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How Westover leadership is making infrastructure changes to boost Airman morale
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ON THE COVER >> Senior leadership at Westover wants the reservists of the 439th Airlift Wing to know that their quality-of-life concerns are heard as this photo illustration depicts. Turn to page 6 for more on this change of quality of life at Westover.



IN MEMORY OF A MARINE >> Col. Barrye Price and Melissa Chapin unveil a memorial for Chapin's husband, Marine Sgt. Canaan Alicandro, May 7 at the Military Entrance Processing Station. Colonel Price, commander of the Eastern Sector, United States Military Entrance Command, joined Lt. Cdr. Johnny Bowen, MEPS commander, and Sergeant Alicandro's family, for the dedication of the MEPS ceremony room to the fallen Marine. Sergeant Alicandro took the oath of enlistment at the MEPS in 2000, when it was located in Springfield. The Marine died in a car accident while on leave at Camp Lejeune, N.C., from a deployment. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)



Colonel Mounts

"All in"... now there is a phrase that conjures up an image. Ordinarily, one would think of a poker game but that phrase is creeping into the common lexicon.

As of late, President Obama and other leaders make references to being "all in," and given the high stakes of the environment in which

they "play," it is clear the game they are playing is not poker. The "all in" message that echoes from the highest echelon is one of commitment and unity, one that states that "we are fully committed to confronting, quelling, and ultimately resolving the threats that face our nation."

Closer to home for us as Air Force members, are the words of our current chief of staff, Gen. Norton Schwartz; he too uses the phrase "all in." When General Schwartz peers at his "cards," he knows he has a winning hand, and he knows that it is absolutely necessary that he does. So what does he have in his hand?

More jets, more Airmen, more UAVs, more anything? While I have never spoken to him, I do not think he is talking about any of those things. What I think he holds is our mindset and energy as a service, our history of dealing with extreme challenges, and our legacy of challenging old paradigms.

We as a service are "all in," every last chip, this is good, because we have to be more so than ever.

Whenever we don the uniform of our country, we should pause for just a moment to recall why we do so. Not to fly, load or fix aircraft or any number of mission essential critical tasks that we do as America's Air Force. We wear our nation's cloth to serve and protect her as an instrument of her power. In so doing, we are often supporting other Services who also wear our nation's cloth, albeit in differing configurations and colors but still with a common purpose -- a single-minded purpose without regard to service parochialisms or preferences. In essence, we are all "all in."

Recently, I attended a ceremony for the dedication of a room at the Springfield Military Entrance Station (MEPS) here. MEPS leadership dedicated the room to Marine Corps Sgt. Canaan James Alicandro. Sergeant Alicandro died at Camp Lejeune, N.C., in May 2004 in a car accident that happened while on leave from a deployment. I did not know Sergeant Alicandro or any of his family but I went to honor his memory, as did many others. At the end of the ceremony, a new Marine recruit took the oath of enlistment for the first time.

Before the oath was administered, the prospective Marine was given a bit of career counseling and challenged to affirm that he was ready to commit to a purpose greater than himself. In effect, he was challenged to be "all in." The young man accepted the challenge, and took the oath.

As the recruit recited the words, I listened to

them carefully, even though I knew them by heart having heard them dozens if not hundreds of times before. As they echoed in my ear, I thought of Sergeant Alicandro and imagined it was him before me taking that oath. Perhaps he was there, in spirit silently retaking it.

The future Marine in front of me taking the oath was probably not yet 22 -- but he appeared to be earnest in his desire to continue on in James' stead.

So how about you? Are you "all in"? Are you ready to perform your wartime mission -- do you know your job? Have you prepared your body for the stress of combat and not just your next Fit to Fight test? Are you taking care of your family, your finances, your civilian occupation, your emotional as well as your spiritual needs?

If not, you are not truly "all in" but I believe you can and want to be. If you don't know how to manage that list, talk to your supervisor, a chaplain, your first sergeant, your commander or even me. We will guide you, we will advise you and if necessary we will lead you; however, it is ultimately, up to you.

