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Reservist unearths history  
during tour in Vietnam

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THE SQUADRON FLEW THE F-102 DELTA DAGGER,  
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-- HISTORY RESEARCHED BY TECH. SGT. ANDREW BISCOE -- ART BY MASTER SGT. W.C. POPE

## EDITORIAL | Black History Month honors African-American accomplishments



Chief Eason

Black History Month is a chance for African-Americans to share the heritage of our ancestors and the struggles they overcame to afford us the opportunities we possess today. We start the celebration the first day of February and through the

month by sharing different types of soul food menu items, African heritage displays of art and entertainment. These reveal the African-American life and the struggles related to our culture.

Out of 13 siblings, I was the only one that chose the military as a career. My father was in the Navy during the 1940s. When I was 16, I decided I would join the Air Force, but I couldn't legally join the military until I was 18. My anticipation of joining was not without some apprehension, but gradually I learned about many important African-Americans before me to whom I owe my appreciation.

The Tuskegee Airmen broke the racial and so-

cial barriers that existed within the armed forces during the 1940s. This dedicated and determined group of African-Americans enlisted in the Army Air Corps from cities all over the country. Each one possessed an inner strength and strong desire to serve the military. Some were officers in engineering, medicine, meteorology, and intelligence; others enlisted in aircraft maintenance, radio repairmen, control tower operators, and much more. These Airmen -- from all over the country -- earned an outstanding war record despite the enormous racial struggles they endured.

Black history relates to my career in the Air Force. It is an evolution in time. My parents grew up in a time when African-Americans struggled to be recognized as equal and competent partners in American society. Equality was a dream and an aspiration for them. Because of the men and women before me who laid that foundation, I made history at Westover late last year as the first African-American female to earn the rank of chief master sergeant.

In today's military, we do not question whether it is difficult for a person of any race, creed, color, or religious faith to perform a mission. The Air Force assigns the mission to "get the job done" based on

that person's technical skills and abilities. It wasn't until 1948 that leaders enacted equal treatment and equal opportunity for everyone in the armed forces. This opened doors for African-Americans and for women to join the Air Force.

I am proud that I made the decision to protect and serve our country. I believe that diversity makes us who we are today. The military has made great strides in diversifying. We need to continue that momentum to achieve our goals, expectations, and dedication to serving America.

Black History Month marks accomplishments by African-Americans like the Tuskegee Airmen. They triumphed in making a huge social change towards racial equality in America and in the Air Force. I look back on this history with pride and gratitude as it relates to my life and career as an African-American in today's military.

Please turn to page 5 to learn more about how Westover will honor Black History Month.

**Chief Master Sgt. Olivia K. Eason**  
439th Services Squadron

### BRIEFS |

#### HRDC volunteers

The Human Resources Development Council Recruiting Subcommittee seeks Reservists to help 439th Airlift Wing recruiters communicate the many benefits of military service to local communities. Volunteers typically visit local schools, air shows and other special events and tell the Air Force Reserve story in a "first person" fashion. For more information, Lt. Col. Jay Milkey at Ext. 2906 or Senior Master Sgt. James Graham at Ext. 2333, or e-mail jay.milkey@westover.af.mil or james.graham@westover.af.mil.

#### Uniform change

The U.S. insignia in a circle is now mandatory on the enlisted service dress uniform. The change, effective Jan. 1, reverts to the traditional insignia enlisted Airmen wore from 1918 through the early 1990s.

#### Commander's Call format changes

Commander's Call will be held on the February A UTA in a different format for Patriot Wing reservists. Sessions of Focus Group Commander's Calls are scheduled to be held Feb. 3. The format is as follows: Enlisted Call with last names A-L, 9 a.m.; M-Z, 1 p.m. at the conference center. Officer Call will be held at 3 p.m. in the Westover Club ballroom.

