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gets battle-tested
in Alpena

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WELL-EARNED EXHAUSTION >> With the 2006 Operational Readiness Inspection behind them, deployed members of the 439th Airlift Wing grab cat naps on the flight back to Westover. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

EDITORIAL | With the ORI finally behind us, let's enjoy our time with families



General Farris

OUTSTANDING! That's how I rate this wing's performance on the Operational Readiness Inspection. Despite the fact that the Air Mobility Command Inspector General chose to grade us satisfactory, my assessment of your effort is that each

of you did a superior job. Westover deployed 493 members to mock forward operating bases in Michigan and Kansas for one week to test our readiness to deploy. Despite daunting challenges of extreme weather – and whatever scenarios the inspectors threw at us – the results show we are “mission ready.” In fact, all of our Unit Type Codes passed. Col. John Almind, IG team chief, said, “Westover set a high standard that is going to be hard to match.”

While ORIs are a helpful tool for training, real-world figures tell the story.

Since 2002, Westover deployed 1,690 reservists stateside and around the globe – including all

points in the Area of Responsibility – each tour averaging three to four months. Virtually every career field, representing every Westover unit, deployed to fight the global war on terrorism.

These figures are most impressive. Letters of appreciation from expeditionary commanders at forward operating bases and from all levels of command continue to rate Westover personnel outstanding in real-world deployments.

I'm thankful for all the hard work on the ORI, and for the greater sacrifice Westover makes to respond to the needs associated with headline news.

I'm proud of all Westover reservists and civilians and feel lucky, once again, to be your commander.

Now that we are done with inspections for a while, it's time to celebrate a little with the Wing Picnic this UTA. This is a good opportunity to thank our families for their patience, understanding and sacrifice while we serve our country. I hope as many of you as possible will bring your families out to enjoy a day of good food and fun.

Finally, although we have completed our cycle of major inspections, we can't rest for

too long. The Great New England Airshow is scheduled for August of 2007. Even though it's a lot of fun, we all know how much work and preparation goes into making it happen so we have to start getting ready soon. In addition, the operations tempo has not decreased so our wing will continue to be one of the busiest in the country. Bottom line; Westover will continue to have opportunities to prove we are the team of choice!

Thanks again for everything you do!

Brig. Gen. Wade Farris
439th Airlift Wing commander

BRIEFS |

Wing Family Day set for Sept. A UTA

Reservists of the 439th Airlift Wing and their family members are invited to attend Family Day on Saturday Sept. 9 at the field adjacent to the base softball diamonds.

Join the wing for food, softball, children's games and tours of reservists' work areas.

For more information, contact Cheryl Kirkwood or Tech. Sgt. Margaret Sullivan at Ext. 3024.

No salute at ellipse

The base ellipse is a designated no-hat, no-salute area for wing military members who want to walk or run in uniform.

Members are still required to wear hats and salute while en route to and from the ellipse perimeter path.

Reserve center to expand online service

Air Force Reservists and Guardsmen will soon have more online services available through the virtual Personnel Center-Guard and Reserve, a Web portal located on the ARPC Web site at: <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil>.

The new capabilities are designed to help people conduct transactions online without having to visit a military personnel flight in person.

On March 31, the center gave people the capability to correct their duty history online. In addition to correcting their duty history, customers also can:

Obtain their 20-year letter (re-issue); send a letter to the promotion board; receive board counseling; acquire a mortgage letter; correct their points history; request a copy of a finalized NGB 22, Report of Separation and Record of Service; get current awards and decorations information; make a personnel data update; find out about current points; choose a Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan; request a copy of a finalized Defense Department Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty; get retired pay assistance; request copies of previous enlisted performance reports or officer performance reports; or sign up for TRICARE Reserve Select.

Members can stay informed about the latest vPC-GR information by creating a new account on vPC-GR and electing to receive the vPC-GR online subscription-based e-mail. To get to it, visit the ARPC Web site at <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil> and click on the vPC-GR logo.

September B UTA rescheduled for A

The 23-24 September B UTA was officially changed to 9-10 September in order to allow all reservists and their family members the opportunity to attend Family Day.

