

## Disaster Masters

Local medical teams  
converge at Westover  
for disaster simulation

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2007 Enlisted Workshop

## EDITORIAL | Enlisted workshop readies Airmen for future career challenges



**General Farris**

I am an Airman! Regardless of our rank in the Air Force, that's what we are. That message was the theme for the inaugural Enlisted Workshop held here in June. Judging from feedback I have gotten about this two-day event, it was another Patriot Wing success.

One hundred-thirteen Patriot Wing members attended the workshop. The dates are already set for next year's!

For those of you who were unable to attend, I'll cover some of what you missed. The objective of this workshop was to prepare our Airmen for the next level of their careers. In order to do that, they needed to know more about their military careers in the Air Force Reserve. This is difficult for many of us to do during the hectic pace of our UTAs. The two days spent in the conference center allowed a lot of time for a comprehensive array of useful information.

Briefings included veteran's benefits, commu-

nicating to the public and media, using the Air Force Portal, deployment information, customs and courtesies, educational programs, personnel records, writing EPRs, mentoring, retirement and points earned, and health and wellness. Our Airmen also got periodic breaks in which they could get to know each other too. This networking brought our wing members closer together and gave everyone a chance to learn more about the different roles we have in accomplishing our mission.

Equally important was when I could talk with the Airmen in a town hall meeting style format. I heard questions and suggestions on how we can improve Westover. Rest assured these items are brought to the highest levels of our command leadership to address.

My thanks go to Command Chief Master Sgt. Zig Skawski and Chief Master Sgt. Kathy Wood, for their tireless efforts in coordinating and leading this superb workshop.

These two individuals – assisted by several other dedicated Patriot Wing members, helped reaffirm to the Air Force that Westover has long been known as a benchmark reserve base. This workshop is one more reason why. For those of

you who did not attend, mark your calendars for next year. Please pencil in June 8-10, 2008, now. You'll be glad you did!

On another subject; by now I hope you have heard about our Air Force 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Military Ball set for Sept. 8. Our Junior Enlisted Advisory Council members are planning a super event for the wing to include a gourmet dinner, guest speaker, a band, and lots of fun to go with all of this. I guarantee this is a don't-miss event that Westover people will talk about for years to come. Tickets are on sale at your squadrons.

**Brig. Gen. Wade Farris**  
439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander

## BRIEFS |

### 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary ball in September

The Patriot Wing's Military Ball in honor of the Air Force's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary is scheduled for Sept. 8 in the Base Hangar (*during the September A UTA*) at 6 p.m. Tickets are available starting at \$55 each and can be purchased from any first sergeant.

For more information, contact Senior Airman Stephanie Ellis at Ext. 3011.

### VA offers free care

The Department of Veterans Affairs has set up a special program designed to meet the specific needs of veterans returning from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

For more information, contact Family Support at Ext.3024, Judy Blanton at 413-582-3188 or visit the web site at <http://www.visn1.med.va.gov/northampton/>.

### Burger burn to raise money for Rodeo

The Westover Company Grade Officers Council will hold a burger burn July 7 at 11:30 a.m. to raise money for the Patriot Wing's Rodeo team.

The burn will be held at the pavilion between the bowling Alley and base exchange on Hercules Avenue. For more information, call Capt. Paul A. Neslusan at (508) 450-3370.

### Chiefs council offers enlisted scholarships

The Westover Chiefs Council is offering three \$500 enlisted scholarships for undergraduate programs only.

Scholarships will be awarded to the top applicant from each of the following categories: Airman basic through senior airman, staff sergeant through technical sergeant, and master sergeant through senior master sergeant. Applicants must be reservists with the 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing.

Applicants must have proof of a 3.0 grade point average. If entering college for the first time they must provide proof of enrollment from the college. The application form will include an essay entitled "My goals as an Air Force enlisted person." The applicant should also include an autobiography and be recommended by a chief in the member's squadron and their squadron commander.