#### Services offers activity information

The services staff is offering e-mail updates on programs and activities for Reservists, civilians and family members. Specials Programs Announcements Moneysavers (SPAM) provides information on fitness, bowling center, outdoor recreation, lodging news, Westover Club activities, tickets and special events. To sign up for the e-mail, write to spamme@westoverservicers.com.

#### Base Toastmasters plan UTA meeting

To gauge interest from reservists, the Westover Galaxy Gabbers Toastmasters Club will hold a demonstration meeting during the February A UTA.

The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 3 during lunch at the Westover Club. The base Toastmasters club also holds bi-monthly weekday meetings at the club. Toastmasters is a worldwide organization devoted to helping people improve their public speaking, listening, and leadership abilities.

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Andrew S. Biscoe, club president, at Ext. 2020, or Master Sgt. Scott C. Daigneault, treasurer, at Ext. 3857.

#### Site available to help Reservists

Whether it's help with child care, personal finances, emotional support during deployments, relocation information or resources for special circumstances, Military OneSource is available for military people and their families. OneSource is provided by the Department of Defense at no cost to active duty, Guard and Reserve members. Click on <http://www.militaryonesource.com> for more information.

#### JEAC meets on UTA

The Junior Enlisted Advisory Council (JEAC), comprised of Airmen through the rank of technical sergeant, meets at 9 a.m. on Sundays of each A and B UTA in the wing conference room. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Nadine Bates at Ext. 3418.



**WATCHFUL EYE** >> Senior Airman Aaron M. Lombardino, 439th Security Forces Squadron, keeps an eye on the desert horizon while his fellow members talk during a 2003 deployment to Southwest Asia. The 439th SFS recently earned the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (file photo).

## Outstanding: Westover security forces recognized as one of Air Force's finest

by Senior Airman Michael Lanza

**T**he 439<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron received the Air Force's Outstanding Unit Award in January.

Voluntary deployments and a slew of Air Force firsts over the course of the last two years helped propel the unit to the top of the Air Force.

"To me this isn't a pat on the back," said Capt. Gary Byrd, an operations officer with the 439<sup>th</sup> SFS. "This was the Air Force acknowledging Westover's contribution."

The unit was the only base in Air Force Reserve Command to implement a 100 percent background check on contractors through the National Crime Center.

They were also the first and only security forces squadron to deploy to Guantanamo Bay in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, with 13

members serving as block NCOs overseeing more than 540 detainees.

Another 18 members of the squadron volunteered to support military operations in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. They provided security for 550 Air Force personnel and more than 450 members of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne supporting humanitarian missions.

"One thing we're particularly proud of was the development of a mobile command and control center for emergency response, the first in the Air Force," Captain Byrd said.

The mobile command center helps security forces at Westover to coordinate with local authorities and respond to emergencies at any location more effectively. When the base received a bomb threat last summer, the mobile command center became a hub for security forces and local and state police responding to the threat, Captain Byrd said.



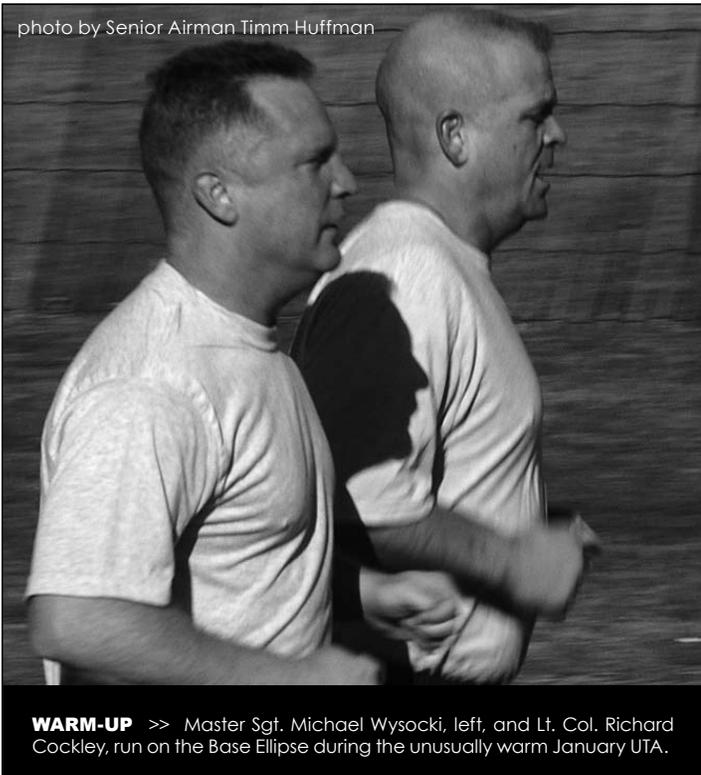
**OUTSTANDING UNIT** >> The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award is awarded to units which have outstanding achievement that clearly sets the unit above of national or international significance, combat operations against an armed enemy of the United States, or military operations involving conflict with or exposure to hostile actions by an opposing foreign force.

