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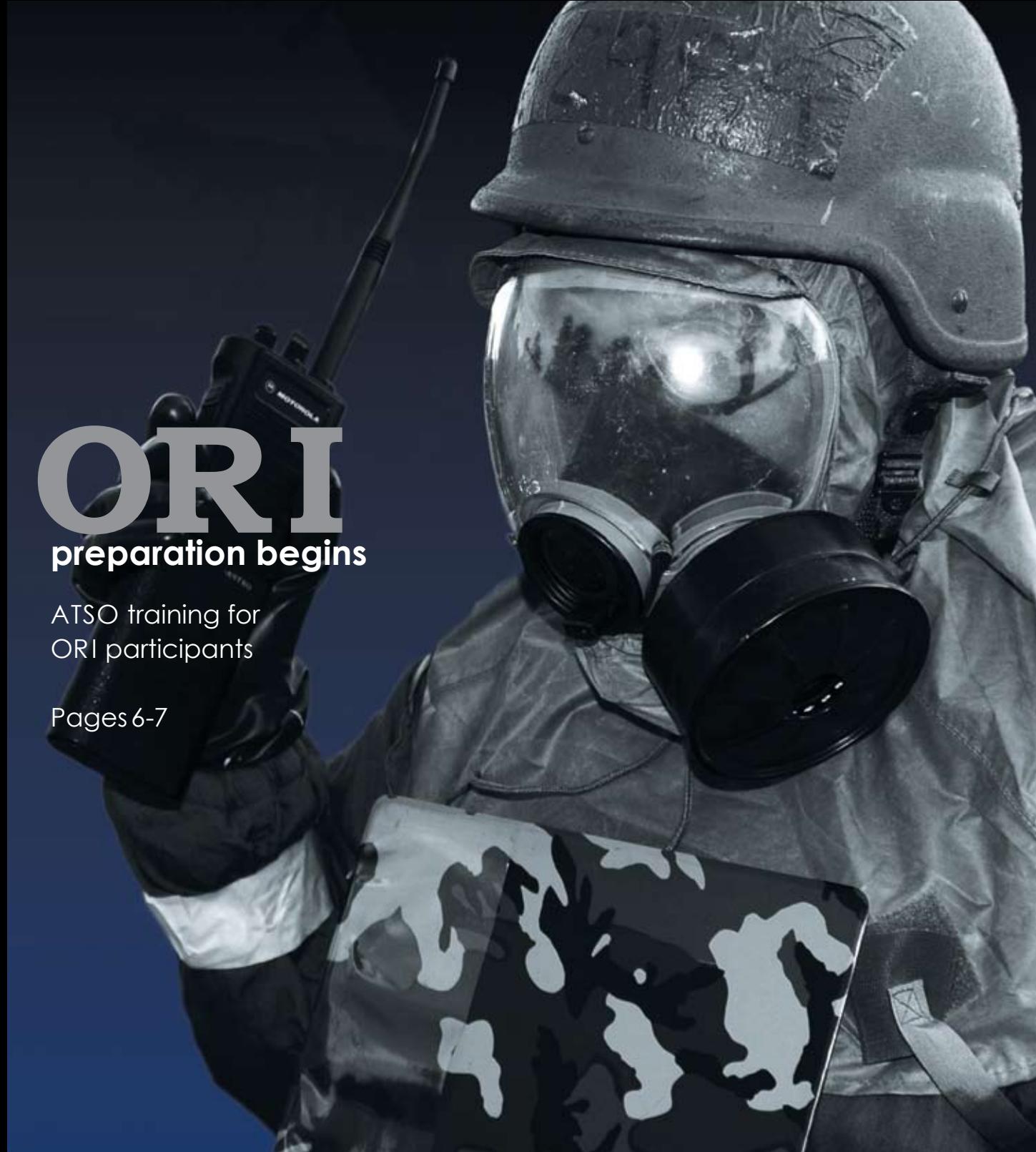
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photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe



WINGS OF HOPE >> Crew members unload their baggage from a C-5 following their overseas mission that ended at Westover Oct. 19. Patriot Wing crews flew humanitarian missions for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and for the victims of the Pakistan earthquake. For more on the missions, turn to pg. 4.

