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MISSION BRIEF – Maj. Vincent A. Orlando, a C-5 pilot with the 337th Airlift Squadron, speaks with a reporter from WCVB-TV, Boston, Jan. 9. Major Orlando was part of two aircrews that left the base as part of the second relief mission for the victims of the tsunami disaster in Southeast Asia. See article and additional photos on Page 3.

(photo by Master Sgt. W.C. Pope)

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

Wing champions worldwide reputation

Westover leads the way!

Time and again over the years this statement proves true. Recently Westover people not only led the way but also made a significant difference in worldwide Air Force and U.S. Armed Forces operations. Although deployed over the entire holiday season, our deployed troops showed just how good reservists can be.

One location's commander said, "I wanted to thank you for sending such an outstanding team from Westover. They were total professionals one and all as we took the fight to the enemy." At another location our folks' deployed commander said, "Thanks for sending your blue ribbon CE team. They made a monumental effort happen in a short amount of time!"

At yet another location our deployed ASTS team received praise from several sources for taking charge of a very busy and important operation. Also, our AES folks operating out of Germany played a key role in transporting wounded out of the AOR, moving over 600 patients.

Downrange, members of our aerial port squadrons were the key reason for decreasing down load and up load times for aircraft at their location. One aircrew said, "Westover troops obviously made the difference. Our ground time went from five hours to less than two!"

More recently, we launched several of our airplanes and crews to the area of the world devastated by the earthquake/tsunami. All of the crewmembers were volunteers and we have more ready and willing to go. They will make a significant difference in the relief operations and further enhance Westover's reputation.

There is not enough space in this column to list all of our deployed troops' accolades. Needless to say, every place we go, we are noticed, appreciated and always asked to come back. Westover's reputation is built on the hard work, dedication and patriotism of our people. Every member of the 439th can be proud to be a part of this great organization!

Now, as we approach a very busy year of higher headquarters' inspections, I ask all of you to show that we are the best in yet another area, paperwork. We have shown time and again that we know how to get the job done right, so let's show the inspectors just how good we are.

Start now with getting all those self-inspection checklists in order and making yourself and your work area shine. Last spring, the 439th Maintenance Group showed us how with their outstanding rating with the MSEP.

Let's follow their lead this August with top scores in the HSI, ASEV and UCI! As always, THANKS for all the hard work.



Col. Wade Farris

439th Airlift Wing commander

Briefs

Four Seasons Store set up in FamCamp office

The Four Seasons Store has moved to the FamCamp office (parallel to the Westover Industrial Gate). The store supplies ski equipment and provides package rentals all at discounted prices. Office hours are from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

For more information, call the Four Seasons cell phone at (413) 478-6738/6938.

Commanders Call set for February A UTA

Commanders Call will be held at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 5 in the Base Hangar. It is a mandatory formation for all assigned 439th AW reservists.

Deadline falls on A UTA of preceding month

The 439th Airlift Wing Public Affairs staff works a month ahead of time with each issue of the *Patriot*.

The monthly deadline for the *Patriot* is the end of the A UTA of the month preceding the next issue. For example, a unit wanting to submit an article for the March 2005 issue would need to get the information to PA by the end of the February A UTA.

Article ideas may be e-mailed to 439Patriot.Editor@westover.af.mil. Anyone with questions should call PA at Ext. 2020. The PA office is located in Bldg. 1850 (wing headquarters) on Patriot Avenue.

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Air Force (including active, Guard or Reserve) or civilian employees of the Air Force, can order the Spouse Pin on line. Anticipated delivery time for the pin is two to three weeks.

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Base dispatches crews to tsunami relief effort

by Master Sgt. Tom Allocco
and Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

Two Patriot Wing aircrews flew missions to Yokota AB, Japan and a third air crew deployed to conduct staging operations out of Kadena AB, Okinawa in the first weeks of the massive worldwide relief effort for the tsunami disaster victims of Southeast Asia.

The first C-5 aircrew, under aircraft commander Maj. Matthew O. Warren, departed Dec. 31. The 10-member crew flew numerous missions, including delivering helicopters to Singapore. After leaving Singapore, the crew headed to Andersen AFB, Guam, and then to Hickam AFB, Hawaii, where more relief cargo was picked up. It was then delivered to U-Tapao, Thailand.

The second aircrew, under aircraft commander Maj. Glenn T. Melia, left Westover on Jan. 9. The mission was scheduled to include stops at Travis, AFB, Calif.; Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; Yokota AB, Japan; Osan AB, Korea; Andersen AFB, Guam; and Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

The mission included taking a Westover aircrew to Kadena AB. The aircrew, under Maj. Changkun N. Moon, was tasked to fly tsunami relief missions out of the staging operations from Kadena for up to two weeks.

The departures of the aircrews generated media attention from newspaper, television and radio outlets across New England. Aircrew members, ranging in rank from senior airmen to aircraft commanders, were

interviewed and photographed as representatives of the New England contribution to the worldwide response to the disaster. The death toll from the tsunami was more than 150,000 by mid-January.

"The world is watching us. This mission is bigger than us," Major Melia told his aircrew during a crew briefing in which he reminded them of their unique opportunity to perform a humanitarian service on an unprecedented scale.

Although the Galaxies left here empty, with the intention of loading cargo at Travis AFB, Calif., one television station focused on a small, but significant package destined for the Southeast Asia tsunami victims.

