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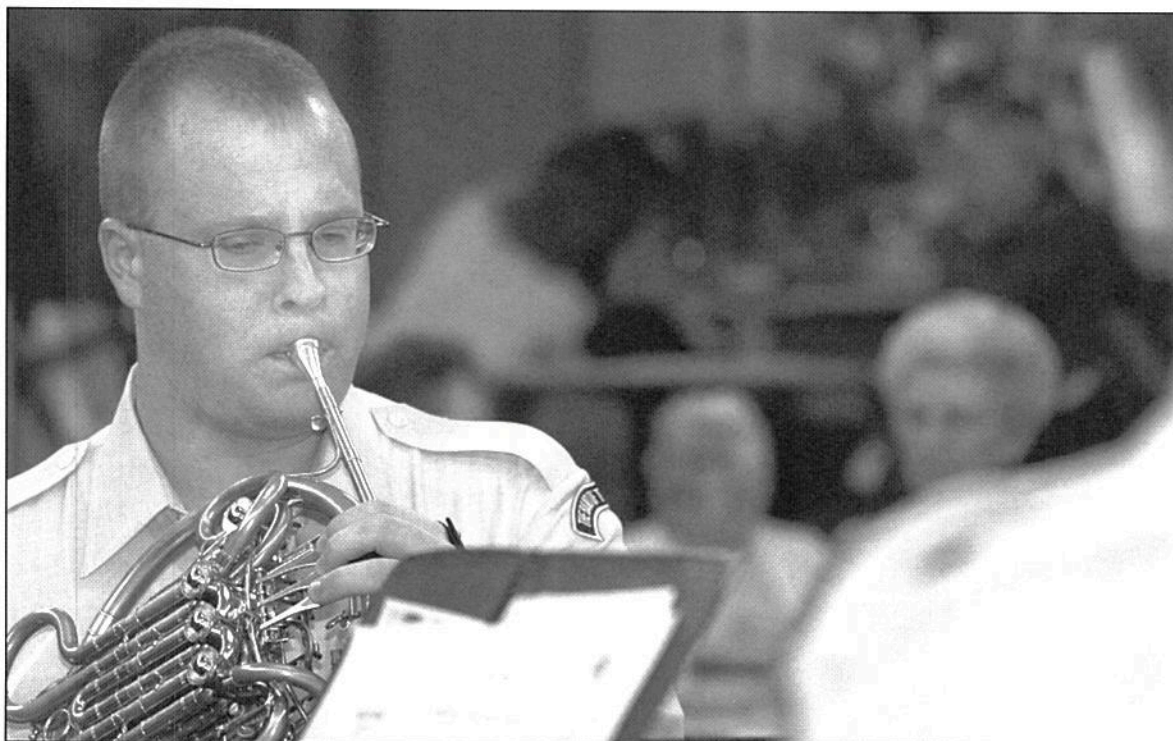
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HORN O' PLENTY >> Staff Sgt. Mike Pekarek, Band of the Air Force Reserve, entertains patrons at the Eastfield Mall May 6. The band played seven events in two days as part of Band Strike 2006. (photo by Staff Sgt. Tom Ouellette)

EDITORIAL | Contamination avoidance, split MOPP critical to ORI success

Congratulations! Our ORI was a success. Just as important, the training exercise identified some areas we can still improve for the main event—the ORI. From the ATSO standpoint, contamination avoidance and Split MOPP/Transition Points are critical to a successful ORI.

• Contamination avoidance – The emphasis must be on AVOIDANCE!

Ask yourself: How can I avoid contamination? Does my unit have a pre-designated plan in place? Do I know what that plan is?

- During Alarm Yellow, know the plan for covering all critical assets:

- What gets covered, closed or taken inside?
- Is the list prioritized to what gets done first?
- Does it designate who does what?
- Is there enough material (plastics/tarps) to cover all equipment?

- Stay indoors during the attack. Know where your shelters are.

- Remain indoors or under overhead cover until directed by your UCC.

- If you could not get indoors in time and you become contaminated, use your M-291 decontamination kits within the first 3 minutes.

Notify your UCC and wait for instructions to go

to the CCA.

- Once you've been contaminated with liquid contamination you CAN NOT re-enter a building.

- Facility shuffle boxes and hand decontamination troughs must be used when entering facilities or aircraft. They:

- Must be filled with 5 percent chlorine solution. (Water will be used for the ORI.)

- Must be covered

- Must be placed outside when the first teams are exiting buildings.

- Properly mark off contaminated areas, vehicles and equipment. Use yellow marking surveyor tape and yellow flag with date and time of contamination.

- Remember the "10 Foot Rule." For the first 24 hours you must be in MOPP 4 if within 10 feet of contaminated vehicles/equipment/personnel/ waste. After 24 hours the use of gloves is required.

- Know what to do with contaminated waste. Collection points need to be established during the pre-attack phase.

They should be at least 10 feet away and downwind from facilities. Clearly identify and mark the containers.