EDITORIAL | Communicating before the boots hit the ground for the ORI

by Maj. Patrick Ryan
439th Communications Squadron

Time to *communicate* some important information to you, the readers, about communications related tasks for the Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI). Bad puns aside, here are several comm. issues each wing member participating must address before the ORI in August.

1. Set up your gear now. Using the exact same computers, printers, etc. in the exact same configuration you'll be using at the forward operating location (FOL), try your equipment (hardware and software) now to ensure it will work as designed. If you have any problems, contact your workgroup manager (WGM). If you wait until the day before you leave, it's too late for us to help you.

2. Sign on to any computers at home station during the next two UTAs. Ensure they're hooked into the network when you do this. This will authenticate your user name and password to that computer so it will recognize you anywhere



you sign on. This must done on every single computer you plan on using at the FOL.

3. Finish your Information Assurance training. This must be done before the February UTA otherwise we cannot guarantee your access

to the network for either the ORE or ORI. Any questions or problems should be directed to your WGM.

4. Learn your prowords and brevity codes. Prowords are in your Airman's Manual. Brevity codes will be published in the communications plan which will come out in March. These are critical to accurately and quickly report information through your unit control centers upwards to the survival recovery center and wing operations center. Use them on the radio and on the

phone.

5. Learn the call signs of the people you'll be working with most. Also in the communications plan, call signs help shield the enemy from zeroing in on specific mission areas. For example, if you're in maintenance and work closely with operations it's vital you know the call signs of those members.

6. Have a non-technical backup plan. Technology fails, pure and simple. For any system you have that is technology-based, design a simple, non-technical backup plan. This will ensure survivability and operability and reduce reliance on computers. It will also allow inspectors to take away technology with no loss of capability to you and your unit.

These are just some of the comm.-related items people need to accomplish before the ORI. Read your Airman's Manual for more details or see any comm. member with questions.

BRIEFS |

Ellipse to feature new running track

The Patriot Wing will soon have a new way to promote the Air Force's fitness policies. Construction began in November on a rubberized track going around the inner lane of the base ellipse.

During construction, which should be completed before the onset of winter, the ellipse will be closed, said Maj. Lisa B. Houle, 439th Airlift Wing executive officer.

However, completion of the project is dependent on weather conditions during construction.

The new track will provide a safer environment for runners and for those participating in physical readiness tests. The track will help keep runners away from roads and vehicles. Its rubberized surface will also help avoid impact injuries. It will also include bright yellow cones every 10 feet for traffic control and added safety.

The base ellipse is located near Patriot Avenue and was built in 1940.

HRDC creates reenlistment incentives

The Patriot Wing's Human Resources Development Council (HRDC) has created new reenlistment incentives for reservists.

"The incentives are set up to initially target first and last term enlistments and offer a tour of the C-5 simulator or an incentive flight," said Master Sgt. Lori Boucher, HRDC member. "Any member who wants to go on the incentive flight must be on military status (manday, annual tour, or a unit training assembly).

The incentive flights are local missions which are generally each Thursday evening from two to four hours long. The simulator tour is about one hour. Availability for each of these incentives must be coordinated through unit/group or wing career assistance advisors, Sergeant Boucher said.

This idea came from one of many brainstormed initiatives from a July 2004 off-site senior leadership meeting, when Col. Wade Farris, 439th Airlift Wing commander, appointed a retention working group led by Col. Belinda Morrone, 439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron commander.

Col. Udo K. McGregor, 439th Operations Group commander, and Master Sgt. Bert Quick, 439th Operations Support Squadron first sergeant, coordinated the incentive flights and simulator tour opportunities.

Anyone who has any ideas or initiatives to help retention should call Sergeant Boucher at Ext. 3435.

Blood drive set for Dec. 4 in hangar

A blood drive is scheduled for Dec. 4 at the Base Hangar. The drive will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For an appointment, call Staff Sgt. Erin Cabral at Ext. 2237, or call 1-800-GIVE LIFE (1-800-448-3543). Walk-ins are welcome. A valid form of identification is required.

