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**TAKEOFF >>** Reservists begin the runway road race to benefit the Combined Federal Campaign, Nov. 2. Article on Page 10. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Troy Thibeault)

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**ANOTHER SHOT AT IT** >> Capt. Alexis Presti, 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing intelligence officer, gets her flu shot in the Base Hangar during the A UTA. Flu shots are available Monday through Friday from 7:30-9:30 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. at the 439<sup>th</sup> Aerospace Medicine Squadron building. The clinic staff will also provide shots on the December A UTA in the Base Hangar. (photo by Master Sgt. W.C. Pope)

## EDITORIAL | Wingman is one-third of our role



Colonel Swain

We called it the “Dark Ages” at the academy.

When autumn transitions into winter in northern climates, it’s colder and darker. People stay inside more, may exercise less, and possibly battle seasonal illnesses. Isolation is a danger. The holidays may counteract the

season with warmth and family, but even that can mean added stress for some because of personal situations and economic hardships. My intention is not to depress, but to express realities, impress the importance of our role, and address remedies.

Hardship is real – and it happens to all of us. Stay attuned to those around you. The Airman’s Creed states that we are: Wingman, Leader, Warrior. Becoming an effective wingman – watching out for each other – is one-third of our busy jobs. At the unit level, you are the first to notice something might be wrong with a fellow Airman. Ask questions. Risk involvement. Point them to resources. Airmen and Family Readiness,

chaplains, first sergeants, career advisors and other Air Force and local agencies can provide support, but a wingman is the first and pivotal line of defense.

Deployments add another dimension to our wingman responsibilities. Keep in touch with fellow reservists that are deployed. Many units send care packages for the holidays. The 42nd Aerial Port folks cooked dinner for the families of deployed reservists on the November UTA. They also videotaped holiday greetings from family members to send to deployed aerial porters.

What happens to our wingmen affects us all. Accidents happen when people are distracted by their problems. Morale goes down. It can be contagious. Our country still needs us to do what we do, maybe even more so in these uncertain times. The stability of the military is a source of hope to this nation.

In the midst of such malaise, as a wingman, I offer hope.

Viktor Frankl found hope even in the extremes of a German concentration camp. He learned that, while he couldn’t change his circumstances, he was still free to choose his response.

Thinking about the Thanksgiving holiday, I found a similar lesson in the word itself.

This Thanksgiving, I plan on giving thanks, but also want to reverse the words to suggest that “thanks comes by giving.” It is not just the getting that brings thanks, but it is even more powerfully in the giving. Give of yourself as a wingman at the base, in your families, neighborhoods, and communities. Reaching out to others generates thanks in ourselves. Carefully choose your responses to your circumstances – and to the circumstances of others. As you offer hope, you get hope.

We are all in this together. I value everyone on base and what they bring to the team. We have accomplished so much this year and you should be proud of your accomplishments.

Enjoy your holiday season with your family and friends – brighten the darkness – get through the “Dark Ages” and remember to take care of yourselves mentally, physically, and emotionally. God bless all of you and thanks again for all you do for this wing, this command, and this nation.

Col. Robert Swain Jr.  
439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander

## BRIEFS |

### Academic award

Staff Sgt. Robert Iverson, a non-commissioned officer at Westover, earned the Academic Excellence Award following his attendance at Airman Leadership School at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass.

Sergeant Iverson, who works in the isochronal inspection area, is on active duty, assigned to the 436th Airlift Wing at Dover AFB, Del.

### CC call Dec. 6

A Commander’s Call is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Dec. 6 in the Base Hangar.

This is a mandatory formation for all wing reservists.

Wingman Day also takes place in the Base Hangar Dec. 6 at 3:30 p.m., where Airmen can visit information booths aimed at helping them and their families.

### Base Christmas party set for Dec. 13

The annual children’s Christmas party, featuring a visit by Santa Claus, will be held Dec. 13 at the fitness center from 2-4 p.m. for children from newborn age to 14-years-old.

Scheduled activities will include making Christmas cards, cookie decorating, and a “bounce house.”

Parents who would like to sign up their children for the party should respond by Dec. 8 to the Airmen and Family Readiness Center staff. Volunteers are needed to assist with setting up the party.

For more information, call Ext. 3024.