Other accomplishments include the installation of a flightline-security camera system and construction of a new ID gate with a new visitor-control center and vehicle inspection area.

The 439<sup>th</sup> SFS consists of 88 traditional reservists, 50 active reservists and 20 Department of Defense policemen.

"We appreciate the wing's support and understanding that our guys are out there doing the best they can to make Westover a safe and secure environment," Captain Byrd said.

photo by Senior Airman Timm Huffman



**WARM-UP** >> Master Sgt. Michael Wysocki, left, and Lt. Col. Richard Cockley, run on the Base Ellipse during the unusually warm January UTA.

## DOD announces changes to Reserve component policy

**WASHINGTON (AFNEWS)** -- Department of Defense officials are changing the way they will manage reserve-component forces, announced Dr. Robert M. Gates, secretary of defense Jan. 11.

The first aspect of the policy change will involve the way the department manages deployments of reserve forces. Currently, reserve deployments are managed on an individual basis. In the future deployments will be managed on a unit basis, allowing for greater unit cohesion and predictability for training and deployments.

The second aspect of the change addresses the maximum mobilization time for members of the reserve forces. Currently, the policy is for a maximum mobilization time of 18 months. The department will reduce the maximum mobilization timeframe to one year.

Third, the policy objective for involuntary mobilization of Guard and Reserve units will remain a one-year-mobilized to five-year-demobilized ratio. However, today's global demands will require a number of selected Guard and Reserve units to be remobilized sooner than the current policy goal.

That deployment-to-demobilization ratio remains the goal of the department, as does the active component's ratio goal of one year of deployment to two years at home station.

The fourth aspect of the policy change will establish a new program to compensate individuals in both active and reserve-component forces who are required to mobilize or deploy earlier than established policy goals of deployment ratios. It will also involve servicemembers who are required to extend beyond established rotation-policy goals.

The final aspect of the policy change will direct commands to review their administration of the hardship-waiver program, to ensure that they have properly taken into account exceptional circumstances facing military families of deployed servicemembers.

These policy changes will better allow the department to posture itself for success in the uncertain environment in which it currently operates and well into the future.

## Warm welcome for the new year

by Master Sgt. Tom Allocco

The Farmers' Almanac got it wrong on the forecast for the January A UTA.

The mercury on Saturday, Jan. 6 climbed up to a balmy 70 degrees, a welcome record for the month. According to the almanac, the forecast was for "light snow" during that time period, a reasonable expectation for a New England January when temperatures are supposed to hover somewhere between zero and freezing.

The warm weather had Reservists doing physical training in shorts and T-shirts, 58th Aerial Port Squadron members playing touch football on the ellipse and people in offices opening windows to enjoy fresh, warm air. Everyone had a story about seeing green grass growing or plants ready to bloom.

Tom Kessler, meteorological technician at the Westover weather station, said the Jan. 6 high of 70 degrees was a record for the area. The next highest temperature here for January was 65 degrees, enjoyed in 1950, when Harry Truman was President and Westover was a Military Air Transport Service (MATS) base flying C-54s and C-118s.