Col. Michael Mounts
439th Mission Support
Group commander

BRIEFS |

New CMSAF

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley announced in May the Airman selected to be the service's next enlisted leader.

Chief Master Sgt. James A. Roy will become the 16th chief master sergeant of the Air Force during an appointment ceremony June 30 which will coincide with Chief McKinley's retirement.

"This is a good day for all Airmen," General Schwartz said. "While they will lose a tremendous leader and advocate in Chief McKinley, they gain a worthy successor in Chief Roy."

Chief Roy joined the Air Force in 1982.

Chief McKinley will retire in June after serving for 30 years.

VA announces Post-9/11 GI Bill

The Veterans Administration began accepting applications for Certificates of Eligibility for the Post-9/11 GI Bill May 1. The certificates are mailed to members' home addresses and include the benefit level based on length of service, including a Yellow Ribbon for individuals at the maximum benefit level.

The GI Bill's transferability provisions will enable enrollees to transfer their benefits to immediate family members.

Generally, any enlisted or commissioned member of the armed forces serving on active duty or in the Selected Reserve on, or after, Aug. 1 will be eligible to transfer his or her benefits as long as he or she qualifies for the bill.

For more information, visit <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>, or call the base education and training office at Ext. 2042.

Education fair set for June 7

The wing education fair is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 7 in the Base Hangar.

Airmen may seek assistance finding a college that will meet their educational needs. Numerous local colleges, national on-line colleges, as well as representatives from the Community College of the Air Force will be at the fair.

For more information, call the the base education and training office at Ext. 2042.

IG wins AF award

Col. Patricia Evans, 439th Airlift Wing inspector general, recently earned the Lt. Gen. John P. Flynn Award for 2008. the award recognizes the inspector general complaints resolution program office that embodies the six fundamental characteristics of General Flynn's leadership model: integrity, justice, compassion, loyalty, courage and spirit.

IJOLDS course

The next Junior Officer Development Course (IJOLDS) is scheduled for Aug. 16-21 in Toronto, Canada. Junior officers wishing to apply should forward their nomination information with a copy of their current fitness test scores to 439 MSS/DPMT no later than June 3. For more information, call Ext. 2042.



COMMANDER TESTIMONY >> Students from the Junior ROTC program at Dean Technical High School, Holyoke, Mass., listen to Maj. Jon Carlson, a C-5 aircraft commander, explain the airlifter's operation at Westover. The cadets were among nearly 130 junior high and high school age students who visited the base as part of the second annual Hispanic Symposium. Members of the Westover Human Resource Development Council coordinated the event. (photo by Maj. Wilson Camelo)

Area high school students tour base during symposium

by Maj. Wilson Camelo

Westover hosted nearly 130 students from four area-high schools during the second annual Hispanic Youth Leadership Symposium Apr. 29. The symposium is an outreach event developed to better connect Westover with the growing Hispanic population in the area.

This year's event built on the success and lessons learned from last year's, when nearly 80 students attended. One change was to provide workshops and tours of different functional areas so the youth would get a sense of the different career paths they could pursue if they stay in school.

Students were divided into six groups. Each group visited maintenance, security forces, the flying squadrons, medical, public affairs/wing headquarters and the fire department.

"The importance of education and leadership were the key mes-

sages we wanted the participants to leave with," said Master Sgt. Luisa Cabana, the event's organizer and Knowledge Operations Manager with the 439th Maintenance Operations Squadron. "We had many of Westover's Hispanic reservists participate to serve as positive role models for the youth. We also had a 40-member planning support team from various units on base that made this event such a success."

The group then went to the

wing conference center where base representatives from the six-areas visited, asked trivia questions about visited areas for giveaways. A fleet of school buses then brought the students to the pavilion area near the base exchange to eat Puerto Rican food catered by Fernandez Restaurant of Holyoke. Two local businesses -- Health New England and NewAlliance Bank -- donated the funds for the food.

The participants toured a C-5

immediately after lunch.

"What really got my attention is how they are trying to get the Hispanic community to come out as one," said Anthony Rodriguez from Putnam High School. "They told us we should live out our dreams."