Patriot online

The Patriot newsletter is now available online about two weeks before the hard copy on the base Web site at: www.westover.afrc.af.mil.

The Patriot goes to press at the end of each A UTA.

Reservists not receiving their copy of the Patriot at home can contact military personnel flight (MPF) to verify their address.

Retirees can call the public affairs office at (413) 557-2020.

Westover makes the grade; inspectors impressed

by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

Patriot Wing members applauded their satisfactory grade from July's "big wing" Operational Readiness Inspection.

The Air Mobility Command Inspector General team provided its outbrief to a packed crowd in the wing conference center Aug. 10. Senior leadership in attendance included Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, 22nd Air Force commander; Brig. Gen. Wade Farris, 439th Airlift Wing commander, and Col. Michael J. Marten, 439th AW vice commander.

Two AMC IG briefers announced the grading for each unit. The wing's ORI grade consisted of four primary areas: initial response, employment, mission support, and ability to survive and operate (ATSO).

For security reasons, specific ratings for the wing could not be released, but highlights of ORI grades included the following wing areas:

Initial response, to include generation and deployment; command and control and safety during the employment phase of the inspection; redeployment (during which 493 people returned to Westover); command and control during the ATSO evaluation; civil engineers, financial management and public affairs.

During the ORI, nearly 500 Patriot Wing members and more than 250 tons of cargo deployed to three forward operating bases in Michigan, Louisiana and Kentucky. The U.S. forward-operating bases simulated overseas bases that reservists would deploy to in war-time. Aircrews flew 14 sorties during the inspection, while aerial port supported 22 missions.

Col. John Almind, AMC IG team chief, praised the Patriot Wing for its hospitality to the IG team and called the overall ORI effort an "awesome job at home and on the road."

"You guys are a total class act," the colonel said. "Great looking aircraft—great crews ... just the whole works, from start to finish. You have a very strong 'satisfactory,' and it's super hard to get 'excellents' these days from the IG team. Compared to some of the other wings I have seen already, you've set a very high bar.

"It's going to be hard to match this wing," he added.

At the close of the outbrief, General Farris lauded Colonel Marten for his leadership skills. The colonel led the wing's preparation during the buildup to the ORI, while General Farris was deployed to a Southwest-Asia location for four months.

Colonel Marten then commended the men and women who embody the 439th Airlift Wing.

"A culture of excellence ... that's what (Westover) has, that's what we strive for," he said. "As far as I'm concerned, that's who we are and what we do."

For a list of ORI outstanding performers, turn to page 11.



SHAKEDOWN >> Westover leadership congratulates Master Sgt. Paul E. Cyr, 439th Security Forces Squadron, upon his return from the Operational Readiness Inspection in Alpena, Mich. (photo by Master Sgt. W.C. Pope)

AFRC patch, sleeve chevrons mandatory Oct. 1

JOHNS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — According to Air Force Reserve Command, Oct. 1 is the mandatory wear date for the AFRC patch on battle dress uniforms and flight suits for unit Reservists and headquarters staffers.

The directive includes those assigned to AFRC headquarters and the Air Reserve Personnel Center.

The new patch policy does not apply to mobilization assistants, individual mobilization augmentees and full-time members of the Active Guard and Reserve assigned outside the command. Individual units will issue the patches to Airmen when they become available.

The AFRC patch goes on the right breast pocket. Unit commanders may approve the wear of one sewn-on, subdued patch—either a numbered air force, wing or squadron organizational patch—on the left breast pocket. That patch will be centered between the left and right edges and the bottom of the flap and the bottom of the pocket. (AFRC News Service)



WASHINGTON — Following the Air Force chief of staff's vision of "lasting heritage - limitless horizons," the Air Force uniform board made minor changes to the enlisted uniform.

These changes include returning to the U.S. insignia with circle for the service dress uniform and the deletion of the optional shoulder board rank for the blue uniform, making sleeve chevrons mandatory.

The date for mandatory wear of chevrons on the sleeves is Oct. 1, and the implementation date for circled insignia is Jan. 1, 2007, Air Force officials said.

The chief master sergeant of the Air Force sees these changes as a way to keep the Air Force's enlisted heritage alive.

