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**TIE-DOWN** – Marine Sgt. Cliff Higby, left, ties down cargo inside a Patriot Wing C-5 with training from Tech. Sgt. Bryan D. Creamer, 42nd Aerial Port Squadron. The Marine and 42nd reservists teamed up on the August A UTA at the Dogpatch area for round robin and cargo handling training. Turn to Page 5 for more on the exercise.

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

# With inspections completed, enjoy your well-deserved Family Day

CONGRATULATIONS and THANKS for the outstanding results of our marathon inspection week.

Your hard work, attention to detail, and more importantly, getting the mission done right, paid off. Once again the men and women of the Patriot Wing showed the command how it's done!

We owe it to ourselves to enjoy the Sept. 10 Family Day. This annual UTA event allows our families to come on base, have fun, and to just relax. As you all know, this year's Family Day has added a new dimension: Galaxy Adventure Day. The Galaxy Adventure will allow the wing's members to show their sons and daughters their workplaces and will include a tour of a C-5.

As a way to show you how much I appreciate support from our families, I'll also present Key Family Member Program coins to your sons and daughters during a special Commander's Call that morning. Finally, we'll recognize and honor our retirees at the CC call, so it should be a very special event.

Once we enjoy September, it's time to begin our focus on the Operational Readiness Inspection (big wing ORI) scheduled in August 2006. This is the grandest of all exercises and I know that each of you will do your part to see that this wing once again will show why it has such a superb reputation.

In the mean time, bring your families out to the base Sept. 10. It's a well-deserved break and reward for all of your hard work. For more information on the Galaxy Adventure and Family Day, please turn to Page 8.

Thank you – 439<sup>th</sup> reservists and civilians and your families, for all of your hard work. I will see you on Sept. 10!

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Turn to Page 11 for a list of the Unit Compliance Inspection Superior Performers.*



**Col. Wade Farris**

439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander



## Briefs

### Recruiters announce 'Get One' winners

The 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Recruiting Office staff has announced the third quarter "Get One" award winners. They are:

**Master Sgt. Jennifer Picard**, 439<sup>th</sup> Aerospace Medicine Squadron (most referrals for quarter). Sergeant Picard won an upgrade of her billeting room.

**Staff Sgt. James Fitzell**, 42<sup>nd</sup> Aerial Port Squadron (most referrals accessed for quarter). Sergeant Fitzell won early sign-out.

Here are ways reservists can refer potential recruits:

- \* Fill out referral cards, which are available in the print version of *Citizen Airman* magazine and at local Reserve recruiting offices;

- \* Call the Get One toll-free number, (877) 786-2372

The "Get One" incentive program provides rewards for reservists who refer potential recruits. For more information, call the recruiters at Ext. 2125.

### Golf scramble tees off Sept. 23 in Westfield

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Air Force Association Fall Golf Scramble will take place Sept. 23 at the East Mountain Country Club in Westfield, Mass.

The scramble begins with a shotgun start at 9:15 a.m. Those interested must sign up by Sept. 9. A \$70 entry fee includes greens fees, cart, lunch and prime rib dinner, and refreshments.

For more information, call Sue Alexander at Ext. 2851.

### Case lot sale set for September A UTA

A case lot sale will be held on the September A UTA in the parking lot behind the 439<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group's side of wing headquarters, Bldg. 1850.

The sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 10 and from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 11. Items for sale include canned vegetables, sodas, cereals, diapers, toiletries and more.

Bldg. 1850 is located on Patriot Avenue.

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# Inspection battery combs base in August

by Senior Master Sgt. Sandi Michon

Like a patient emerging from a brutal battery of medical tests, Westover endured a record number of inspections in August – and may consider itself “duly scrutinized.”

Instead of EKGs, MRIs and EEGs, the base completed a UCI, MSEP, ASEV, PE, ESOHCAMP, VA, IGX and three HSIs (see box for acronym explanations and dates).

As the first base in the command to complete eight types of inspections in one month, the mood was one of relief as inspectors delivered the results. Col. Robert E. Bailey, the Air Force Reserve Command Inspector General, outbriefed the UCI Aug. 7 at the Westover Conference Center.

As he reviewed the ratings in each category, he saved highest praise for safety, military training flight, family readiness and training. The Full Spectrum Threat Response (FSTR) received kudos with Colonel Bailey extolling Westover as “best in the command.”

Col. Ian O’Connell, UCI team chief, said Westover’s tempo of operations reflects that of an active-duty base.