The deadline for submission is Aug. 20 to Chief Master Sgt. Joseph J. Cullen, 439<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron. Application forms are available through squadron chiefs and first sergeants. Recipients will be awarded the scholarship money in September. Contact Chief Master Sgts. Tammy H. Vezina at Ext. 3428 or Kathy Wood at Ext. 2876 for more information.

### Ops, 337<sup>th</sup> change of command in July

Two changes of command will take place on Saturday of the July A UTA beginning at 9 a.m.

Lt. Col. Vito E. Addabbo will take command of the 337<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron from Lt. Col. Louis M. Shogry. Colonel Shogry will be the Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer for the State of New York with the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Following the 337<sup>th</sup> ceremony, Col. James M. Linder, coming from 22<sup>nd</sup> Air Force at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Georgia, will take command of the 439<sup>th</sup> Operations Group from Col. Udo K. McGregor.

Colonel McGregor will transfer to Youngstown-Warren Air Reserve Station, Ohio, where he will command the 910<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing.



**RUNWAY CROWD** >> C-5s from across the nation converged on Westover's busy runway during the pre-invasion surge in 2003. The runway will see another surge of activity this summer when the West Virginia Air National Guard temporarily moves its C-5s here. ( photo by Master Sgt. W.C. Pope )

## West Virginia Air Guard to fly C-5 missions at Westover

by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

A new Air National Guard C-5 unit will temporarily relocate its aircraft to Westover's sprawling flight line this summer.

As many as 80 Airmen of the 167<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, West Virginia ANG, will be at Westover from July through September. Lt. Col. Michael W. Davis, 439<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron, said the relocation is due to construction on the runway and ramps to accommodate the giant airlifters. The 167<sup>th</sup> is assigned to

Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport in Martinsburg, W. Va.

Colonel Davis said the ANG airlifters will park on the North Ramp located by base operations. Three C-5s are scheduled to arrive the week of July 9. "The 167<sup>th</sup> flying activity will begin when its first C-5 arrives at Westover and will gradually increase to support two 4-hour training sorties bi-weekly and one cross-country or overseas sortie every 7-10 days by mid-summer," Colonel Davis said.

By November, the 167<sup>th</sup> is expected to have eight C-5s. At that time, the

Eastern West Virginia Regional Airport is scheduled to be ready for the C-5s.

"The 167<sup>th</sup> organizational objective is to be a viable, fully operational, mission-ready Air National Guard unit operating the C-5A," Colonel Davis said. The guard unit's maintenance, administration, and support staff will remain at Westover for the temporary operation. Aircrews will be dispatched from West Virginia to Westover to fly sorties and will return to West Virginia upon sortie completion. Beginning in July and continuing incrementally, the 167<sup>th</sup> plans to operate the four C-5s and expand operations at a rate of about one aircraft per month.

This won't be the first time Westover has hosted the 167<sup>th</sup>. Patriot Wing isochronal maintenance workers trained ten 167<sup>th</sup> members in June and September 2006 to help them prepare for the unit's new mission.

In 2002, the Air Force selected the 167<sup>th</sup> AW to transition from the C-130 Hercules to the C-5. Other units equipping with C-5A's are the Air Force Reserve's 445<sup>th</sup> AW, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; and the guard's 164<sup>th</sup> AW at Memphis Airport, Tenn. Some of these aircraft are from the 439<sup>th</sup> AW as Westover continues its transition to C-5B models that are being transferred here from Dover AFB, Del., and Travis AFB, Calif.



**AIMING HIGH** >> Westover's security forces observed National Police Week by hosting a local marksmanship competition here May 17-18. ( photo by Staff Sgt. Tom Ouellette )

## Marksmanship competition honors police

by Staff Sgt. Tom Ouellette

**W**hen it comes to honoring police officers across America, the Patriot Wing's security forces take their best shot — literally.

The 439<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron hosted an invitational weapons competition May 17-18 at Westover to commemorate National Police Week. "We held the event as our way to honor fallen law officers and to build a relationship with state and local law enforcers," said Master Sgt. Christopher Kellam, a 439<sup>th</sup> SFS senior NCO.

