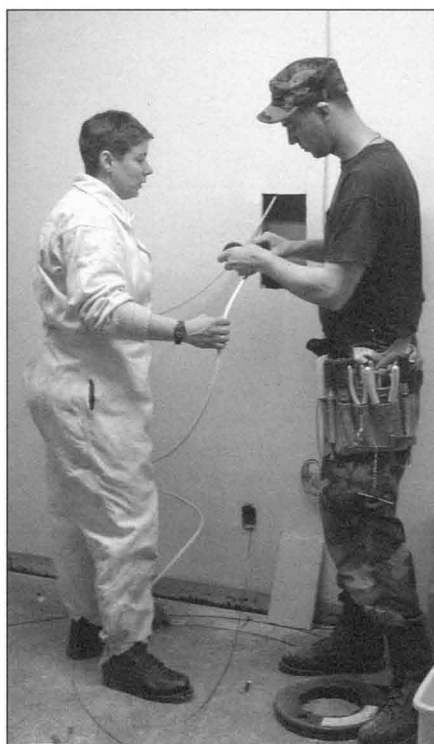
GENERATING POWER— TSgt. Bob Leisenfelder repairs generators needed for the expeditionary CE school at Dobbins ARB, Ga.



LOFTY WORK — TSgt. Charles Anderson battles heat and insulation while stringing feeder cable through the attic of one of the training buildings Westover CE reservists revamped at Dobbins ARB, Ga. in January.



JUST PLUMB SKILLED — SSgt. Mike Adduci (above) removes old water lines as part of building renovation, while, (in right photo) TSgt. Jeanette Soucy and SrA. Eric Stager work on electrical updates. Westover CE reservists worked on four of the five buildings selected for use in the CE expeditionary combat and support school to be based at Dobbins ARB, Ga.



Making a difference

by SMSgt. Sandi Michon

Annual tours are worked to train Reservists, but they also serve to showcase the extensive skills peculiar to Reservists.

During Westover's most current civil engineering annual tour, skilled reservists revamped two areas of Dobbins ARB in Georgia to complete a consolidated combat and support training center for more than 4,000 reservists nationwide. Their efforts allowed the Air Reserve Command to consolidate three training centers in Florida, Mississippi and Texas into one central location at Dobbins.

Each year Westover civil engineers extend their talents to a variety of efforts, but the collective accomplishments can be lost.

"Approximately half of our reservists work the same job as a civilian — so they bring an incredible level of expertise to annual tour taskings," said CMSgt. Randy Malek, 439th CE operations management superintendent. "Those that work different civilian jobs bring incredible diversity."

In 2001, approximately 80 Westover folks deployed to RAF Lakenheath in England and completed between 20-30 work orders for each two-week period. The added manpower and depth of skill level within the Westover teams accomplished tasks the active duty force could not get done.

The year before, in addition to an AEF in the Middle East, Westover civil engineers headed out to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo and helped build a CE training site for the Academy.

In 1999, they built a school for Honduran villagers after Hurricane Mitch ravaged their community. They were so taken with the needs there, individual reservists purchased paint for the school with their own money, and bought gifts for Honduran children.

In 1998, they used their skills to help out at home — renovating the old wing headquarters building (1100) as their biggest project of the year, and in 1997, they helped out with CE projects at Rhein Main AB in Germany.

According to Malek, each CE tour is sealed with letters of gratitude from the host bases.

Basic training on Sept. 11

EDITOR'S NOTE: A1C Tom Ouellette is the newest member of the 439th PA staff. He was in his fifth week of basic training on Sept. 11 — and tells his story.

When I enlisted into the Air Force, my friends told me I was crazy.

My guess is they couldn't understand why a 33-year-old guy would want to enlist.

I argued that, being a college student at UMass I needed funding for my education. The truth is I could've found non-military ways to pay for school, yet something drew me to the military anyway. I just didn't know why.

The answer came my final week at boot camp.

While my flight was performing our daily marching drills, a sergeant approached our training instructor, gave him a message and hurried away. The TI's expression spoke volumes. The TI's intimidating, tough demeanor suddenly changed to a look of panic. We knew something was wrong.

Our TI immediately led us to an unfamiliar dorm and crammed us into a room with another flight. He told us to keep quiet and wait for news. A hundred guys sat in silence knowing something was terribly wrong but not one of us had a clue.

Two hours later the TI returned. He turned on a television and told us we could watch it for an only an hour. The day was September 11, 2001 and we watched in horror as the World Trade Towers crumbled. Painfully, that hour of news was all we knew about the attacks. For the rest of boot camp we were torturously cut off from further news.