- Individual Protective Equipment – Remember 8 minutes is all you have to go from MOPP 0 to MOPP 4.

- Zone Discipline- Know the boundaries of your zone:

- Use Split MOPP and Transition Points correctly.

- Always know what "chemical zone" you are in and which "chemical zone" you are going to.

- Study the base grid map and know the borders of the zone you work in and the location of the Transition Points.

- During Alarm Blue there is no outside movement unless evacuation is required:

- Go to the nearest bunker in your zone and wait for clear passage to your alternate facility.

- DO NOT cross zones to go to your designated alternate building during a chemical attack.



Ms. Knox

Bobbie Knox
Chief of Readiness

BRIEFS |

MPF office wins Air Force award

The wing education and training office staff recently earned top honors as the best in the Air Force.

The staff received the Nathan Altschuler Outstanding Education and Training Flight Award in early May.

Staff members with the office are: Maj. Dale Maynard, Senior Master Sgt. Kristine M. Seney, master sergeants Richard Gheen and Christopher Lane, technical sergeants James Anthony, Dawn Scaff, John Tinnemeyer, and Michael Thomas, and staff sergeants Edward Wilchinski and Geoffrey Read.

This was the first time the staff won Air Force level, said Sergeant Seney. Their last major award was in 1998, when they won at the Air Force Reserve Command level.

KFMP members to meet June 14

Key Family Member Program (KFMP) members are scheduled to meet June 14 in the wing commander's conference room. To help accommodate schedules, KFMP will meet at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to assist the KFMP. For more information, call Kim Farris through the Westover Family Support Center at Ext. 3024.

Police to crack down on seat-belt usage

Beginning in June, Westover security forces will put a heavy emphasis on base seat-belt policy, which allows them to pull over and ticket drivers seen not wearing their seat belts.

Hurricane relief mission documented

During the May A UTA, Lt. Col. John Hrinko, an Air Force historian from Maxwell AFB, Ala., interviewed a handful of Westover Airmen and Marines about their involvement in the base's Hurricane Katrina relief mission in August and September 2005.

More than 100 Patriot-Wingers took part in the mission, during which Westover C-5s transported Federal Emergency Management Assistance (FEMA) search-and-rescue teams, 200 evacuees and nearly 1 million pounds of cargo to and from the devastated Gulf region.

Colonel Hrinko is on a yearlong assignment to document the U.S. military's involvement in the relief effort.

New UTA lodging program checks in

A new, do-it-yourself reservation system for UTA lodging is scheduled to start at Westover in July.

Instead of signing up for billeting during drill weekends, reservists will be responsible for making their reservations, changes and cancellations by phone, according to Pedro Santiago, Flyers Inn lodging manager.

The automated system allows Airmen to book UTA lodging (not for mandays or annual tours) up to three months in advance by dialing 1-800-367-1110 Ext. 2850. By entering their social security numbers and arrival and departure dates, servicemembers will be confirmed in either on- or off-base lodging.

Unit leadership will inform Westover Airmen when they may begin using the system.

Two Patriot Wing reservists proved on Patriot's Day they can go the distance ... a very, very long distance.

On April 17, Technical Sgt. William J. Brown, 58th Aerial Port Squadron, and Senior Airman Michael P. Kraus, 439th Airlift Wing finance office, competed in the 110th running of the prestigious Boston Marathon.

Finishing the winding, 26.2-mile race with the world's most elite marathoners is no small task.

The Boston Marathon, with its hilly terrain and finicky New England weather, is considered by many running experts as one of the world's most difficult marathons.

But, neither Sergeant Brown nor Airman Kraus, each running the marathon for the first time, let the hype break their strides.

Sergeant Brown posted an impressive 3:30:0, and Airman Kraus raced across the finish line at 4:06:11.

"It's an incredible experience," Sergeant Brown said. "There's nothing like crossing the finish line."

Airman Kraus echoed Sergeant Brown's sentiment.

"I was so pumped up for two weeks afterwards," he said. "I grew up near Boston. So, competing in this marathon was something I've always wanted to do. I was so thrilled that, every time anyone asked me about the race, I couldn't stop talking about it."



Marathon Men

Two Westover Airmen find glory & benevolence on the road to Boston's legendary road race

by Staff Sgt. Tom Ouellette

Neither reservist plans to call it quits.

The 44-year-old Sergeant Brown, with four marathons under his belt prior to the Boston Marathon, plans to compete in one marathon each month until he reaches his goal of thirteen.

He started running two years ago after his then 11-year-old son, Sean, "inspired" him. Sean drew a balloon and said jokingly to his dad, "This looks like you," suggesting the need to lose weight.

"We laugh about it all the time," Sergeant Brown said. "When someone asks me why I run marathons,

I point to Sean and say, 'Blame him.' But, to his credit, I've lost 40 pounds since I started running."

Airman Kraus, 24, said he got hooked on running during basic training in 2004.

"Since then, I just kept it going, running mostly 5K distances at first," he said. "My original goal was to enter next year's Boston Marathon. But, when the chance of entering this year's race became possible, I grabbed it—even though it gave me only one month to properly prepare."