"We are the greatest enlisted Airmen in the world," said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley. "We should take great pride in wearing our stripes on our sleeves and donning the circled lapel insignia."

(Air Force Print News)



Westover's aerial porters return to Afghanistan

by Staff Sgt. Tom Ouellette

The 42nd Aerial Port Squadron will once again step up to join America's global war on terrorism.

About 60 aerial porters are deploying this month to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan—their third tour to the country since Sept. 11.

"We will work 12-hour shifts for six days a week, moving cargo and passengers," said Chief Master Sgt. Bruce Westcott, the squadron's senior noncommissioned officer.

Chief Westcott said the tour's contingent includes a strong blend of experienced members and newcomers.

"We like to send a mix of veterans and less-experienced troops, so our new guys gain valuable training," he said.

"Thirty-five percent of the group will be deploying for the first time."

Senior Airman Ryan M. McKenna, 42nd APS administration specialist, is one of the troops deploying for the first time.

"I don't really know what to expect, but I'm excited," he said. "I've been to Germany, but I've never been overseas to something like this before."

This latest deployment is yet another chapter in the 42nd APS' commitment to supporting the war on terrorism.

"We've maintained a presence overseas since Sept. 11," Chief Westcott said. "We've been to every deployment spot—including Iraq."

Replacement income to begin Sept. 1

DENVER — Starting Sept. 1, reservists will begin receiving Reserve Income Replacement Program (RIRP) pay.

Congress ordered the Department of Defense to develop the RIRP to aid members of the National Guard and Reserve who get less pay because they are involuntarily put on active duty.

The program helps people who, on average, receive at least \$50 less a month than their civilian pay.

The difference in pay is the average monthly civilian income before a person is mobilized and the person's total monthly military compensation after mobilization.

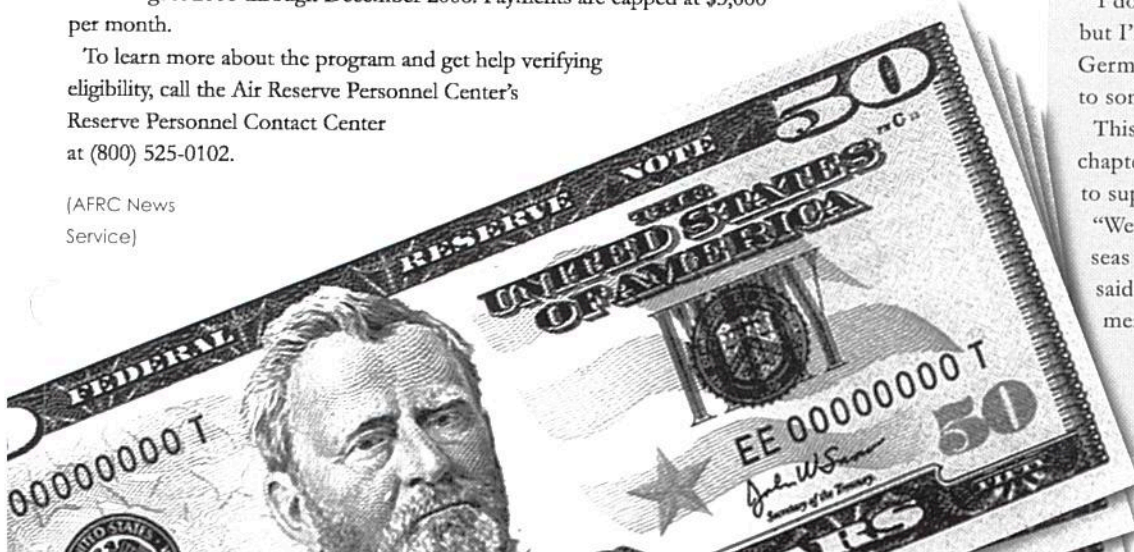
To get the money, reservists must be serving involuntarily on active duty. Also, they must have served 18 consecutive months on active duty, completed 24 months of active duty during the previous 60 months, or been involuntarily mobilized for 180 days or more within six months of the previous involuntary period of active duty of more than 180 days.

The first payment starts in September for duty performed in August, the first full month following the 180-day period after enactment of Public Law 109-163, National Defense Authorization Act for 2006.