The Human Resource Development Council sponsored the symposium as an outreach event. In addition to unit support the Chiefs Council, First Sergeants Association, Top 3, Rising Six and the Air Force Association all contributed with financial or manpower support.

"The students' level of enthusiasm grew throughout the day, and they really connected with their mentors," Sergeant Cabana added. "Many of their questions had more to do about personal experiences than specific to the area they were visiting. Before leaving, many eagerly lined up to take pictures with some of the reservists they befriended during the day."

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-- Master Sgt. Luisa Cabana, Hispanic Symposium organizer and reservist with the 439th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Westover Airmen teach Afghans at Bagram

by Senior Master Sgt. Sandi Michon

Twenty-five 439th Airlift Wing civil engineers deployed to Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan in early March to support a U.S. Army tasking – leaving their civilian jobs thousands of miles behind, and reaching out to train the Afghani people.

Westover's capable craftsmen and women, who joined the 755th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron, are already on the recognition radar.

Lt. Gen Charles E. Stenner, chief of the Air Force Reserve, presented Senior Airman Andrew Bergeron a coin to praise his creation and implementation of a syllabus to teach English to Afghan nationals.

Airman Bergeron is a utilities journeyman with the 439th Civil Engineering Squadron at Westover.

Unlike many deployments "inside the wire" that offer little interaction with the local community, leadership selected a group of Westover non-commissioned officers, with Dobbins Air Reserve Base (Ga.) personnel, for additional duty to support the Training Afghan Craftsman (TAC) program which trains local nationals on military installation projects.

The 755th ECES teaches Afghan students within a focused area of study, particularly: structures, electrical, heavy equipment, utilities, heating, ventilating, and air conditioning and engineering. They provide verification of skills, allowing career growth opportunities.

Ancillary training in basic subjects such as functional English, math, computer skills, and mechanical understanding are offered when necessary.

Senior Master Sgt. Rick Michaud, heavy equipment superintendent at Westover, heads up the "teaching team." His interactions with the local culture have been as instructive to him, as his skills are to them. The sidebar story to the right includes Sergeant Michaud's e-mail excerpts as a "slice of life" in Afghanistan.



AFGHAN GOODWILL >> Senior Master Sgt. Rick Michaud, deployed from the 439th Civil Engineering Squadron, takes a break from his work to pose for a photo with local Afghans. (Courtesy photo)

Airman tells Afghanistan story through e-mails

The base, well, let me tell you, it is nothing like what I expected We are located in a valley between some beautiful mountains!!! It's hard to believe that they are so dangerous. Sad actually... We have a mix of people here from every service both US and other as well as civilian contractors and lots of DOD.

As for us, although we are AF, we are Army over here. Other than belonging to the 755 ECES administratively, we are Army... Last night we had a fallen Air Force comrade and we were not part of that ceremony... This will take some getting used to...

As for the weather, it is roughly low 30s when we get up and upper 60s to low 70s during the day... It has not rained since we got here and probably won't again till after we leave.

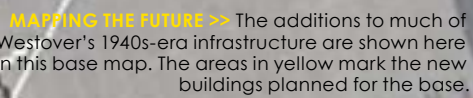
...They [local nationals] are very happy to be working. The men working for me are in their early 20's and look like mid-50's. They live an extremely harsh life out here! A few big stories have happened.. I had one of my Local Nationals get hurt and I am required to take them to the Egyptian hospital for minor injuries like this one. He had hit his head on a concrete block and opened it up pretty good. Well, let me tell you, this was an experience! The Egyptian Hospital is open to the Afghan public who live near the base. This happened to be "women-only day." They do not mix appointments be-

tween men and women, so it was extremely difficult to get my LN in to see anyone. Nonetheless, with my interpreter, we made it in... I was the only American there and as soon as I walked in three little kids came to see me with huge smiles... they were looking at my gun and making shooting gestures, they also asked for money and Pepsi!!

Yes, Pepsi would win the war over here!! It is amazing, they believe (and I am telling you the truth) that Pepsi creates tall and big muscled men like Americans!