Capt. Nicholas Kasdaglis, with Major Melia's aircrew, carried an envelope full of notes of sympathy and support cards drawn and signed by elementary school children of the Holden Christian Academy, Holden, Mass., symbolizing the outpouring of empathy for the hundreds of thousands devastated by the tsunami.

Col. Wade Farris, 439th AW commander, said the Patriot Wing's contribution to the relief effort is an integral part of the Air Force airlift operation half a world away in Southeast Asia.

"This effort represents Air Force reservists and Americans at their best," the colonel said. "This is part of a long and proud tradition of supporting worldwide humanitarian missions from disaster relief to providing food to refugees. Americans can be proud that their reserve force truly is prepared at a moment's notice to respond to any crisis anywhere in the world."



photo by Master Sgt. W.C. Pope

LOADING UP - Crew members load the C-5 Jan. 9 at Westover. The second tsunami mission flown from the base departed for Travis AFB, Calif., with scheduled stops after Travis including Alaska, Japan, and Hawaii.

Crews volunteer for tsunami relief missions

Aircrew members of the Dec. 31 mission were Maj. Matthew O. Warren, aircraft commander; Lt. Col. Michael W. Davis, pilot; 1st Lt. David C. Quinn, pilot; Master Sgts. Gregory A. Baker and Robert L. Stawasz, flight engineers; Master Sgts. Donald D. DeVincenzo, Gary D. Smith, Tech. Sgt. James M. Whelton, loadmasters; Senior Airman Michael E. Kaminsky, maintainer; and Senior Airman Derek W. Rogers, maintainer.

Aircrew members flying the Jan. 9 mission were:

Maj. Glenn Melia, aircraft commander; Maj. Stephen N. Taylor and Vincent A. Orlando, pilots; Master Sgts. Scott M. Pashko and Richard A. Jedrey, flight engineers; Tech. Sgts. Thomas W. Deyette and Daniel J. Giddinge, loadmasters; Staff Sgt. Desmond B. Mullally, loadmaster; Senior Airman Joseph M. McWilliams, loadmaster; Tech. Sgts. Albert R. Raymond and Ricky C. Dumont, maintainers.

Those on the aircrew conducting staging operations were Maj. Joseph R. Freitas, pilot; Capt. Nicholas Kasdaglis, pilot; Master Sgts. Todd T. Holt and Roland F. Greenwood, flight engineers; Master Sgts. Christopher Taylor, and Jeff K. Antuna, loadmasters; Tech. Sgts. Richmond E. Farr, and Ava M. Swedock, and Senior Airman Ryan C. Johnson, loadmasters; Tech. Sgt. Kevin Bowen, maintainer; and Senior Airmen Ryan C. Johnson and Paul Buonanducci, maintainers.



photo by Master Sgt. Anne Ward

THUMB'S-UP - Senior Airman Paul Buonanducci, one of many maintenance Airmen joining in the tsunami missions, helps aerial port workers load equipment onto the C-5 Jan. 9.

Westover gears up for massive Georgia exercise

by Maj. Richard Tilburg
wing performance manager

In March, more than 400 Patriot Wing members will participate in Southern Comfort 2005, a wing deployment exercise to Savannah, Ga., and Quonset Point, R.I.

The purpose of the exercise is to re-acquaint wing members with the concept of the "big wing" Inspector General Generated Exercise (IGX), which was suspended in 1997, but was recently reinstated.

This exercise is the first step in preparing for our big wing IGX in August 2006. The deployment dates for Southern Comfort are March 10-13, however most members will report March 9 for mobility processing.

About 350 members will deploy to the forward operating base (FOB) at Savannah March 10. They will use the Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC) owned and operated by the Georgia Air National Guard. The CRTC is located on Savannah International Airport and shares the field with the Georgia ANG's 165th Airlift Wing, and several commercial operations.

This facility is a dedicated "bare base" training site for unit training or major command exercises. While there, members will be subjected to a normal AMC IGX scenario and will be required to follow all normal IGX ground rules. Members will be billeted in modern, well-maintained, dormitories, however, they are reminded to bring towels and toiletries, as these are not pro-

vided by the CRTC.

Additionally, more than 50 members will deploy to the forward operating location (FOL) at Quonset Point, R.I. This group will be led by the 439th Airlift Control Flight and will operate out of the Rhode Island ANG Base at Quonset Point. These members are key players in the overall concept of the ex-

ercise and will be fully integrated into the intelligence scenario and airlift airflow.

The exercise will end March 12 - early enough to allow members to demonstrate their ability to re-deploy. Deployed members will start returning to Westover early on the morning of March 13. All members will be back by 6 p.m. that evening.

Reminders for members deploying to Savannah

Weapons Rules of Engagement

1. All weapons will have a blank adapter attached.
2. Blank ammunition will not be fired as warning shots.
3. Blank ammunition will not be fired at personnel closer than 25 feet.
4. No weapons will be fired inside of buildings.
5. No weapons fire will be allowed in the field lodging or billeting areas.
6. Insert your magazine at the clearing barrel, place your weapon on safe, and chamber a round. Follow the instructions at the clearing barrel.