Falcons to salute Patriot Wing

The Springfield Falcons Hockey Team will salute Westover Air Force reservists Jan. 7 by offering discount tickets to unit members and their families.

Reservists who would like to attend can call the recruiting office at Exts. 2330 or 2125. Transportation arrangements are being made to and from the base.

Col. Wade Farris, 439th Airlift Wing commander, will enlist and reenlist unit members. The enlistment will be take place on the ice after the first period of the game.

During the December A UTA, Screech, the Springfield Falcons' Mascot, will also visit Westover. In addition to visiting areas of the base, he will lead a run at the new track on the base ellipse at 1 p.m. Dec. 3, weather permitting.

Reservists can join Air Force Reserve recruiters on the run by calling Exts. 2330 or 2126.

photo by Tech. Sgt. Shane A.



COPTER CARGO >> Air Force Reserve and Army soldiers load two CH-47 Chinook helicopters into a Westover C-5 at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, Oct. 16.

Patriot Wing crews support earthquake relief

Westover continues rapid pace of relief operations with 13th since late August

by Tech. Sgt. Rusty Barfield
Air Force Print News and 439th AW Public Affairs staff

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii (AFPN) — U.S. Pacific Command Airmen loaded three C-5 Galaxies with helicopters, support equipment and Soldiers bound to help earthquake victims in Pakistan Oct. 16.

The Army CH-47 Chinook helicopters are the first command assets to deploy to earthquake-shattered Pakistan. A C-5 can carry two CH-47 helicopters and is the only aircraft in the Air Force capable of doing so.

Deploying were 60 soldiers and their helicopters from Company B, 214th Aviation Regiment of the 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment at Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii. After a short flight here from Wheeler, Army maintainers prepared the helicopters for transport. It took about six hours to prepare a Chinook for loading onto the C-5. The Soldiers had to remove the front and rear rotors, as well as the entire top sections, before two helicopters will fit inside the transport.

"It takes a lot of work (to break the helicopters

down)," said Army Staff Sgt. Michael Owens, CH-47 technical inspector.

The C-5 crewmembers said the mission was on a fast track. "Rush. It's a high priority mission," said Senior Airman Mike Kaminski, from the 439th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Westover, and the C-5's crew chief. "We don't want to delay. We want to get out of here on time — get in here, get our stuff loaded and get out as soon as possible so we can help out the people in need."

A third C-5 aircrew left Westover Oct. 18 to bring more help to earthquake-ravaged Pakistan. The C-5 picked up two Army CH-47 helicopters at Fort Sill, Okla. The crew then flew to Rota Air Base, Spain with help from aerial refueling along the way over the Atlantic Ocean.

The C-5, the largest aircraft in the Air Force, is also the only aircraft that can airlift two Chinooks. Each chopper weighs between 20,000 and 30,000 pounds. While their total weight is light enough for the C-5 to carry, the Chinooks' height is 13 feet — just five inches shy of the C-5's cargo deck height.

For at least one of the crew members, this relief mission was a change of pace from the long over-

seas missions flown by the C-5 aircrews.

"This is something I wanted to do," said Senior Airman Stephen E. Pinkerton, who flew his first relief mission. "I chose to get on this mission versus just a regular channel mission. It's just something different."

Westover's 439th Airlift Wing flew the second C-5 mission supporting the earthquake relief Oct. 15. That flight went to Robert Gray Army Airfield in Texas and headed to Rota.

The first mission left Oct. 14 for Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, where the C-5 picked up two CH-47s, and flew them to Rota. The Oct. 18 flight was the 13th humanitarian mission flown by Westover crews since late August. Aircrews flew 10 missions in late August and September. Nine of those were for the relief efforts for Hurricane Katrina, while one was for the victims of Hurricane Rita. The C-5s hauled more than 400 tons of cargo.

One historic mission Sept. 2 saw a C-5 airlift 200 evacuees from Louis B. Armstrong Airport in New Orleans, La., to Fort Smith, Ark. This was the first time a C-5 had airlifted people in its cargo bay since the Vietnam War in 1975.