“Obviously there is a huge tempo in this wing – there are a lot of things that are going on – people mobilized, people deployed,” he said. “This wing has done a fantastic job in juggling all of the things that come at everyone to prepare for the mission and all of the inspections. I think your wing is as busy as most active-duty wings.”

The UCI tests the effectiveness and efficiency of wing management processes that directly effect readiness. Colonel Bailey praised superior performers and teams and the audience applauded as their pictures appeared on the screen.

Chief Master Sgt. Kathy Wood, wing performance planner, and Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth King, 439<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Operations Squadron first sergeant, received coins for their significant contributions.

If multiple inspections weren’t challenging enough, 63 key people were deployed on an Air Mobility Command Inspector General exercise.

“It took away critical manpower and focus,” Colonel Bailey said. “Westover excelled, not only fighting the war on terrorism, but in facing multiple inspections.”

Col. Wade Farris, 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander, then accepted an honorary coin on behalf of all wing members.

Colonel Farris praised inspectors for their time and professional critiques, then told base people they had met and exceeded his expectations.

“We had zero repeat write-ups from the last inspection,” he said. He summarized the incredible demands placed on base agencies.

During the MSEP, 178 maintainers received personal evaluations and only 61 less-than-perfect write-ups were noted from 1,276 checklist items. “Doing the math,” Colonel Farris noted a 5 percent discrepancy rate. Colonel Bailey said the MSEP results indicated the maintenance squadrons were “more than capable to do the mission.”

By the end of the August A UTA, the 439<sup>th</sup> Aerospace Medicine and Aeromedical Evacuation Squadrons completed their HSIs. Inspected through the Air Force Inspection Agency at Kirtland AFB, N.M., both Westover

units earned an excellent rating.

Brig. Gen. Bob Corley, 22nd Air Force vice commander, offered effusive praise to Westover medical units.

“It is an accomplishment to sustain excellence – and maintain the highest ops tempo in recent years,” he said.

Colonel Farris echoed his remarks and added, “These inspections were much different because we had to prepare while responding to real-world demands.”

With the check rides from the ASEV 75 percent completed, everyone so far had passed, Colonel Farris said.

The ECAMP Team comprised 14 environmental assessors looking through the raft of environmental regulations on storm water, groundwater, waste water, drinking water, air quality, hazardous materials, hazardous waste, site restorations, spill prevention, storage tanks, and natural/cultural resources, said Jack Moriarty, base environmental engineer.

“In the end, they did find a number of items that needed addressing to ensure that we comply with the most conservative interpretation of the regulations,” Mr. Moriarty said.

The Program Evaluation (PE) team looked at the records of the ground and weapons safety areas in the 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Safety Office and various facilities on base. Unit safety representatives worked hand-in-hand with the wing safety office and did an excellent job, said David E. LaVallie, weapons safety manager.

“The PE for ground and weapons safety went very well,” said Thomasina Murphy-Mayo, ground safety manager. “They had a few findings but the safety and weapons programs were in compliance.”

Later into August, an AFRC vulnerability assessment was also among the long list of evaluations for the Patriot Wing to round out the month. The intent of the vulnerability assessment is to help the wing commander and the anti-terrorism office in reducing the risk of a terrorist attack on the base, said Scott C. Daigneault, Westover anti-terrorism officer.

While the base had not completed all of the scheduled inspections by mid-August, Colonel Farris told senior leadership Aug. 10 that he was very happy with the overall performance of the wing, particularly given the size of the 439<sup>th</sup> and its real-world obligations which were still met while the inspections were in full swing.

“We couldn’t be more pleased with the results across the board,” he said. “We had only two non-compliance items from the UCI.”

## List covers teams’ schedules, objectives

**ASEV:** Aircrew Standardization Evaluation Visit, 16-member team, Air Mobility Command-level  
Date: Aug. 17-24  
Units: 337<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, 439<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

**ESOH CAMP:** Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment Management Program, 21-member team, AFRC-level  
Aug. 1-5  
Base-wide

**HSI:** Health Services Inspection  
Aug. 4-7, 439<sup>th</sup> AMDS, AES  
Aug. 18-21, 439<sup>th</sup> ASTS  
AF-level

**IGX:** Inspector General-generated Exercise  
Aug. 1-7, 63 wing members deployed  
AMC-level  
Base-wide representation, Volk Field, Wisc.  
(turn to Page 4 for article and photos)

**MSEP:** Maintenance Standardization Evaluation Program, 23-member team, AFRC-level  
Aug. 1-7  
All maintenance squadrons

**PE:** Program Evaluation (ground and weapons safety), three-member team  
Aug. 2-7  
Safety office, various facilities

**UCI:** Unit Compliance Inspection, 52-member team  
AFRC-level  
Aug. 2-7  
Base-wide

**VA:** Vulnerability Assessment (anti-terrorism), nine-member team  
AFRC-level  
Aug. 22-26  
Base-wide

# Reservists brave scrutiny, heat at Volk Field IGX

Article and photos  
by Maj. Wilson Camelo

Sixty-three Westover reservists braved simulated attacks from relentless aggressors, and the relentless scrutiny of Air Mobility Command inspectors during a week-long Inspector General Exercise (IGX) held at Volk Field, Wisc.