This week was also very busy, Lt Gen (Charles) Stenner was here. He is in charge of the Air Force Reserve, our big guy!! He had an large entourage of roughly 20 other high ranking individuals ... and one of them (Brig. Gen Bailey) just happened to be in charge of all Civil Engineers. Lastly this week, I fell in love! Yeah, I know you all are thinking I am horrible for doing this to Cathy, but his name is Jake and he is a 4 yr old K-9 mine-detecting dog... I have had the special privilege of helping out our new K-9 Security Forces Airmen get settled in on a new piece of land on base... but the major perk was Jake! I have to say that animals can, and do, bring the best out of people... he is special! I do hope I can make more friends like him!

This part of Afghanistan has a long ways to go and sadly it's going to be people like us who will teach them... it's a tall order that won't happen overnight...





Transforming Westover's quality of life ... one brick at a time

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a series on transformation at Westover. The first article focused on communication transformation.

by Maj. Wilson Camelo

It may seem odd to think that you can improve quality of life and morale with brick and mortar. However, when that brick and mortar is used to build a new facility like new dormitories, these core building supplies go a long way to enhancing the experience reservists have while on base.

New dormitories built to the latest space and efficiency standards complete with a new dining facility are just a few of the many new facilities in the works or being proposed at Westover, as wing leadership seeks to evolve to the changing needs of the base population. Wing leaders are also seeking to respond to the specific requests made by Reservists. For example, a proposal for Airman's Center for young

Airmen to socialize and hold events came from the Rising Six. The result is a proposed 1,600-square-foot activities center that would be attached to the bowling center.

"This is a beautiful example of young Airmen with common interests and wanting a place with a unique atmosphere suggesting this facility and proving that there was a need," said Command Chief Master Sgt. Zigmund Skawski.

The idea for many of the proposed new facilities is to provide Airmen with clean, new environments that they can be proud to be in, the chief added.

"It's hard to take pride in a broken down facility. For years, we've made upgrades to existing buildings that don't meet our current or future needs to make due with what we have. Now, we need to make transformational changes so our people can be prideful of what they have."

While commanders and base leadership are hearing and

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BUILDING BOOM >> The base operations building, completed in June 2007, is among several new buildings at Westover constructed to support the base's ongoing support of the Air Force and its national objectives. Additional proposed new structures planned include a new commissary, fitness center, C-5 hangars, and renovation of the Westover Club. (Courtesy photo)

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responding to feedback, there are processes to follow, which can take time, added 439th Airlift Wing Commander Col. Robert Swain.

"Simply wanting a facility is not enough, especially in our current economic climate; and we must validate the need and have our projects prioritized on the MILCON (military construction list)," he said. "The good news is we have great support of our local and state representatives, and many of our projects are validated or being validated."

One such project is a base commissary, a request made by many as the base population has grown and will continue to grow with members of other military services. The process for being approved for a commissary is long and cumbersome, the colonel added.

"I'm proud to be able to announce that the Defense Commissary Agency has acknowledged our need, which is a critical first step in having a commissary built here. We still have other requirements to complete before we break ground that could take up to five years, but the important thing is that our people understand we are doing something about their needs."

The proposed, new commissary would be built near the Shopette/Class 6 store.

New fitness center

Anyone visiting the base fitness

center lately -- and with the Air Force's renewed emphasis on fitness, this should essentially be everyone -- knows how cramped the center is, especially during UTAs. The idea for a new fitness center has been around since the existing facility reopened, following a massive renovation. However, the challenge is that justification for a new facility can only be made by considering the number of people actually assigned to the 439th AW, according to current Air Force regulations.

This isn't stopping senior leadership from moving forward with plans for a new fitness center. They're not doing it by ignoring regulations, rather by changing Westover Air Reserve Base to Westover Joint Air Reserve Base, the base not only better reflects the reality of the joint missions, but also has a work around to the Air Force-specific regulation.

"We really are a joint operation," Chief Skawski said. "When we deploy we go to joint bases, and we have joint units already on base with an additional 1,000 Army and 450 Navy troops arriving in the coming years."