"The crowd was the best part of the marathon," said Airman Kraus.

"There are thousands of people to cheer you on every step of the way, and kids give you high-fives ... I don't think I could've made it to the end without the support of the spectators."

While the two Westover reservists raced through the streets of Boston with 20,000 other runners, they were helping charities as well.

Other than the Olympics, the Boston Marathon is the only major marathon that has qualification standards. But, the event allows a limited amount of runners to enter without meeting its standards if they're raising money for sponsored charities.

Sergeant Brown represented Griffin's Team, a Springfield organization dedicated to providing support for children stricken with cancer.

Airman Kraus raised funds for the Disability Law Center of Boston.

"Griffin's Team matches runners with a child from the organization," Sergeant Brown said. "That's how I met Kyle, from West Springfield."

"He just went through chemotherapy, and he waited for me at the marathon's 24th mile. Once I arrived there, I stopped, we hugged, and I greeted his family. It was very emotional."

"Kyle was my motivation to finish the race. I reminded myself that whatever pain I was feeling was nothing compared to what he has to go through everyday."

Patriot porter runs with ghosts of World War II

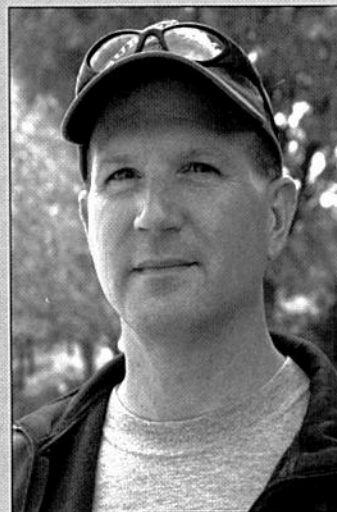
Roughly three weeks before competing in one of the nation's most renowned races—the Boston Marathon—Tech. Sgt. William J. Brown, 58th APS, ran in one of the nation's most unique races: The Bataan Death March Memorial Marathon.

The annual, 26.2-mile event commemorates the 75,000 U.S. and Filipino POWs forced to march 90 miles through sweltering jungles by Japanese soldiers in April 1942. Abuse was rampant during the week-long trek, during which prisoners were starved, tortured or executed outright. By the end of the march, more than 10,000 prisoners died. The march was later deemed a war crime.

In the spirit of camaraderie, the race is only open to teams, whose members must cross the finish line within 20 seconds of each other.

Sergeant Brown, who works for the Connecticut's Department of Correction, joined four co-workers for the event, held at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

Survivors of the original march are invited to attend the race, which was first held in 1989. "No one is allowed to cross the starting line until they acknowledge and greet each of them," said Sergeant Brown.





ORI: Will you pass?

How well do you know how to deploy? Find out while testing your skills each month. E-mail responses to: 439patriot.editor@westover.af.mil

This month's topic: Dehydration

What are some common symptoms of dehydration?

- a) Headache
- b) Dry mouth
- c) Projectile vomiting
- d) Dizziness
- e) Numbness/tingling in fingers & toes

What treatment would you give someone who is dehydrated?

- a) Have them lie down in a shady spot
- b) Tell them everything's going to be alright
- c) Have them drink some water
- d) Offer them a foot massage
- e) Give them gentle kiss on the forehead

The answers—along with more information on the subject—can be found on pages 183-84 of your Airman's' Manual

Noteworthy touchdown at Patriot Wing

by Staff Sgt. Paul Flipse

Anyone on base the afternoon of April 24 might have noticed something familiar about an airplane parked on Westover's north ramp. The powder-blue-and-white design ... the bold American flag on the tail ... the suited, sunglass-wearing Secret Service agents surrounding it ...

Was President George W. Bush at Westover? No, his "significant other" was, and the plane in question wasn't Air Force One, it was a Boeing C-40 Clipper, Laura Bush's ride here for a local speaking engagement.

Mrs. Bush was due to give a talk at the Mount at Lenox, Mass., the estate and garden of author Edith Wharton.

For security reasons, the arrival and departure of her plane were classified.

So, just after 1 p.m., the airwaves at base operations crackled to life with news the first lady was on her way.

In all, Mrs. Bush's plane spent three hours parked quietly on Westover's tarmac under a lazy blanket of clouds.

The C-40, a close cousin of the 737-700, is used by both the Air Force and Navy. The Air



LADY'S BIRD >> Laura Bush's plane cast a prominent shadow on Westover's runway one April afternoon. Here, she addresses Airmen at Aviano Air Base, Italy. (photo by Staff Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth)

Force employs B and C models of the plane, trimmed in the same color scheme as Air Force One, primarily for transporting senior military and government leaders. The Navy uses C-40A's for logistical support.

This was Mrs. Bush's first time at Westover, but President Bush visited the base in the late 1960s. He took the Air Force Officer Qualification Test here at the age of 21, four months prior to his enlistment in the Texas Air National Guard.