The reservists deployed from Westover Aug. 1, and after an overnight stop at Willow Grove Joint Air Reserve Base, Pa., they soon found themselves in "enemy" territory at Volk, which was dubbed Camp Whiskey at Taegu Air Base, South Korea.

While most looked forward to showing off their experiences from recent mobilizations and deployments to the inspectors, a few found themselves on their first deployment and unknown territory.

One, Senior Airman Tarynn M. Loranger of the 439<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron, was also leaving her two young children for the first time.

"It's tough," she said of leaving her children, one of which is a six-month-old. "It's also tough not knowing what to expect. The job isn't what I'm worried about; it's everything else, like operating in a chemical environment."

Despite the anxiety, she and the other reservists worked 12-hour shifts demonstrating their knowledge of their specialty-specific mission essential tasks.

The scenario was North Korea threatening the stability of the region. To combat



**FIRST TIME** - Lt. Col. Peter Babcock, 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing staff judge advocate, talks with Senior Airman Tarynn M. Loranger, 439<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron, on the Volk Field flight line. The IGX was the first deployment for both of the reservists.



**SIT REP** - Tech. Sgt. Bobby Vongphakdy, 439<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron, explains his role in the IGX exercise while in full MOPP gear to Senior Master Sgt. Jose Badillo, Air Mobility Command inspector. Sixty-three members of the 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing deployed to Volk Field, Wisc., for the exercise, held Aug. 1-7.

the "threat," the Westover reservists joined active-duty, reserve and Air National Guard wings to form the 800-person 504<sup>th</sup> Air Expeditionary Wing flying KC-135 air refueling tankers.

Staff Sgt. Rachel Garcia, 439<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group, worked in the survival recovery center (SRC). But ability to survive and operate (ATSO) duties had the NCO isolated and guarding a bunker with an M-16 slung around her shoulder. She and the other reservists spent hours in MOPP level 4. Temperatures hovered in the 80s and 90s in Wisconsin throughout most of the week, she said.

The exercise challenged Sergeant Garcia, an administrative support specialist, with constant "threats" from the simulated enemy.

"We had snipers and were in at least MOPP-2 every day," Sergeant Garcia said. "I was standing in line to get my M-16 at the armory. And then all of a sudden we went to alarm blue. It was intense. We waited more than an hour before we could move again."

Col. Dana S. Marsh, 439<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group commander, led the Westover contingent and served as the SRC commander during her shift.

"Between mortars, snipers and chemical attacks, the pace was grueling, but it will prove to be extremely productive spin-up

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439<sup>th</sup> MSG administrative  
support specialist***

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training for our ORI next August," Colonel Marsh said. "The entire 504<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Wing performed well, but I was particularly impressed with the team effort and professionalism shown by the men and women of Westover."

The 439<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron made up most of the Westover team. The remaining were from the 439<sup>th</sup> MSG, 439<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron; and wing staff agencies including legal, public affairs, and the command post. The reservists returned to Westover Aug. 7.

# Marines, 42nd swap combat training at Dogpatch 05

by Master Sgt. Tom Allocco

A three-point sling on an M-16 that keeps the barrel forward and the weapon tight against your chest can win a gunfight. It's a lesson Marines learned from police SWAT teams and passed on to Westover aerial porters in recent training.

"You can pick it up fast and use it. Good for an entry control point, good for turning corners in building clearing," a Marine instructor said.

Another lesson is that a militarized telescopic butt stock on a Benelli joint service combat shotgun adds to readiness and lethality. The eight-round semi-automatic combat shotgun was among the teaching tools when 42<sup>nd</sup> Aerial Port Squadron and Westover Marine reservists cross-trained in their specialties on both days of the August UTA.

