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**SALUTE TO THE AIR SHOW >>** John R. Danielson, of Chicopee, watches the Great New England Air Show Sept. 7 against the backdrop of a C-5. Mr. Danielson retired from Westover in 1968 as noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the 99<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing's instrument shop. For more on the air show, turn to pages 6, 7, 8, and 12. (photo by Senior Master Sgt. Sandi Michon)

## EDITORIAL | Patriot Wing team shines with superb air show effort



Colonel Swain

We should be proud of our air show. I saw a sense of teamwork out on the flight line and in the hangars. I saw this pride with the scores of Patriot Wing Airmen who stood for hours in

the hot sun directing thousands of vehicles on and off this base.

The Thunderbirds and the Golden Knights headlined the event, but it was the Patriot Wing Airmen who led the way with our air show. More than 300,000 people saw our wing's finest in action. Without our guests like the Thunderbirds, we wouldn't have had as high of a quality of a show, but the show wouldn't have happened at all without the dedication and hours of hard work put in by this wing.

But it wasn't just our military people who

pulled together to make this air show so successful. Our workers with the base contractor, Phoenix Management Inc., did everything from posting signs helping our visitors find their way to the flight line to preparing a massive fleet of golf carts needed to keep people mobile across the display of static aircraft.

Another group of civilians that deserves mention is the members of the Galaxy Community Council. The people of this private organization contributed in many different ways to the air show. They managed a web site that took in hundreds of hits informing the public about the air show. They helped run the VIP tent by show center. They held scores of meetings to ensure the air show program would offer as much as possible. The GCC members also sought sponsors to help the Air Force with the costs of running an air show.

In this era of frequent deployments and

high operations tempos, it was refreshing to see the men and women of this base step up and pull together for this air show. I am sure the public left Westover knowing the freedom we as Americans enjoy each day is in good hands with the patriots of the 439th Airlift Wing.

Finally, I close with the knowledge that many of you, who are now deployed, had a great opportunity to see your families at the air show. I am pleased you could enjoy sharing some time with your loved ones before you headed overseas. As I write this, many of you have "boots on the ground" in the area of responsibility. I am proud of all of you as you represent the best of our wing and the reserve. As for all of you at home, I appreciate all that you do day-to-day to keep Westover going! Thanks to all of you here and abroad for all that you do!

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

## BRIEFS |

### Uniform wear

Per direction of the Air Force Chief of Staff, the blue uniform will be the duty uniform worn every Monday by Air Force uniformed personnel in appropriate career fields and environments as determined by the wing commander.

This policy applies not only to air reserve technicians but to traditional and non-traditional reservists whether on UTA, TDY, or annual tour status.

For more information or questions, call Tech. Sgt. Lisa Dufresne at Ext. 3874.

### Boo Fest Oct. 4

The Airmen and Family Readiness Staff will hold Boo Fest Oct. 4 at the fitness center. The event will run from 1-3 p.m. For more information, call Ext. 3024.

### Computer room at family support

A new computer training room has opened in Bldg. 1100 for reservists without computer access to complete their CBTs, read e-mail and access information. The training area includes 20 desktops with .mil access and six desktops with .com access.

Divided workstations give each individual privacy to complete their tasks. Headphones will be available those who wish to take advantage of the audio programs.

The room will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday – Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the A UTA and Saturday of the B UTA.

### Domestic Violence Awareness

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, first observed in 1987 to unite victim advocates across the country who have dedicated their lives to ending violence against women and children.

"The Department of Defense takes a firm stance against this inappropriate behavior as it tears families apart," said Capt. Carrie Allen, Westover's sexual assault response coordinator (SARC). "As a good wingman, some signs to be aware if you suspect someone is a victim of domestic violence are frequent bruises or injuries with the excuse by the victim of being clumsy, personality changes (withdrawn and always nervous), and fear of conflict." For more information, call Maj. Marie Dufault, at 1-413-687-3643, or the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233).

### New lodging rates

Effective as of September, lodging rates at Westover have increased:

VAQ (enlisted rooms) \$34.75 per night, UTA rate: \$27.75; VOQ (officer rooms) \$39 per night, UTA rate: \$32; DVQ (distinguished visitor rooms) \$48.25 per night, UTA rate: \$41.25  
Information: (413) 557-2700.