Communicate

Communication is critical to the wing's success - there will be a lot of information coming in to all work areas. It will seem chaotic, but that is by design. The Exercise Evaluation Team (EET) is looking for how well people share information up and down the chain and throughout the "play area". It is better to share too much than to hold a critical piece of information. But remember, the enemy is listening too. OPSEC/COMSEC is also critical. Use the proper channels and methods of communication and get the word out, but be vigilant.

Safety

While you should react quickly, never

forget safety. In the end this is STILL an exercise. Remember to use the ORM process, always wear the proper protective gear. Don't hesitate to call a time out, and regroup if you see an unsafe situation.

Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate: A vital part of the Airman's field gear is the canteen. Attached to each mask is a tube specially designed for drinking water.

Hydration is essential for mission accomplishment and safety. Wear of individual protective equipment

(IPE) increases the need to hydrate.

Remember the buddy system.

Count on a buddy to check the proper wear of your IPE. He or she will be expecting the same from you.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Some of this information was culled from the Airman's Manual.



General Tanzi selected as AFRC vice commander

by 1st Lt. Lance Patterson
Air Force Reserve Command
Public Affairs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. - Maj. Gen. David E. Tanzi will return here in January to serve as vice commander of Air Force Reserve Command.

He will replace Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., who will retire after he relinquishes his post to General Tanzi Jan. 21.

General Tanzi currently commands 10th Air Force, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas.

Before that assignment, he was director of plans and programs at Headquarters AFRC, here, from February 1999 to March 2002.

Other assignments include:

Commander of the 419th Fighter Wing, Hill AFB, Utah, from July 1993 to February 1999.

Commander of the 906th Fighter Group, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, from July 1987 to July 1993.

Deputy commander for operations and later commander of the 917th Tactical Fighter Group, Barksdale AFB, La., from December 1985 to July 1987.

As the vice commander of the Air Force Reserve, General Tanzi will oversee AFRC

daily operations.

General Tanzi is a native of Hanover, N.H. He entered the Air Force through the Ohio Air National Guard in 1968 and earned his wings in 1970. As a fighter weapons school graduate, he has held several supervisory and command positions to include serving as a squadron, group and wing commander.

General Tanzi is a command pilot with more than 4,500 flying hours in several fighter aircraft. He flew combat missions over northern Iraq in support of Operation Provide Comfort II.

The general retired from civil service Dec. 3. He is now a full-time reservist in the Active Guard and Reserve program.

(AFRC News Service)



**General
Tanzi**

Virtual Reunion

Hi-tech "visit" bridges distance between reservists, families

by Senior Master Sgt. Sandi Michon

Sometimes the best gifts come – not from the North Pole – but from Southwest Asia.

Just three days before Christmas, three Reservists' families gathered around a table at Westover's conference center for a virtual visit that bridged the 10,000-mile deployment distance through video teleconferencing.

"He's right there. You feel like you could reach out and touch him," said Tracy Savoie of her husband, Tech. Sgt. Craig Savoie of the 58th Aerial Port Squadron serving a four-month deployment in Southwest Asia. "He looks good," she said, recalling the amazement of seeing Sergeant Savoie in real time. "He looks good."

Tracy and her two children were joined by the Wolff family to visit with Senior Master Sergeant Ken Wolff who is deployed with Sergeant Savoie. "I miss having him here to celebrate the holidays," said Helen Wolff of her husband's deployment.

The Leamy family rounded out the trio of families for the virtual visit that was planned as a last-minute surprise for the deployed reservists. Area reporters from Connecticut and Massachusetts crowded the teleconferencing room as the deployed reservists first saw their families.

As Master Sgt. Gerard Leamy wiped his eyes, one reporter gently teased him about his tears. "There's a lot of dust around here," he quipped, soliciting warm laughter from all in the room.



photo by Senior Master Sgt. Sandi Michon

FOCUSING IN - Television and print journalists from Connecticut train their cameras on the Leamy family during the videoteleconference. Master Sgt. Gerard Leamy, a deployed member with the 58th Aerial Port Squadron, is from Manchester, Conn.



photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

IN REAL TIME - The family of Master Sgt. Gerard Leamy watches as the videoteleconference - spanning thousands of miles across the globe - gets under way. From left are Sergeant Leamy's wife, Joyce; son, Jake; and daughters Caity and Corey. The videoteleconference was held at the Westover Conference Center Dec. 22.

The media peppered reservists with questions about deployed life, the weather and what they missed most. There were light moments and more laughter, but tears streamed from young Jake Leamy's eyes during his conversation with his dad. Reporters filed from the room to allow families time for private conversation.

For Joyce Leamy and Helen Wolff, it was a timely holiday gift. Both wives are experiencing the second deployment in two years. For Tracy Savoie, it is the first deployment. Her husband left for Southwest Asia in September – two days before their children started school. "This tour has him gone for Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years Day, my birthday and our anniversary," Tracy said. She said they e-mail regularly and talk on the phone, but the teleconferencing visit was much better.

The wives visited after the session. They had met at the airport while saying goodbye to their deploying husbands. "We've been there for each other," said Helen Wolff.

In some ways, the virtual visit made the children miss their dads even more, but eight-year-old Michael Savoie was jubilant after the media interviews. "When I go to school, I'm going to tell all my friends that I was on TV," he said to his sister. Reporters wished the reservists holiday greetings and thanked them for their sacrifice.



photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

INTERVIEW TIME - ABC 40 reporter Ray Hershel interviews the family of Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth P. Wolff following the videoteleconference. From left are Preston, Helen, and Rachael Wolff.