Reservists will receive the pay for every full month of involuntary active-duty service they perform from August 2006 through December 2008. Payments are capped at \$3,000 per month.

To learn more about the program and get help verifying eligibility, call the Air Reserve Personnel Center's Reserve Personnel Contact Center at (800) 525-0102.

(AFRC News Service)





CARING FOR THOSE WHO BEAR THE FIGHT

by Master Sgt. Tom Allocco

Three medical professionals from the 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron served four months in a place where theories and abstracts give way to tangibles as real as the shriek of a mortar alarm and the smell of burnt explosives, propellant and metal.

Lt. Col. Robert C. Dorman, Maj. Robert D. Rostedt and Maj. Maureen A. McCann treated physical and mental casualties at Balad Air Base, Iraq, part of a vast complex spread over 15 square miles known as LSA (logistics support area) Anaconda.

Among the approximately 30,000 Soldiers and 3,000 Airmen, the alarms and aftermath of mortars are routine enough to keep alive the three-year-old moniker, "Mortaritaville," for LSA Anaconda.

In the course of their tour, they experienced the gamut of emotions—admiration for the selfless troops they served, leaden exhaustion, pride when they won and frustration when they couldn't do more amid pain and loss.





MENDING MINDS & BODIES >> (from left) Maj. Robert Rostedt, Maj. Maureen McCann (lth still a captain) and Lt. Col. Robert Dorman cared for patients in Balad, Iraq. (Courtesy photo)

As a mental health nurse in the 332nd Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility (CASF), Major McCann's job was to treat the stresses of life in a combat zone before they build to a breaking point, which can be as simple as lack of sleep.

"It can start with working long hours—maybe the hut air conditioner is not working and you can't sleep, or off duty there is an attack ... it's enough to keep you awake," she said.

"There is an alarm red, an alarm yellow, you have to call in for accountability, you're standing in heat waiting in line to call in.

"Until you haven't slept 48 hours, you don't really know what lack of sleep is. It's a pretty powerful stressor. Everyone's symptoms are different. But, like any symptoms, if stress is untreated, you're just not functioning at 100 percent. It can be debilitating," Major McCann said.

"You can train for it, but you don't internalize it until you really live it," she said.

Colonel Dorman took leave as a Veterans Administration physician to go to Balad.

"As a VA physician I saw Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. But in Balad it was different. We saw them immediately after IEDs (improvised explosive devices), young amputees. Some of the burns were worse than the IEDs ... people with lung injuries on ventilators," he said.

His job included flying missions in an Army C-21 at 180 feet off the ground, at times attracting AK-47 gunfire.

Working 24-hour shifts as a physician in the CASF, preparing casualties for evacuation to Germany, Colonel Dorman came home with what he described as a profound admiration for the wounded and injured men and women.

"They are always worried about their friends, always worried about others more than themselves. They're not typical patients. I think that's one thing I took away from Balad—the young people I saw there are the bravest, most selfless people I've ever run across," Colonel Dorman said.

A civilian emergency room nurse, Major Rostedt served in Balad as a critical care nurse at the Air Force Theater Hospital. Her patients included Americans, Iraqi soldiers and police, and Iraqi civilians.

"The mission is to care for Americans, but if a civilian is caught in a crossfire, or if we are the only ones who can help, we will try to help. (Sometimes) the Army and Marines will call and say they need help for civilians," Major Rostedt said.

"A three-year-old was burned, her mother killed and her father wounded. Once they land we are going to take care of them," he said.

"Some are purely humanitarian missions. Two 10-year-old boys were flown to Balad when they fell off a truck and hit their heads. The only two neurosurgeons in the country were American," he said.

The medical teams were not immune to frontline stress that comes from experiencing profound victories and crushing defeats.

"After an IED blast, we replenished the blood supply of two Marines more than five times each. One died before he left the hospital. I remember his name. I saw his name in a Doonesbury list of casualties," Major Rostedt said.

"The other gentleman we were able to save and send to Germany. We were successful," he said.

"There was an Army lieutenant with massive head trauma. We knew he wasn't going to survive. We worked to get him to Germany to be with his family. He deserved that.