National Police Week is a nationwide event that pays tribute to police officers, especially those who lost their lives in the line of duty. National Police Week is commemorated during the week containing May 15, or National Police Officers Memorial Day.

Twenty competitors from civilian and military police forces matched their weapon skills in three categories: rifle, pistol and aggregate. Each participant used their respective organization's service weapon.

Competing with the 439<sup>th</sup> SFS in the two-day contest were members from the Connecticut Air National Guard's 103<sup>rd</sup> Fighting Squadron, Massachusetts Environmental Police, Hampden County Sheriff's Department and the Boxborough, Mass., and Chicopee, Mass., police departments.

Two 439<sup>th</sup> SFS marksmen won top honors. Tech. Sgt. Gerald Bernier took first place in rifle and Chief Master Sgt. Michael Grady captured top honors in both pistol and aggregate.

Runners up in rifle were Tech. Sgt. David Speckman and Master Sgt. Duane Manville, both of the 439<sup>th</sup> SFS. Finishing second and third were pistol were Ben Lavine, Boxborough Police Department and Master Sgt. Quinn Moriarty.

## Online services cut waiting lines at MPF

Computer screens are replacing waiting lines as the 439<sup>th</sup> Military Personnel Flight participates in Air Force-wide efforts to provide more services online.

It is known as Personnel Service Delivery Transformation. The goal is to provide 24/7 immediate web access to records and general information. Transactions can be done on any computer, at home or elsewhere.

Self-service on virtual military personnel flight (vMPF) through the Air Force Portal offers access to virtual record of emergency data (vRED), DD Form 214 worksheets, and record reviews including current awards and decorations, duty history, performance report information, aircrew information and education and training information.

Available through the virtual Personnel Center—Guard and Reserve portal (vPC-GR) are 20 year letters, copies of DD Forms 214s, information on points, family care, re-enlistment readiness and retired pay assistance. Recently added is an awards and decoration request page. You can access vPC-GR through the Air Force Portal.

"When transactions are done online it means less travel and waiting. Instead of sitting in the lobby of the MPF building on the UTA to change an address, you can go right into the system," said Maj. Kelly Hosey, 439<sup>th</sup> MPF commander.

She advised Reservists to ease the transition to online services by making sure their Air Force Portal account is active and up to date. It's also important to log into MPF to review information and look for a Record Review during your birth month.

Air Reserve Personnel Center experts will be available to answer questions at 800-525-0102 or DSN 926-6526.

## Colonel Symonds takes helm at OSS

Lt. Col. Gregory S. Symonds assumed command of the 439<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron to succeed Col. Jay C. Milkey during ceremonies in the Westover Conference Center on Saturday, June 2 of the A UTA.

Colonel Symonds formerly served as deputy commander of the 337<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron.

Col. Udo K. McGregor, 439<sup>th</sup> Operations Group commander, passed the squadron's flag of command to Colonel Symonds through Master

Sgt. Bert A. Quick, 439<sup>th</sup> OSS first sergeant. Colonel Milkey sealed the transfer of command by presenting Colonel Symonds with his personal commander's badge which he said had brought him "luck, joy and pride" at the head of the squadron.

In the audience witnessing the change of command was Colonel

Symond's mother, Mary Symonds, a veteran of the South Pacific who served four years from 1942 to 1946 as an Army lieutenant nurse. Colonel Symonds noted that his father also served during World War II.

"My mother and father are of the generation that saved the world. I owe this to them," he concluded.

## RUNWAY EVACUATION

A C-130 taxis down Westover's runway after being loaded with a group of simulated patients by Maj. Warren Smith, chief of mobility and disaster preparedness, and his 439<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron medical team.

(photo by Senior Airman Michael Lanza)



# TEAM YANKEE

Westover puts  
New England's disaster  
response teams  
to the test

by Master Sgt. Tom Allocco

**A** Category-3 hurricane smashing New England was the backdrop for Team Yankee, a major joint military and civilian mass casualty exercise that brought almost 1,000 participants to Westover May 18 to 20.