TUNING IN >>

Band Strike musicians visited seven local venues, including this appearance of the Full Spectrum Jazz Ensemble at South Hadley Town Commons.

BLUE NOTES

Article and photo
by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

Three Air Force Reserve bands brought their rock and jazz sounds to Westover in early May.

The visit, called Band Strike, saw the trio of bands performing at the base and in South Hadley, Holyoke, Northampton and the Springfield area from May 4 to 6.

More than 150 people listened to the big band sounds of the Full Spectrum Jazz Ensemble May 6 on the South Hadley Town Commons. A six-piece version of the jazz group played Springfield Technical Community College May 5.

Col. Michael J. Marten, 439th AW vice commander and a South Hadley resident, took the stage briefly to introduce himself to members of his hometown community.

"We're pleased to bring you this very special group of talented musi-

cians today," Colonel Marten said.

"These men and women up here on stage represent the very best of the Air Force Reserve."

The Reserve Generation Rock Band performed May 6 on a flatbed trailer outside the Westover Club as part of a Patriot Wing Block Party. Threatening skies that built up during the day gave way to bright sunshine by the time the band took the stage.

The Brass Quintet visited the Northampton Veterans Administration Center, Holyoke Soldiers Home and the Eastfield Mall.

Among the Air Force bands' many missions are to boost morale among Airmen and assist with recruiting efforts.

The bands are assigned to Robins Air Force Base, Ga. A Patriot Wing C-5 flew them home May 8.





Base volunteers get kudos, awards from vice commander

Westover reservists work hard for their money. However, there are people on base who work hard for no money at all. In fact, their only working wage is the gratitude paid them by base Airmen.

On April 28, the men and women who volunteer to support Westover reservists were honored in an award ceremony at the base conference center. The event was hosted by vice wing commander Col. Michael J. Marten, who offered words of

praise, admiration and gratitude to the group.

He also handed out certificates of appreciation to the more than thirty members in attendance.

Volunteers have provided care and comfort on Westover since the base opened in 1940. Most recently, Pioneer Valley USO members staffed a welcome center with coffee, donuts and other refreshments for thousands of troops heading to Operation Iraqi Freedom in the early months of 2003.

2006 Westover ARB Volunteer Awardees

Key Family Member Program

Marcy Anholt
Grace Barnes
DeAnne Biscoe
Lori Boucher
Mike Brunetti
Sharon Coprich
Pamela Cull
Charlotte Doiron
Earl Duncan
Marguerite Duncan
Donna Duval
Stephanie Egan
Kim Farris
Deborah Fish
Heather Frye
Ruby Graham
Christopher Harry
Shirley Ingham
Jean Johnson
Robert Kazalski
Andrea LaMountain
Sharon Lausier
Dawn Lawlor
Annie Marten
Jill McGregor
Joan Nadeau
Phillip Nadeau
Julie Prior
Sarah Robison
Maria Romanoff
Meg Schoenemann
Jayne Shogry
Marilyn Spofford
John Szewc
Kathy Wood
Heather Zackaricz
Joe Zackaricz

Suzanne Graham
Jennifer Grant
Grace Gray
Bonnie Grenier
Kathryn Grenier
Paul Grenier
Joshua Hamre
Gloria Illicki
Barbara Kovarik
Diane Kurr
John Lauzon
Georgia Lavallee
Richard Lavallee
Christopher Lizzotte
Malissa Lizzotte
Martha Mangini
Patricia Marois
Gail Mazza
Verna McMahon
Sandra Mongeon
Olive Monks
William Murray
Dottie Pimpore
Raymond Pimpore
Alice Pont
David Rawson
Joanne Rosenbeck
Susan Rutkowski
Carmella Serafino
Carmelo Serafino
Frances Sheaffer
Jane Socha
Bernard Tourangeau
Clyde Waite
Dorothy Waite
Patricia Ames
Margaret Cote
Lucille Niemiec*

*Passed away in Jan 2006;
also received the Volunteer
Excellence Award for 2005

USO

Susan Austin
Elizabeth Barabani
Christine Barry
Gina Battista
Linda Battista
Nadia Belorusky
Cecile Blustine
Peggy Buoniconti
Jennie Cwieka
Shirley Demers
Laurence Gill

Retirees Activities Office

Henry Gadreault
Robert Stein
Ronald Akins
Maurice Dion
Ben Madamba
Donald Snyder
Robert Pozos
Delores Pozos
Betty Sallade
Fred Sallade

Micheal Nunziato
Walt Grunder
Paul Wisniewski
Phil Knowles
Marty Condon
Helen Moss
Dave Moss
Phillip Newbury
Paul Robichaud
Les Buchmann
Stanley Tokarski
Virginia Tokarski
Frank Smith
Normand Gregoire
George Howe
Emery Filarsky
James Adams
Lawrence Johanson
Clinton Driscoll
John Fitzell
Paul Adkins
John Kimball
Warren McAvoy
John Dorko
Lawrence Ebner
Harold Flanagan
John Flanagan
Pete Forsberg
Donald Gesick
Edward Garcia
Ron Goodrich
Edward Hughes
Walter Lewiston
Larry Lucas
Edward Mullarkey
John O'Neil
William Samuel
Charles Gintowt
Robert Spofford
J. Robert Kisiel
Dick Giola
Dan Bonyea
Roger Underwood
Jim Godin
Roland Woodbury
John Sbrega
Marsha Sbrega