### PME opportunities

Airmen wanting to learn more about professional military education opportunities should click on the following link on the Westover web site:

<http://www.westover.afrc.af.mil/library/militarypersonnelflight.asp>

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. James Anthony at Ext. 3439.

# Westover medics rescue infants in relief mission

by Maj. Jennifer Christovich  
and Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

As Hurricanes Gustav and Ike roared toward the coasts of Louisiana and Texas, aircrews from the 337th Airlift Squadron, carrying a lifesaving Mobile Aeromedical Staging Facility from Brownsville, Texas, touched down at Altus Air Force Base, Okla. where, ironically, four Westover medics had earlier begun their 14-day FEMA-directed journey to three states where they would rescue 52 people from the clutches of Ike.

Majs. John Crotty, Marie Dufault, Cheryl Duzant and Capt. Mark Bialas, the four medics from the 439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron here, joined active duty Airmen from Pope, McDill and Scott Air Force Bases while at Altus AFB. There they formed a 13-person medical liaison team.

The unpredictability of the hurricanes sent the team to three different states, including Oklahoma and Florida. But the real test began at their final and busiest stop, Corpus Christie, Texas.

In less than 36 hours, the team coordinated the evacuation and stabilization of 11 neonatal infants and 41 adults in critical condition.

"We kept imagining we were in Iraq, because the pace and sense of urgency to save lives felt very similar," Major Dufault said. "It was nice to be able to help the United States, this time."

Part of the mission included driving to

seven hospitals and two nursing homes in rented SUVs, with the Director of Public Health for the county, where they met with hospital administrators, quickly getting their list of critically ill/must evacuate patients," said Major Dufault.

Once identified, local ambulances took the patients to the MASF.

The MASF, much like the one the 337th AS aircrew carried, is a movable structure containing the medical equipment and supplies needed to keep patients stable while they await military airlift. In this case, the MASF was located at a hangar at the Corpus Christie airport and was staffed with military medics.

In their liaison role, the reservists acted as the bridge between the local civilian hospitals, the MASF and military airlift. According to Major Dufault, while it was the first time many of the civilians had worked with the military, the group formed a synergy that saved lives.

At one point the patients were getting low on oxygen while in the MASF. Military medics there, contacted the liaison team who turned to the city for help.

The city contacted the local fire department who quickly delivered enough oxygen to keep the patients stable until the Tactical Airlift Control Center, the military airlift-tasking hub, whom the liaison team had contacted, could send a supply of oxygen, which they did, on the very next military flight.

Westover's AES team returned Sept. 15.

## Hurricane relief calls up air evacs, C-5s

**ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFPN)** -- More than 300 Gulf Coast patients were able to breathe a sigh of relief Sept. 1 thanks to Air Force Reserve aeromedical crews as Hurricane Gustav slammed into Terrebonne Bay, La., just west of New Orleans.

Because more than 50 air evacuation flights had carried them to safety, the area's hospital and nursing home patients were able to escape the storm's wrath by traveling through staging areas in Beaumont, Texas, and Lake Charles and Lakefront, La.

"Federal response efforts identified these three aeromedical patient staging areas," said Col. Mike Dankosky, aeromedical evacuation program manager for Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command here. "Over the past 48 hours, regular Air Force, Reserve and Air National Guard aeromedical forces provided immediate capability to transport 100 percent of those medical patients identified for movement by Louisiana state officials."

AFRC provides more than 60 percent of the Air Force's aeromedical evacuation capability. "Aeromedical crews and operational support personnel from the majority of AFRC's 18 aeromedical evacuation squadrons volunteered," Colonel Dankosky said.

Due to operational and airlift sourcing considerations, Reservists were sourced from only eight squadrons: 34th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.; 433rd AES, Lackland AFB, Texas; 439th AES, Westover; 445th AES, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio; 514th AES, McGuire AFB, N.J.; 908th AES, Maxwell AFB, Ala.; 911th AES, Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station, Pa.; and 932nd AES, Scott AFB, Ill.