Deployed chief creates Air Force mural for dining-in

by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

A deployed chief with the 439th Civil Engineering Squadron put his artistic skills to work recently. Chief Master Sgt. Michael Ingham, assigned to a Southwest Asia location, completed a mural that was later put to use at the base's combat dining-in.

"I had designed a T-shirt and a squadron coin and they were looking for help to do something for the Combat Dining in," the chief said in a recent e-mail. "So I got with the chairman and told

him I would help out."

Chief Ingham said the dining-in committee came up with the theme "Recon, Refuel and Reblue."

"From there I tried to come up with an idea for the mural. I was going to put a reconnaissance aircraft for the Recon, the KC-10 and 135 for the Refuel and a silhouette of a security police, then I saw a picture of a helmet with a sunset reflected on the face shield and thought I could reflect the refuelers off the shield."

Since space is in the upper atmosphere, Chief Ingham said he used that area for the rest of the mural. "The Air Force symbol and flag represent 'Reblue' an active-duty term for getting back to basic roots," he said. "I did 95 percent of the painting with regular spray cans and the shadowing on the letters with poster paint. I did the design by masking areas and sketching on the tape, then cutting it out with a razor knife."

Chief Ingham said his mural was similar to what kids call "tagging," like when buildings are spray painted. "The dining-in was a lot of fun. I guess the base plans to put the mural somewhere to keep it. Maybe more of Westover's people will be stationed here and get their picture taken with it," he said.



READY TO GO – Chief Ingham stands next to his finished mural that was later displayed at the dining-in.



Courtesy photos

CHIEF ARTIST – Chief Master Sgt. Michael G. Ingham, a deployed member of the 439th Civil Engineering Squadron, works on his rendition of the Air Force logo that he made using spray paint and masking tape.



Courtesy photo

Deployed Patriot Wing members meet comedians

MEETING ROBIN - Comedian and movie star Robin Williams mugs for the camera with Master Sgt. Gary Bisson, a deployed member of the 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron. Mr. Williams recently performed at Sergeant Bisson's location for the USO.



photo by Chief Master Sgt. Bruce Westcott, 42nd APS

LAUGH TIME - CBS Late Night Show host David Letterman shares a laugh with two deployed members from the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron Dec. 24. The Airmen are Staff Sgt. Jason J. Weaver, left, and Senior Airman Shutasica Irby. The comedian visited the Airmen at their base in Southwest Asia.



photos by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

WELCOME BACK - Col. Wade Farris, 439th Airlift Wing commander, greets members of the 85th Aerial Port Squadron who inprocessed Dec. 17. The 25 reservists were deployed to Dover AFB, Del., for a year and also forward deployed to Kuwait, Balad Air Base and Baghdad, Iraq; and Germany for up to 120 days and then returned to Dover. The 85th APS is a geographically separated unit assigned to the 439th AW but based at Hanscom AFB, Mass.

85th aerial porters return following year-long tour



SIGN HERE - Staff Sgt. Ben Pendelton, left, assists Tech. Sgt. Michael J. Goodwin, from Billerica, Mass., with his paperwork during inprocessing at Westover.

Air Force One Source assists with counseling

Air Force One Source (AFOS) provides personalized consultation, referrals to military and community resources, online articles, educational materials, translations into 150 different languages, online workshops, and much more at no cost to Air Force active duty, Guard and Reserve members and their families.

One Source Face-To-Face counseling was approved by the Air Force Community Action Information Board (CAIB) in December 2004. The counseling service is scheduled to begin operating in early 2005. One Source consultations are licensed, credentialed counselors.

One Source can be accessed anytime in the continental United States at 1-800-707-5784, 1-800-70757844 (international), or at www.airforceonesource.com (login: airforce Password: ready).

Point of contact is Ms. Linda Olivia Smith, who may be reached through DSN at 227-4720. Reservists with questions may call the Westover Family Support Center at Ext. 3024 or 1-866-690-2161.

'Instant Messenger' connects Airmen with family, friends

by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON - Airmen at home station or a deployed location can now send instant messages to their friends or loved ones whenever they have access to the Internet.

The Air Force recently implemented the "Friends and Family Instant Messenger" program, available through the Air Force Portal. Now, besides using the system to connect with other Airmen on work-related projects, users can chat online with non-Air Force friends or family members, said Lt. Col. Joe Besselman, the program director for global combat support systems at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass.

"There was a dual purpose for (the instant messenger)," Colonel Besselman said. "Instant messaging has been a commercialization and socialization phenomenon in the commercial sector. Air Force leaders wanted to give that to Airmen, and to have that available in their work unit so they could chat with one another socially and also accomplish the mission. They also wanted to give deployed (Airmen) the capability to talk with

their families back home."

Air Force Special Operations Command was chosen to debut this capability for the Air Force following a two-month test period. Lt. Gen. Michael Wooley, AFSOC commander, notified the command's Airmen in his holiday video, available through the Air Force Portal. "I'm proud to introduce a new Air Force Portal real-time chat tool to help those deployed reach back and talk to their loved ones anytime, anyplace," General Wooley said.