Called Dogpatch 05, the training gave the aerial porters a chance to get tactical weapons training from Marine MPs of the 472<sup>nd</sup> Marine Wing Support Squadron, veterans of seven months in Iraq. In return, the aerial porters introduced the Reservists of the 472<sup>nd</sup> MWSS and Marine Air Support Squadron 6 to the complexities of loading and unloading vehicles and equipment.

The Westover Marines gained combat experience from August 2004 to February of this year in Iraq's volatile Al Anbar province, running vehicle control points, providing security for Iraqi voters and providing Marine air wing support.

Their classes in Dogpatch included the finer points of the M-240 Golf, which can put 7.62 rounds through a vehicle. The crew-served, belt-fed, fully automatic weapon was introduced in the 1990s with an improved receiver, bolt and operation rod for more reliability and durability than the older M-60. The Marines also showed the M-248 Squad Automatic Weapon (SAW), which at 16.5 pounds can be carried by an individual. It's relatively lightweight, but puts out 750 5.56 rounds per minute to give an infantry squad a big boost in firepower. The Marines instructed the aerial porters in the M-203 grenade launcher mounted on an M-16 which can fire a 40 mm grenade, tear gas or other non-lethal rounds up to 350 yards.

The Westover Marines belong to the service branch which prides itself that "Every Marine is a Rifleman." They proved it while serving at Al Asad and Al Quaim air fields in western Iraq which includes a big portion of the Sunni Triangle stronghold. Regardless of their primary job, the Marines conducted perimeter and convoy defense, escorted Iraqi vehicles on base and pulled other security duties. At Al Asad, Westover Marines provided security when Iraqis voted on base in the first national elections.

Heavy equipment operators of 472<sup>nd</sup> MWSS supported air operations during the pivotal battle of Fallujah, including turning around Cobra, Huey, Sea Stallion, Hornet and Harrier missions. At Al Quaim near Syria, the Marines helped build launching pads and loaded helicopters patrolling the border against terrorist infiltrators.

One Dogpatch 05 class, conducted by Marine MPs of the squadron, included tactics on building clearing with a shotgun and reloading in combat. Aerial porter Staff Sgt. Lindsay Migala fin-

***"Not only do you get to handle weapons, but you see the different tactics. You have to handle the weapon correctly. There are different tactics for different weapons."***

***-- Staff Sgt. Lindsay Migala, 42nd APS***



photo by Master Sgt. W.C. Pope

**GUN CONTROL - Marine Lance Cpl. Javier A. Velasquez explains proper firing and handling techniques of the Benelli 12 gauge shotgun to 42nd Aerial Port Squadron reservists at Dogpatch during the August A UTA. On Sunday of the UTA, maintenance and aircrew members moved a C-5 to Dogpatch to train the Marines in cargo handling and tie down procedures.**

ished the weekend with an appreciation for the sophistication of the M-240 Golf and tactical weapons handling.

"That was the most interesting part, the way you can break it down, it's easy to break down and reassemble and doesn't jam. Not only do you get to handle weapons, but you see the different tactics. You have to handle the weapon correctly. There are different tactics for different weapons," she said.

On the second day of Dogpatch 05, the 42<sup>nd</sup> aerial porters and 337<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron loadmasters walked the Marines through loading and unloading two chinks of humvees and trucks.

"For some of the Marines it may be the first time they have seen the inside of a C-5 or a tie-down device. We work so closely together in the AOR so it is important that when we leave here we are able to intermix," said Senior Master Sgt. Donald R. Martel, Dogpatch 05 NCOIC.

The Marines received a basic course in joint inspection of pallets, cleaning and preparing vehicles for embarkation, hazardous cargo, weight distribution and tying down equipment.

"Hands-on training on safety, rings, gloves, tripping hazards means that when we get in the field, concerns have already been addressed, that everybody is on the same page," Sergeant Martel said.

The Westover aerial porters have a wealth of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom experience to share with the Marines.

"Many have deployed more than once. You can see a big difference in people when they come back from deployment. They gain so much experience," said Lt. Col. John R. Greene, 42nd APS commander. Colonel Greene served as a Desert Storm 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division Soldier.

"I think it's great for us to work with the Marines and it's important for them to actually handle equipment and get in the airplane. We need to know how they work and they need to know how we work. That's expected of us more than it used to be," he said.

# Bosslift 2005

## Westover flies ESGR employers to Norfolk

by Maj. Jennifer Christovich

A Patriot Wing C-5A brought 25 employers of reservists and Guardsmen to one of the largest navy bases in the world as part of an employer relations effort.

The employers flew to Norfolk Naval Station, Va., July 20 as part of Bosslift, an annual Employee Support of the Guard and Reserve event.