"We learned he died three days later, and his family was with him. You feel honored to be able to do that, to give him the dignity of being with his family," Major Rostedt said.

The reality of modern, rapid aeromedical evacuation is that bonds are quickly formed and broken, leaving the caregiver in a kind of limbo.

"One convoy left Balad, got five minutes off base and was hit by an IED. A driver was pulled out of

his burning vehicle by one of his buddies and four to six hours later he was on his way to Germany," Major Rostedt said.

"You work to stabilize patients, you see a change and then they are gone," Major McCann said.

"And then there is a new group," Colonel Dorman said.

"The injuries are so ferocious, you don't know how they will do ... it could go either way. You have no idea," Major McCann said.

"That's the bad part, because you like to think they are getting care and getting their lives back together," Colonel Dorman said.

"Every once in a while, I'd read in Stars and Stripes that someone died and remember him from the hospital," Colonel Dorman said.

"For a lot of the patients you don't know how they will do for a year or two—if they will recover and have a future in society, be able to have a relationship with their families," he said.

Colonel Dorman, Major McCann and Major Rostedt came home with no neatly-wrapped conclusion to their experience.

"There was a desire to make a contribution, but also a sense of frustration because there was so much that was needed," Colonel Dorman said.

"Sometimes it takes years for an underlying psychiatric disorder to manifest itself. We don't know yet the full effect of what's happening.

"I talked to a 23-year-old, and this was his third tour, and you may see a cumulative effect," Major McCann said.

The three ASTS medical members were in Iraq as Memorial Day approached, prompting Major Rostedt to send an e-mail to his family and friends.

"As I get ready to leave Iraq, Memorial Day has taken on a new meaning for me. It will remind me of the men and women of our military that have made such great sacrifices for our country.

"Remember, freedom is never free, and they are paying the price for freedom. God Bless America."

Summer heat adds sizzle to readiness inspection

by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

A mid-summer heat wave baked most of the nation as Westover's first groups of deployees lined up in the Base Hangar for the 2006 "big wing" ORI.

But Mother Nature was no match for the will and dedication of the Westover team.

Military and civilian workers shrugged off the intense heat to focus on the safe departures of the deployees July 31 and Aug. 1.

Westover's maintenance community of close to 500 reservists and civilians had the enormous task of getting the Air Force's largest aircraft ready for the ORI.

"These guys outdid themselves again," said Brig. Gen. Wade Farris, 439th AW commander. "We know our maintenance troops have a well-deserved reputation, and this awesome performance is just another reason why."

The maintenance workers generated all 16 Westover C-5s. The extreme weather conditions at Westover added to the sense of urgency and realism of the deployment.

Westover reservists teamed with reservists from the 916th Air Refueling Wing at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.J. Together, they became the 612th Air Expeditionary Wing assigned to Fukuoka Air Base, Japan, which was actually at the Alpena Com-

bat Readiness Training Center in northeastern Michigan. Deployees with the 439th Airlift Control Element headed to a former Air Force base in Alexandria, La. Still other aerial port deployees went to Fort Campbell, Ky.

Military personnel flight coordinated mobility lines at the Base Hangar while deployees got a break from the August heat. The 439th AW safety office staff positioned coolers of water on the flightline next to the C-5s as each aircraft departed the base. Scores of other reservists and civilians worked behind the scenes with everything from passenger manifests, security and outprocessing to food and water. Volunteers from the Pioneer Valley USO arranged for coffee, water and snacks to be provided at the mobility line.

While deployed and under the eyes of the IG team, members of the 612th AEW handled air and ground operations amid missile and chemical attacks, hostage situations

and the relentless heat of the Great Lakes State.

Each of the 800 deployed members had individual inspectors who evaluated job performance, self-aid and buddy care skills, and ability to survive and operate (ATSO) skills.

One Patriot Wing reservist who truly embodied the wing's fighting spirit on the ORI mission was Tech. Sgt. Dino Orfan, 439th Security Forces. He was called at home the night before the deployment, then drove from New York state to Westover the next morning to replace a member who was unable to deploy. He was a last-minute addition to a chalk that day.