Under the new program, Airmen "sponsor" friends or family onto the portal by entering their e-mail addresses into the system. The portal then generates e-mails inviting them to log on and get their own specially configured account. Airmen can have up to five people added to the system, Colonel Besselman said. One challenge faced by the Air Force information technology community when trying to open up the portal to non-Airmen was ensuring the network would

To use the online chat, Airmen first need to get an Air Force Portal account. To sign up, visit <https://www.my.af.mil>.

remain safe from the viruses and malicious code so prevalent on the commercial side of the Internet.

The Air Force system is for text-only chats. "It doesn't allow you to embed images or sounds or documents, where somebody could have put malicious code," Colonel Besselman said.

The software does not need to be downloaded to users' computers; it is entirely Web-based, Colonel Besselman said. "If you are using a modern browser, that's all you need to use the chat," he said.

"We wanted to provide the ability for friends and family members to talk with specific people on the network." Friends or family members will not have the same access to the portal that Airmen have, but they will get limited access to the messenger. "The (program) allows family members or friends a way to get an Air Force Portal account, but all they see is (the instant messenger)," Colonel Besselman said. "A husband and wife can feel comfortable having a one-on-one conversation, because it is secured and encrypted," Colonel Besselman said. To use the online chat, Airmen first need to get an Air Force Portal account. To sign up, visit <https://www.my.af.mil>.

From 'doolie' to ops officer: leader wraps up career

by Master Sgt. Tom Allocco

Lt. Col. Forrest D. Price Jr. concluded a military career in December with the quiet satisfaction of an Airman who kept a promise to himself to do his duty as he found it,



Colonel Price

from Air Force Academy "doolie" to final day as squadron operations officer.

Colonel Price retired as squadron operations officer of the 439th Logistics Readiness Squadron with a wide spectrum of responsibilities, ranging across analyzing war plans and taskings to facilitating the flow of large units through Westover. He assumed the air reserve technician position in 1991.

Operations officer is a demanding, multi-task job. It is one that he began preparing for when he was five years old in East Hartford, Conn.

"I knew when I was five years old that I'd be going in the Air Force. I grew up just after World War II. At five or six I started reading about pilots," Colonel Price said. "I knew back then I wanted to be in the Air Force."

It was an era when what were known as "boys' books" recounted the heroics of Airmen like Capt. Colin P. Kelly Jr., the Flying Fortress pilot who lost his life three days after Pearl Harbor attacking and sinking a Japanese battleship off the Philippines. "Captain Colin Kelly motivated me," Colonel Price said.

Having been steeped in concepts of duty, service and love of country, it was natural for him to take the admissions test for the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs. Until he retired, Colonel Price dis-



photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

THANK YOU – Nancy Carter-Price receives a bouquet of flowers from her husband, Lt. Col. Forrest D. Price Jr., during the colonel's retirement ceremony at the Westover Club Dec. 15. More than 50 friends and family members attended the ceremony.

"What I'll always have with me is how good these men and women are. Look at pictures coming back from war to war. It is striking that the same thing you see is the kids and the GIs - how kids flood around them."

-- Lt. Col. Forrest D. Price Jr.

played on an office wall his commissioning document as a member of the Class of 1971.

He served for seven years as a combat control team officer at Pope AFB, N.C., and three years as officer in charge of a combat

control team at Rhein-Main AB, Germany.

Following active duty, he served almost nine years as an aerial port officer at McChord AFB, Wash., except for duty as operations officer of the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron here in 1986-87.

In 1990-1991, as commander of McChord's 36th APS, he deployed his squadron to Ramstein AB, Germany in support of Desert Shield and Desert Storm. The experience cemented his admiration for those who wear the uniform.

"I know what our Reservists are going through. I had to take Reservists overseas, away from their husbands and wives, families and jobs and brought them back home again. The thing I remember most of my Air Force service is the literally tens of thousands of outstanding enlisted members I served with. The enlisted force is one of our outstanding national treasures.

"What I'll always have with me is how good these men and women are. Look at pictures coming back from war to war. It is striking that the same thing you see is the kids and the GIs - how kids flood around them.

"I think that is what I'll treasure most of my service. Working with men and women like that. You still see it. That's it for me. That's the thing I'll take with me through time. It's a pleasure serving with the enlisted forces here. They've done an outstanding job," Colonel Price said.

"I like to believe that I did my job to the best of my ability and helped the men and women below me to do their jobs to the best of their ability," he said.

Colonel Price and his wife, Nancy Carter-Price, reside in South Hadley, Mass., with two of their seven children. A long-time pistol and rifle competitive shooter, he hopes in retirement to have more time to teach NRA shooting safety courses.

Veteran civilian retires with farewell acronym to base

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pauline Wilczynski, secretary with the 439th Logistics Readiness Squadron's plans office for 13 years, retired in December. Mrs. Wilczynski worked at Westover for 17 years. She sent the following thought in a goodbye e-mail in December.

"This is for all of the people who make Westover what it is," Mrs. Wilczynski wrote in the e-mail.

Women & Men
Enlisted
Seasoned Civilians
Technicians
Officers
Veterans
Eagles Who Fly
Reservists

"My warmest thank you to all who have shared WESTOVER with me."



Pauline Wilczynski

57 years, 18,000 miles later - two become chiefs

by Gordon A. Newell

Between them, they have served the nation for nearly 60 years and have accumulated more than 18,000 hours of flying time. Now they have attained the highest enlisted rank in the Air Force and have received job promotions to boot.