Mr. Kessler said the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) attributed the summer like weather to unusually warm water temperatures in the eastern part of the Pacific Ocean, commonly known as El Nino. In January NOAA was predicting that El Nino would keep seasonal temperatures warmer than normal through March.

A simple explanation of El Niño is that warmer water temperatures normal in the western Pacific Ocean shifted eastward, bringing warm water closer to the West Coast. That brought storms to the eastern Pacific and shifted farther north the jet stream which flows through Canada. The result was stormier weather on the West Coast, wetter weather in the South and warmer weather in the Northeast.

And that's why the 58th aerial porters were able to play touch football on the Ellipse on a New England January evening.

## Patriot Wing plans displays on A UTA at club for Black History Month

The Human Resources Development Council of the 439th Airlift Wing has planned a booth and displays at the Westover Club for the February A UTA. The HRDC booth will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 3 during the UTA lunch.

Other activities include a performance by the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Choir. The displays will also honor the late civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

For more information, call Jim Kelly, HRDC Heritage Chairperson, at Ext. 2532.

The HRDC meets Fridays before each UTA at 4:45 p.m. in the wing commander's conference room in Bldg. 1850, wing headquarters. For more information, call Col. Robert Sousa at Ext. 3058 or Chief Master Sgt. Kathy Wood at Ext. 2876.



# Around the World

by Senior Airman Michael Lanza

**I**F YOU'VE WORN THE UNIFORM YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD THE SLOGAN. "Join the Air Force and you'll travel around the world." For many Airmen it means a tour in Europe or a mission to Japan, but for one 337th Airlift Squadron aircrew the slogan was literally true.

They left Westover on Sept. 12 on a mission that was supposed to be like many they had flown before.

"It was a standard-channel run, from Westover to Dover (Del.) to Ramstein (Germany) and then down range to the Middle East, to re-supply the troops in the AOR (area of responsibility)," said Col. Michael J. Marten, 439th Airlift Wing vice commander and the mission's aircraft commander.

"We were picking up a recovery team that was going to disassemble a C-130 Hercules that had gone off the runway," said Master Sgt. Ted Malysz, a 337th loadmaster.

They arrived in Southwest Asia ahead of schedule and were looking forward to a planned two-day rest in Spain, Colonel Marten said. "It was a nice schedule and everyone was going to get back on time, which is always

one of the greatest things (getting home on time) we like to do."

Fortunately for them, life as an Air Force flyer is full of unexpected surprises. Shortly after they hit the ground, the aircrew received a new mission -- and although they wouldn't be getting their crew rest, they were given the opportunity of a lifetime.

They were asked to fill in on a mission to Diego Garcia, a small island base in the Indian Ocean, about 1,000 miles south of India. The C-5 would pick up parts from a grounded B-1 bomber at Diego Garcia and deliver them to its unit in Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. Their new route home would take them to the Far East, across the international dateline and into the U.S. from the Pacific coastline. The routine mission turned into a flight around the world.

"The aircraft commander got us in a huddle and asked if anybody had any heartache with staying out a few extra days. In characteristic Westover style, everybody was all for it. Let's go, let's help 'em out, let's do this," Sergeant Malysz said.

"None of us had flown around the world before," Colonel Marten said. "We took off in the middle of the night, crossed the Indian Ocean in the dark and landed at dawn in Diego Garcia."



Diego Garcia is a British protectorate and is home to both British forces and joint U.S. Naval and Air Force contingents.

“It’s a small spit of land in the middle of the Indian Ocean,” Colonel Marten said.

The island is sometimes called the “Footprint of Freedom” because of its geography, resembling a massive footprint from the air. It’s a narrow strip of land that rises only a few feet above the surface of the ocean and runs in a horseshoe shape around a 13-mile-long lagoon. It was used extensively as a staging point for aircraft Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The crew had a few hours to explore the base, but turned in early, Sergeant Malysz said. “We had a very early wakeup-call,” he said, “We went out to the aircraft and loaded everything up for an early morning takeoff.”