General Farris praised the teamwork and spirit shown by wing members like Sergeant Orfan.

"There was a tremendous amount of work that went into this ORI," General Farris said. "I am proud of everyone in this wing—not just those who deployed, but everyone at Westover, because we're a team that pulled together once again like no other wing does. As always, you guys came through."

"You're not satisfactory, you're outstanding."

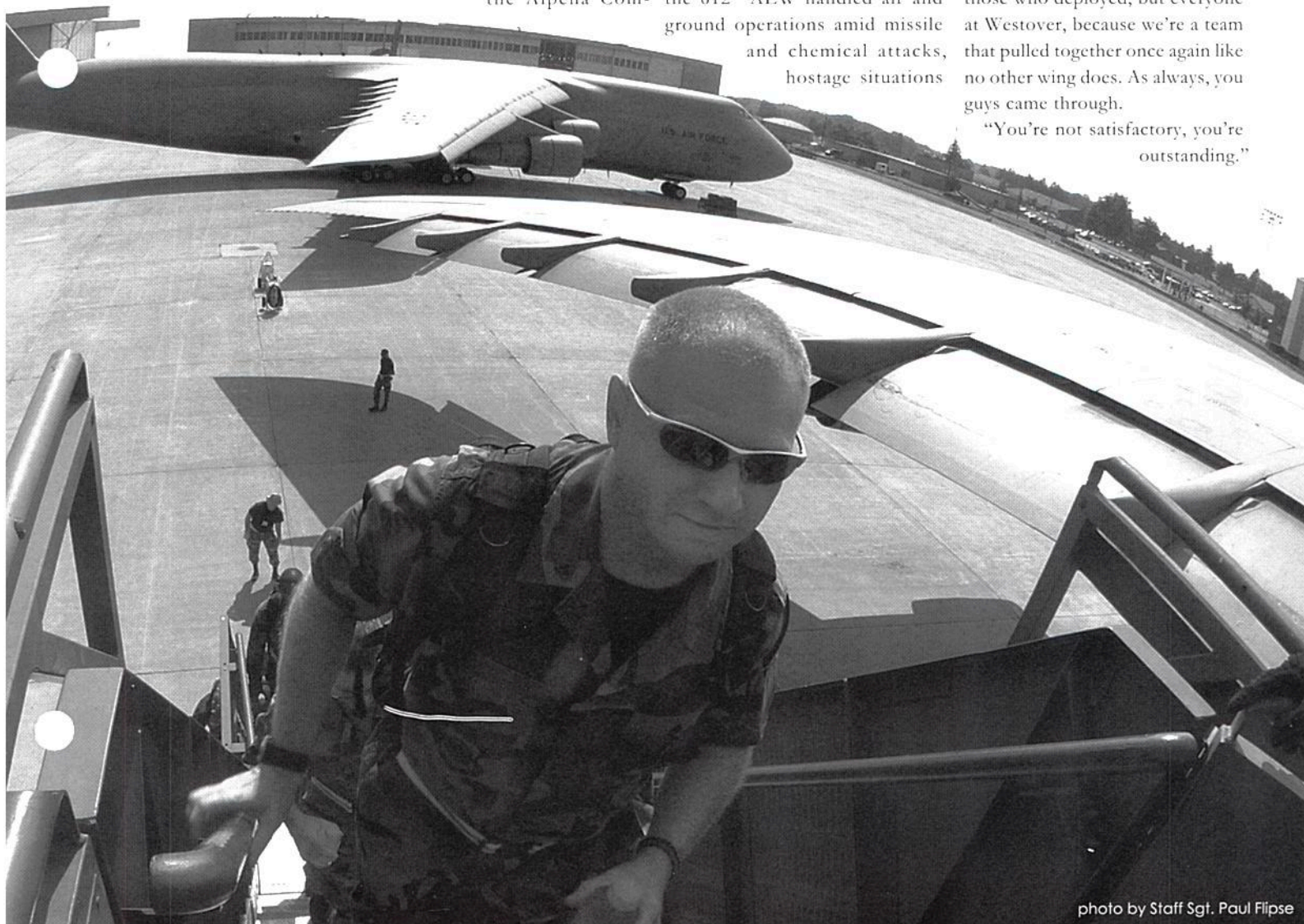


photo by Staff Sgt. Paul Flipse

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"Get One" winner leads trail of Soldiers to Air Force Reserve

by Capt. Justin Manna



Sergeant Fitzell

The 439th Airlift Wing honored Staff Sgt. James J. Fitzell on July 9 for outstanding performance in the Air Force Reserve "Get One" recruiting program.