Family Support Center

Jace Peters
Dr. Sherman Fein
Charlotte Dorian
Ruby Graham

Air Force Portal creates net community

by Master Sgt. Tom Allocco

If you wear blue, there is something for you on the Air Force Portal, and you will probably find it with a few clicks. With only your password, you can find your W-2 form, weather-radar pictures, updates on your functional area, human-resource development opportunities and "Early Bird" news briefs. MyPay, the Virtual Military Personnel Flight, mandatory Information Awareness training and testing are among the frequently-accessed sites easily found on the Air Force Portal.

The Air Force Portal has become the most important Internet destination for the Air Force. You can access the portal on Westover computers by clicking "Air Force Links" under "Favorites."

Another feature of the portal is the Community of Practice (CoP), a workspace that provides a Web-based collaborative environment in which members of a group share information and administrative and communications tools to conduct business, manage a project, keep abreast of group issues and solve group problems.

A timely addition to the CoP is the 439th Airlift Wing and 612th Aerial Refueling Wing's 2006 ORI Web site. The site covers a range of ORI issues including timeliness, training site information, weather forecasts, self aid and buddy care, and Airman's Manual training. A discussion forum offers Airmen the opportunity to discuss ORI issues in their own functional areas.

The Patriot Wing has been represented on the CoP since July, when the 439th Aeromedical Stage Squadron site went up.

Features of the community include discussion forums, alerts, frequently-asked questions, a member directory and feedback/help sections.

According to its designers, the Air Force Portal is changing the way we do business. The numbers prove them right. Now in its third year, the Air Force Portal has more than 700,000 registered users accessing more than two million Web pages every day.

The portal is being used daily to access the Virtual Education Center, the Air Force Fitness Management System and more. With a single click, users can access a life and career link with information and self-service applications relating to career, health, life matters, money travel and legal. On the library page, you can access online periodicals, do research and find training and education materials.

The Air Force Instant Messenger allows members to conduct real-time conversations with other portal users, as well as access such sites as Army Knowledge Online (AKO).

Living in the shadow of a gun

Patriot Wing drivers on the road around Baghdad

by Master Sgt. Tom Allocco

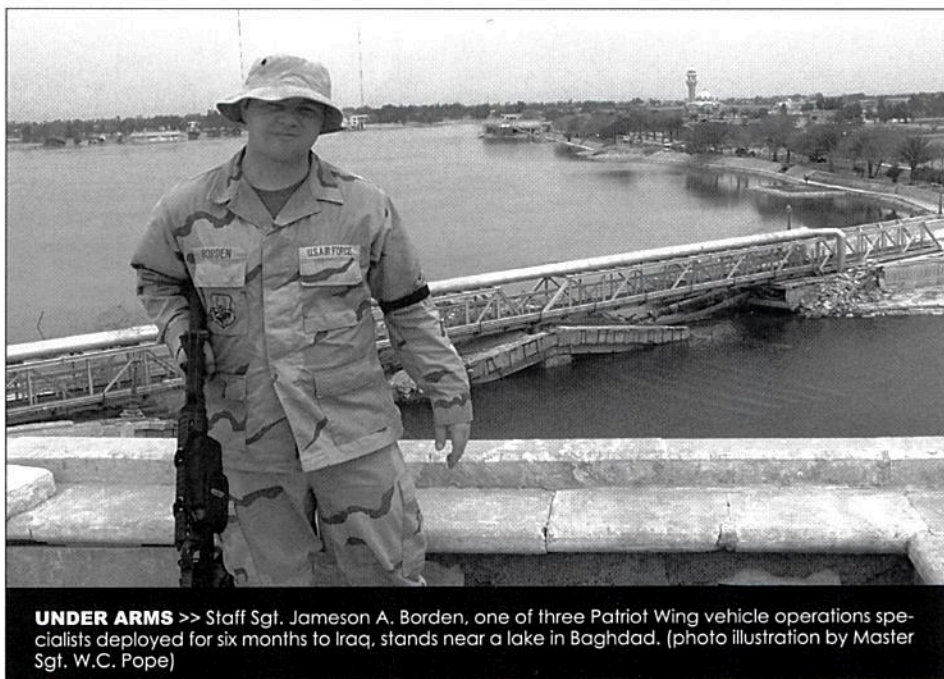
Three Patriot Wing members are on the road every day in Iraq keeping trucks rolling around a hub of Army and Air Force bases at Baghdad International Airport.