### Commander to serve holiday meal

Col. Robert Swain Jr., 439th Airlift Wing commander, will serve the Christmas holiday meal with the first sergeants from 12-12:30 p.m. Dec. 7, at the Westover Club. The meal serving time will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### New Air Force community web site

A new Air Force web site houses online resources that provide Airmen and their families with access to information on topics including relocation, employment, and education for military children.

The new site (<http://www.afcommunity.af.mil/>) is streamlined and enables users to access information “round-the-clock” from either their military or personal computers.

### McNeil award

The Patriot Wing’s Human Resources Development Council earned command-level recognition.

HRDC members earned the Maj. Gen. Joseph A. McNeil Award for HRDC Leadership Excellence. It is awarded bi-annually to a large and small Air Force Reserve Command wing at the command HRDC workshop. The award recognizes units with leadership that most demonstrates strong support and effective usage of the HRDC program.

Lt. Gen. Charles Stenner, AFRC commander, presented the award to the Westover members at the HRDC workshop Oct. 30. For more on this award, click on Westover’s web site at: [www.westover.afrc.af.mil](http://www.westover.afrc.af.mil)



**ON CAMERA** >> Mary Pat and Jay Clark pass their holiday wishes to their deployed son, Senior Airman William Clark, during the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron's family get-together held Nov. 1. (photo by Maj. Wilson Camelo)

## Aerial port families face different separation challenges

**Article and photo  
by Maj. Wilson Camelo**

Dawn Lawlor, Mary Pat Clark and Deb Frost all share the fact a loved one from the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron will be deployed during the holidays. What they don't necessarily share is how they're coping with the separation.

The three were among about 100 family members that came to Westover Nov. 1 to share a meal, share stories and to record a videotaped holiday message for their loved ones as part of a fam-

ily get-together organized by the 42nd APS.

The family gathering event evolved as an outreach to the deployed members' families, to create and strengthen communication with other deployed families as well as the unit's support staff, according to Master Sgt. Louis Curto, air freight services superintendent.

Activities for the many children in attendance included face painting, a magic show, and visits from "Spunky the Monkey" and Santa Claus. Area businesses like Kids Fantasy Faces, Clowntique and

"Jazelle the Magician" donated their time and services for the event.

Many families met each other for the first time during the event, and realized they shared the bond of belonging to the 42nd APS' extended family. They also realized they were drawn to the event for different reasons based on their unique circumstances.

For Dawn Lawlor, this is the fourth deployment she is enduring. "You know, it's getting easier," she said with a slight grin. The mother of five said things are more manageable this time her husband, Master Sgt. Dan Lawlor, is deployed, as she knows what to expect and her kids are older.

As a "veteran" of coping with numerous deployments, she said she was at the event to help in any way she could, such as helping unit spouses like Kathleen Maguire and Helene Curto with decorating, contacting families and hosting.

Dawn also came to offer support to those separated from their spouses during a first deploy-

ment, especially over the holidays. When asked what advice she gives them, she responds, "It's always a challenge. I tell them to be patient and to understand that there may not always be a lot of time to talk to them. They need to keep going here so their loved ones can focus on doing their jobs."

Mary Pat Clark and her husband, Jay, are parents of Senior Airman William Clark, an air transport apprentice who is on his first deployment. They said they attended the event mainly because they wanted to record a video greeting for their son.

"Our situation is different; we're not typical of most of the families here," she said referring to the many wives with young children whose husbands are deployed. "Separation is different for us. William has been out of the house awhile; so, we don't have the separation issue. We're concerned that he is in a war zone."

However, she said they appreciated the opportunity to meet other families. They were happy to see the unit come together to

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--Dawn Lawlor, wife of Master Sgt. Dan Lawlor, 42nd APS



## Holiday shipping deadline is Dec. 4

by **Samantha L. Quigley**  
**American Forces Press Service**

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- As the holidays approach and people start thinking about what they are going to send loved ones and friends serving overseas, there are a few dates to keep in mind.

"The earliest deadline is for troops that are serving in the Iraq [and] Afghanistan area," Al DeSarro said, spokesman for the western region of the U.S. Postal Service. "You want to send all your holiday mail and packages [to those areas] by Dec. 4."

Holiday mail, including packages and cards, going to military bases in other parts of the world should be shipped by Dec. 11, he said.