For security reasons we were confined to our dorms for the next two days. Town pass was eliminated. Our graduation parade was canceled. Every trainee was handed a letter and ordered to mail it home. The letter stated that, under no circumstances, could families visit because no one would be allowed on base. It was a hectic week for us, but under the circumstances, I understood.

Despite my unusual boot camp experiences, my immediate reaction about joining the Air Force was not regret. In fact, the very moment I saw the attacks, I felt that joining the military was the best thing I could possibly have done. Forget the college money, I didn't care. If there was ever a reason for me to be in the U.S. military, the attacks gave me the answer. I want to help my country anyway I can.

Apparently my friends had a change of heart also. They suddenly think I'm sane again.



A1C Tom Ouellette

Reserve recruit



CONGRATULATIONS - Col. Martin M. Mazick, 439th Airlift Wing commander, congratulates Gary Brainard of Milford, Conn., upon his enlistment in the Air Force Reserve Command on Jan. 29. The swearing-in took place at the new Air Force Reserve recruiting office at the Westfield Shoppingtown, Connecticut Post Mall, in Milford. The office is one of five that Westover recruiters use to attract candidates to the Air Force Reserve throughout New England. The four other offices are located in Providence, R.I., and in Woburn, Braintree, and Hadley, Mass.

— photo by SSgt. Andrew Biscoe

Letter to civilian employers, family members of Air Force Reservists

As our nation recovers from the horrendous events of September 11, thousands of citizen-airmen of Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) are being called to duty. To succeed in our mission, our mobilized reservists need the support of their fellow reservists, families and employers.

In the partial mobilization of our reserve forces, I'd like to recognize the unselfish patriotic support of our civilian employers and family members. Our country thanks you for the strains you endure, not only during a crisis

such as we now face, but throughout the year, as your citizen-airmen train and participate in exercises and worldwide contingencies.

We cannot maintain our military commitments around the world without the skills and expertise that reside in the Reserve components. These Reserve forces number half of our nation's total military might.

Without your continued support, understanding and obvious love of country, it would be impossible to maintain this level of Reserve readiness, as members

of Reserve components would have to choose between duty and employment. You are indeed a critical element of this nation's "total Force".

As our country takes measures necessary to eliminate terrorism, I proudly salute every employer and family member of AFRC personnel. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Blessings to each of you, and God bless America!

Sincerely,
JAMES E. SHERRARD III,
Lt Gen, USAF, Commander

Combating the insider threat with early detection

by Special Agent Gardner Whitney

Simply put, espionage is the act of spying to obtain intelligence information. To borrow a phrase from the former comic strip character, Pogo, "We have found the enemy, and he is us."

Research has shown that the overwhelming number of Americans arrested for spying the past 20 years have been volunteers or "insiders." How do we look for "insider" spies? One of the things counterintelligence specialists look for is irregular or suspicious behavior. Some common personality characteristics include arrogance, greed, and jealousy.

However, any lifestyle activity inconsistent with commonly acceptable behavior should be questioned. For example, unexplained wealth; purchases of high value items; frequent domestic or foreign travel for no apparent purpose; excessive use of classified computers; or questionable visits by friends or family from foreign countries. Any of these examples should raise our security awareness.

Counterintelligence specialists look for irregular patterns of behavior because spying or the intelligence collection activities of our enemy is frequently revealed by their unusual or irregular behavior. Too often the unusual behavior pattern of the spy is only identified after the spy is caught in his illegal activity.

Unfortunately, the "insider" threat within the USAF is real and we do not really know how widespread the problem behavior is. What is reported to security and law enforcement appears to be only the tip of the iceberg. It is important to remember that opportunity equals temptation, and that your personal acquaintances and co-workers might very well be the next "insider threat."

Early detection of irregularities through the recognition of unusual behavior patterns of people can help counterintelligence specialists identify spies and espionage activities directed against our national security.

The detection of irregularities or unusual behavior patterns is every citizen's responsibility. Early detection of questionable lifestyle practices that are inconsistent with the norm will aid in the neutralization of espionage ef-

forts directed against the United States. All Americans bear the responsibility to report suspicious behavior to security or law enforcement authorities.

The key elements in fighting the insider threat are Security Awareness and Reporting the Threat. Security awareness requires that we make an effort to identify peculiar or unusual situations or behavior. The threshold for reporting suspicious behavior or activity is low. Therefore, when in doubt, report the unusual behavior or activity to your supervisor, local security, or AFOSI. You can contact AFOSI and remain anonymous if you desire. If necessary, our special agents will protect your identity.