The command provided C-5s from the 433rd AW at Lackland AFB and 439th AW at Westover. (Courtesy of Air Force Reserve Command News Service)



**MASSIVE MASF >>** En route to Altus Air Force Base, Okla., members of the 6th Medical Group Mobile Aeromedical Staging Facility team from MacDill AFB, Fla., plan for post-hurricane operations. The team deployed to Beaumont, Texas, to assist in Hurricane Gustav evacuations. Members of Westover's 439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron were among eight Air Force Reserve units that assisted in the relief effort. (photo by Staff Sgt. Joseph Swofford)



**BAG DRAG >>** Deploying members of the 439th Civil Engineering Squadron get a bag drag going Sept. 16 at Westover. About 15 CES members are deployed in Southwest Asia until January and later into next year. They include readiness Airmen and firefighters. Nearly 130 Patriot Wing Airmen from five squadrons are deployed across the globe in support of the Global War on Terror. In addition to CES, the other units are the 58th and 42nd Aerial Port Squadrons, 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, and the 439th Communications Squadron. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)

## Deployments task five squadrons of Airmen overseas

by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

Most of the nearly 130 Patriot Wing reservists began their overseas deployments left by mid-September.

Units that sent reservists worldwide were the 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron, 42nd and 58th Aerial Port Squadrons, 439th Communications Squadron, and the 439th Civil Engineering Squadron.

For many mid-level and senior NCOs, this marked their third and fourth deployments since the 9/11 attacks more than seven years ago. The more senior Airmen joined many newer members to help them deal with the challenges of their first deployments.

Master Sgt. Jenny Carney, ASTS, was among the senior NCOs charged with taking care of the younger enlisted Airmen that made their first trip to Southwest Asia Sept. 10.

Local news media interviewed some of the Airmen shortly before the deployers boarded an Air Force bus for a trip to the first leg of the global journey -- departure from Bradley International Airport, Conn.

"We'll go do our jobs out there," Sergeant Carney said. "Our hearts are in this."

Tech. Sgt. Leonard F. DeLorenzo, an ASTS medical technician, savored a bagel and a cup of coffee before he prepared to head out on his fourth deployment since 2004.

Just before the ASTS Airmen boarded the bus, those who remained behind stood at attention as the bus began to roll by them on Hangar Avenue. Tech. Sgt. Jason Leonard, an ASTS medical technician who returned from a deployment earlier this year from Balad Air Base, Iraq, and six other Airmen held their salutes as the bus with their friends and fellow Airmen rolled past.

More Patriot Wing Airmen headed to Southwest Asia the weekend of Sept. 13-14. About 30 Airmen from western Massachusetts, northern Connecticut, and New Hampshire -- assigned to Westover's 42nd Aerial Port Squadron -- left the base.

Airmen with the 58th APS, services, communications, and civil engineering had deployed by mid-September.

The CE Airmen are in the readiness and firefighter career fields. Aerial port Airmen

move cargo and passengers on and off military aircraft traveling Southwest Asia.

Also among the September deployers were Airmen whose behind-the-scenes administrative work is every bit as important as their fellow squadron members' responsibilities.

Senior Airman Julie Novak deployed to Southwest Asia with ASTS members and the 58th APS. Airman Novak is an information management journeyman.

Back at Westover she handles administrative duties with the 439th Airlift Wing Public Affairs Office. Senior Airman Crystal Lamb is also deployed to Southwest Asia as an information management journeyman.

Both Airmen will be deployed for about four months. Airman Lamb is assigned to the 58th APS.

For both, this is their first deployment.

Airmen who had deployed before, exemplified the Air Force wingman concept and helped Airman Novak settle into her deployment.

"The ASTS people are very helpful and the APS members keep checking up on me as well -- they're all very thoughtful," she said.





# Great New England Air Show blows away crowds -- and clouds

by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe

Ideal weather conditions Sept. 7 and a crowd of more than 300,000 people highlighted Westover's first Great New England Air Show held in four years.

Low clouds and some rain -- which fell immediately after the Sept. 6 'Thunderbirds' demonstration -- gave way to beautiful weather the following day.

Saturday's stubborn cloud cover grounded some of the flying in the morning, but by the afternoon, the ceiling had risen to more than 2,000 feet, allowing for the Super Hornet, Harrier, and the Thunderbirds all to take to the skies.