The mission continued east, flying over Indonesia with an unexpected stop in Utapao, Thailand. “We were supposed to continue on to Guam, but there was a remnant of a typhoon out in the South-China Sea,” Colonel Marten said. “We got there in the early morning, the airport was right on the edge of the water -- it was quite beautiful.”

The airport is southeast of Bangkok along the Thai coast. Utapao was a

staging point during the Vietnam War for B-52s participating in major bombing operations over North Vietnam, including Westover’s own 99th Bomber Wing, which deployed its B-52s there a generation ago. It now serves as a forward operating base for military aircraft supporting combat operations in the War on Terror and the war in Iraq.

“There were no hotels near the base, so we were bused out to Pattaya beach, which is about 45 minutes from the airport,” Sergeant Malysz said, “the scenery alone was fantastic. The side (of the hotel) I was on was facing the sea and there were islands with mountains in the background. They had traditional old-style fishing boats on the water. On the bus ride out I did see a couple of areas where they are actually still using elephants to perform construction work, moving logs. It was unique to see that firsthand.”

“The next day we departed Utapao and we flew to Andersen AFB, Guam for a refueling stop,” Colonel Marten said. “We were there in the middle of the night, like we always are, in a driving rainstorm.”

“It was just a phenomenally huge expanse of concrete,” Sergeant Malysz said, “Even without any airplanes based there it was impressive to see . You can only imagine what it was like when all of that activity was going on during the 70s.”

Department of Defense photo



**ISLAND FORTRESS** >> An aerial photo of Diego Garcia, a joint naval and Air Force base in the Indian Ocean. The small island is mostly populated by military personnel who support the base's operations. Although controlled by the British, the U.S. military has the largest presence on the island.

The airfields in and around Guam were an invaluable military resource during the Second World War. It was the only populated U.S. territory to be occupied by the Japanese, but was liberated in a major naval operation to recapture the Mariana Islands. The Mariana Islands were used by B-29s to provide heavy bomber support for the island-hopping campaigns in the Pacific and to attack the Japanese mainland. Tinian, one of the Mariana Islands, was the launching point for the Enola Gay's atomic strike on Hiroshima.

The base also saw major activity during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Hundreds of B-52s, including squadrons from Westover's bomber wing, pounded the runways as they departed for and returned from missions in Vietnam during Operations Arc Light and Linebacker II.

The aircrew remained in Guam for four hours and then left for Hawaii. They arrived at Hickam AFB early the next morning. "Going to Honolulu is always a pleasure," Colonel Marten said. "I hadn't been there in probably 8 years, but it hadn't changed much. We had dinner at the Shore Bird (a popular restaurant for aircrews going through Hickam) and went down to Hale Koa, a military resort right on Waikiki beach."

While they were standing near the aircraft preparing to leave, one of the loadmasters recognized the mountain pass where Japanese bombers had come through in their attack on Pearl Harbor, Sergeant Malysz said. "Those are the big impressions I get on trips like this, relating very

specific locations in the world to historical events – to me that is the richest experience in being out there; in addition to the rewards of doing your job and knowing you're making a difference out there."

They departed Hickam for the final leg of their mission at Dyess, Sergeant Malysz said. "We landed there around midnight to offload the aircraft. We brought the unit's (B-1 unit) ground support equipment back from Diego Garcia and left directly to Westover."

Their mission had spanned three oceans in nearly eight-days – flying over the deserts of Southwest Asia and stopping at a remote-island base in the Indian Ocean. From a beachside installation in Thailand to a legendary World War II airstrip in the Pacific – they flew east... and kept flying east until they hit home. When the crew taxied down the Patriot Wing runway on Sept. 19, they had logged more than 54 hours of flight with only four stops for rest, and accomplished a feat that few others have in their lifetimes.

"I think everyone who flies planes wants to do it once in their life," Colonel Marten said. "It was a lot of hard work... but there was some fun involved."