Ken Forchielli, Massachusetts ESGR State Chair, said the trip allows employers to see what reservists and guardsmen do in all branches of the military.

"It's important to do this for our employers," Mr. Forchielli said. "Some of them have never been on a military installation."

The ESGR was established to promote cooperation and understanding between Reserve component members and their civilian employers and to assist in resolving conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment. While at Norfolk the crew loaded the C-5 with cargo bound for Rota Air Base, Spain.

Among other things, the ESGR group visited a carrier, the USS Harry S. Truman. The ship is 1,092 feet long, holds about 3,200 sailors and carries about 60 aircraft during wartime.

The flight deck is as long as the Empire State Building, standing on end, according to Lt. Jim Belmont, maintenance officer for the ship.

"It's a city on water," he said.

The Bosslift trip wrapped up July 22 with the return trip to Westover aboard a C-5.

- photos by Master Sgt. Anne Ward



**ALL ABOARD!** - Employers enter the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman. The carrier was one of several types of ships the bosses visited.



**FLOATING FLOTILLA** - The aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman is 1,092 feet long and carries more than 3,000 sailors.



**FIRST BY SEA, THEN BY LAND** - A landing craft, air-cushioned vehicle gives the employers a live demonstration of its amphibious capabilities by leaving the water before “sailing” on the beach.



**CAN I FLY IT?** - Roger Badeau, a General Dynamics supervisor, discusses flight operations with Maj. David Smith, a C-5 pilot with the 337th Airlift Squadron.



**ALL HANDS ON DECK** - Guests walk along the deck of the cruiser USS Anzio for a first-hand look.



**LET'S TALK** - The ESGR group receives a briefing and tour inside the USS Truman.

# New director settles in with plans for improving family support center role at base

Article and photo  
by Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Timm Huffman

For the Westover Family Support Center's new director, supporting families isn't just her job; it's her life.

Cheryl D. Kirkwood took over as director in June to succeed Roy Green, who recently retired.

"As a former military spouse, I can really empathize with many of the needs and problems faced by military members and their dependents," Ms. Kirkwood said.

Ms. Kirkwood came to the job with several years of experience. She had worked at the Family Support Center at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., since 2002, and at Mildenhall Royal Air Force Base, United Kingdom, from 1999 through 2001.

She has a master's degree in counseling and has attended a variety of other seminars including the Boys Town Common Sense Parenting course.

As the director, Ms. Kirkwood says she plans to continue the center's focus to make life less stressful for service members and their families. She intends to maintain and improve the current programs already offered and wants everyone to feel welcome.

"I am very passionate about my work with military families. I love helping and serving people," Ms. Kirkwood said.

She says the Family Day and Galaxy Adventure events scheduled for Saturday of the September A UTA are just a few ways the center is reaching out to the families of reservists at Westover. She wants to find ways to offer Westover's reservists the same classes



**FAMILY WORK** - Cheryl D. Kirkwood, Westover Family Support Director, reviews family support information with Master Sgt. Kimberly A. Babin, family support NCOIC, and Tech. Sgt. Louisa Gonzalez, family support technician. Ms. Kirkwood recently arrived at Westover from Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

and programs that are available to active-duty service members. It's a real challenge to find ways to offer these programs on a reserve base because many people are only here once per month, she said.

Despite the obstacles Ms. Kirkwood faces at a reserve base, she is proud to be a part of the support center staff and is enthusiastic about enhancing the quality of life for service members and their families.

The family support center is located in Bldg. 1100 on Walker Avenue. For more information, call the center staff at Ext. 3024.

## Children register for Galaxy Adventure at conference center

Two hundred children are signed up for the Galaxy Adventure Day taking place on Family Day, Sept. 10.

Children need to register between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. at the Westover Conference Center located on Eagle Drive.

After sign-in, each child will receive a name tag. Buses will be provided to transport children to participating squadron locations on base.

Children will receive a presentation by a squadron representative. Each squadron will have water available for all participants. Parents may accompany their children. All children under school age must be with an adult.

The tour will end at the Base Hangar where the children will report to the 337th Airlift Squadron briefing room to prepare for a Commander's Call with Col. Wade Farris, 439th Airlift Wing commander.

Children will march into the Base Hangar at the end of the Commander's Call. Colonel Farris will present a Key Family Member Program "Parent Coin." Parents will need to pick up their children at the

hangar at about 11:15 a.m., which is when Galaxy Adventure Day ends.