The annual medical exercise centered around a scenario of moving patients from stricken New Haven, Conn. by Army field ambulance through field hospitals at Tweed New Haven Airport. The exercise further simulated aeromedical evacuation of patients from New Haven to Westover by C-130 Hercules and Blackhawk helicopter.

The expanded exercise was a test of "lessons learned" from Hurricane Katrina and

new Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) guidelines for emergency response.

Team Yankee 2007 assembled teams including civilian medical volunteers of the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS), the 439<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron and 439<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Staging Squadron, the 118<sup>th</sup> Medical Battalion of the Connecticut Army National Guard, Navy Reserve Seabees and area firefighters and ambulance services. The exercise put into play the full range of skills needed to respond to a disaster that overwhelms local resources. This year's scenario included mental health specialists,

veterinarians, burn specialists and Army National Guard communications specialists.

The challenge of Team Yankee was for military and civilian response teams to speak the same language, adapt to each other's operational styles and identify shortfalls.

"Team Yankee provides the opportunity for civilian and military medical response teams to train together and learn from each other for possible employment for future disasters," said Lt. Col. Adele Hill, 439<sup>th</sup> AES assistant chief nurse executive and officer in charge of Team Yankee.

"A good majority of the 439<sup>th</sup> ASTS and 439<sup>th</sup> AES personnel have deployed for both



wartime and peacetime missions. The 439<sup>th</sup> AES deployed personnel to work with FEMA after Hurricane Katrina. Team Yankee provides the venue to integrate with civilian medical response teams and learn their missions and give them experience with our missions," Colonel Hill said.

She noted that Team Yankee was a complex joint effort, with all branches of service contributing their own specialties. "The essential components of transportation, camp set-up, maintenance and 24-hour command and control were provided by the Seabees of Navy Mobile Construction Battalion 27," she said.

Westover Services food specialists were up at 3

a.m. for 5 a.m. breakfast using the new SPEK (Single Palletized Expeditionary Kitchen). The system puts everything, including a tent, burner and food trays on one pallet for deployment.

The urgency of this year's Team Yankee was underscored by recent news reports of the appearance of the first named Atlantic storm off Georgia several weeks before the official June 1 start of hurricane season. Days before, Team Yankee Connecticut Army Guard participants had been placed on a "real world" tornado alert.

In the role of patients were members of the Westover Civil Air Patrol and Young Marines.

Youths of Venture Crew 164, sponsored by the Palmer Community Emergency Response, and Venture Crew 454 of Springfield, Mass. helped moulage others to simulate patients.

A central point of the exercise was a string of operations to load of patients aboard a C-130 and Blackhawk at a staging facility in Dogpatch. They were unloaded at the Base Hangar where medical specialists of the 439<sup>th</sup> AES and 439<sup>th</sup> ASTS received and stabilized patients at a an aerial staging facility.

In the final segment of Team Yankee, Civilian Metropolitan Medical Response System and Patient Reception Teams transported 31 patients by ambulance to three area hospitals.



**PATIENT PREPARATION** >> Ambulances rushed simulated patients to a mock medical facility alongside Westover's runway. Tech. Sgt. Ralph Santiago, a 439<sup>th</sup> AES medical technician, prepares his patient for an emergency aerial evacuation. (photo by Senior Airman Michael Lanza)

The Connecticut Department of Public Health set up a 25-bed Mobile Field Hospital in Dogpatch in four hours, including an emergency room, intensive care unit and communications.

For many participants, Team Yankee was an opportunity to build on their experiences in response to Katrina, the World Trade Center attack and overseas deployments.

Members of the Connecticut National Guard's 118<sup>th</sup> Medical Battalion maintained a fleet of 11 Humvee ambulances and a communications net during Team Yankee.

Captain Elizabeth Cordon of the battalion was an ambulance platoon leader in Balad, Iraq and later spent three weeks in Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina.