"It's the most extremely rewarding job I've had in my lifetime," Sergeant Malysz said of the loadmaster career. "It has allowed me to travel extensively and see parts of the world I couldn't have seen otherwise. The mission we do is real world, whether it's peacetime, wartime or humanitarian. You feel that you're making a difference in history and the course of world events... and I would recommend it to anybody."



**<< OVER CULTURAL THE WALL**  
David "Doc" Rankin, a Department of Defense anthropologist, joins local Vietnamese children watching a goodwill-volleyball game between American team members and the Vietnamese National Officials who escorted them during their mission.

## Uncovering history in Vietnam

by Senior Airman Timm Huffman

A WESTOVER RESERVIST RECENTLY TRAVELED to the other side of the world and into the past to recover a downed aircraft from the Vietnam War.

Master Sgt. Paul E. Marsters, 439th Operations Support Squadron chief of aircrew training, spent a 45-day temporary duty (TDY) assignment that spanned from last October to December in Moc Chau, Vietnam.

Sergeant Marsters was part of a 21-person recovery team that investigated the crash site of an Air Force F-4 Phantom II shot down by the North Vietnamese over Moc Chau in April 1967. Moc Chau is a tea tree farming community.

"My main duty, just like everyone else's on the team, was basically digging in the dirt and sifting the dirt." But the sergeant's previous experience as a jet engine mechanic also showed his versatility.

He identified pieces of the wreckage related to aircrew life support equipment. Sergeant Marsters said the team found 37 fragments of life support equipment during the search, along with thousands of other pieces.

The last hour of each day was spent evaluating the wreckage with a team anthropologist.

Sergeant Marsters and the team found the wreckage of the downed American fighter-bomber scattered over an area the size of three football

fields. The process involved much more than simply trying to find pieces of the jet. Since Moc Chau's tea trees covered the entire area, an excavator was needed to remove them. Each tree had to be shaken to ensure no wreckage was lodged in the roots of the trees, Sergeant Marsters said. Once the trees were out, team members laid out a grid of 4-meter squares. The team excavated each square down to 1 foot deep. It took up to half of a day to clear just one section. After the team members removed the dirt, they carefully sifted through it.

The local Vietnamese were very helpful and played a huge role in the excavation. Anywhere from 45 to 120 North Vietnamese locals would show up every day for about 40 days to assist with the work. "The locals were very friendly and we didn't have any problems," Sergeant Marsters said. "They would bring extra food and share with us and we would share our food with them. We couldn't have done that job without them."

"The weather while we were there was beautiful, ranging from 55 degrees at night to 90 degrees in the day," Sergeant Marsters said. "The country-

side was green as far as the eye could see and either very flat or dramatically steep and mountainous."

He said the language barrier was the most difficult obstacle to overcome. It also took some adjusting to get used to the different living conditions in rural Vietnam.

During his tour he was able to visit the infamous Hanoi Hilton, where hundreds of American POWs spent many years of their lives in captivity during the Vietnam War. "It was pretty intimidating, and pretty humbling,"

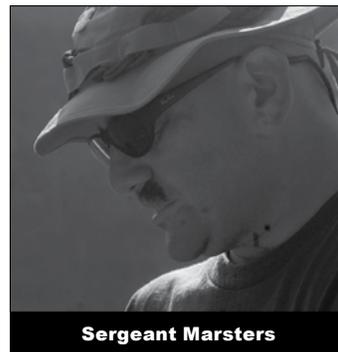
he said. One of Westover's senior officers spent 101 days in the prison. Col. Charles Brown, who retired from Westover in 2004, was shot down over North Vietnam during a B-52 raid in December 1972. Then-Captain Brown spent 101 days in captivity.

"The guys who are out there on the front lines, they need to know somebody cares enough

to come back and find them," he said.