Local loadmaster gives wings to childhood dream

Article and photo

by Senior Master Sgt. Sandi Michon

It was love at first sight for four-year old Susan Bolduc.

Her new-found love was well-traveled, very tall, powerfully built and helped a lot of people. She was hooked.

The object of her young affections was a C-5.

Twenty-four years later, the smitten, brunette loadmaster stands on Westover's tarmac surrounded by the giants she still loves. She is on cloud nine. She can hardly contain her excitement.

She leaves for Officer Training School the first of the year.

The staff sergeant's flight suit-green eyes sparkle as she describes her first encounter with the C-5 at a New England air show. "I felt like I was climbing Mt. Everest," she said, recalling her young trek up the aft ramp of the C-5. "It was so big, it really stuck in my mind."

As soon as she could read, she pored over her mom's aviation books – always looking for the C-5. "My mom put aside her dream of becoming an astronaut when she married young and began her family. I think she lived her dream vicariously through aviation books," Sergeant Bolduc said.

Although the sergeant trained in figure skating as a child, she inherited her mother's voracious appetite for books. "I was a nerd. To this day, neither my mom nor I are allowed in Barnes and Noble unsupervised," she quipped.

As an adolescent, her passion for aviation ran low on fuel when a high school sweetheart temporarily grounded her flight plans. After graduation, she worked two jobs, bought a house and enjoyed what most would call the "good life."

"I ignored the dream. I kept thinking I didn't have what it took," she said. It was her mom's motivation that broke the inertia and rekindled the dream to fly. She enlisted in the Air Force in December 2000 – and never looked back. Shortly after becoming a C-5 loadmaster, she was activated for a year after September 11, and volunteered for two more years. Flying all over the world, she set her sights on the pilot position.

"It's something deep, something in my soul. It's something that makes me glad to wake up in the morning – to pursue my dream," she said.

During her activation, she added skydiving and hang gliding to her list of hobbies which include scuba diving, gun competitions and motorcycles. She began online courses at the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, majoring in aeronautics and aviation safety. In 2004, Sergeant Bolduc attended in residence at Daytona Beach, Fla., to complete her bachelor's degree. Typical of her supersonic energy level, she was also working on her instrument rating at the local airport, working on her noncommissioned officer course to be eligible for staff sergeant, she completed her Community College of the Air Force degree and was studying to take the Air Force Reserve Officer's Qualifying Test – and flying C-5 trips every 60 days to maintain her loadmaster currency requirements.

"I got 500 hugs at a squadron party a few days later. It really touched me. The support has been so overwhelming."

- Sergeant Bolduc -



FLYING HIGH >> Staff Sgt. Susan Bolduc, 337th Airlift Squadron loadmaster, sits in her future workplace - the cockpit of a Patriot Wing C-5. Sergeant Bolduc recently learned she will attend Officer Training School. Once she earns her commission, she plans on pursuing her lifelong dream of being a C-5 pilot.

She describes one gloomy morning in April as the only time she felt tempted to give up her dream. She was exhausted and discouraged while driving to Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., to take her NCO test. She heard the familiar engine whine of the C-5, which rarely lands at Patrick. A C-5 with the Westover tail marking passed directly overhead.

"It was the most amazing sight. I pulled over and bawled like a baby," Sergeant Bolduc said. "That's why I'm doing this."

She passed all her tests and graduated valedictorian of her class and began studying for a master's degree in space science – and submitted her pilot application package. Sergeant Bolduc learned the board results were in while she was out on a C-5 mission.

"I didn't sleep a wink that night," she said. When she got the results the next morning, she screamed so loud a few crew members ran out of their rooms to see what was wrong. Back at Westover, news had spread.

"I got 500 hugs at a squadron party a few days later. It really touched me," she said. "The support has been so overwhelming."

"Every pilot here has been a mentor of mine whether they realize it or not," she said. "(Lieutenant) Colonel Jennifer Farrelly (one of Westover's three female C-5 pilots) has been my greatest mentor – not just directly, but silently."