Tom Dzwonkus and Tony Colucci pinned on the rank of chief master sergeant Jan. 1 and have been named Chief Loadmaster and Chief Flight Engineer, respectively, in the 337th Airlift Squadron.

Lt. Col. Mike Marten, 337th Airlift Squadron commander, praised the promotions of the pair.

"Both Tony and Tom have grown up in the 337th. They are the total package. They have the leadership, professional and technical skills to provide extraordinary leadership to make the 337th the best airlift squadron on the Air Force," he said.

Chief Dzwonkus replaced retired Chief Master Sgt. John Missale. Chief Dzwonkus has been in the service for 33 years and flown for 11,547 hours. He thanked many of those who helped him during his long career and looked forward to his new assignment.

"I am overwhelmed by the support from former and current members of this unit along with acquaintances from Travis AFB, Dover AFB, Lackland AFB, Stewart ANGB, numbered air Forces and AMC head-



photo by Master Sgt. W.C. Pope

NEWEST CHIEFS - Chief Master Sgts. Tony Colucci, left, and Tom Dzwonkus, 337th Airlift Squadron, both earned the Air Force's top enlisted rank Jan. 1.

quarters," the chief said. "They have gone the extra mile to offer me the support and help in the transition from an operations person to a manager/administrative specialist."

"I wish I had the space here to acknowledge all of those who have helped me get to this point in my career - but one individual stands out in particular: Chief Master Ser-

geant Randy Whaples. He took me in from my own little world in Enfield, Conn., to show me there is a larger world to be discovered," Chief Dzwonkus said. "He convinced a skeptical bunch of NCOs to take a young man off the street and turn him into a loadmaster. All I had to do was show a little interest in the job and those guys took the lead in showing me how to become an excellent loadmaster. I hope I can prove myself worthy."

The chief cited the people assigned to the 337th as the "most important asset." He said their hard work has helped put the 337th in a class by itself. "Without their cooperation and tireless efforts, we would not have the outstanding reputation that the folks at Westover have throughout the C-5 world," he said.

Chief Colucci has been in the service for more than 24 years and has 6,500 flying hours under his belt. He offered some insights as to how he plans to supervise the flight engineers' section. "A good manager surrounds himself with good people, explains to them what needs to be done, and hopefully has the self-restraint not to meddle while it's being accomplished," he said. "I also believe if I show confidence in a person and let them do the assigned task, they will surprise me with the results," he said. "There is no room for revenge or ill feelings. And last but not least: 'I can't - we can.'"

ASTS officer honored with prestigious command award

by Staff Sgt. Paul Flipse

Maj. Karen L. Gardner has reason to brag.

She recently received an award only given yearly to one out of 73 medical squadrons and one that has not been presented to a Westover Airman in six years.

Air Force Reserve Command officials chose Major Gardner as Medical Readiness Officer of the Year for her work with the 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron. Yet, Major Gardner does not speak of the honor as an individual award; she talks as if it were given to the entire squadron.

"The unit received the award," Major Gardner said, "for the work we do."

The work Major Gardner refers to is an ongoing ASTS mission of mobilization and medical support, which requires constant training. They are a permanent part of the rotation cycle of deployments, mobilizing every twenty months to locations worldwide. Once deployed, they face an array of real-world missions. The job of training the squadron to handle those missions falls squarely on the shoulders of Major Gardner.

Since joining ASTS four years ago, she has developed and implemented all of the squadron's mobilization training. According to her, the most difficult part of the job is the limited time in which the squadron has to work.

"We have to train for war in only one weekend per month,"

Major Gardner said, "and Airmen have to be ready to go anywhere, anytime. They have to be able to deal with chemical and biological warfare situations, and establish critical care and casualty staging areas in any environment: airports, abandoned buildings or houses; anything needed to accomplish the mission."

Coordination on this level is nothing new to Major Gardner, who majored in hospital administration at Ithaca College in New York before completing her MBA at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

She then served six years in the active Air Force, where she developed a professional philosophy built on relating to co-workers.

"It's not about paperwork, or sitting at a desk. It's about people. I believe in a management style of knowing your people."

Major Gardner most appreciated the accolades from the men and women with whom she works with in the 439th ASTS. "The real reward is having people come back from a deployment and say that they were ready. That's the most satisfying part of this job," she said.



Major Gardner



photo by Master Sgt. Anne Ward

TO BOOT – Senior Airman Jheran Denis, a radio operator with the 439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, ties his boot during the squadron’s readiness training during the December A UTA.



photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

SHOP STOP – Chief Master Sgt. Dale Myers, senior enlisted advisor to the commander of Army Air Force Exchange Service, talks with Elaine Emery, retail manager of the Westover Base Exchange, during the chief’s visit in November. Chief Myers toured also ate lunch at the base, and visited the Westover Shoppette and held a forum in the 439th Mission Support Group conference room for questions.