Tech. Sgt. William R. Williams, Tech. Sgt. Robert H. McDermod and Staff Sgt. Jameson A. Borden, vehicle operations specialists of the 439th Logistics Readiness Squadron, are serving a six-month tour at the airport in sight of the Tigris River. Since the beginning of March, they have been living in tents at Camp Sather, named for Air Force Staff Sgt. Scott Sather, killed in combat during the 2003 invasion that captured the airfield previously known as Saddam Hussein International Airport.

The Air Force camp is grouped with five other Army camps in a cluster around Baghdad International Airport. The recently-formed Iraqi Air Force also operates C-130s at the airfield.

The three Westover Airmen are serving with the 447th Air Expeditionary Group. They spend most of their waking hours driving tractor trailers, vans, forklifts and other vehicles moving troops and equipment around the complex of camps. When not on the road, they staff the vehicle operations center during their 12-hour days, six days a week.

Despite serving at the airport of the Iraq capital, conditions are similar to a bare base. They live in air conditioned six and eight-person tents. The gym, dining facility and recreation center are



UNDER ARMS >> Staff Sgt. Jameson A. Borden, one of three Patriot Wing vehicle operations specialists deployed for six months to Iraq, stands near a lake in Baghdad. (photo illustration by Master Sgt. W.C. Pope)

under canvas.

A 20-foot wall around the complex and concrete barriers in the tent areas remind everyone that the war is never far away. Army patrols, sometimes accompanied by Air Force vehicle operators, frequently return to the complex of camps with captured caches of explosives. A regular feature of life in the complex is the boom of controlled explosions by explosive ordnance disposal troops.

The three Patriot Wing members literally dropped into Baghdad International Airport by C-130. "We were at 10,000 feet, right above the field, and then... dropped 5,500 feet straight down

and corkscrewed down to the runway," Sergeant Williams said. "That is kind of neat if you like roller coasters."

The three vehicle operations specialists bring to the job experience from earlier deployments. After Sept. 11, Sergeant Borden served in Europe, and Sergeant McDermod served in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Sergeant Williams, who served in Europe and Southwest Asia, first went to the Persian Gulf as an engine-room sailor on the big gun USS Missouri when it was escorting tankers during the Iran-Iraq War in 1987.

During their first two months at the airport, the vehicle operators experienced three major rainstorms that turned the camps into lakes because the clay soil doesn't absorb the water. At other times, Sergeant Borden said, "... there's a lot of dust in the air. The sky is brown- the rain brings down the dust."

Besides the movie, gym and recreation tents, one of the few leisure time opportunities is a visit to a bazaar at one of the Army camps where Iraqis sell jewelry, DVDs and computer games.

The USO has also brought shows, including the Charlie Daniels Band and a comedy production, to the complex of camps.

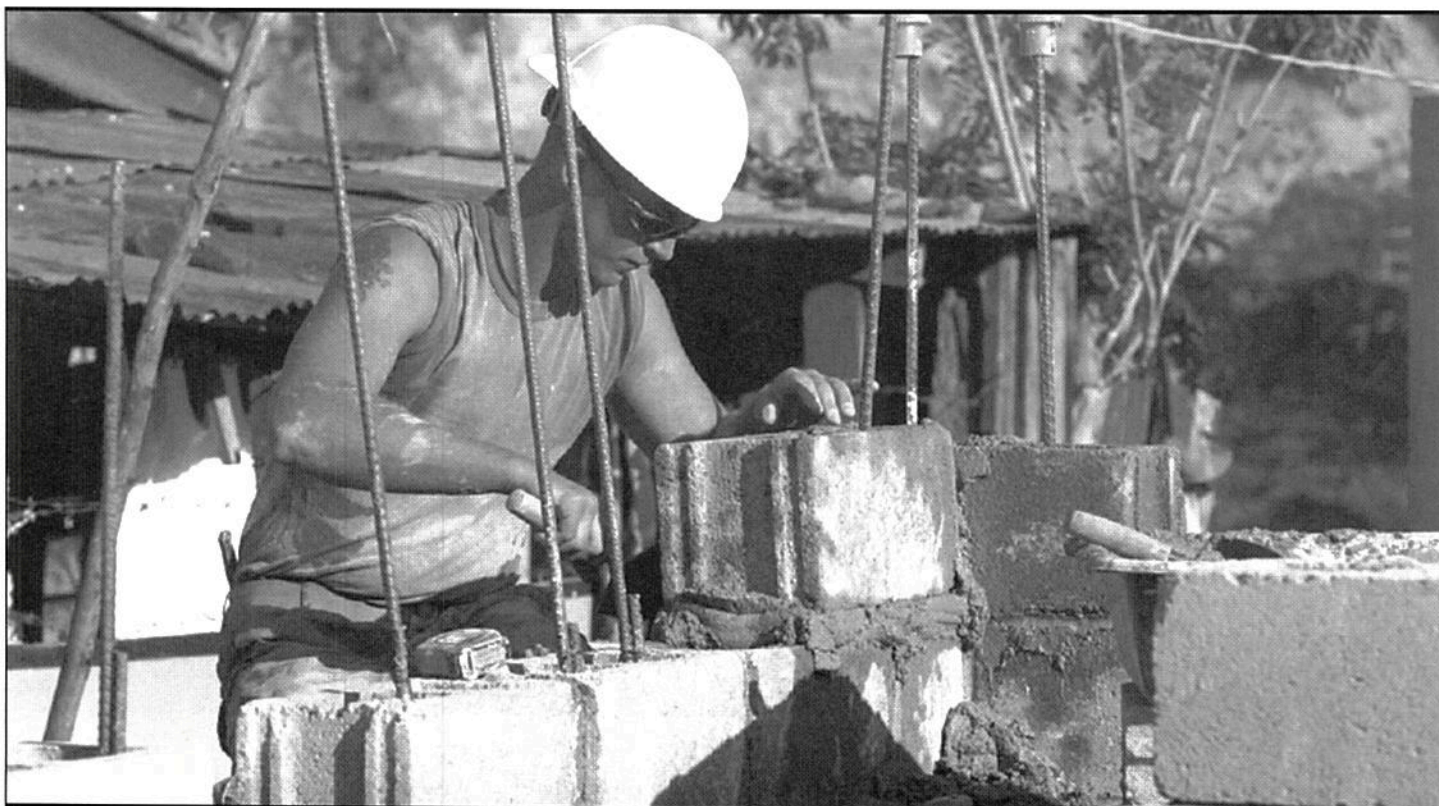
Despite the efforts of MWR and the USO, months of boredom in a complex of camps surrounded by a wall is a challenge.