"It was an easy decision to recommend Sergeant Bolduc," said Lt. Col Jennifer Farrelly. "With her dedication and attitude as a loadmaster – always giving 110 percent – we knew that she would give as much or more as a pilot. Aviation is her passion."

The future female pilot is looking at more than a year of training before returning to the C-5, but she's almost breathless with excitement.

"It's going to be the most difficult, most stressful, but most rewarding thing I've ever done," Sergeant Bolduc said. "It's my chance to make my childhood dream come true."

She gazed up at the C-5 cockpit.

"I'll be very happy up there," she said.



<< **MASKED MAN**

Tech. Sgt. Kevin Godbout, 337th Airlift Squadron flight engineer, removes some of his chemical warfare gear during block training Nov. 4.

ATSO ORI prep begins

Story and photo by
Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

When it comes to benchmarks for measuring an Air Force wing's readiness, the Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) is it.

Despite the ORI being months away, 439th Airlift Wing reservists are already training hard for next year's deployment to Volk Field, Wisc.

In the mean time, Patriot Wing reservists donned their MOPP gear Nov. 4 to review their ability to survive and operate (ATSO) abilities.

The block training exercise, held on a mild fall afternoon, was among several held by readiness staff members augmented by volunteer instructors from the 439th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, and Civil Engineering Squadron.

"We're giving them a taste of what to expect," said Alan P. Dedinas, a 439th Airlift Wing readiness technician.

The training included classroom instruction followed by the exercise outside the readiness building in the afternoon, where reservists

teamed up in pairs to perform unexploded ordinance (UXO) sweeps and went through an elaborate decontamination line.

The training helped boost at least one reservist's confidence as the ORI approaches.

"It's a great refresher," said Tech. Sgt. Kevin Godbout, a 337th AS flight engineer.

Senior Airman Tanya Herron, 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, was among a group of volunteer instructors who coached the reservists as they entered the decontamination area.

"Know your Airman's Manual," Airman Herron said. "Know the self-aid and buddy care and MOPP levels. Those will not be something the inspectors will give you time to fix."

In all, more than 500 wing members will head to Wisconsin. The ORI will take place from Aug. 1-7. A practice ORI is scheduled for April 2-9.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Turn to pg. 9 for more information on the proper wear of the chemical warfare defense ensemble, and for more on monthly questions being featured in the *Patriot*.

photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe



DEMOLITION DAY >> An excavator operator uses a wrecking ball to demolish Bldg. 1411, the former central heat plant, Oct. 27. The heat plant, located on Hangar Avenue, was built in 1940 and provided heat for all Westover buildings until 2003, when the base went to a decentralized heating program. Each building now has its own heat system. Ninety-five percent of the building's materials - including steel, brick, and concrete - were to be recycled, said Leroy Clink, base civil engineer. The demolition took about two weeks.

BRIEFS |

Base to hold tree lighting on A UTA

The 439th Airlift Wing chaplain and family support center staffs will host an Interfaith/Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony during the December A UTA.

The ceremony will take place at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 3 at the new front gate entrance at Westover Road.

The effort is fanning out across to many different base organizations volunteering to help. Civil engineers

are planting an 11-foot blue spruce tree and wiring it into street lights so that the lights will be lit all throughout the holiday season at the new entrance to the base.

Maintenance workers are building a star made of scrap metal as a treetop and the Westover Chiefs Council is donating 250 white lights to light the tree.

The 439th Services Squadron is providing a fire pit, and the Friends of Family Support organization is donating hot chocolate and cookies

as refreshments.

"This night would be where all faith groups come together and celebrate the holidays as one group. All participants are welcomed to say a prayer, sing carols or just say a few words of holiday cheer," said Master Sgt. Kimberly A. Babin, noncommissioned officer in charge of the family support center. Col. Wade Farris, 439th Airlift Wing commander, will say a few words and will hit the switch to turn on the tree lights.

Flocking helps needy members

The Friends of Family Support is holding a fund-raiser called "Flocking." Flocking involves donating money to have a pink plastic flamingo placed on or near a recipient's parking place or workplace for 24 hours.