**RAINPROPS >>** The propellers of a C-130J Hercules, on display at Westover's Great New England Air Show, reflect the cloudy weather Sept. 6. Performers flew both days as the clouds gave way to sparkling blue skies Sept. 7. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Troy Thibeault)

# Golden Knight member comes home to perform

by Staff Sgt. Timm Huffman

Sergeant First Class Pete White was a young boy when he met the Golden Knights for the first time.

The Belchertown, Mass., native was only eight years old when he was chosen to help the team pack a parachute, right here at the 1983 Great New England Air Show.

"I met the Golden Knights in almost the exact same spot where we landed this year, Sergeant White said. That first meeting has stuck with me to this day, and the reason I do this is to inspire others."

Sergeant White's second brush with Westover was when he was stationed here with the Army National Guard's 110th Cavalry in the 1990s.

His life-long interest in skydiving led him to join parachute teams and while at Fort Bragg,

N.C., he tried out for the Golden Knights. He made the team in 1998 and returned to the National Guard in 2004.

Now on his second tour as a Golden Knight, he is the team's representative for the National Guard.

"One thing that always strikes us is the enormous outpouring of support from the audience saying 'we support you' and the strong public sentiment for the military. That's definitely a positive thing," said Sergeant White.

As part of the weekend's performances, Sergeant White demonstrated a malfunctioning parachute. He caused his parachute to collapse, detached himself from it and plummeted nearly one thousand feet before opening his reserve chute.

The Golden Knights are the U.S. Army's premiere parachute team. They jump from one of only two specially-designed C-31 aircraft.



**BACK TO THE FUTURE >>** Army Sgt. First Class Pete White, from Belchertown, Mass., gets ready to jump from the Golden Knights aircraft during the Great New England Air Show in September. (photo by Staff Sgt. Timm Huffman)

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Some 50,000 people attended Saturday's show, while many others opted for the better weather on Sunday.

With the Thunderbirds and the Army's Golden Knights as the headliners, reservists with the 439th Airlift Wing and the base contractor, Phoenix Management Inc., teamed with members of the Galaxy Community Council to present the American public an up-close view of Westover's strategic airlift mission, with three C-5s parked on the base's vast flight line. Visitors toured many other military aircraft flown in from other Air Force bases. Marines and Army aircraft also joined the displays. Also on hand were vintage World War II aircraft parked on the North Ramp.

Spectators covered their ears as the roar and thunder of a Marines AV-8B Harrier jump jet filled the air. The attack aircraft drew thousands of gazes as it hovered near the crowd for several minutes. The Navy's



**INTO THE DIAMOND >>** The Thunderbirds begin their aerial demonstration Sept. 7 during the Great New England Air Show. More than 300,000 people attended the two-day event. (photo by Master Sgt. W.C. Pope)

F/A-18 Super Hornet also showed the crowd the capabilities of that branch's front line carrier-based aircraft.

Nearly every reservist assigned to the wing worked the air show in one way or another.

Augmentees assisted security forces with directing the huge processions of cars bringing people onto the base. Others helped get people to and from their work stations.



**TALIBAN HUNTER >>** Maj. Joseph Zackaricz unfurls an American flag while atop an Afghanistan mountain during a foot patrol looking for Taliban insurgents. (photo by Capt. Chad Sitzman)

## AF officer embeds with Army in Afghanistan mountains

by Tech. Sgt.  
Andrew Biscoe

After weeks of training in the plains of Kansas, Maj. Joseph Zackaricz was ready to tackle just about any challenge as he headed to Afghanistan.

Major Zackaricz, maintenance operations officer with the 439th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, didn't know that he would be scaling 7,000-foot-high mountains while scanning the countryside for Taliban insurgents -- all while hauling nearly 100 pounds of combat gear on his back.

"Those mountains beat the heck out of me," he said. One of the tallest he climbed was 9,257 feet high.

On New Year's Day of this year, he headed to Afghanistan for six months -- embedded with the U.S. Army -- having trained on

an array of weapons from a .50-caliber machine gun to a MK-19 grenade launcher.

"The training at Fort Riley involved learning about communications gear, ground tactics, weapons, and a lot of cultural awareness. I was trained to be a grunt," he said.

Once in the mountains of Afghanistan after a long trip that ended with a three-hour ground convoy, Major Zackaricz went through about 36 hours of turnover training as the new lead Battle Major. "I just jumped into everything," he said. "Then they said to me, 'You got it.'"