"We did this in Iraq, working with the Air Force and contractors. Communications is always an issue. There are Army radios, civilian radios but we have to be able to talk together," she said.

Bradford Slazmann of Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) MA 2, a physician's

assistant from Palmer, Mass., served twice with teams responding to Katrina. "We all have the same goal, but we use different terms, we have pages of acronyms, we have different methods. This is my fourth Team Yankee. I learn something every time," he said.

He volunteered for the team in the wake of 9/11. "Personally, I feel I want to do something for the country. This is the organization I have chosen to do that," he said.

Lending realism to this year's Team Yankee was the presence of a five-member mental health team from the Illinois DMAT. Among the lessons learned from Katrina is that responders face critical stress and need counseling and support similar to veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Behavioral health is a force protection issue. We want them to go home with the least amount of trauma possible," said Kimberly Shontz of the team.

She reminds responders to take care of themselves by getting enough sleep, calling

home and taking breaks from the stress. Meanwhile the mental health specialists respond to the needs of families at home who may not know where response teams are or if they are safe.

"Team Yankee is similar to what we did when we were tasked to hot off-load patients at the New Orleans airport. We set up a staging facility and worked with the Army and Air Force," said Bob Hopkins, deputy commander of the MA 2 volunteers.

Arup De, an anesthesiologist with a civilian surgical response team, helped set up a simulated operating room in a tent in Dogpatch. "This is the largest, most intense exercise I've been in," he said.

"Field conditions are very different. We set up a portable operating room by unpacking it from boxes. We assembled an anesthetic machine from parts," he said.

He rated his experience a success.

"I'd rather be practicing here than trying to learn in a real situation," he said.



#### BUILDING GOOD WILL

U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. James Neal from 6th Provisional Security Command assigned to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, takes time to talk with local Djiboutian children after smoothing out a concrete floor for a new library at the Douda Primary School located in Douda, Djibouti. (U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Angela D. McLane)



# Securing Africa

by Maj. Daniel Sprenkle

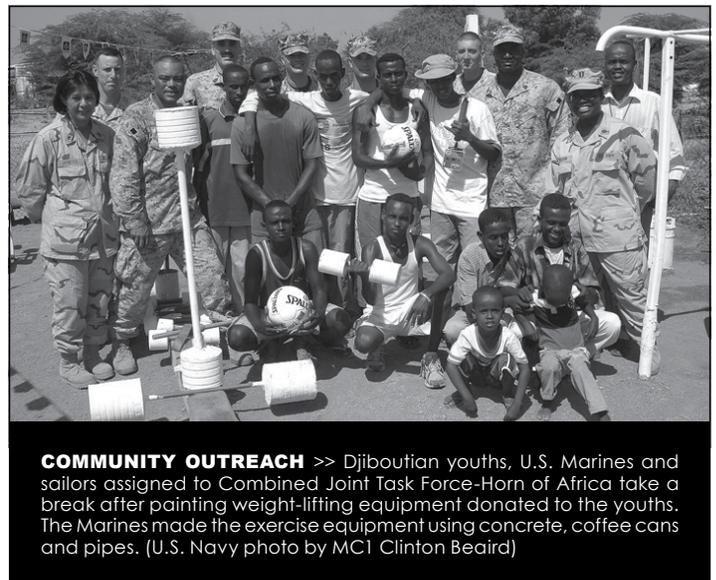
**S**IXTY WESTOVER MARINE Corps reservists who deployed to the Horn of Africa in January have met more than just their primary mission of fighting terrorism.

Members of the Marine Air Support Squadron-6 (MASS-6), serving as part of the 6th Provisional Security Company (PSC) with the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa, are also helping the people of nearby Djibouti with improving their community.

The 6th PSC, based at Camp Lemonnier, comprises 12 reserve units from eight different states. The Marines are tasked to deter, detect, defend, and stop terrorists. This mission helps stabilize the area so the members of the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa can accomplish their mission.