Around Westover



SNOWBOUND- Snow and clouds appear to engulf a Westover C-5 on the flight line during the January A UTA. New England’s winter weather greeted reservists on the first UTA of 2005 with a messy mix of snow and freezing rain.

photo by Master Sgt. W.C. Pope

Chart reflects 3.5 percent pay hike for reservists

2005 Reserve Pay for Four Drills
Years of Service

	Under 2	Over 2	Over 3	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8	Over 10	Over 12	Over 14	Over 16	Over 18	Over 20	Over 22	Over 24	Over 26
O-7	888.80	930.08	949.20	964.40	991.88	1,019.00	1,050.44	1,081.80	1,113.20	1,211.92	1,295.28	1,295.28	1,295.28	1,295.28	1,301.84
O-6	658.76	723.72	771.20	771.20	774.12	807.32	811.72	811.72	857.84	939.40	987.28	1,035.12	1,062.36	1,089.88	1,143.40
O-5	549.16	618.64	661.48	669.52	696.20	712.24	747.40	773.20	806.48	857.48	881.76	905.76	933.00	933.00	933.00
O-4	473.84	548.52	585.12	593.28	627.24	663.68	709.00	744.36	768.88	782.96	791.16	791.16	791.16	791.16	791.16
O-3	416.60	472.28	509.76	555.76	582.36	611.56	630.48	661.60	677.76	677.76	677.76	677.76	677.76	677.76	677.76
O-2	359.92	409.96	472.16	488.12	498.16	498.16	498.16	498.16	498.16	498.16	498.16	498.16	498.16	498.16	498.16
O-1	312.48	325.20	393.08	393.08	393.08	393.08	393.08	393.08	393.08	393.08	393.08	393.08	393.08	393.08	393.08
O-3E	0	0	0	535.76	582.36	611.56	630.48	661.60	687.80	702.80	723.28	0	0	0	0
O-2E	0	0	0	488.12	498.16	514.04	540.76	561.48	576.88	576.88	576.88	0	0	0	0
O-1E	0	0	0	393.08	419.84	435.32	451.16	466.76	488.12	488.12	488.12	0	0	0	0
E-9	0	0	0	0	0	0	520.16	531.96	546.80	564.32	581.88	610.12	634.00	659.16	697.56
E-8	0	0	0	0	0	425.80	444.64	456.28	470.28	485.40	512.72	526.56	550.12	563.20	595.36
E-7	296.00	323.08	335.44	351.84	364.60	386.60	398.96	411.28	433.28	444.32	454.76	461.16	482.72	496.68	532.00
E-6	256.04	281.68	294.12	306.20	318.80	347.24	358.28	370.56	381.32	385.16	387.76	387.76	387.76	387.76	387.76
E-5	234.60	250.28	262.36	274.76	294.04	310.64	322.88	326.76	326.76	326.76	326.76	326.76	326.76	326.76	326.76
E-4	215.04	226.08	238.28	250.36	261.04	261.04	261.04	261.04	261.04	261.04	261.04	261.04	261.04	261.04	261.04
E-3	194.16	206.36	218.80	218.80	218.80	218.80	218.80	218.80	218.80	218.80	218.80	218.80	218.80	218.80	218.80
E-2	184.60	184.60	184.60	184.60	184.60	184.60	184.60	184.60	184.60	184.60	184.60	184.60	184.60	184.60	184.60

Reservist commands permanent active-duty Air Force unit

by Staff Sgt. Chris Stagner
Air Warfare Center Public Affairs

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. – A reservist made Air Force history Dec. 17 when he became commander of the 11th Reconnaissance Squadron at Indian Springs Air Force Auxiliary Field.

Lt. Col. John Breeden is the first Air Force Reserve officer to command a permanent, active-duty operational unit, according to Air Force Reserve Command officials. He replaced Lt. Col. Michael Keaton.

The change of command reinforces the Future Total Force initiative announced by Air Force leaders in December. Colonel Breeden's command of the 11th RS is one step in implementing this initiative.

"This is a process that's taken place over a few years," said Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, commander of Air Force Reserve Command, after the change of command ceremony. "The air reserve components are involved in every aspect of the Air Force

mission. This is just another step in that evolution."

The 11th RS trains Predator crews who fight in the Global War on Terrorism.

"Our Predator crews employ lethal firepower to protect and defend our forces on the ground," said Col. Mark Morris, 57th Operations Group commander. "Some of the graduates [of the 11th RS] fly combat missions over Iraq within 48 hours of graduating."

Many Predator missions that take place over Iraq and Afghanistan are flown from Nellis.

Colonel Breeden is an example of integrating the active force and the Air Force Reserve, said Colonel Morris.

"When I took over the operations group 19 months ago, I was told I was getting a full-time reservist," Colonel Morris said. "I was quickly impressed with (Colonel Breeden) and wanted to put him on the squadron commander list."

Colonel Breeden served as an A-10 pilot

before separating from the active force. After Sept. 11, 2001, he went back into the Air Force as a full-time reservist.

In his efforts to serve, he has set the example for Future Total Force integration.

"What we're trying to do here is integrate the Air National Guard and Reserve to put the best people in the best positions to move forward the future of the Air Force," Colonel Breeden said.

The ramifications of the change of command will be felt beyond the gates of Indian Springs.

"I think we'll see more integration in the future," General Bradley said.

Integrating the active force and the Reserve benefits the Air Force and its Airmen.

"Most of the Air Reserve Component Airmen have spent years in the Air Force and then entered the Reserve or Air National Guard," said the general. "We don't want to lose all those great people and their talents."

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Advisory council sets April A UTA for Dining-In

One of the Air Force's most well-known traditions will take place at Westover during the April A UTA.

Lt. Gen. John Bradley, Air Force Reserve Command commander, will be the guest speaker at the 439th Airlift Wing Combat Dining-In set for April 9. It is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. in the Base Hangar.