Remember . . . to counter the espionage threat, it is important that we be aware of our surroundings, and that we report anything "irregular" or out of the ordinary to AFOSI or other law enforcement authorities.

This information is provided by AFOSI. For more questions or to report suspicious incidents, please call DSN 589-3837.

58th APS sergeant rescues two in condominium fire

by Maj. Patrick Dufraine

To SSgt. Michael Purcaro, it was all in a day's work. But, his quick thinking and selflessness averted a New Year's Day tragedy.

Purcaro, a three-year veteran of the 58th Aerial Port Squadron, was on patrol as a member of the Naugatuck, Conn., Police Department on New Year's morning. When he arrived at the Cotton Hollow Condominiums, he discovered flames consuming a second floor balcony. As the only officer at the scene, Purcaro began evacuating residents from nearby apartments when he realized no one had contacted the residents of the burning apartment.

Purcaro started for the back of the complex when he discovered two people were trapped in the burning apartment. Purcaro directed them to a rear balcony while he searched for a ladder. He asked the evacuated residents where he could find a ladder. They pointed him to a maintenance office of a nearby building.

Purcaro arrived at the office to find the heavy metal doors locked. He slammed his 5'11" 215-pound frame against it, but it wouldn't budge. He managed to break the door off its frame on his second attempt and found a ladder inside. Moments later, the smoke and fire had nearly engulfed both residents, but they were able to quickly



SSgt. Michael Purcaro

climb down the ladder to safety. Naugatuck and Waterbury firefighters arrived at the scene and put out the fire.

Naugatuck Assistant Fire Chief Ken Hanks lauded Purcaro's responsive, cool-headed actions during the rescue. "They couldn't get out," Hanks said. "(They) were trapped on the upper level balcony. He did a really good job."

Condominium residents agreed. "We were calling him a hero after that," said Charmaine Renzoni, a Cotton Hollow resident who was awakened by Purcaro's attempts to break the maintenance office door down.

Purcaro is assigned to the 58th APS ramp section. CMSgt. Frank LoBianco, Air Freight NCOIC, was not surprised to learn of Purcaro's heroics.

"He's the same way at everything he does in our unit," LoBianco said. "He is always putting the success of the squadron before himself."

Lt. Col. Pete De Tone, 58th APS commander, was equally proud of Purcaro. "Mike's actions are evident of his commitment to our Air Force core values: Integrity, Service Before Self, and Excellence In All We Do. We are very proud of him," De Tone said.

Purcaro continues to insist his actions were standard protocol for the job, but the two people he rescued would strongly disagree.

Civilian of the year honored



CIVILIAN HONORS — Jen Griffin, 439th Logistics Support Squadron, receives a 439th Airlift Wing engraved brass clock from Col. Martin M. Mazick, 439th AW commander. Griffin was recognized as the Westover Civilian Employee of the Year for 2001 during the Civilian Commanders Call in December.

—TSgt. Don Talbot, 439th CS

Public affairs takes awards in AFRC media contest

The 439th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office takes high honors in the 2001 Air Force Reserve Command Media Contest, which concluded Jan. 25. The competitors included 25 publications and 108 individual entries from 25 AFRC units and HQ Air Reserve Personnel Center.

The PA office received the following awards:

- Military-funded newspaper-small (first place): Patriot
- Article series (first place): Patriot
- Art/graphics (first place): MSgt. W.C. Pope
- Contractor/Stringer Writer (first place): SSgt. Brad Harrison, 42nd APS
- Print Journalist of the Year (second place): MSgt. Tom Allocco

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Stay in touch at the Westover Cyber Café

by MSgt. Tom Allocco

Operation Enduring Freedom may someday be known as the first conflict in which e-mail replaced the telephone and mail for military members to stay in touch with family or conduct business. Sending home greetings, paying bills and getting the news has become even easier for reservists, especially those activated, since Family Support introduced computers at locations around base.

The Cyber Café in the Westover Club offers two computers, two are in the main Billing office reception area, two are in Family Support and the Diamond Room on the first floor of Dormitory 5102 has one computer. Board games, books, videos and snacks are also available in the Service's Diamond Room.

Family Support started with just two computers at its center and expanded as the response proved to be even more enthusiastic than expected, said Linda Rieth, director of

Family Support. Reservists are keeping the computers busy with everything from chatting with family to paying bills and making travel arrangements, she said.