The Marines of MASS-6 serve primarily as camp defense where they man the towers and the entry control points to Camp Lemonnier. They also conduct local patrols with the Djiboutian army and air force and provide port security when a US ship is in the area. Their secondary mission is to assist civil affairs and outreach and engagement programs designed to prevent terrorism. CJTF-HOA stood up in May 2003 with the mission to prevent conflict, promote regional stability and protect coalition interests in order to prevail against extremism.

Since their arrival in January, the MASS-6 Marines have also found time to help people in the community through several projects. They designed and built an outdoor gym and equipment using cement, coffee cans, metal pipes, wood, and fresh paint. The Marines gathered do-



**COMMUNITY OUTREACH** >> Djiboutian youths, U.S. Marines and sailors assigned to Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa take a break after painting weight-lifting equipment donated to the youths. The Marines made the exercise equipment using concrete, coffee cans and pipes. (U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Clinton Beard)

nated dumbbells, seven weight bars, sit-up benches and a workout pulley.

The Marines of the 6th PSC contacted individual family members in areas throughout the United States to ask for donated flip-flops for this program. By June, the donors had responded with nearly 1,000 pairs of flip-flops. Toys

have also been donated by Marine families and distributed to the children in the villages around Camp Lemonnier. With the Army, helped repair the school library in Douda village, also near Djibouti.

The Marines are scheduled to return from the Horn of Africa in September.

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**ONE OF THE BEST** >> Master Sgt. Paul E. Cyr of the 439<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron was named Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Month for May while serving with the 506<sup>th</sup> Air Expeditionary Group at Kirkuk Regional Air Base in northern Iraq. Sergeant Cyr is among six Patriot Wing security specialists who have been providing base security at Kirkuk since February. They are scheduled to return home in mid-July. ( photo by Tech Sgt. Kevin Williams, Kirkuk Public Affairs )

## Captain to serve as new SARC officer

by Master Sgt. Tom Allocco



**Captain Baker**

Capt. Carrie Baker, a former active duty Air Forces social worker, has been named Westover's Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC). She succeeded Cindy King, the wing's first civilian SARC, who recently took a position in private practice.

As SARC for both military and civilian Westover members, Captain Baker will synchronize sexual assault prevention and response efforts. She will serve as the point of contact to coordinate sexual assault victim care and to track the services provided, from initial report of a sexual assault through resolution of the victim's healthcare and support service needs.

The Air Force implemented the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program in 2005 to combat sexual assault with new policies, including prevention, confidential reporting and victim assistance. Accord-

ing to a Department of Defense report, in 2004 there were 1,700 reported sexual assaults in the Armed Forces, of which 104 were assaults on men.

Captain Baker is seeking volunteers to serve as victim advocates to assist victims with medical, legal and other issues. The role of a victim advocate is to provide support, liaison services and care to the victim. Responsibilities include but are not limited to crisis intervention and non-clinical support. As SARC, Captain Baker is responsible to select, train and supervise victim advocates. Lt. Col. Mike Davis and Maj. Marie Dufault, the acting SARC before Captain Baker, are currently serving as advocates.

Captain Baker also plans to visit all units on base and coordinate prevention efforts with supervisors.

A graduate of Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, Conn., Captain Baker is a license clinical social worker. She came to Westover last December following active duty as an Air Force social worker, including involvement with the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Captain Baker's office is in the Westover Medical Facility located at 390 Walker Ave. She can be reached at Ext. 2623.

## Disabled Reservist throws out first pitch

by Capt. Justin Manna

A disabled former Westover reservist threw out the first pitch of a Red Sox game on May 20th in recognition of Connecticut heroes.

Senior Airman John F. Fimian, who was left disabled after motorcycle accident, was chosen by his hometown radio station to throw out the pitch as apart of a "local heroes" recognition promotion.