For more information on Galaxy Adventure Day, call Master Sgt. Julie Prior at

Ext. 2023 or the Westover Family Support Center staff at Ext. 3024 or toll-free, 1-866-690-2161.

### Galaxy Adventure schedule for children

- 8 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.** Children sign in at Westover Conference Center, Eagle Drive
- 8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.** Board buses and start at first unit
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.** Children arrive at 337th Airlift Squadron briefing room in Base Hangar, Hangar Avenue
- 10:45 a.m.** Commander's Call demonstration by Master Sgt. Thomas Roe, Patriot Wing Honor Guard
- 11:15a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** Commander's Call with Col. Wade Farris, 439th AW commander



## Annual Air Force Climate Survey begins Oct. 1

An annual Air Force survey that begins Oct. 1 will give Patriot Wing members a chance to speak their minds anonymously about work and quality of life at Westover.

"The Air Force Climate Survey is a chance for reservists to speak up, voice their opinions, and be heard," said Capt. Lisa B. Houle, 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing command post officer in charge and survey point of contact.

Questions will cover such items as job satisfaction, training, recognition programs, and supervision.

Captain Houle said Air Force leaders at all levels will view these results, to include the Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff.

"After the results are analyzed, your leadership is able to see

clearly the areas that need improvement," she said. "This survey is a great opportunity to let your leadership know what is good about your work environment, what programs and policies make you happy and which ones you want to see remain or change. Remember, all responses are anonymous."

The survey is available until Nov. 23 and is open to active duty, Reservists, Guardsmen, and appropriated and nonappropriated fund civilians. The web site can be accessed from any government or personal computer at <https://afclimatesurvey.af.mil/>

For more information, call Captain Houle at Ext. 3571 or Chief Master Sgt. Kathy Wood at Ext. 2876.

## Galaxy delivers equipment in Russian sub rescue effort

When the world watched the drama of a Russian submarine stranded on the ocean bottom, a Travis Air Force Base, Calif., C-5 Galaxy made headlines for its role moving American Sailors and rescue equipment across the Pacific.

A British-leased C-17 Globemaster delivered the Scorpio and British Royal Navy team to Russia after a 10-hour flight from Prestwick, Scotland.

For three days in August seven Russian seamen were trapped in a minisubmarine about 625 feet below the

surface off the Russian coast.

The immediate American response to an appeal for help was to load a 60<sup>th</sup> AMW Galaxy with Sailors and two unmanned Navy rescue vehicles, called Super Scorpions, at Naval Air Station North Island, Cal.

In a race against time as the Russians' oxygen became depleted, the C-5B crossed the Pacific, using aerial refuelers, to the Russian port of Petropavlovsk on Russia's Far East Kamchatka Peninsula.

"Lives are on the line, and we're ready to aid, however we can," said Col. Michael

Cassidy, 60<sup>th</sup> Operations Group commander.

As the American Sailors and equipment were preparing to leave the Russian port, the drama ended when a British Scorpio underwater robot cut cables in which the submarine had become entangled.

The seven Russians were rescued within hours of when it was estimated they would run out of oxygen.

(Air Force News Service and 439<sup>th</sup> AW PA staff)

## Reserve seeks officers, enlisted for full-time positions

WASHINGTON – The Air Force Reserve is looking for officers and enlisted people to fill full-time Active Guard and Reserve positions.

In the past 15 years, the number of AGR slots has increased from 400 to more than 1,900 authorizations.

"We have opportunities in many specialties but a larger concentration in career fields such security forces, combat rescue, intelligence, maintenance, space, pilot and personnel," said Maj. Dawn M. Sutor, deputy director of the AGR Management Office in the Pentagon's Office of Air Force Reserve. "Currently, Air Force Reserve Command's hard-to-fill positions are in security forces, intelligence and combat rescue. We are actively seeking volunteers for these programs."

Information about vacancies and application procedures, as well as more details on the program is available on the AGR Management Office's restricted Web site at [www.re.hq.af.mil/agr/agrhome2.html](http://www.re.hq.af.mil/agr/agrhome2.html).

(AFRC News Service)

## PATRIOT PUNS

BY MASTER SGT. W.C. POPE



AIR FORCE RESERVE

# Volunteerism gives NCO unique view of living history

by Master Sgt. Tom Allocco

Staff Sgt. David D. Beaugard's desire to give back something to the soldiers, sailors and airmen who came before us recently earned him recognition from the Navy for outstanding volunteer service.

Sergeant Beaugard, a former Naval Reservist, now an intelligence specialist with the 439<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron, received the Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal from Col. Wade Farris, 439<sup>th</sup> AW commander, during the July A UTA.