"It's lucky for us there is not that much downtime," Sergeant Borden said.

"We were at 10,000 feet,
right above the field,
and then...
dropped
5,500 feet
...and corkscrewed down
to the runway."

--Tech. Sgt. William R. Williams
439th LRS

WESTOVER PATRIOTS |



THE BEDROCK OF A GOOD EDUCATION >> Marine Cpl. Ross Jupert, a member of Westover's Marine Wing Support Squadron 472nd Detachment B lays block at the Gonzolo River school construction site in La Ceiba, Honduras, as part of Operation New Horizons 2006. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Maria Bare)

'New Horizons' for Westover Marines

by Senior Airman Timm Huffman

Westover's Marine Wing Support Squadron 472 members recently provided humanitarian aid in Honduras as part of Operation New Horizons 2006.

The Marines spent their time in La Ceiba, Honduras, building a two-room school house out of concrete blocks, said Cpl. Ross Jupert, a MWSS 472 combat engineer who spent nearly four months on the project.

Operation New Horizons was a joint training exercise involving the Air Force, Navy, Marines, Army and Honduran military forces. The joint task

force built a maternity clinic and four schools, and offered health care in different locations in and around La Ceiba.

Corporal Jupert said the Westover Marines constructed the school building on the side of a 45-degree hill.

Despite the language barrier, Corporal Jupert enjoyed working with the Hondurans. The Marines adapted to the communication challenge by using hand and arm signals.

The corporal said the Hondurans were hard workers. "They were very professional and did their jobs well," he said. "We worked with six Honduran engineers as well as their security forces. I loved the people there, they're thankful for what we did and they cooked for us. It was pretty neat."

Third quarter award recipients announced

Westover's Quarterly Awards Board has selected the following third quarter award winners for the fiscal 2006:

Airman – Senior Airman Cory Schumacher, 42nd Aerial Port Squadron.

Noncommissioned Officer – Staff Sgt. Erin Cabral, 439th Operations Support Squadron

Senior NCO – Master Sgt. Lori Boucher, 439th Mission Support Squadron

Company Grade Officer – First Lt. Carl Kleine-

bekel, 337th Airlift Squadron

Civilian – Tracy Notto, 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron.

Westover civilian honored

Robert F. Flynn, air reserve technician for the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron, was recently chosen as the Air Force Reserve's top civilian technician.

Cell phone reminder

Westover security patrols are now ticketing drivers seen talking on cellular phones without a hands-free device.