He became the officer-in-charge of the 203d CORPS Joint Intelligence Operations Center, what he called "a command post on steroids." Common Air Force acronyms like EOC (emergency operations center), CAT (Crisis

Action Team), and ATOC (air terminal operations center) -- he found all of these in one location. The 203d CORPS' primary mission is to train Afghanistan Security Forces, track all operations in Eastern Afghanistan, and ensure communications are established and uncompromised.

The major and some 300 to 700 people worked at a forward operating base south of Kabul. Helicopters made night landings with the pilots using night vision goggles and no lights to enter and depart.

"We were the eyes and ears on the battle space," he said. "It was like drinking from a firehose getting information."

And he did everything he could do to help the Army get the mission done -- including taking the wheel of a 90-passenger bus. The 23-year veteran and the soldiers

drove convoys through steep valleys and mountain passes -- with no guardrails and little light. "Everywhere we went, people were watching you," he said. "We were always on the lookout for IEDs." One night, Major Zackaricz and the soldiers drove a convoy through an intense snowstorm. Visibility was minimal -- let alone that some of the vehicles could barely fit on the mountain roads. "We had to fold in the mirrors to fit through the mountain pass," he said.

When the thud of Taliban mortars rumbled in from a distance, Major Zackaricz said the insurgents often fell short of hitting anything. "A few times it got really close," he said. "They had mortars and 120-millimeter rockets. Anything they could throw at us."

Major Zackaricz returned home safely in July.

## WESTOVER PATRIOTS |



**WESTOVER HOOP-LA >>** Hall of Fame stars pause for a photo with some Westover reservists. Pictured from left are Hubie Brown, Staff Sgt. Michelle Chetuck, Staff Sgt. Brian Kustan, Dick Vitale, Staff Sgt. Erwin Greene, Earl Lloyd, Lynette Woodard, Brian D'Angelo, and Master Sgt. Michael Purcaro. The stars also met with some of the Thunderbirds on the flight line in the afternoon. (photo by Maj. Wilson Camelo)

## Basketball Hall of Fame stars visit

by Senior Master Sgt.  
Sandi Michon

Past and present inductees to the Basketball Hall of Fame visited Westover Sept. 5 to honor the military.

What began as a virtual visit with an Army sergeant coaching basketball teams in Iraq turned into a meet-and-greet with 58th Aerial Port members recently returned from deployment to Afghanistan.

Famous ESPN broadcaster Dick Vitale was the 2008 inductee, and he was joined on the base visit by NBA coach and broadcast analyst Hubie Brown (2005), first woman Harlem Globetrotter Lynette Woodard (2004), and first African American to play in the NBA, Earl Lloyd (2003).

As photos of Westover deployments flashed on the conference center screen, the Hall of Famers greeted Master Sgt. Michael Purcaro, and Staff Sgts. Michelle Chetuck, Erwin Green and Brian Kustan – all with the 58th Aerial Port.

The basketball ambassadors expressed their appreciation to Westover's ambassadors and added some teasing remarks.

Earl Lloyd towered over the group at six-foot-five, and looked decades younger than

his 80 years. As an Army veteran, Mr. Lloyd teased Sergeant Greene about the Air Force being the Cadillac service. When he found out that Sergeant Greene is also a Springfield Police Officer, he humorously restored his respect.

"It was great for them to take time out on their induction day to visit us. They were very down-to-earth," said Sergeant Kustan. "I really enjoyed it."

Also on hand were Guy and Annie D'Angelo and their grandson, Brian. The Westfield couple provided impetus for the visit through their efforts with [soldierangels.org](http://soldierangels.org) to provide basketball supplies to the U.S. soldiers serving at Camp Victory in Iraq.

In addition to basketball materials, a video teleconference was planned between Westover and Iraq. When technical difficulties prevented the virtual visit, the Hall of Famers met with the Thunderbird team in front of the famous F-16s while two acrobatic aircraft practiced their airshow routines in the air above them.

As their limousine whisked them back to the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Hall of Fame CEO, John Doleva, said to remind the troops that all active duty and Reserve members get in the Hall of Fame for free.