With this procedure, the services collectively can determine the requirements they'd have for a fitness center. For example, the Marines and Navy have a swimming requirement necessitating the need for a pool.

The pool could also be used by C-5 aircrews to brush up on water survival training they receive in Key West, Florida.

In addition to an indoor pool, there are plans for a raised, indoor running track.

Other facility proposals

Among the other facilities being studied or proposed are:

- * The Westover Club is under design for a complete renovation.

A funds request for construction is expected during the summer.

- * New C-5 hangars to replace some or all of the existing 1940s-era hangars.

- * Additional food vendors through a partnership with the Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) could be a reality at Westover. While it is too early to say when or if they would be built, food vendors on other Air Force bases include Burger King, Subway, and Pizza Hut.

While not all these or other facilities will be a reality in the short term, or for some perhaps ever, it's important to note that the focus is on continuing to respond to the needs of the people at Westover, Colonel Swain added.

"We do appreciate and try to respond to the feedback and suggestions we get from our people and from our base organizations like Rising Six, Human Resource Development Council, Top 3 among others, and do what we can to act upon it," he said.

"While there are processes, budget constraints, not to mention having to justify our needs as all other bases are justifying theirs, we are well on our way to our vision of providing every member of this base with the types of facilities they can proudly call their own."

Organizations help improve base

Patriot Wing members looking to make quality-of-life differences in their squadrons and at Westover may join these wing organizations:

Company Grade Officers Council (CGOC) meetings are held in the 439th Security Forces Squadron conference room at 3:30 p.m. Saturday of the A UTA.

The Chiefs' Council meets at 10 a.m. Sunday of the A UTA in the wing commander's conference room (WCR), Bldg. 1850.

Top 3: Patriot Wing master sergeants through chiefs meet at 2 p.m. on Saturday of the A UTA at the Westover Club.

Rising 6: Open to Airmen in the ranks of airman basic through technical sergeant, the Rising 6 meets each Sunday of the A UTA in the WCR at 8:30 a.m.



CHOPPER POPPER >> Col. Robert Swain Jr., 439th Airlift Wing commander, explains to civic leaders how he shot down an Iraqi helicopter with the A-10 Thunderbolt II he flew during the first Gulf War. The aircraft pictured is on display at the Air Force Academy, and nicknamed the "chopper popper." Twenty-three leaders from western Massachusetts toured the academy and Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. (photo by Senior Master Sgt. Sandi Michon)

Reserve role in Air Force impresses local civic leaders

by Senior Master Sgt.
Sandi Michon

Military members are an impressive bunch of people, and 23 local civic leaders found that out at Westover before they even boarded the C-5 for Colorado Springs April 23.

The two-day agenda to the Air Force Academy, Schriever Air Force Base and Peterson Air Force Base promoted an education theme for an audience of mostly school superintendents, mayors, school committee members, principals, and guidance counselors from six cities and towns.

Two Westover teachers-in-uniform were invited as tour escorts, and fellow educators were stunned as they heard the introductions to Master Sgt. Christopher Lane and Staff Sgt. Leah O'Leary, teachers in Springfield and Agawam respectively. Sergeant Lane works at Westover's education office, but also has a four-year degree in history, a masters degree in education, and two Community College of the Air Force associates degrees.

Sergeant O'Leary is medical administra-

tor with the 439th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron and holds bachelor's degrees in Spanish and Urban Studies, has a masters degree in Spanish linguistics, speaks several languages, and learned Arabic at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif.

The Air Force Academy provided the expected "wow factor" as attendees saw the nation's best in action, and the incredible research and engineering projects they produce. The educators proved to be a very interactive audience and peppered the speakers with questions about tapping inner city kids and how to improve math and science scores.

Ironically, it was the character emphasis that most impacted the civic visitors. The honor code states: "We will not lie, steal or cheat, nor tolerate among us anyone who does."

Westover's wing commander, Col. Robert Swain Jr., could personally attest to the Academy's value in training young cadets, as he is a 1979 graduate. He also represents the superior accomplishments found in so many reservists, but not often highlighted.