The medal recognizes Sergeant Beaugard's volunteer work in recent years at the Holyoke Soldiers Home. He is a frequent volunteer in the Soldiers Home recreation program, helping aging veterans stay active in such areas as wheelchair bowling, arts and crafts and exercise classes. For many of the residents of the home, volunteers like Sergeant Beaugard provide the incentive to stay mentally and physically alert and enjoy a higher quality of life.

Sergeant Beaugard has been pitching in at the Soldiers Home since his firefighters union donated a vision testing machine to the veterans about seven years ago. He is a lieutenant in the Chicopee Fire Department.

"From my perspective there is a real sense of personal satisfaction every time I go down to the Soldiers Home and work with these veterans. I have a lot of respect for every one of them," he said.



photo by Master Sgt. W.C. Pope

**NAVY AWARD - Col. Wade Farris, 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander, pins a Navy Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal on Staff Sgt. David D. Beaugard, 439<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron, in recognition of his volunteer efforts at the Holyoke Soldiers Home.**

"These are men and women who served their country long before I put on a uniform in the '80s. It's a way for me to give back to those who paved the way for us. But I also think they give back to me as much as I give to them," he said.

"I take my sixth-grade daughter, Danielle, so she can have an understanding. I've been taking her for years. She's 12 now. They've seen her grow up. I think it's been good for her, too. What the veterans share is living history. What you learn about in school, they lived through," Sergeant Beaugard said. Over the years, he has met veterans of World War I trenches who lived past the century mark, former Soldiers who drove Sherman tanks across Europe for General Patton and former Marines who were under the rain of shellfire at Khe Sahn, Vietnam.

"At first they may keep their distance, but when they get to know you, especially if you are military, they start talking. I think it is a myth that World War II soldiers don't talk about their experiences. They will talk if they trust you and think you can understand.

"One guy I met was still extremely proud to have served under Patton in the Third Armored Division. I'd like to see more people go and spend time up there," Sergeant Beaugard said.

The Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal was awarded by the Navy. Sergeant Beaugard served as a Naval Reservist with the Office of Naval Intelligence, Newport, R.I. from 2002 until earlier this year. From 1983 to 1989 he served as a Navy avionics technician, including duty on the aircraft carrier USS Ranger.

## Veteran NCOIC of wing chaplain's office retires

Master Sgt. Robert J. Kazalski, who served in the active-duty Air Force and Air Force Reserve for more than 30 years, retired in June.

Sergeant Kazalski was noncommissioned officer in charge of the 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Chaplain's Office.



**Sergeant Kazalski**

He began his military career on active duty as a chaplain's assistant, and served from January 1966 to August 1969.

Sergeant Kazalski began his Westover chaplain's assistant career in October 1979. During his tenure, Sergeant Kazalski was activated for Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

The NCOIC of the chaplain's office since 2000, he also deployed on two wing EORI's. Sergeant Kazalski completed

Phoenix Readiness, Air Mobility Command-sponsored deployment training, in 2002.

He still maintains his connections with Westover as a volunteer with the Key Family Member Program and lives in Granby, Mass., with his wife, Terri.

## Services specialist receives U.S. citizenship

Senior Airman Evelyn C. Albarran, a 439<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron lodging specialist, received her U.S. citizenship June 6.

Airman Albarran and her family moved to the United States in 1985 when they brought her grandmother here for medical treatment. Once her family was here they decided to stay because the living conditions were better, she said.

Airman Albarran, originally from Caracas, Venezuela, enlisted in the Air Force as a registered immigrant alien on Feb. 13, 2002 following the 9-11 terrorist attacks.

"I wanted to be able to do something for the country that had given me so many opportunities," she said.

But in order to continue serving after her original enlistment was up, Airman

Albarran needed to attain her citizenship. Air Force re-enlistment and retention regulations do not allow a member to re-enlist if he or she is an immigrant alien who enlisted on or after May 1, 1985 without attaining U.S. citizenship.



**Airman Albarran**

To get her citizenship, Airman Albarran went to the military personnel flight customer service section.

According to Senior Master Sgt. Robert McGraw, customer service is the official point-of-contact for military members trying to attain their citizenship. He also said recent legislation allows service members to attain their citizenship free of charge.