General Bradley

Members of the Junior Enlisted Advisory Council (JEAC) are organizing and coordinating the dining-in.

The dining-in protocol is listed to the right.

Tickets are scheduled to be sold during the the February A UTA. Uniform for the dining-in is BDUs or flight suits. Games, food, refreshments, and much more are scheduled.

More information on the dining-in will be available in the *Patriot* as soon as it becomes available.

The dining-in one of many JEAC projects. JEAC members meet Sunday mornings of the A UTAs in Bldg. 1850. Council agenda includes

Rules of the mess

1. Thou shalt arrive within 10 minutes of the appointed hour.
2. Thou shalt make every effort to meet all guests.
3. Thou shalt move to the mess when thee hears the chimes and, remain standing until seated by the president.
4. Thou shalt not bring cocktails, or lighted smoking material to the mess.
5. Thou shalt not leave the mess whilst convened. Military protocol overrides all calls of nature.
6. Thou shalt participate in all toasts unless thyself or thy group is honored with a toast.
7. Thou shalt ensure that thy glass is always charged when toasting.
8. Thou shalt keep toasts and comments within the limits of good taste, and mutual respect. Degrading or insulting remarks will be frowned upon by the membership. However, good natured needling is.... **encouraged**.
9. Thou shalt not murder the "Queen's English".
10. Thou shalt not open the hangar doors.
11. Thou shalt always use proper toasting procedure.
12. Thou shalt consume the meal in a manner becoming gentlepersons.
13. Thou shalt not laugh at ridiculously funny comments unless the president first shows approval by laughing.
14. Thou shalt express thy approval by tapping thy spoon on the table.
15. Thou shalt not question the decisions of the president.
16. When the mess adjourns thou shalt rise and wait for the president and guest to leave.
17. Thou shalt **enjoy thyself** to the fullest.
18. The president of the mess shalt change the rules whenever he deems necessary.

questions and concerns from enlisted members that are discussed with Col. Wade Farris, 439th Airlift Wing commander, face-to-face. Colonel Farris chairs the JEAC, while 439thAW Command Chief Master Sgt. Jeff Sherwin leads it. For more information on the dining-in, call Staff Sgt. Todd Sawyer at Ext. 2044.

Reservists score 90 percent or above in fitness tests

Lieutenant colonel
 Rene A. Bloomer
 Jennifer W. Farrelly
 Diane Monico
 Theresa A. Negron
 Dale W. Rice
 Margaret L. Schoenemann

Major
 Oneida D. Blagg
 Elaine M. Chaloux
 Joseph R. Freitas
 Vanessa L. Gosselin
 Andreas S. Hau (100 percent)
 David M. Heroux
 Adele C. Hill
 Dannielle Ingram
 Christopher J. Lucia
 Glenn T. Melia
 Kristin P. Messer (100)
 Deborah L. Saltmarsh
 Bruce D. Shepley
 Michael W. Smith
 Christine A. Sullivanleary
 Stephen N. Taylor (100)
 Mark J. Tirrell (100)
 Nora J. Wall

Captain
 Jonathan J. Carlson

John Galvany
 Robert N. Oliveri
 Francia I. Reed
 Matthew L. Silver
 Gregg R. Southworth
 Patricia V. Wong (100)

Second lieutenant
 Martin J. Ochtabec
 Matthew D. Podkowka

First lieutenant
 Kimberly A. Blevins
 John S. Defina
 David C. Quinn
 Sean McGrath
 Stephen E. Sherman

Senior master sergeant
 Anita L. Mancini
 Steven P. Savage
 Vikki J. Stokes

Master sergeant
 Joanne F. Boczanowski
 Lori D. Boucher
 Richard D. Bready
 Yvonne M. Canuel
 Janet M. Creager
 Steven Deleon (100)

Michael J. Denekamp
 Teresa I. Hendricks
 David P. Jones
 Kevin E. Kroyman
 Henry C. Lojkuc
 Renee A. Myrdek
 Manuel J. Ray
 Gary D. Smith (100)
 Robert L. Stawasz
 Frederick P. Williams
 Michael P. Wright

Technical sergeant
 Charles Allen
 James Aylward
 David M. Benson
 James M. Boudreau
 William F. Brooks (100)
 Mark Butler
 Marykate Casey
 Edward Coviello (100)
 Ronald F. Donofrio
 Timothy Dorr (100)
 Donald G. Durand
 Paul Foley
 David Halat
 Kenyatta Harris (100)
 Christopher J. Hellyar
 Celio G. Hernandez (100)
 Robert W. Jones

Michael E. Lankarge
 Lawrence R. Leeds
 Bonnie L. McEwan (100)
 Amy J. Morin
 Craig A. Morris
 Careyann Patterson
 Kimberly A. Powell
 Lori Rysedorph
 Craig A. Savoie
 John L. Thibodeau
 Steven A. Turner

Staff sergeant
 Lyle T. Armstrong
 Martin A. Bray
 Patrick J. Burke
 Matthew Chouinard
 Scott Forbes
 Christopher P. Harry
 Arthur J. Mainor
 John F. Maycock
 Lindsay C. Migala
 Shane W. Mortimer
 John Sevine
 Scott E. Trumble
 Jason J. Weaver

Senior airman
 Steven Canady

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