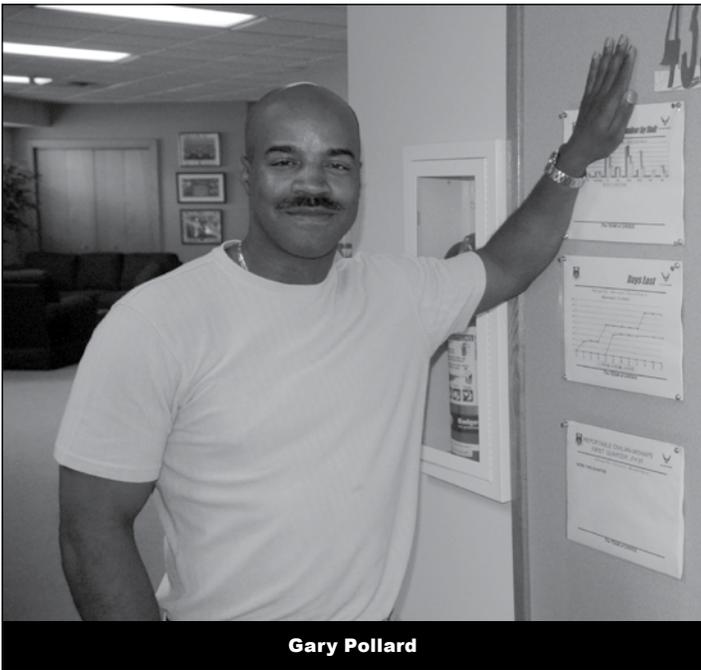
"It was magnificent. It was truly an amazing day for John and for all of us to see. There are no words to describe the experience," said Paula J. Fimian, Fimian's mother.

The day started out rainy and there was a chance that Airman Fimian's pitch might not have happened. However, the clouds cleared and Fimian got his chance to throw to his favorite Red Sox, catcher Doug Mirabelli. "As we walked down the corridor area to get to the field, the reality of what was happening really hit. Mr. Mirabelli walked up to John, gave him the ball back and shook his hand. If you could have seen the excitement on John's face, it was priceless," said Mrs. Fimian.

As apart of the experience, the Fimians were invited to view the game from a private box at Fenway Park right next to one of Boston's most prized positions. "The icing on the cake was that the 2004 World Series trophy was in the lounge area in a glass case. When the game was over, we went into the lounge area so that John could see the trophy and have his picture taken beside the case it was in," said Mrs. Fimian.

Mrs. Fimian went on to thank all who were involved in making the day special for Airman Fimian. "Thanks to all of you who nominated John for this special honor; WTIC radio 1080 for hosting the contest; to all of you who traveled from Connecticut and from towns in Massachusetts just to be there with John on such a special occasion; and many, many thanks to the Boston Red Sox for what they did to brighten the life and spirit of my son John."

**PATRIOT PEOPLE |**



**Gary Pollard**

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 FAVORITE FOOD : Sushi  
 YEARS AT WESTOVER : 35 days  
 FAVORITE SPORT : Football  
 FAVORITE HOBBY : Golf  
 IDEAL VACATION : Italy  
 BEST WAY TO RELAX : Fishing  
 PREFERRED ENTERTAINMENT : Jazz concerts  
 FAVORITE HERO : Me  
 FAVORITE MUSIC STYLES : Good music in any style  
 FAVORITE MOVIE : The Waterboy  
 FAVORITE AIRCRAFT : A-10  
 PET PEEVE : None  
 WHAT WOULD I DO IF I WON \$1 MILLION : Live off the interest



**RODEO RUN** >> Patriot Wing C-5 aircrews compete in the 2000 Air Mobility Rodeo. Rodeo began in 1962 as a combat skills competition to enhance air mobility operations.  
 ( file photo by Master Sgt. W.C. Pope )

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**“SWING YOUR ARMS!”** >> Marine Sgt. David A. Lopez, a Parris Island, S.C., drill instructor, offers his unique brand of constructive criticism to Marine recruits marching into the Base Hangar. The Springfield, Mass., Marine Recruiting Station hosted its annual pool meet here May 5, preparing recruits from around the region for basic military training with drill practice and physical exercises. ( photo by Senior Airman Michael Lanza )

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