Colonel Swain's celebrity status at the

academy was revealed during a visit to the static A-10A Thunderbolt II "Chopper Popper" bearing his name. Civic leaders gathered around to hear the details of his air-to-air takedown of an Iraqi helicopter during a combat mission in 1991.

The second day began with a visit to the high-security Schriever Air Force Base, which hosts the first and only Reserve space wing, the 310th. Following a wing briefing, the group split to visit the 19th and 6th Space Operations Squadrons which fly and maintain Global Positioning and Weather satellites, respectively. The civic leaders became spectators as 19th SOPS reservists barked information back and forth to Guam to fix a real-time satellite issue. A bus ride back to Peterson AFB extended the Air Force Reserve and Air Force mission to homeland security with a NORAD/NORTHCOM (North American Aerospace Command/U.S. Northern Command) briefing, before heading out to see the 302nd AW's C-130 aerial firefighting squadron, and then onto the C-5 for the flight home.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR >> Nikki Linder, Westover Volunteer of the Year and recently named 22nd Air Force Volunteer-of-the-Year, holds a picture of her family: husband Col. James Linder, 439th Operations Group Commander and their two daughters, while wearing her Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) uniform required for the volunteer-position. Ms. Linder said that her love for her family and sense of duty to our country are the driving factors leading her to give of her time. She volunteers as the fitness trainer for the base, as an EMT instructor for the City of Springfield firefighters and as an advocate for families in base housing, to better their community. (photo by Maj. Jennifer Christovich)

Softball, horseshoes set for June A UTA

June's Commander's Cup competition is softball and horseshoes.

The competitions will begin at 4:30 p.m. June 7 at the pavilion near the base exchange for horseshoes. Softball will take place on the new field behind the shoppette.

For more information, call Ext. 3958, or visit the services web site at www.westoverservices.com

Fitness flyer



THE ROAD TO FITNESS >> Staff Sgt. Nareej Diwan, 337th Airlift Squadron flight engineer, reports he has lost 12 pounds since April -- from 279 to 267. Sergeant Diwan is working hard to improve from his April fitness test (46-inch waist, 17 push-ups, 15 sit-ups, 1 1/2-mile run in 20 minutes, 51 seconds). He tests again on the June A UTA. Look for his results in the July Patriot. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Jose Sanchez)

Reservist commands active-duty squadron at Oklahoma AETC base

With hundred of Westover reservists deploying overseas each year, Maj. John J. Ryan used the skills he gained during his four-month tour to Camp Victory, Iraq in 2004, to help out with a state-side deployment to Oklahoma.

Major Ryan is the 439th Airlift Wing's reserve Accounting and Finance Officer, and recently returned from a six-month tour as commander of the 71st Comptroller-Contracting Squadron at Vance Air Force Base, Okla., leading a squadron merger for one of five test pilot bases chosen for the combined comptroller-contracting squadron (CPT-CONS) concept.

The new concept provides commanders with a single base POC for all financial and contracting issues.

During his time at Vance, Major Ryan also successfully led his squadron in support of the successful Air Show in October, oversaw the GTC transition to Citibank in November, and coordinated the base's financial services "cutover" to the Financial Service Center at Ellsworth AFB,

"It built confidence that whatever position we are placed in, we are trained and capable." -- Major Ryan

S.D., in January.

In addition, he led the squadron training and preparations for the base Operational Readiness Inspection/Unit Compliance Inspection in late February/early March.

"In Baghdad, I managed the \$635 million commander's emergency response program," said Major Ryan. "There were nightly mortar attacks as the military was turning back the government reins to

the interim government. It was a challenging tour," he said.

"It built confidence that whatever position we are placed in, we are trained and capable," said the 28-year veteran.

He used that confidence, his Air Force Reserve skill sets, and his experience as an auditor with the Connecticut Department of Revenue to excel in his deployment responsibilities at Vance.

"It's been an honor and privilege to serve at Vance AFB, and to represent Westover, and the Air Force Reserve Command," he said.