Sergeant Fitzell recruited 12 members of the U.S. Army's 29th Infantry Division, where he previously worked. For his efforts, the command rewarded Sergeant Fitzell with a new television, a leather jacket and an incentive flight in an Air Force aircraft.

Sergeant Fitzell recently entered the Air Force Reserve after six years of service in the U.S. Army's 29th Infantry Division and 22 years in U.S. Marine Corps' special operations. However, his presence was so greatly missed in the 29th Infantry that, when one of his former Army troops spotted him in Air Force blue, he asked if there

was any chance he could join Sergeant Fitzell in the Air Force.

Thanks to the "Get One" program, and the force-multiplying efforts of Sergeant Fitzell, the former soldier, along with eleven others, is now a proud member of the Air Force Reserve.

As part of his reward, Sergeant Fitzell had his choice to fly in a variety of Air Force aircraft. While most might have picked a more high-profile weapon system like an F-15 or B-1, Sergeant Fitzell picked an old Westover friend: the B-52. He chose the "BUFF" because of his experiences growing up around Westover during the Cold War.

"When I was six years old, I watched the B-52 take off from Westover, and I had a fascination with the big bird ever since," said Sergeant Fitzell.

The former infantryman also noted the differences in Air Force and Army culture, and the draw of the Air Force not only to him but to his Army colleagues as well.

"The camaraderie and the leadership in the Air Force is superb," he said. "Mission first, people always is more than just a slogan."

Sergeant Fitzell went on to offer advice to new Air Force members:

"Young kids coming in today need to look at the big picture," he said. "The troops need to understand the global war on terrorism to help them progress."

The "Get One" program was developed to encourage and provide Airmen incentives to recruit competent, patriotic and otherwise like-minded individuals to cross into the blue. All Reservists are eligible to participate, and referrals must result in 24-month enlistment to qualify for an award.



the movement from darkness to light

by Senior Master Sgt. Sandi Michon

Helping young people go to college won't bring Capt. Cheryl Duzant's son back to life, but it will keep his memory alive,

and it offers her the chance to build triumph from tragedy.

Sean Michael Pierre Duzant was only months away from earning his marine-biology degree from Central Connecticut State University in New

Britain, Conn., when he was killed in a motorcycle accident on April 18, 2004. He was 27.

"When the officers came to my door to tell me my son was dead, my whole world changed," said Captain Duzant, who works as the 439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron chief of career enhancement. "I'm not so conservative with my money, and I'm much more protective of my daughter Monique."

The captain struggled to make sense of her tragic loss, especially because she had spent six months in Iraq the year before her son's death. "I should have been the one killed—I was the one in harm's way," she said.

In order to channel her grief and enrich her son's memory, Captain Duzant and her husband created the Sean Duzant Memorial Scholarship. They raised \$28,000 the first year of the program, and they continue to build the fund.

"Sean had such a love for education, but he never had a chance to put his schooling to full use," said Captain Duzant.

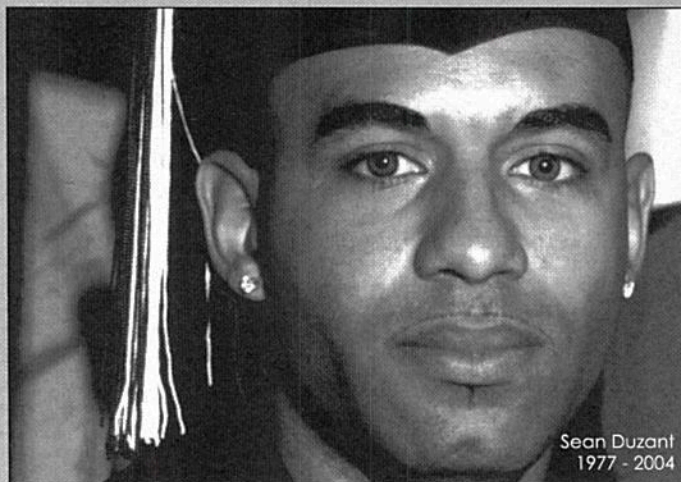
After a scholarship board screens and approves applicants, Captain Duzant and her husband pick the recipients. The process has been both touching and cathartic.