"We do encourage people to closely follow these deadlines," Mr. DeSarro said. "Of course, we make every attempt, even if you miss the deadline, to deliver the mail to our troops."

People who cannot beat those dates have another option to get holiday goodies to their destinations in time: Express Mail. But it will cost a bit more and it is not available for military members serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Priority mail flat-rate boxes are the best value when shipping to military members serving at home or anywhere overseas, Mr. DeSarro said.

"We also offer a special military package kit, ... and this applies even if you want to send to our troops here in the U.S.," Mr. DeSarro said. "If you call ... 1-800-610-8734, they'll send you a free kit of packaging materials."

**MAGIC MOMENT >>** Madison Peacey, left, and Lillian Grimshaw enjoy "Jazelle the Magician" who performed at Hangar 3, Nov. 1 during the 42nd Aerial Port Squadron's family holiday gathering. The get-together for the APS families drew about 100 people and included face-painting and visits from Spunky the Monkey and Santa Claus. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

take care of the families.

"This is really nice for the families and I'm glad the military is doing this," Jay Clark said.

Facing a slightly different scenario are Deb and Joe Frost, parents of Senior Airman Steven Frost, also an air transport apprentice. While they share being worried parents with the Clarks, they are dealing with taking care of a house Airman Frost bought, a few weeks prior to deploying.

While they admit it's a lot of work, Deb Frost is proud of the support they're able to provide while he is gone.

"We're taking care of the house so he doesn't have to worry about it (while deployed)," she

said. "We don't want him to worry about the house or about us."

The couple traveled from the Albany area to take part in the event, though only for a short while as they had to drive back to attend their niece's wedding, Airman Frost's cousin.

"It would have been nice to have him in the wedding photos," Joe commented.

Overall, the event exceeded the unit's expectations, Sergeant Curto added. "I am positive this program could serve as a benchmark for future unit deployments," he said.

Most of the deployed Airmen are expected home in early January. At that time,

the three families will again have something in common to share with each other and the other families, their loved ones.

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--Jay Clark, father of Senior Airman William Clark



"Being vigilant when spending time with your wingman, always watching for signs of trouble or distress ... being strong enough to step in if you something might be wrong."  
**Staff Sgt. Christopher Meyer, communications**



"Someone that is always there for you. Someone that can keep you on track -- a good friend."  
**Senior Airman Christopher Guilbeaux, services**



"Someone who will look out for me, personally and professionally. Somone I can be confident in and will help instill my core values to make the right decisions."  
**Tech. Sgt. Shane Mortimer, aeromedical evacuation**

**TROOP TALK |** What does being a good wingman mean to you?



**A CLOSER LOOK >>** Lt. Col. Colleen Kelley, chief of flight medicine, examines a patient during a recent UTA. Colonel Kelley joined the Air Force Reserve at age 40, and has been at Westover for nearly nine years.



# Footsteps

## A doctor follows her dreams on the heels of heritage

Article and photo by  
Senior Master Sgt. Sandi Michon

Lt. Col. Colleen E. Kelley was headed into the military in 1983, but a fall out of a tree, delayed her service for 17 years.

Westover's chief of flight medicine received a military scholarship for medical school when the accident put her on crutches for six months. Then, medical school, marriage, three kids, and working kept her away from her military ambitions. In 2000, at age 40, she entered the Reserve program at Westover.

She is petite and fit in her gray-green flight suit that matches her eyes. Her salt-and-pepper hair tries to escape her neat French braid, and her tone is direct and compassionate.

"I come from a strong military tradition," Colonel Kelley explained.

Her father was a paratrooper in the Korean War and her maternal grandfather was a surgeon at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Colonel Kelley's grandfather was so affected by the war he decided he would rather become a psychiatrist because he felt it would have a greater long-term impact on making his fellow soldiers whole again.

"He worked for 48 hours straight and saw so much blood that he became a psychiatrist – because sutures can mend a physical injury, but it takes a lifetime to mend a man's soul," she said, recalling her grandfather's words of compassion.