The proceeds go to Westover military members and their families in times of need. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Nadine Bates at (413) 230-0530 or 0529.

photo illustration by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe



WHAT'S WRONG? >> A reservist displays some of his MOPP-4 gear that includes the helmet, MCU-2A/P mask, and hood. However, he isn't wearing the gear correctly. The first person who replies with the correct answer to the photo above and questions to the right will have his or her name printed in the January Patriot. The e-mail address is 439patriot.editor@westover.af.mil

Would you pass?

EDITOR'S NOTE: In order to help the 439th Airlift Wing prepare for the ORI in August and to make learning more fun, this coverage will be featured monthly in the *Patriot* up to the ORI. The public affairs staff will provide information on other critical areas of the inspection, including the Airman's Manual, weapons handling and usage, MOPP levels, and much more. How well do you know how to deploy? Find out while testing your skills each month.

This month's questions:

1. What does the acronym MOPP mean?
2. What are the steps for clearing the M-16A2 rifle?
3. Where should you keep your Airman's Manual?
4. When using a numerical password, which numbers can be used?
5. How often should you inspect the MCU-2A/P mask?
6. How quickly must the mask be donned?
7. Where is M9 paper applied?

photo by Staff Sgt. Thomas Ouellerio



JOINT TRAINING >> Tech. Sgt. Scott W. Blais, 58th Aerial Port Squadron, right, works with another reservist while securing cargo aboard a C-5 during the joint training exercise Nov. 5. The 58th APS and the 104th B-Company of the Army National Guard from Greenfield, Mass., conducted a joint training exercise Nov. 5 and 6 to streamline cargo loading procedures. Twenty aerial porters trained five Army Guardsmen to properly prepare a pallet, 5-ton truck and a Humvee for a C-5 airlift.

WESTOVER PATRIOTS |

Seven earn annual Patriot Wing awards

Seven Patriot Wing members earned annual awards honors for the 439th Airlift Wing.

Capt. Patricia V.Y. Wong is the Company Grade Officer of the Year. Captain Wong is assistant chief with the mobile aeromedical evacuation staging facility of the 439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. She recently earned the Bronze Star.

Master Sgt. Michael R. Bellerose, 337th Airlift Squadron, is the First Sergeant of the Year.

Master Sgt. Eric McGlynn, is the Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year. Sergeant McGlynn is a flight engineer with the 337th AS.

Tech Sgt. (now Master Sgt.) Thomas M. Evangelisto is the Noncommissioned Officer of the Year. Sergeant Evangelisto is an aerospace maintenance craftsman with the 439th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Senior Airman (now Staff Sgt.) Chelsey A. Stead, is the Airman of the Year. Sergeant Stead is a communications navigation specialist with the 439th AMXS.

Nicole D. Remy, 439th Logistics Readiness Squadron, is the Civilian of the Year. She is supply accountable officer with the squadron, and is a senior master sergeant with the 439th LRS.

Kymberly S. Schulz, 439th LRS, is the Civilian Supervisor of the Year. She is the mobility and training ART with LRS.

The winners will next compete at Air Force Reserve Command level.



Captain Wong



Sergeant Bellerose



Sergeant McGlynn



Nicole Remy



Sergeant Evangelisto



Sergeant Stead



Kymberly Schulz

photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew



KING HONORED >> Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth B. King, left, shakes hands with Master Sgt. Bruce B. Buechele, 439th Civil Engineering Squadron first sergeant. Sergeant King, 439th Maintenance Operations Squadron first sergeant, wrapped up his 38-year career with a retirement ceremony Nov. 4.

Tribute marks MOS shirt's final UTA

A large crowd honored a popular senior noncommissioned officer who retired Nov. 4 capping a 38-year career in the military.

Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth B. King, 439th Maintenance Operations Squadron first sergeant, wrapped up his career with family and friends during a ceremony held in Hangar 7.

Sergeant King was the MOS first sergeant for two years. Before that, he served in a variety of maintenance positions at Westover.