"The thank-you letter from the last recipient made me cry," she said. "It's heartwarming to know you're doing something positive."

As Captain Duzant helps others with education, she is also anxious to share what she has learned through loss.

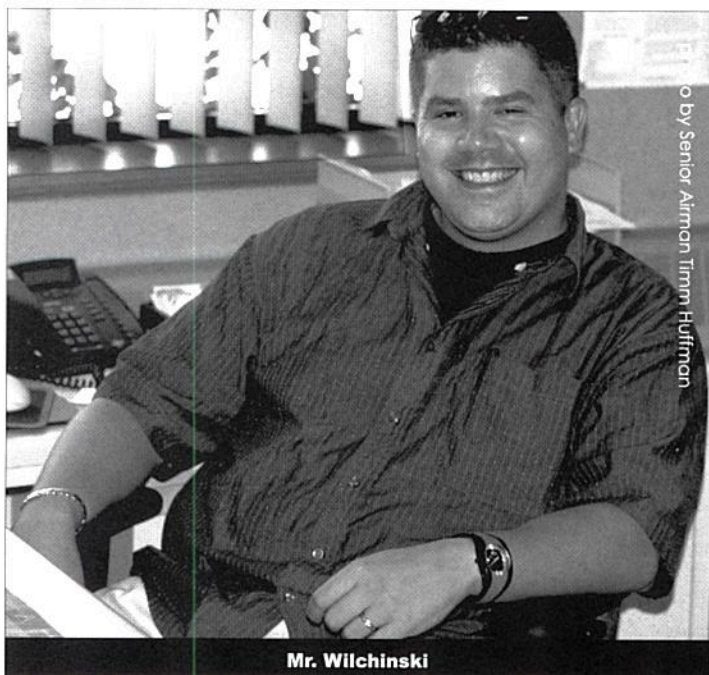
"Don't try to go through it alone," she said. "It's hard to talk about, but you need to. You think you're all alone until you meet other people who have suffered similar tragedies."

The Sean Duzant Memorial Scholarship is established through the Community Foundation of Southeastern Connecticut. For more information, visit www.cfsect.org.



Sean Duzant
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PATRIOT PEOPLE |



Mr. Wilchinski

Photo by Senior Airman Timm Huffman

NAME : Edward L. Wilchinski III
 RANK : GS-7
 AGE : 31
 HOMETOWN : Dover, Del.
 UNIT : 439th MSS
 POSITION : Education and training craftsman
 MILITARY POSITION : Education and training technician - staff sergeant
 FAVORITE FOOD : Lobster
 YEARS OF SERVICE : 8
 FAVORITE SPORT : Golf
 FAVORITE HOBBY : Golf
 IDEAL VACATION : Tour of Europe
 BEST WAY TO RELAX : Sit outdoors with friends and family
 PREFERRED ENTERTAINMENT : Music
 FAVORITE HERO : John F. Kennedy
 FAVORITE MUSIC STYLE : Rock
 FAVORITE MOVIE : Blues Brothers
 FAVORITE AIRCRAFT : A-10
 PET PEEVE : Stupid people
 WHAT WOULD I DO IF I WON \$1 MILLION : Buy a beach house, and play it by ear

Get One Referral Information

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

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First name, middle initial, last name _____

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YOUR INFORMATION

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Senior Airman

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WHAT CAN BRAVN DO FOR YOU? >> Master Sgt. Ronald J. Sliwa and other deployers use the "bag-drag" method to load their luggage aboard a KC-135R Stratotanker at Alpena, Mich., Aug. 5. The KC-135, assigned to Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., returned to Westover with some of the Operational Readiness Inspection deployers as part of their redeployment. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

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