As a result of his efforts on the recovery project, Sergeant Marsters earned the JPAC Command Senior Enlisted Leader Coin for Excellence, the Prestigious Anthropology coin, and the JPAC command Life Support Investigator coin.

He returned from his tour in early December.



WESTOVER PATRIOTS |

# Safety chief is command officer of year

by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe



Colonel Cloutier

Air Force Reserve Command officials announced in December that Westover's chief of safety is the command's safety officer of the year.

Just before Christmas, Maj. Gen. Allen Poulin, AFRC vice commander, notified Lt. Col. Patrick L. Cloutier of his recognition.

In addition, Colonel Cloutier won the 22<sup>nd</sup> COS Safety Officer of the Year award for the second year in a row.

The colonel was lauded command-wide for Westover's outstanding programs, including the command-leading Full Spectrum Threat Response Safety plan, which he briefed to all AFRC safety officers at last year's convention, his benchmark Bird/Animal Strike Hazard Program, which received military honors at this year's BASH convention in St Louis, Mo., and outstanding inspection results for ground and weapons programs.

Last year, his leadership abilities put him in the national spotlight of Air Force and media. Following the crash of a C-5B at Dover Air Force Base, Del., in April, Air Mobility Command (AMC) officials handpicked the colonel and two other Patriot Wing members to be part of the safety investigation team. As the team's investigating officer, he was directly in charge of the day-to-day investigation of AMC's largest Class A mishap in more than 13 years.

"This award is a reflection of my outstanding safety office team, and a tribute to the safety mindset of all Westover personnel," Colonel Cloutier said.

He is also a C-5 instructor pilot and has logged more than 3,600 hours flying C-5A/B and KC-135A aircraft.

As chief of safety, Colonel Cloutier is responsible for the health and welfare of all personnel at Westover, which includes ground, weapons and flight safety areas.

The colonel has served 14 years in the Air Force Reserve and five years on active duty. He lives in Jupiter, Fla., with his wife, Lori, and two children, Gabby and Ava Claire. He has been assigned to Westover since 1994.

# Club places close second in competition

by Tim Walker  
Services marketing

The Westover Club staff recently finished an Air Force Reserve Command competition a fraction of a point behind the first-place clubs at Minneapolis ARS, Minn.

Inside Out, the first such command competition featuring 10 clubs at AFRC stations and bases in the United States, evaluated the quality of customer service and the day-to-day operations. Through a detailed evaluation process each club was rated multiple times against rigid criteria.

Evaluations by the Westover services staff, AFRC Services Directorate and "secret shopper" evaluations from Westover Club members and customers combined to give the club a total score. During the six-month competition, the periodic release of standings showed the Westover Club team held the lead much of the way.

In a ceremony hosted by Col. Dana S. Marsh, 439<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group commander, the staff and management of the Westover Club celebrated their second place finish during the January 2007 A UTA. "It was a tough competition right up to the end," said Chris Menard, 439th Services chief. "To be edged out of first place by just half a point speaks volumes about the hard work and dedication to customer care that our club staff is providing the Westover community."

The club's 23 employees each received a \$150 cash award.

"I'm extremely proud of everyone, and proud of where this team has taken our club operation in 2006," Mr. Menard said. We're looking forward to next year's competition with our eye on the top prize." In addition to Westover's second place honor, AFRC officials nominated club manager Al Urolia as one of eight finalists for the AFRC Inside Out Star Performer. Mr. Urolia will travel to Minneapolis in March where the selection for that distinction will be announced.

"The Inside Out competition energized my staff and me," he said. "Our plan is to keep that energy focused and carry it right through the 2007 Inside Out."