Maj. Donald C. Robison, 439th MOS commander, joined a long line of speakers who praised Sergeant King's contributions to the mission. Sergeant King joined the Air Force in 1967.

Besides his duties as a first sergeant, Major Robison and other commanders at the ceremony paid tribute to Sergeant King's years of dedication with Family Day, the Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve, and the Air Force Association.

PATRIOT PEOPLE |



NAME : Rose Daigle
 RANK : GS-7
 AGE : Depends on what day of the week it is
 HOMETOWN : Chicopee
 UNIT : 439th Airlift Wing Reserve Pay Office
 POSITION : Chief of reserve pay
 FAVORITE FOOD : Pizza
 YEARS OF SERVICE : 16
 FAVORITE SPORTS : Hockey
 FAVORITE HOBBIES : Gardening
 IDEAL VACATION : Any place near water
 BEST WAY TO RELAX : With my pets
 PREFERRED ENTERTAINMENT : Movies
 FAVORITE HEROES : President John F. Kennedy
 FAVORITE MUSIC STYLES : All types
 FAVORITE MOVIE : Laws of Attraction
 FAVORITE AIRCRAFT : C-5B
 PET PEEVE : People who don't utilize myPay
 WHAT WOULD I DO IF I WON \$1 MILLION : Take a long vacation

Get One Referral Information

'Get One' referrals need to be sent to Patricia Simonds at the Westover recruiting office. There are three ways the information may be sent; call Mrs. Simonds at (413) 557-2125 or DSN 589-2125 let her know you have a 'Get One,' E-mail: Patricia.Simonds@Westover.af.mil, or fax the information below to: 413-557-2126 or DSN 589-2126

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First name, middle initial, last name _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home phone number _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home phone number _____ Unit _____
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 Date of birth _____ Rank _____

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Lt. Col. Patricia A. Evans
 Maj. John P. Connish
 Capt. Deresa D. Helems
 Chief Master Sgt. Leonard A. Coughlin *

Senior master sergeant
 John C. Adams
 Robert J. Martin
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Master sergeant
 Joseph E. Barszcz

Joanne F. Boczanowski

Janet M. Creager
 Thomas A. Faraday
 Deborah S. Houseley
 David J. Marino
 Vincent J. Oliva
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Air Force Commendation Medal
 Lt. Col. Henry G. Birkdale **
 First Lt. David Auretto *

Master sergeant
 Wayne T. Allen**
 Yvonne M. Canuel
 Elaine A. Evers ***
 Vonsicia S. Nunnally

Technical sergeant
 Edward J. Covello
 Robert J. Duval
 Vincent F. Falcone
 Lewis T. Garreffa
 David K. Henrickson
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Staff Sgt. Sara A. Moriarty *
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Technical sergeant
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 Richard A. McLean
 James M. Payne
 Merrill R. Pregeant
 Judith D. Rhodes *

Staff sergeant
 Arthur J. Mainor
 Jason J. Weaver
 Senior Airman Nicholas Park

* indicates quantity of oak leaf clusters

photo by Staff. Sgt. Paul Flipse



TURKEY TRADITION >> Patriot Wing runners compete in the annual Turkey Trot held Nov. 6.



photo by Master Sgt. W.C. Pope

Base Airmen compete in annual race

by Staff Sgt. Paul N. Flipse

A small pack of runners sprinted two miles through a chilly, Sunday-morning fog as part of Westover's 28th Annual Turkey Trot held Nov. 6 during the A UTA.

Thirteen Westover Airmen vied for the race's customary prizes, 12-lb frozen turkeys, which were awarded to the fastest runner in each age group, according to Westover fitness director Jim Kelly.

Timm Huffman and Lisa Houle finished first in the 35-and-under category, and Catherine Skalecki and Bruce LaMay won the 36-to-50 age group.

The male winner of the over-50 group, Celio Hernandez, not only won his group but turned in the fastest time of the day: 11 minutes, 57 seconds. (There was no female representative in this year's over-50 group.)

The turkeys were bought with money from the base MWR department's morale fund, said Mr. Kelly.

The race has been held at Westover since 1978.

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