Airman Albarran is among several Airmen in the Patriot Wing who have gone through customer service to attain their U.S. citizenship, Sergeant McGraw said.



photo by Master Sgt. Anne Ward

**Senior Airman Shelly A. Martin**

## ***Patriot People***

**Name:** Shelly A. Martin  
**Rank:** Senior airman  
**Age:** 27  
**Address:** Gilford, N.H.  
**Unit:** 439th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron  
**Position:** Flightline, instruments and flight controls technician  
**Civilian position:** Full-time student  
**Favorite food:** Sushi  
**Years of service:** Three  
**Favorite sport:** Figure skating – did it for 22 years  
**Favorite hobby:** Snowboarding, painting, drawing, running, hiking  
**Ideal vacation:** Backpacking through Europe, Asia or some other far off land  
**Best way to relax:** Going to a beach  
**Preferred entertainment:** Outdoor activities and concerts  
**Favorite heroes:** Chuck Yeager, Pancho Barnes, and Sally Ride  
**Favorite music:** Everything but country  
**Favorite movies:** Top Gun and the Right Stuff  
**Favorite aircraft:** C-5A and U-2  
**Pet peeve:** Ignorance  
**What would I do if I won \$1 million:** Support my family, pay off all debts for my family and buy an aerobatic plane

## **Patriot Praises**

### **Unit Compliance Inspection Superior Performers**

**Major**  
 Marie Dufault  
 Paul E. Goliber  
 Dale R. Maynard  
 Patrick S. Ryan

**Chief master sergeant**  
 Tammy H. Vezina  
 Kathy Wood

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 Ann M. Fluegge  
 Robert McGraw  
 Randy J. Bates  
 John D. MacIntyre  
 Jacqueline M. Plouff  
 Lawrence P. Rodrigues  
 Kristine M. Seney

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 Lori D. Boucher

Kimberly A. Babin  
 Richard Gheen  
 Kymberly Schulz  
 Beverly A. Cote  
 Gregory A. Libby  
 Alice L. Mitchell  
 Sandra Mundt  
 Elaine J. Perreault  
 Theresa M. Robert  
 Christopher S. Lane  
 Francis T. Simone  
 Robert L. Flynn  
 Neal G. Normandin  
 Steven Waite

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 Joni M. Thomas  
 Russell H. Gately  
 Sirita L. Williams  
 James F. Anthony

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 Marylyn Shrelin  
 Michael S. Thomas  
 John W. Tinnemeyer  
 Matt D. Morgan

**Staff sergeant**  
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 Mary E. Gallagher  
 Brian D. Kerr  
 Amber L. Ryals  
 Edward L. Wilchinski

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 Jesse G. Gonzales  
 Adnan Ramadani

**Civilian employees:**  
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 Anthony J. Carfiro

**Edwin G. Driscoll**  
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 Kim L. Grybko  
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 Debra D. Wells  
 Charles E. Woodruff

### **Reenlistments (June):**

**Senior Master Sgt. Beverly A. Cote**  
**Master sergeant**  
 Steven N. Charest  
 Richard W. Gheen  
 Michael K. Hackett  
 Harry T. Herbert

**Kenneth J. Marowski**  
 Catherine A. Newton  
 Jeffrey J. Picard  
**Technical sergeant**  
 Timothy M. Card  
 Timothy D. Cawthra

**Joshua Hebert**  
 Daniel R. Lowe  
 Scott A. Macnevins  
 Peter J. Murphy  
 Careyann M. Patterson  
 Michael G. Scheibner  
 Alexander F. Sullivan

**Staff Sgt. Michael H. Meisel**  
**Senior Airman Ean David Larson**

# Westover hosts Navy return, Army Guard send-off

Westover's spacious Base Hangar housed a recent U.S. Navy homecoming and an Army National Guard send-off.

Two New England-based Navy Reserve units came home July 20 from a deployment in support of the Global War on Terror and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Inshore Boat Unit 21 of Newport, R.I. and Inshore Boat Unit 22 of Groton, Conn., deployed in November 2004.

The base hosted more than 500 people Aug. 6 who took part in a send-off for 150 soldiers from the Army National Guard's 181st Engineering Battalion based in Northampton, Mass. They were scheduled to deploy to Southwest Asia.



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**ARMY OF PEOPLE** - The base hosted more than 500 people Aug. 6 who took part in a send-off for 150 deploying soldiers from the Army National Guard's 181st Engineering Battalion based in Northampton, Mass.



photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

**SNACK TIME** - Pioneer Valley USO volunteers serve refreshments and coffee to family members and Navy reservists during the July 20 homecoming.



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**HANGAR HOME** - Navy reservists reunite with their families who traveled from Rhode Island and Connecticut, and gather in the Base Hangar for the homecoming July 20.

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