## RESERVE PAY FOR 4 DRILLS

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O-7	936.52	980.00	1000.16	1016.16	1045.12	1073.72	1106.84	1139.84	1172.96	1276.96	1364.80	1364.80	1364.80	1364.80	1371.72
O-6	694.16	762.56	812.60	815.68	850.68	855.28	855.28	903.88	903.88	989.84	1040.28	1090.68	1119.36	1148.40	1204.76
O-5	578.64	651.84	697.00	705.48	733.60	750.48	787.52	814.68	849.76	903.52	929.08	954.40	983.08	983.08	983.08
O-4	499.28	577.96	616.52	625.12	660.92	699.28	747.04	784.32	810.16	825.00	833.64	833.64	833.64	833.64	833.64
O-3	438.96	497.64	537.12	585.60	613.60	644.40	664.36	697.12	714.12	714.12	714.12	714.12	714.12	714.12	714.12
O-2	379.24	431.96	497.52	514.32	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88	524.88
O-1	329.24	342.64	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20	414.20
<b>COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WITH OVER 4 YEARS ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE AS AN ENLISTED MEMBER OR WARRANT OFFICER</b>															
O-3E	0.00	0.00	0.00	585.60	613.60	644.40	664.36	697.12	724.72	740.56	762.12	762.12	762.12	762.12	762.12
O-2E	0.00	0.00	0.00	514.32	524.88	541.60	569.80	591.60	607.84	607.84	607.84	607.84	607.84	607.84	607.84
O-1E	0.00	0.00	0.00	414.20	442.36	458.68	475.40	491.84	514.32	514.32	514.32	514.32	514.32	514.32	514.32
<b>WARRANT OFFICERS</b>															
W-5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	779.44	806.20	833.00	860.00
W-4	453.60	488.00	502.00	515.80	539.52	562.96	586.76	609.88	633.84	671.40	695.44	718.96	743.32	767.32	791.84
W-3	414.24	431.52	449.20	455.04	473.60	494.84	522.88	550.56	580.00	602.08	624.08	633.52	643.28	664.56	685.76
W-2	364.36	385.16	403.40	416.60	427.96	459.16	483.00	500.68	518.00	529.84	539.84	558.80	577.64	596.72	596.72
W-1	321.76	348.08	365.72	377.12	407.48	425.80	442.04	460.16	472.16	483.04	500.72	514.16	514.16	514.16	514.16
<b>ENLISTED MEMBERS</b>															
E-9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	548.08	560.52	576.16	594.60	613.12	642.88	668.04	694.56	735.04
E-8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	448.64	468.52	480.80	495.52	511.44	540.24	554.84	579.64	593.40	627.32
E-7	311.88	340.40	353.44	370.76	384.20	407.36	420.36	433.36	456.56	468.16	479.16	485.88	508.64	523.36	560.56
E-6	269.76	296.80	309.92	322.64	335.92	365.88	377.52	390.44	401.80	405.80	408.60	408.60	408.60	408.60	408.60
E-5	247.20	263.72	276.44	289.52	309.84	327.32	340.20	344.28	344.28	344.28	344.28	344.28	344.28	344.28	344.28
E-4	226.60	238.20	251.08	263.80	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04	275.04
E-3	204.56	217.44	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56	230.56
E-2	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52	194.52
E-1 >4	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52	173.52
E-1 <4	160.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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**Staff Sgt. Desmond Farrell**

NAME : Desmond Farrell  
 RANK : Staff sergeant  
 AGE : 41  
 HOMETOWN : Springfield, Mass.  
 UNIT : 439<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron  
 POSITION : Network control center computer technician  
 CIVILIAN POSITION : Computer engineer  
 FAVORITE FOOD : West Indian cuisine  
 YEARS OF SERVICE : Fourteen  
 FAVORITE SPORT : Tennis  
 FAVORITE HOBBY : Playing music  
 IDEAL VACATION : Caribbean cruise  
 BEST WAY TO RELAX : Reading  
 PREFERRED ENTERTAINMENT : Radio  
 FAVORITE HERO : Nelson Mandela  
 FAVORITE MUSIC STYLE: JAZZ  
 FAVORITE MOVIE : A Few Good Men  
 FAVORITE AIRCRAFT : F-117  
 PET PEEVE : Bad driving  
 WHAT WOULD I DO IF I WON \$1 MILLION : Start my own business



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