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**CHECK-UP >>** Lt. Col. Colleen Kelley talks with a mother holding her baby during the colonel's deployment Guatemala. Colonel Kelley is the chief of flight medicine with the 439th Aerospace Medicine Squadron. A reservist from Vermont, she spent two weeks in Guatemala in 2005, treating patients in remote clinics with the 710th Medical Squadron from Omaha, Neb. Two years later, she was part of a combined medical missionary mission to Bizerte, Tunisia at Kharouba Air Base, where she trained with the Tunisian military, teaching aeromedical transport concepts. (Courtesy photo)

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Her younger brother, James Kelley, is an ROTC grad of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and is now a colonel and an F-16 instructor pilot.

Part of what pulled the older sister, Colonel Kelley, to the military was her frequent travels overseas. "I realized how much we have, not in goods, but in freedom, rights and safety and how much we take that for granted," she said.

"So much of our stability is a direct result of our military, not only in the United States, but around the world."

A good part of her 17-year military delay, was spent convincing her husband, Nino Mendolia, to support her passion to serve.

As a first generation Canadian immigrant from Sicily, Nino's father went absent without leave when conscripted into Mussolini's army. He was subsequently captured and spent time in a Yugoslavian concentration camp, but survived because his tailor skills were useful to camp guards. Despite the stories of an oppressive military in the Sicilian mountains, he supported his wife's dream.

Colonel Kelley's husband's support deepened to appreciation after September 11, 2001.

"On Sept. 11, I was stranded in Egypt with my daughter. My husband told me that he gets it now... [my military service] is not just a good thing to do, it's the

right thing to do," she said.

Eight years later, the emergency room doctor with St. Mary's Hospital in Troy, N.Y., is still saying "thank you" with her military service at Westover and expanding the reach and influence of the American military in diplomatic nation-building and humanitarian outreach.

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In 2007, she participated in a combined medical-missionary mission in Bizerte, Tunisia at Kharouba Air Base, where she trained with the Tunisian military, teaching aeromedical

transport concepts.

She found her fluency in French a huge advantage in Tunisia and they have invited her back for future exercises.

"We fly, fight and win wars but also share expertise and win hearts," she said.

Not surprisingly, Colonel Kelley volunteers her time at the Burburton Academy in Vermont, volunteers monthly at the Roarke Center free-medical clinic in Troy, N.Y., and serves on a committee for Boy Scout Troop 253 in Vermont.

"When I joined the military at age 40, most people thought I was crazy," she said. "I'm not crazy. I'm doing what I've wanted to do for a very long time."



**TANGLED TEAMWORK >>** An activity from the Senior NCO Leadership Course illustrates the multitasking often found on UTA weekends. Westover hosted the SNOLC Oct. 25-26 in Southbridge, Mass. Reservists wanting to find out more about the activity should sign up for the course through the wing command chief. (photo by Master Sgt. Elaine Perreault)

## Senior enlisted leadership course brings in Guard for first time

by Senior Master Sgt.  
Sandi Michon

Westover hosted a senior enlisted leadership course Oct. 25-26 in Southbridge, Mass., for 26 Air Force members, which for the first time included the Air National Guard.

The Senior Noncommissioned-Officer Leadership Course is ideal for busy schedules as a two-day course offered typically on non-UTA weekends. It's a dynamic, fast-paced course that covers 12 modules including communication, teamwork, motivation, conflict resolution and career progression.

"The course far exceeded my expectations," said Chief Master Sgt. Albert H. Reale, Jr., 104th Fighter Wing Command Chief at Barnes Air National Guard Base in Westfield, Mass.

"I discovered so much through the exercises and loved that it was fun and participatory all the way through," he said.

Fellow Guard member, Master Sgt. Dominique Chapman, hoped the course would not be "death-by-PowerPoint," and was pleasantly surprised.

"It was excellent. The constant involvement made us experience the concepts so I can more easily relate them to situations back at Barnes," she said.

"It's a good refresher. It's stuff you know about, but forget to practice," said Master Sgt.

Steve Wilkinson, 514th Air Mobility Wing fitness monitor. "You can assess yourself as a leader," he said.

Both 22nd Air Force Command Chief James R. Fields, Jr. and Westover's Command Chief Zigmund Skawski attended portions of the two-day course.

"This outstanding course gives senior NCOs the opportunity to 're-blue,' network with peers from other wings, and give and take away great ideas," said Chief Fields. He calls the course a "confidence-builder" that often allows for discovery of personal weaknesses in an environment that offers effective tools to overcome them.