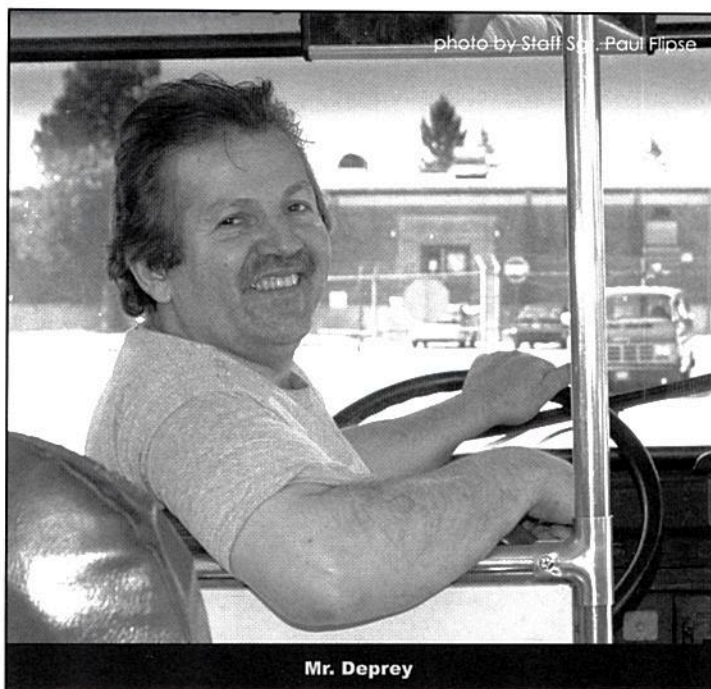
Summer bowling heats up

The Westover Bowling Center will host the Summer Strike Force bowling promotion beginning June 1.

Participants can win prizes, such as pens, key chains, Strike force "bowling shirts," T-shirts or caps, through a punch-card system. Punches will be given for every game bowled or large fountain drinks purchased at the bowling center snack bar through July 31.

For complete rules and entry information, visit the Westover Bowling Center or call Ext. 3990.

PATRIOT PEOPLE |



NAME : Robert Deprey
 AGE : 47
 HOMETOWN : Chicopee, Mass.
 UNIT : Transportation
 POSITION : Mechanic
 FAVORITE FOOD : Pizza
 YEARS AT WESTOVER : Six
 FAVORITE SPORT : Boxing
 FAVORITE HOBBY : Metal-detecting
 IDEAL VACATION : Las Vegas
 BEST WAY TO RELAX : Watch TV
 PREFERRED ENTERTAINMENT : Movies
 FAVORITE HERO : Military
 FAVORITE MUSIC STYLE : Country
 FAVORITE MOVIE : Blackhawk Down
 FAVORITE AIRCRAFT : F-117 Blackhawk
 PET PEEVE : Leaving lights on
 WHAT WOULD I DO IF I WON \$1 MILLION : Buy a big house and move far, far away.

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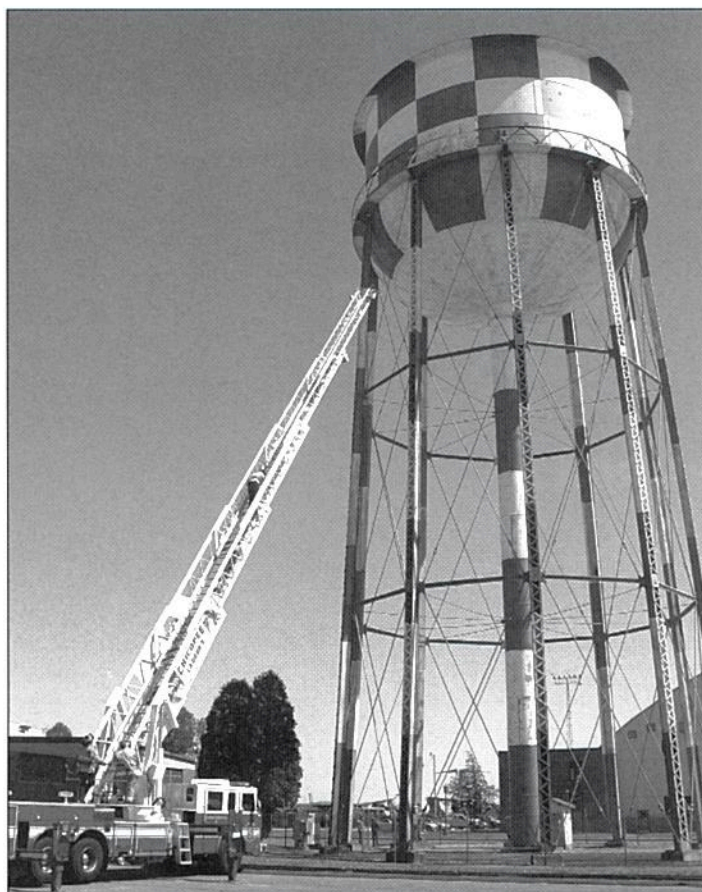
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Master sergeant
 Cyr, Paul E.
 Manning, Jeffrey N.
 Parker, Lawrence
 Philbrick, Mark E.
 Sullivan, Barbara
 Evelyn, Aidan F.

Technical sergeant
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 Knight, Ralph
 Lavigne, Michael
 Moon, Danforth
 Radzewicz, Terry S.
 Vescovi, John

Staff Sergeant
 Eiermann, Robert

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RESCUE ME >> Westover and Chicopee firefighters took turns climbing a 100-ft ladder recently in preparation for the base water tower's repainting project, due to start in May. The exercise scenario was to rescue an incapacitated worker from the tower. (photo by Staff Sgt. Paul Flipse)



IF YOU CAN READ THIS BUMPER STICKER ... >> A Patriot Wing C-5 moves closer to an awaiting KC-135E Stratotanker during air-to-air refuel training. The weekly missions, flown over New England and New York, are mandatory for Westover C-5 pilots. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

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