Patriot People |



Staff Sgt. Ian Crowley

NAME : Ian Crowley
 RANK: Staff sergeant
 AGE : 28
 HOMETOWN : West Hartford, Conn.
 UNIT : 439th Mission Support Squadron
 POSITION : Customer service technician
 FAVORITE FOOD : It depends on what I am cooking or buying
 YEARS OF SERVICE: Eight
 FAVORITE SPORT : Racquetball
 FAVORITE HOBBY : Mountain biking
 BEST WAY TO RELAX : Play on my computer
 PREFERRED ENTERTAINMENT : Computer games
 FAVORITE HERO : Sherlock Holmes
 FAVORITE MUSIC STYLE : Techno/trance
 FAVORITE MOVIE : Goodnight and Good Luck
 FAVORITE AIRCRAFT : U-2S
 PET PEEVE : People who don't stay in their own lane
 WHAT WOULD I DO IF I WON \$1 MILLION : Buy my first Porsche 911 Turbo, then invest, invest, invest

FATHERS BOWL FREE >> Celebrate Father's Day June 19-20, at the Westover Bowling Center. Dads bowl free! A one-topping pizza and pitcher of soda are available for \$13.

LIVE ROCK >> The USO is sponsoring Orange Crush, which will perform classic rock June 6 from 7-11 p.m. Celebrate Father's Day June 21, from 12-4 pm with a barbecue on the patio. The menu includes steak, barbecued chicken, corn on the cob and more. The menu is \$11.95 for members, \$13.95 for non-members, \$8.95 for kids 4-10 and free for kids under 4. Reservations are needed no later than June 7 by calling Ext. 2039.

AT THE FITNESS CENTER >> The softball season has begun -- people should stop by the fitness center for a complete schedule. Information: Ext. 3958

OUTDOOR RENT >> Outdoor Rec has an extensive list of available rentable items including campers, bounce houses, a dunk tank, tables, chairs, tents, and more. Information: Ext. 2192

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Retirements

Col. Charles R. Tupper

Lieutenant colonel
Diane M. Monico
Dana J. Packer
Elaine E. Tucci
Jennifer W. Farrelly

Major
Denise A. Claffey
Diane S. Baynon

Capt. Jay T. Mohleravery

Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth P. Wolff

Senior master sergeant
Lana L. Lue
Thomas G. Durkin

Master sergeant
Wayne J. Georgiana
Timothy R. Smithers
Barbara A. Jackson

Patriot Praises | Promotions

Senior master sergeant
 Keith A. Bodley

Master sergeant
 Shawn M. Harris
 Raymond Morehouse
 Desmond B. Mullally
 Andrew S. Ramsey
 Scott Taylor
 Erin Cabral
 Lisa Dewar
 Wayne E. Howe
 David Heath Sorber

Technical sergeant
 Michael D. Blount Jr.

Shawn R. Dominik
 Troy Mitchell
 Douglas O. Moore
 Christopher W. Paxton
 Paul F. Plankey
 Alexander J. Reno
 Keegan J. Sears
 Nathan L. Wahlgren
 Brian C. Naylor
 Kristin Pinner
 Victoria Hill
 Michael Anderson
 Paul R. Bounanducci
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 Wayne A. Doyon Jr.
 Michelle M. Chetuck

Miguel Nieves

Staff sergeant
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 Laura A. Britt
 John S. Dinoia
 Alana S. George
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 Ann Marie Leifer
 Ryan P. Palmer
 Erin R. Skura
 Brendan J. Townsend
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ROTARY TOUR >> Tech. Sgt. Gerald Overton, 337th Airlift Squadron flight engineer, explains the landing gear of a C-5 to a Rotary International tour April 24. Also pictured is retired Lt. Col. David Moore, who assisted coordinating and hosting the tour. Sergeant Overton and the aircrew hosted the Rotary group as part of a morning visit to Westover that also included a base history briefing and windshield tour. Base tours are held from April through December and are coordinated through public affairs. For more information on setting up tours, visit the Westover web site at www.westover.afrc.af.mil and click on the "Questions" link or call (413) 557-2020. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Biscoe)