The Family Support Center is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on UTAs. The Cyber Café in the Westover Club is open during all Club hours.

CCAF Graduates, April 2002:

TSgt. Lesli Creighton
TSgt. Richard Spoor
SSgt. Vincent Bovino
SSgt. Michael Denekamp
SSgt. Andrzej Widor

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Patriot People

Name: Deborah Lau
Rank: TSgt.
Age: 43
Address: Groton, Conn.
Unit: 58th Aerial Port Squadron
Position: Information Management Craftsman
Civilian position: Secretary at Fitch Middle School
Favorite food: Filet Mignon
Years of service: 15 years
Favorite sport: Roller Skating
Favorite hobby: Reading
Ideal vacation: On a Hawaiian Beach
Best way to relax: Being with daughter, Meaghan
Preferred entertainment: Anything outdoors
Favorite hero: My mother Joy
Favorite music: 50's
Favorite movie: "Dirty Dancing"
Favorite aircraft: C-5
Pet peeve: People who are unorganized
What I would do if I won \$1 million: Build a new house, take a vacation and invest the rest.



Photo by MSgt. W.C. Pope

TSgt. Deborah Lau

Patriot Praises

Promotions:

SMSgt Shaughnessy, Thomas J.
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 MSgt Carlson, Laurie A.
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 MSgt Smith, Jason E.
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 TSgt Wegiel, Edward G.
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SrA Campbell, Tespha M.
 SrA Chan, Trevor K.
 SrA Eaves, Talia A.
 SrA Fries, Patricia A.
 SrA Gathers, Kevin L.
 SrA Kanarek, Richard L.
 SrA Lane, Kimberly L.
 SrA Menard, Jonathan T.
 SrA Szafranowicz, Daniel E.
 A1C Castro, Dairen M.
 Amn Cabral, Erin M.
 Amn McGrath, John J.
 Amn Smith, Christine A.

Reenlistments:

CMSgt. Lewandowski, John H.
 CMSgt. Milliken, Lawrence N.
 SMSgt. Pirog, Mark J.
 MSgt. Fallon, David R.
 MSgt. Healey, Marianne S.
 MSgt. Kibe, Daniel E.
 MSgt. McCarthy, Jeffrey E.
 TSgt. Connon, Glenn G.
 TSgt. Jalbert, Daniel R.
 TSgt. Kovacs, Thomas A.
 TSgt. Kratochvil, Kathleen A.
 TSgt. Lanzi, Matthew J.
 TSgt. Metcalf, Robert F.
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 TSgt. Serricchio, Michael C.
 TSgt. Simmons, Vanessa U.
 TSgt. Smallidge, Andrew J.
 TSgt. Vankruiningen, Daniel J.
 TSgt. Wood, William P.
 SSgt. Ayuyu, Kimberlee A.
 SSgt. Prindle, William A., Jr.
 SSgt. Stevens, Alan D.
 SrA. Gonzalez, Arthur

Awards and Decorations

Air Force Achievement Medal

Maj. Nirau P. Shah 439 AMDS
 1st Lt. Claire L. Gaudreau 439 AMDS

Patriot Puns

by MSgt. W.C. Pope



Bosses Day for activated reservists scheduled

by Gordon A. Newell

The 439th Airlift Wing will conduct a special Employer Appreciation Day on July 18, for reservists who have been activated.

The March, April, May and June issues of the *Patriot* will publish an application form, which may be filled out and returned to the Public Affairs office. The office will also accept telephone applications.

Col. Martin M. Mazick, commander of the 439th AW feels it is an especially meaningful time for employers to learn what their workers are doing under activation.

"In the climate in which we are now operating, it is tremendously important that we receive the support and understanding of the people who employ our reservists during normal times," he said. "We need to get them on the base and in one of our C-5s to show them just how vital our role is in the war on terrorism."

Employers will be asked to join the wing commander for breakfast at the Westover Club. They should be at the

July 18 – 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 _____

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

Signature: _____

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

Return this form to:

439th Airlift Wing/ Public Affairs, 100 Lloyd St., East Wing, Suite 103
Westover ARB, Mass. 01022-1825

fax: (413) 557-2011, for information, call: (413) 557-3500

Club no later than 8 a.m. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. Reservists may attend the breakfast but must pay for their own meal. Bosses are guests of the Wing Commander.

Reservists are allowed to invite one supervisor. Only reservists assigned to the air crew will

be allowed to fly.

Further information is available at the Public Affairs office at (413) 557-3500 or 2020.

Employer Appreciation Days for non-activated reservists will be held in October.

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