Chief Skawski highlighted the networking aspect of the course as key to meeting new challenges in today's Air Force. "This course is crucial in helping our senior NCOs develop the skills to lead their Airmen," he said, and used the "muscle memory" concept to emphasize the importance of repetition in leadership training.

Westover's 439th Logistics Readiness Squadron Material Coordinator, Gerilyn J. Ridzon, signed up for the course to learn more about being a master sergeant.

Wearing the rank for only one year, Sergeant Ridzon had a list of "take-aways" from the course. "It taught me to adjust, to work as a team, and to seek input," she said. At the top

of the list is earning the trust of her Airmen. "You gotta give it to get it," she said.

The four SNCO Leadership Course facilitators were: Senior Master Sgt. Sandra Dye from Grissom Air Reserve Base, Ind.; Master Sgts. Joe Amorese from Niagara ARS, N.Y.; Terry Frye from Charleston AFB, S.C.; and Brent Black from Youngstown ARS, Ohio.

Sergeant Dye has more than 25 classes under her belt, and says the course provides a vision rather than just book-learning. "I love to see the 'light bulbs' go on in every class. Many SNCOs know the concepts but they don't know how to apply them," she said. "It gives a broader perspective of the strengths and weaknesses of themselves and others, and how it all fits together to reach their goals."

Sergeant Dye is a professor at Purdue University in Indiana and a first sergeant with the 434th Operations Group. From both perspectives, she sees the usefulness of problem solving, critical thinking, and creativity emphasized in the leadership course activities.

"It's an excellent class," said Sergeant Ridzon. "Everyone should try to attend."

The course is offered between 12-14 times annually, while 22nd Air Force offers it four times each year.

Those interested in attending should contact their command chief.



**BRIEF TO THE BOSS >>** Senior Airman Matthew Dauphinais talks with Gen. Norton Schwartz, Air Force chief of staff, and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney McKinley at a deployed location in Iraq. (Courtesy photo)



**SECRETARY VISIT >>** Senior Airman Julie Novak briefs Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, at Joint Base Balad, Oct. 13. Airman Novak is assigned to the 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron. (Courtesy photo)

## Deployed junior enlisted meet senior Air Force leaders

Two deployed Westover reservists recently met senior leaders of the Air Force while at their deployed locations.

Senior Airman Julie Novak, from the 439th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office and assigned

to Joint Base Balad, Iraq, met Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley, and briefed him on her duties at the base.

Senior Airman Matthew Dauphinais spoke with Gen. Norton Schwartz, Air Force chief of staff,

and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney McKinley.

Airman Novak is an information manager with the 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Airman Dauphinais, an aerial

port apprentice, is among more than 30 42nd APS reservists deployed to Balad. In all, about 130 Airmen are deployed worldwide from Westover.

Both Airmen are scheduled to return home in January.

## Race helps launch Combined Federal Campaign within \$6,000 of goal

by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

A runway road race and two ice cream scoop-a-thons helped the Westover community come within \$6,000 of its Combined Federal Campaign goal by early November.

This year's campaign goal is \$35,000.

"We had 22 runners and walkers participating, and raised \$700," said Maj. Luis Nunez, who organized the Nov. 2 event. Reservists held the ice cream scoop-a-thons on the October A and B UTAs.

From Nov. 15 to Dec. 15, a bowling tournament will be held at the bowling center to raise money for the CFC. Teams of three will play two games each, cost is \$13.50 per team.

Total pin count will determine the prizes to the top three teams.

"Thanks for your CFC efforts," said Lt. Col. Douglas Sudnick, CFC project officer. "We're rounding the far turn and approaching the home stretch. Please be proactive and aggressive in soliciting donations from your uni and section members."

The CFC wraps up Dec. 15.



Commander's Hotline  
Extension 3774

## Maintenance Airmen lead race results

### Male runners

Fastest male in the 5K: Tech. Sgt. Celio Hernandez, 439th Maintenance Squadron, 19 minutes, 9 seconds

Second place: Tech. Sgt. Mike Vogt, MXS, 19 minutes, 11 seconds

Third: Lt. Col. David Heroux, 439th Airlift Wing Chief of Safety, 19 minutes, 22 seconds.