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**CFC BENEFIT >>** The Pioneer Valley Combined Federal Campaign has helped children like Kayla Case, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Ronald Case, with covering expenses for her cancer treatments. The Westover CFC runs until Dec. 15. (File photo)

## Combined Federal Campaign begins

The annual Combined Federal Campaign runs until Dec. 15 at Westover.

Keyworkers and organizers met Sept. 23 at the Westover Club for the kickoff breakfast. This year's wing project officer is Lt. Col. Douglas Sudnick, CFC wing project officer.

For more information, call Colonel Sudnick at Ext. 2329 or deputy CFC project officer Robert Perreault at Ext. 2128. The web site for CFC is:

[www.opm.gov/cfc](http://www.opm.gov/cfc)

## PATRIOT PEOPLE |



Timothy Brock

NAME : Timothy Brock  
 RANK : Civilian  
 AGE : 43  
 HOMETOWN : Warren, Mich.  
 UNIT : 439th Communications Squadron  
 POSITION : Computer assistant  
 FAVORITE FOOD : Banana pudding  
 YEARS OF SERVICE : Twenty-four  
 FAVORITE SPORT : Hockey  
 FAVORITE HOBBY : Computers  
 IDEAL VACATION : A European tour  
 BEST WAY TO RELAX : Reading, playing X-Box with my daughter  
 PREFERRED ENTERTAINMENT : Going to the movies  
 FAVORITE HERO : Tony Blair  
 FAVORITE MUSIC STYLE : Oldies  
 FAVORITE MOVIE : Hot Shots  
 FAVORITE AIRCRAFT : F-18  
 PET PEEVE : Bad drivers  
 WHAT WOULD I DO IF I WON \$1 MILLION : Pay off all my bills, go on a European vacation, give some to charity

**AT THE CLUB >>** Beginning Oct. 1, the club will be open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. for lunch and a new lunch menu will be offered. A seafood lover's buffet will be offered on Fridays. A "Westover Brew Fest" will be held Oct. 4 on the Base Ellipse, with an October Fest style menu, micro brew selections, music and fireworks. Information, Ext. 2039

**AT THE FITNESS CENTER >>** Join the Karate-Judo/Jujitsu classes Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7-8 p.m. Yoga classes are offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 11 a.m.-noon. October events include indoor soccer and running dodgeball; badminton; and volleyball. Information, Ext. 3958

**AT THE BOWLING CENTER >>** The center is open for dinner and open bowling, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Lanes are limited, so please call ahead. Also, enjoy cosmic bowling Friday and Saturday nights. Information, Ext. 3990.

**AT THE RENTAL CENTER >>** The center staff has everything for fall cleaning needs, including a log splitter, air compressor and power washer. Information, Ext. 2192.

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## PATRIOT PUNS |



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 James Henry Ferry  
 Heather Ann Zackaricz

**Master sergeant**

Brian Keith Copperthite Sr.  
 Matthew P. Gaudet  
 Martin Alan Talbert  
 Gary Martin Weber  
 Robert Thomas White II

**Technical sergeant**

Lisa Ann Dufresne  
 Christopher Paul Harry

Daniel Louis Kraemer  
 James Bryant Laroche  
 Kristen Elizabeth Mahoney  
 Patrick Robert Overly  
 Edward Parson  
 Scott Michael Taylor  
 Eric William Tuller

**Staff sergeant**

Arjel Raul Falcon  
 Patrick John Fern  
 Nicholas James Horrigan  
 Jason Allyn Mitchell  
 Mark Tiernan Oconor  
 Joe Louis Scott Jr.

**Senior Airman**

Andrew Leighton Rodney

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Qais Ajalat  
 Michael Buoniconti  
 Bryan Castle  
 Richard Colburn  
 Marie Dufault  
 Gerald Eves  
 Karen Gardner  
 David Heroux  
 Colleen Kelley  
 Pat King

Thomas Maurer  
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 Changkun Moon  
 Michael Nicholson  
 Anita Pursino  
 Robert Rosted



**IN PLANE VIEW >>** A C-5 approaches Westover as Thunderbirds crew chiefs inspect the team's F-16 Fighting Falcons. More than 300,000 people visited the base Sept. 6-7 for the Great New England Air Show, the first held at the base in four years. The air show featured vintage planes from years past to current aircraft. For more air show photos and coverage, turn to pages 6, 7, and 8. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Brian Boynton)

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