### Female runners

Maj. Lisa Houle, 439th AW command post, 22 minutes, 30 seconds

Second: Jennifer Cook, 22 minutes, 45 seconds

Third: Staff Sgt. Nicole Ludwig, 439th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 25 minutes, 18 seconds

### Two-mile race:

Fastest: Lt. Col. Douglas Sudnick, 439th Mission Support Group, 18 minutes, 48 seconds

Second: Chris Myers, 20 minutes, 5 seconds.

## PATRIOT PEOPLE |



Senior Airman Richard E. Romero

NAME : Richard E. Romero  
 RANK : Senior airman  
 AGE : 23  
 HOMETOWN : Waterbury, Conn.  
 UNIT : 439th Aerospace Medicine Squadron  
 POSITION : Medical administration  
 FAVORITE FOOD : Pupusa  
 YEARS OF SERVICE : Four  
 FAVORITE SPORT : Soccer  
 FAVORITE HOBBY : Video games  
 IDEAL VACATION : El Salvador  
 BEST WAY TO RELAX : Watch television  
 PREFERRED ENTERTAINMENT : Movies  
 FAVORITE HERO : Iron Man  
 FAVORITE MUSIC STYLE : Rock  
 FAVORITE MOVIE : Superbad  
 FAVORITE AIRCRAFT : F-15  
 PET PEEVE : Overfilling a garbage can  
 WHAT WOULD I DO IF I WON \$1 MILLION : Buy houses

## PATRIOT PUNS |

**PUMP IT UP >>** Fitness classes include kick and pump pilates, yoga, zumba & karate-judo/jujutsu. For more information, call Ext. 3958

**LOUNGE HOURS CHANGE >>** Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 4 – 10 p.m.; Thursdays, 4 – 11 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 4 p.m. – 12 a.m.; Sundays, 4 – 9 pm (UTA weekends only); social hour; Tuesday-Friday: 4 – 6 p.m. Reservations for holiday parties are now accepted. Breakfast with Santa takes place Dec. 13 from 8-11 am. Moose and the High Tops will perform Dec. 6 from 8 pm - midnight. Information: Ext. 2039

**CFC TEAM COMPETITIONS >>** Teams of three; two games each, \$13.50 per team. Prizes to the top 3 teams, determined by total pin count. Other new programs include the Bowlers Card, Wild Wednesdays, the Birthday Deal, and the Family Pizza and Bowling Special. Information: Ext. 3990

**STORAGE ON THE MOVE >>** The vehicle storage lot is moving to the corner of Galaxy Road and Airlift Drive,. Anyone who wishes to store a vehicle can call the rental center at Ext. 2192

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## PATRIOT PRAISES | Reenlistments

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 Colin Christopher Mulcahy  
 Patricia Ellen Schanzer  
 David Jonathan Rodriguez  
 Gary Douglas Smith  
 Joseph Gerard Fournier Jr.  
 Mary Lynn Scherlin

**Technical sergeant**  
 Matthew Bane Dallachie

David Marc Durning  
 Daniel William Green  
 Karieann Therrien  
 James Gregory McLaughlin  
 Scott Andrew Armstrong  
 Steven Peter Bone  
 Robert John Delano  
 Frank M. Falcone  
 Ellerie Lorraine Fuller  
 Jeffrey A. Gilbert  
 Roger Logan Menard  
 Joaquim Henriques Pedro  
 Thomas Edgar Pitts  
 Dana Michele Seddona

Donald Montgomery Tonge Jr.  
 James S. Valentine  
 Thomas Robert Williams  
 Michael Victor Markey

**Staff sergeant**  
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 Neeraj Diwan  
 Stephanie J. Ellis  
 Joshua R. Gelinias  
 Alexander Joseph Reno  
 Corey Michael Schumacher  
 Jeremy-Michael Edward  
 Smeltekop

**Senior airman**  
 Cheryl Anne McLaughlin  
 Megan Marie Niles

Airman 1st Class Christopher Walter  
 Clement



**HONORING VETERANS >>** Lt. Col. Richard Cockley salutes during the 439th Airlift Wing's annual retreat ceremony held at the Base Ellipse Nov. 1. Colonel Cockley, commander of the 58th Aerial Port Squadron, earned the Bronze Star Nov. 2 for his service while deployed to Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, from January to May. During that time, he led more than 160 Airmen while in command of the 455th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron, and oversaw the largest single Afghanistan airdrop -- 388 bundles and 740,000 pounds of cargo. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

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